

Message From Board President, Dan Durow

THIS JUST IN

The Governor of Oregon, Tina Kotek, has recently declared a drought emergency for Wasco County. What!? Despite all the rain and snow slamming the western States this winter and spring, we here in Wasco County continue in the 10+ year drought. It's not good news for our efforts in keeping the course green and playable. Wasco County has received only 25-75 percent of average rainfall this water year.

So with that news, the update and forecast on getting City water is - slow with a chance of complications. The County and Tenneson are continuing to work with ODOT to get their approval on the design and engineering. ODOT does not want the historic highway to be cut with a trench into which the pipe would be placed. Instead, they want the pipe to be bored under the highway. Current estimates are that this method will increase the cost by as much as \$150,000. This is because boring is much more expensive and there would be additional shoulder work needed to support the highway because the shoulders are narrow and steep. So far, the County is still on-board with the additional costs.

The plan by Friends of the Gorge to build a bike path along the Club side of the highway is no longer being considered. So the option of placing the pipe on the Club side of the highway under the proposed bike path is dead.

Once we get ODOT approval, then the application to the Gorge Commission can be made. Oh, and there is still the archaeological study that needs to be completed and reviewed by the four tribes. And so it goes.

NON-MEMBER PLAY

The Board and the County administrator have agreed on non-member play expectations. The key part of the language reads: "Tee times are reserved for Club members only each day until the 11:00 am tee time. Members and non-members may make tee times and play during the remaining tee times each day. Non-members may make tee times during any of the daily tee times at the sole discretion of the owner as guided by play demand and its membership policies, but ...con't pg 2

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REMINDER:

ALL MEMBERS

Please make a tee time either online or by calling the Golf Shop. If you make tee times online ForeUp automatically tracks use for us.

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such tee times cannot be made more than 24 hours in advance."

So for example, in summer hours with a full tee sheet starting at 7:30 am until 11:00 am, there would be 21 tee times reserved for member play only, that's a total of 104 rounds available only for members. There are 43 tee times starting at 11:00 am until the 6:00 pm closing. That's a total of 172 rounds available for members and non-members alike. If the morning tee sheet is not filled prior to 24 hours before, then non-members can make tee times during the open tee times that are left. So, it will be incumbent upon the members to make tee times prior to the 24 hours period to reserve those morning times. HOWEVER, none of this goes into effect until the first water flows into our pond from the City. Until then, it is solely the Club's choice, as it has always been, to allow or not allow non-members to play. We are currently allowing non-members to play within the limitations of the 501c7 IRS rules and Club policies; and as a good faith effort to show the County we are willing to allow non-member play. Club policies can be changed at any time by the Board. Current policy prohibits non-member play before 12:00 pm.

ONE LAST ITEM

Everyone, members and non-members alike, please fill your divots and any others you happen to see. Thank you for helping to keep the course in good condition!

"As you walk down the fairway of life you must smell the roses, for you only get to play one round." Ben Hogan



CAN YOU RELATE:

"Golf is a game in which the slowest people in the world are those in front of you, and the fastest are those behind."

Your 2023 Spring Kickoff Champion team:

Bailey Ortega, and Jeff Justesen



News from TDCC Women's Organization

TDCC Women's Organization hosted all golfers on opening day April 6 for a cross-country scramble. 19 players enjoyed the challenge of hitting drives toward greens that were not the usual! Prizes were awarded for KP, long drives, lowest score, and barkies followed by a delicious lunch which the ladies provided.

April 25, 8 players from TDCC enjoyed a beautiful day of golf at Columbia Edgewater Country Club in Portland. 118 golfers competed in this OSWGA (Oregon Senior Women's Golf Association) event. 3 of our members were recognized in their flights for hitting longest drive. Geri Starbrook placed first in her flight. Congratulations !

If you are a member of TDCC, do consider joining the fun and play with us on Thursday mornings. We tee off at 9:00. All skill levels are welcome! If you are interested or have questions, personnel at the pro shop can get you in touch with our golf chairman or one of our members.

VOLUNTEERS HARD AT WORK to improve our greens

April 11th was Greens Aeration day . There were about 12 to 15 member/volunteers show up to aid our crew with the core clean up phase. After the cores were cleaned up we all left and the crew continued with over seeding, sanding dragging and more sanding and dragging and watering

This was the best year only taking about 2 1/2 hours of work and good weather. Our greens are going to be much happier. Thanks to all that donated their time and efforts.

The 3rd Monday of each month and volunteer day at the course.



HELP WANTED

It wasn't until I became President of TDCC that I realized how much volunteer work goes into keeping the Club operating. A big part of this volunteer work is done by the Chairpersons of the Standing Committees. The Club's by-laws stipulate that the Standing Committees will have not only a Chairperson but also other Club members to be appointed as part of those committees. Sadly, this is not happening to a large degree. Most of the work of those committees falls on the backs of the Chairpersons alone. Please consider volunteering some of your time to help the work done by the Standing Committees.

The Chairpersons and their committees are listed here. Reach out and offer them a hand.

Bill Ferderer: Greens/Golf Course Chair. Rex Tegen: Membership Chair. Mindy McHale: Finance Chair. Bill Maske: Tournament/Handicap Chair. Stacy Alleman: Social/House Chair.

President Dan Durow

THE GOLF SHOP NEWS

Introducing the new TaylorMade Tour Response Stripe:

Rockets off the tee yet settles gently on the green. If you don't play the part, at least look the part!



Don't miss out

The last of the Yatta Polos are here to add to your Spring Color and Cheer

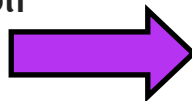


Have you heard about the fund raiser for the tee markers?

Dimple Tee Marker - Standard Golf

\$13.00

SKU: STD05250



One each in White, Red, blue, Gold and Purple.

A set of Ten ball markers takes care of one hole.

10 balls times \$13.00 ea. = \$130.00 plus

With a discount coupon and shipping total is \$136.33

Talk to Bill Ferderer for more information



Did you know? Members can play reciprocal golf courses?

They generally have favorable rates for golf.

Remember that our golf shop must make the tee times for our members.

Avondale GC Hayden Idaho
 Alderbrook G & YC Union, WA
 Clarkston G and CC
 LaGrande CC
 Lake View CC Soap Lake, WA
 Moses Lake CC
 Orchard HillsCC Washougal, WA (a favorite of Rex Tegen)

StoneRidge GC Blanchard, ID
 Sunland G & CC Sequim, WA
 Twin Lakes Vill G & CC Rathdrum, ID
 Whidbey G & CC Oak Harbor, WA
 Yakima Elks GC Selah, WA
 Zintel Creek GC Kennewick, WA

Have you lost something?

We have a vast lost & found collection.

We will be cleaning out items at the end of the month. Have a look if you've lost something!

EVENT CALENDAR

May 2023

Please check the calendar below for upcoming events, course closures and other happenings at TDCC. We do our best to ensure that all of the information provided is accurate but it is always a good idea to check with The Golf Shop (541.296.5252) or The Clubhouse (541.296.4185) for more information.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	2	3 Men's Day 'Till Noon	4 Ladies Day 'Till Noon	5 4:30 pm: Friday Night Pinochle 5:30 pm: Friday Night Scramble	6	7
8	9	10 Men's Day 'Till Noon	11 Ladies Day 'Till Noon	12 4:30 pm: Friday Night Pinochle 5:30 pm: Friday Night Scramble	13	14
15	16	17 Men's Day 'Till Noon	18 Ladies Day 'Till Noon	19 4:30 pm: Friday Night Pinochle 5:30 pm: Friday Night Scramble	20 5-9 PM Class Reunion All Day: Ranger Pride Tournament	21
22	23	24 Men's Day 'Till Noon	25 Ladies Day 'Till Noon	26 4:30 pm: Friday Night Pinochle 5:30 pm: Friday Night Scramble	27	28
29 Memorial Day	30	31 Men's Day 'Till Noon	1 Dufur Senior Class Dinner @ Clubhouse Ladies Day 'Till Noon	2 4:00 pm: Compton Graduation 4:30 pm: Friday Night Pinochle 5:30 pm: Friday Night	3 Mark Coburn Graduation @ Clubhouse 3-6 PM	4