

Member News

President's Message

As we reflect on this past season at The Dalles Country Club, I'm excited to share some genuinely positive momentum — especially around our membership strategy.

Earlier this year, we made a conscious decision to increase public tee time pricing with the goal of elevating the value of membership and encouraging more golfers to join our community. The results have been clear: **the strategy is working.**

From May through October 2025, increased memberships generated a **positive delta of \$34,051**, giving us a **net gain of \$11,402** after all adjustments. This growth tells us that golfers see the strong value in becoming members rather than paying higher public rates each visit. Our community is expanding because people want to be part of what The Dalles Country Club offers — both on and off the course.

A special thank-you goes to **Jason Whitley**, whose dedication and consistent efforts as Membership Chair have played a major role in this momentum. Jason's outreach, follow-through, and commitment to welcoming new members have directly contributed to the success we're seeing.

We did see a decrease in public tee time sales. This was an anticipated part of shifting our focus toward strengthening membership. Looking ahead to next year, we'll evaluate whether adjusting public tee rates — potentially lowering them — can help us strike the ideal balance between member value and consistent public revenue.

Overall, the outlook remains very positive. Membership growth is strong, engagement is high, and the strategy we implemented is yielding meaningful results. As we move into the off-season, the Board and I will continue to refine our approach to ensure long-term stability and continued value for both members and guests.

Thank you for your ongoing support and for helping us build a vibrant, healthy future for The Dalles Country Club.



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Pro Shop News:

HOLE IN ONE!

Bill hit a hole in one on Friday November 7th on hole #5 from 154 yards out.

Congratulations Bill!!

With the colder weather we are adjusting our golf shop hours. The shop is closed on Mondays and open at 11 am on Tuesday, Wednesday thru Sunday we are open 8 am to 4:30 pm. If you need a power cart when we are closed please give us a call in advance and we will make arrangements for you.

Additionally, please check with Ross to see if you have Pro Shop credit. It is a great time to stock up on your favorite items. Check out the cold weather items we have in stock or we can do a special order for you.



NEWS FROM THE GRILL



Gift cards are on sale \$120 card for only \$100. Great gifts for friends and family.



Have you seen the new menu items? Table tents on each table.

Added a short game economy menu including breakfast items.

News From the Greens



This looks like a hoot.

The shorter days have led some members to play a little glow in the dark golf at the end of their late afternoon round.

There could be a potential spring Glow Golf event after the winter cold passes and the days remain short.



You'll notice some "casing" around sprinkler heads being installed.

The idea is to reduce the grass overgrowth and make the locations of the sprinklers more visible to the night water crew come late spring when that resumes.

MERRY
CHRISTMAS



Frostbite Fairway Scramble



The Dalles Country Club - **December 13th**

Join us for a fun and festive winter golf event at the Frostbite Fairway Scramble!

Event Details:

- Date: December 13th
- Entry Fee: \$10 (cart fee extra)
- Prizes: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams win Pro Shop credit
- Who Can Play: Open to the public — members encouraged to bring a guest!
- Breakfast Specials: Served at The Grill starting at 7:00 AM
- Shotgun Start: 9:00 AM

Bundle up, enjoy a warm breakfast, and kick off the morning with a great round of winter golf!



A Note of Gratitude — and a Call for Help

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to Izetta Grossman for her many years of dedication in creating and delivering this newsletter. Her consistency, attention to detail, and genuine care for keeping our members informed have been invaluable. This edition marks her final newsletter as she steps down from the role, and we are truly grateful for all she has done.

With that, we urgently need a member willing to step into this important position. If you are creative, enjoy writing or layout work, or simply want to support the club in a meaningful way, please consider volunteering. This role is essential in keeping our community connected, and we would greatly appreciate someone stepping forward to carry on Izetta's excellent work.

December Newsletter 2025 – Membership

Please welcome TDCC new members

No new members this month. Remember to spread to “word.”

Farewell to these members

Matt and Laure Shelquist – General members

Cory Reese – General member

Membership Monthly Totals: meeting to meeting

	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May
General	114	114	113	112	111	111	111	109	110	111	114	116
Business	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	4	5	6	7
Social	9	9	9	5	5	5	4	3	3	3	3	4
Social+	3	5	6	6	7	7	7	7	7	6	6	7
Barter	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Junior	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	6	6
College												1
Suspended	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	3

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Business	8	8	9	9	9	9						
Social	8	9	9	7	7	7						
Social+	6	6	5	4	4	4						
Barter	2	2	2	2	2	2						
Junior	7	7	9	9	9	9						
College	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Suspended	2	2	2	2	2	2						

The end of fall annual down trend in membership continues. This is a cyclical trend. It is unfortunate to see members leave, but it is expected this time of year.

On the bright side, Business membership has been a huge success this year and is a tremendous asset to the club.

Projects to keep an out for:

Cart paths:

- * You may have noticed some new piles in the RV parking area? This is crushed asphalt delivered from Crestline construction at very generous cost and no cash out of the club's pocket.
- * Next step is to get someone lined up for spring to dig the remaining linear feet to connect all the paths. If you or someone you know is interested, please reach out to the board with an estimate or contact information.
- * Early summer when the heat comes back, we will look to lay and roll the paths.

Pickleball and Tennis Court:

- * The conversation has been renewed to explore the option of installing a court area on the west side of the entrance around the area known as, "Hess Park." Across the driveway from the RV parking area. Crestline construction will also be helping with this. The advantage of this location is to preserve parking around the restaurant. Move the noise of the games away from the pool area. And the area is larger, which would facilitate a tennis court. The gravel lot area was not big enough for this. There can also be picnic tables and a grass area for picnics.
- * I think this would be a nice addition to the club. The more we have to offer, the better. It seems the days of just relying on golf to sustain membership may have been in the past. The more we have to offer families, the more value our membership has over public play. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the world.

Happy holidays to everyone. I hope to see everyone at the annual Holiday Party.

Jason Whitley

Membership Services



December 2025

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 I try to get even number of players by phoning interested players on Wednesdays. All I 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.

EVENT CALENDAR

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 12:30 pm: Women's Day - Regular "Lunch Meeting"	5	6	7
8	9	10 Men's Day 'Till Noon	11 Ladies Day 'Till Noon 12:30 pm: Women's Day - Regular "Lunch Meeting"	12	13 Member's Christmas Party	14
15	16	17 Men's Day 'Till Noon	18 Ladies Day 'Till Noon 12:30 pm: Women's Day - Regular "Lunch Meeting"	19	20	21
22	23	24 Men's Day 'Till Noon	25 Ladies Day 'Till Noon 12:30 pm: Women's Day - Regular "Lunch Meeting"	26	27	28
29	30	31 Men's Day 'Till Noon	1 Ladies Day 'Till Noon	2	3	4