

Member News

Message From Board President, Chad Leeson

A New Chapter for Our Club - A United Path Forward

I am honored and humbled to step into the role of President of The Dalles Country Club. As I take on this responsibility, I want to first extend my gratitude to each of you for your continued dedication and passion for this club. Our history is rich, our community is strong and resourceful, and together, we have the power to make our club thrive once again.

It is no secret that we have faced challenges in recent years. However, challenges are simply opportunities in disguise—chances for us to reflect, grow, and emerge even stronger. My vision for our club is built on three key pillars: **Unity, Renewal, and Engagement.**

Unity: We are a community, and the strength of our club comes from the collective commitment of our members. Whether you have been with us for years or just recently joined, your voice matters, and your participation is crucial. More importantly, your ideas matter. Ideas, however, are just ideas and without participation, those ideas will never come to fruition.

Renewal: We will focus on revitalizing our facilities, improving our events, and ensuring that every member feels proud to belong. Stacy has done an incredible job getting the course to look better and we will continue to build on what he has started. Through thoughtful planning and prioritizing, investment, and fresh ideas, we will breathe new life into the club and create an environment where everyone can enjoy and make lasting memories.

Engagement: A club is only as strong as the involvement of its members. I invite each of you to contribute in whatever way you can, whether through volunteering, participating in events, sharing ideas, or simply encouraging fellow members. Your energy and commitment will be the driving force behind our resurgence.

Welcoming new faces to our club is key to building a thriving and dynamic community. One of the quickest ways to increase membership is through personal invitations. Secondly, we need to welcome the public players, whether they're first-time visitors or potential future members, let's extend a warm welcome and show them what makes our club special. A friendly greeting, a helpful tip on the course, or simply making someone feel at home can go a long way in strengthening our reputation and ensuring a



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bright future for our club.

Our club's success depends on the passion and participation of its members, and now is the perfect time to get involved! Whether it's helping to organize an event, volunteering on a committee, or simply lending a hand where needed, your contributions will make a meaningful impact. This is more than just a club – it's a community, and every effort, big or small, helps create the vibrant and welcoming atmosphere we all want to enjoy. I encourage each of you to step up, share your talents, and be part of the exciting journey ahead. Together, we can turn challenges into opportunities and make this club stronger than ever!

I assure you that my leadership will be transparent, inclusive, and always focused on what is best for our club. In the coming weeks, we will be introducing new initiatives, seeking feedback, and setting a course for a bright and sustainable future. But this cannot be done alone. It takes **all of us** to turn this vision into reality.

Let's make this the beginning of an exciting new chapter. I encourage you to reach out, get involved, and be part of the movement that will shape the future of The Dalles Country Club. Together, we will bring our club back to its full glory.

With gratitude and enthusiasm,

Chad Leeson

Grounds and Greens Report

We are in the heat of winter right now! Temperatures are allowing us to start our course prep for the spring. We have started aerating the fairways and will move to the tee boxes next. Fertilizing will follow immediately after the aeration. The equipment is all set to go so we should enjoy a Nicely groomed course this spring. We are taking down a couple of eyesore trees near the pro shop and will replace them with something a little nicer.



We have hired a couple of new employees that will be a nice addition to the crew. They should be up to speed in no time!

We are recording scores for handicaps beginning March 1st, so tee boxes will be back in play.

Volunteers needed April 7th to help with Aeration of the greens. The course will be closed all day to complete this work and may be closed on the 8th if work is not completed. Please mark your calendars and bring your snow shovels to help clean up the plugs.

ATTENTION ATTENTION

If you aren't receiving the newsletter via email from the golf shop, please email me, lzetta1@gmail.com to be added to my list. Only one email is in the system (generally the male spouse).

I would like any news from club members for the newsletter—hole in one, fun pictures of groups playing golf, exciting news from members, milestone birthdays/anniversaries. I need a word document with all the information and photos if applicable.

This is your newsletter, help me make it as fun and informative as possible.

Deadline for submission is the 20th of the month prior.

Membership Services Updates

Please welcome our new General member:

Terry Tanaka - General Member

Membership change

Skylar and Kathleen Schacht (General Member to Fix Auto Business member)

	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan 25 Cor- rected	Feb 25
General	114 (111)	114 (111)	113 (110)	112 (109)	111 (108)	111 (108)	111 (108)	109 (107)	109 (107)
Business	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	3
Social	9	9	9	5	5	5	4	3	3
Social+	3	5	6	6	7	7	7	7	7
Barter	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Junior	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
College									

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Members are more important to the golf club now, more than ever. Keep spreading the good word of mouth regarding improving course conditions.

Please be as welcoming as possible to public players. They could be potential members on the fence of joining.

Member's Business Discount Partners: Ongoing

Discount Business Partner	Discount details
The Grill Streak and Seafood Restaurant	10% off total bill
The Pro Shop	10% off
The Dalles Athletic Club www.thedallesathleticclub.com	10% off membership dues No initiation free First month free, 10-month commitment
Pure Yoga: The Dalles www.pureyogathedalles.com	\$75 for 2 months unlimited yoga (new members only) Use coupon code: TDCC Regularly \$99

If you are a local business owner and would like to participate as a Business Discount Partner, please reach out to Jason at Membership Services.

Bicoastal Media

TDCC has over 200 ads from past years' Bicoastal auctions. We will be using these "banked" ads to promote the spring membership interest, the new business membership and the Concert on the Course this summer.

We will participate in the auction again this year and have over 300 ads in total.

Membership dues:

Reminder that the bylaws are very clear about the responsibility of the members to pay dues on time. The club has been very lenient on this topic lately. With the budget tightening, it is our duty as Board Members to operate the club as efficiently as possible. We will get back into the habit of sending out delinquency letters to members as needed. Below are the pertinent bylaws regarding this matter. Thank you for your understanding.

SECTION 13 - Member Responsibility - Every member, regardless of classification, is responsible and liable to the Club for the conduct and indebtedness incurred by the member, spouse, domestic partner, dependent children and their guests.

SECTION 14 - Member Accounts - Due and Payable - Dues are payable in advance monthly, quarterly, or yearly. The food assessment is payable in advance quarterly or yearly. All other Club indebtedness shall be due and payable within ten (10) days after the billing date.

SECTION 15 - Delinquency - A member's account shall be delinquent when any financial obligations are thirty (30) days past the billing date and payable as described in Section 14. After forty-five (45) days, the member will lose all Club privileges until the delinquency is paid in full. A certified letter will be sent advising all past financial obligations be paid within 10 days or membership in the Club shall be terminated. If payment is not received in full, the debt

Golf Shop News

Updated Shop Hours:

Monday: 12-5:30

Tuesday: 10-4:30

Wednesday - Sunday: 8am-5:30

Reminder to make tee times:

As the days get longer and the weather gets warmer the course will get busy! We want to remind you to make tee times before you play. This will ensure you have a designated spot on the tee box and help our staff out with scheduling!

Sale Items:

We are still running our 50% off sale on select items. Make sure you stop in and check out what's available before it's too late!

Spring is around the corner. Now is a great time to make sure you have everything you need for the 2025 golf season. Need a fresh set of grips, a new pair of golf shoes, new clubs? Stop in and let us know how we can help you to prepare for this upcoming golf season!



Board Director for Tournaments needed.

With the end of Bill Maske's term, We are seeking to fill an open position for **Tournament Director** to lead the planning and execution of our golf events, ensuring excellence in organization and player satisfaction.

Thank you Bill for your years of dedication to the club. You will be missed.

Responsibilities:

- Plan, organize, and oversee all golf tournaments and events at the course.
- Coordinate with internal teams, sponsors, and stakeholders to ensure seamless event execution.
- Develop tournament formats, schedules, and player registration processes.
- Manage event logistics, including scoring, rules enforcement, and awards distribution.
- Maintain strong relationships with golf associations, vendors, and community partners.
- Supervise tournament staff and volunteers, ensuring quality customer service.
- Monitor tournament budgets and financial performance.
- Implement innovative strategies to enhance player engagement and event success.

For more information, please contact Board President Chad Lesson, at 81chad@gmail.com

Item of note from the February Board Meeting:

Public greens fee rate increase March 1st (subject to change at boards discretion)

1. Shoulder Month

- March weekday (9/18): \$35/45
- March weekend (9/18): \$45/55

2. Summer premium months

- April through Oct weekday (9/18): \$45/55
- April through Oct weekend (9/18): \$55/65

Did you know? members can play reciprocal golf courses?

They generally have favorable rates for the 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

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

EVENT CALENDAR

March 2025

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.

Weekly Events: Wednesday Men's Day; Thursday Women's Day until Noon;

Friday Pinochle is played at The Grill starting at 4:30 pm. Pinochle is a 4 person card game so we try to get even number of players by phoning interested players on Wednesdays. All we need is your phone number! Join the fun and stay for dinner and the bar is always open. Please contact Bev Tuttle, 541-296-6493.

The Regular calendar will be back next month (it is currently under construction)

Dates to remember:

Every Week:

Wednesdays—Men's Day—call for tee times

Thursdays—Women's Day—until Noon then open to all

Monthly Board Meeting—the 3rd Tuesday of each month at The Grill, 6pm

Watch for the agenda, emailed to members.

Thank you.

