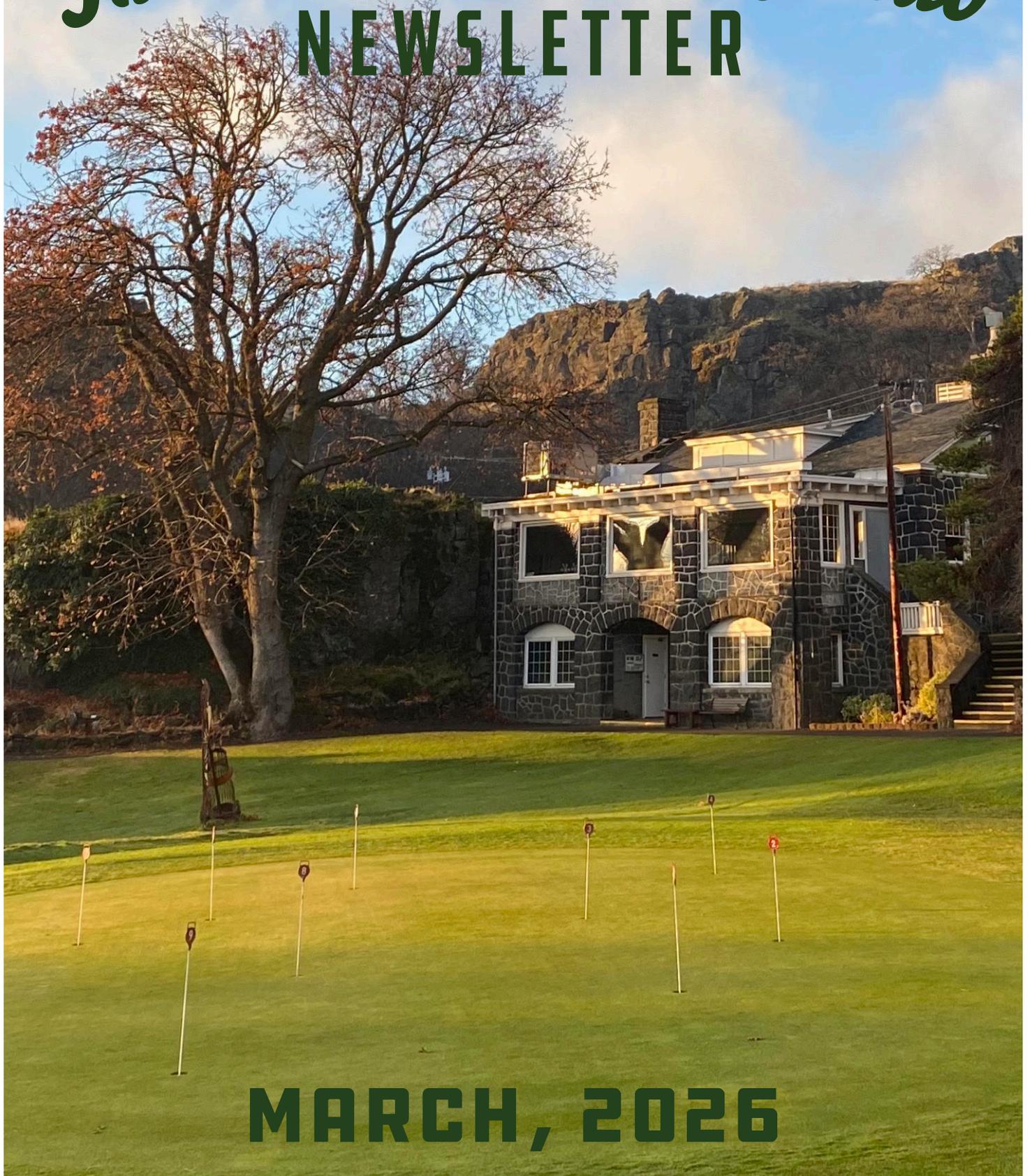


# *The Dalles Country Club* **NEWSLETTER**



**MARCH, 2026**

# Letter from the President

Dear Members,

As we look ahead to the upcoming season, I want to take a moment to address the 3% dues increase that will take effect this year and share the thought process behind that decision.

Each year, the Board carefully evaluates our financial position, operating costs, capital needs, and the overall member experience before making any recommendation regarding dues. This year was no different. We had meaningful discussions about holding dues flat and seriously considered the possibility of no increase at all.

However, after reviewing projected costs, long-term maintenance needs, and—most importantly—hearing positive feedback and support from many of you about responsibly planning for the Club's future, we determined that a modest 3% increase is the most prudent path forward.

This decision was not made lightly. We understand that any increase impacts our members. At the same time, we remain committed to: Maintaining the quality of our course and facilities, Investing in necessary equipment and infrastructure, Supporting our staff , Preserving the long-term financial health of the Club.

Our goal is steady, predictable stewardship—avoiding large, unexpected increases in the future by making thoughtful, incremental adjustments now.

The Dalles Country Club has a strong history and a bright future. That future depends on proactive planning and shared commitment. We appreciate the constructive input we received and the continued support from our membership as we work to keep our Club financially stable, competitive, and enjoyable for everyone.

Thank you for your continued membership and for being part of what makes this Club special.

# Upcoming Events

**Spring golf is under way! This means lots of events and opportunities to get involved. Here's what's happening on the course this month!**

## **March 15th:**

Shamrock Scramble  
4-man scramble

Come with a team or by yourself and we'll pair you up. Event is open to all!

## **March 17th:**

Girls Highschool Golf Tournament  
(Course closed all day)

## **March 20th:**

Boys Highschool Golf Tournament  
(Course closed all day)

## **March 23rd-25th :**

Aeration! (Course closed for all play)

### **CRAFTS & COCKTAILS**



Join us for Crafts & Cocktails! Spend a Saturday afternoon, creating something fun & pretty and enjoying a nice beverage!

When: Saturday, March 21st

Time: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Where: The Grill Steak and Seafood  
4550 Hwy 30 West, The Dalles

We will be painting some cute planters! Register early before all the spots are reserved (Only 30 spots available)! Scan the QR Code below to register and pay.



### **TRIVIA NIGHT at The Dalles Country Club!**

Think you've got the brains to win the pot? Gather your crew (or come solo!) and join us for a fun, laid-back night of trivia.

**17** Monday, March 9, 2026

**🕒** Starts at 6:00 PM

**📍** The Dalles Country Club

4550 Hwy 30 West, The Dalles, OR

**💰** \$5 per person

**👥** Teams of ANY size — big, small, or just you!

**🏆** Winners split the pot!

**🍷** Yummy food & drinks available for purchase

Featuring favorites from The Grill Steak & Seafood

Bring your friends, test your trivia skills, and enjoy great food, drinks, and laughs.

See you there!

# Golf Shop News

High school golf will start **March 2nd**.

Please welcome these young golfers and be sure and check the event Calendar for course closure with their tournament dates.

At last longer days and warmer temps are just around the corner.

The golf shop will have increased hours as listed:

**Monday 12pm-6pm**

**Tuesday 12pm-6pm**

**Wednesday - Sunday 8am-6pm**

Do you have pro shop credit? Spring is a great time to regrip clubs, refresh your supply of golf balls or purchase some new apparel or gloves. You can also use the credit to order something that is not in stock.

## Greens Report

As many of you know we welcomed Mario Mata as the course Superintendent last month. Since then we have already seen major Improvement in course conditions. As we move into the spring we look forward to seeing more changes around the course. There are a few things we need your help with!

**Aeration:** We will be aerating **March 23rd & 24th**. We need volunteers to help rake cores and clean up the course! Volunteers can meet at 9am both days in front of the maintenance shop. Please bring gloves, rake, and shovels if you have them!

**Please Fix your Divots:** With increased play we have seen an increase in divots and ball marks around the course. Please be a good steward of our course and use sand provided to fix your divots as well as repair ball marks on the green.

**Golf Cart Wear Marks:** As we try to re-grow some of the patchy areas around cart paths and entry ways into fairways we ask that you try to scatter or avoid worn out areas. By varying driving patterns we can reduce wear to our high traffic areas.

# Treasurers Report

Hello Members,

I can't believe it is March already. As we head into March and begin to feel the shift toward spring, there is a renewed sense of energy around our Club. This time of year, always brings anticipation and I'm especially optimistic about what lies ahead for us in 2026.

From a financial perspective, we are entering the season with thoughtful planning and steady oversight. We've worked carefully to build a realistic budget that reflects known expenses while remaining mindful of the variables that come with operating a golf course. Our goal remains simple: protect the financial health of the Club while continuing to invest in the areas that strengthen our future.

One area I'm especially excited about is the work being done to relaunch and grow our Junior Program. Rebuilding this program is more than just creating opportunities for young golfers it's an investment in the long-term vitality of our Club. Junior programs build families, friendships, and future members. They create energy on the course and help ensure that our club continues to thrive for generations to come.

We are looking for at least five people to volunteer to be on the Junior Foundation Board. Please get a hold of a board member to let them know you would like to volunteer.

We are also looking forward to the leadership and fresh perspective of our new superintendent. Course conditions and member experience are directly tied to the strength of our operations, and I'm confident that this new chapter will bring positive momentum as we move into the heart of the season.

As always, our restricted funds remain designated for their intended purposes, and we continue to prioritize transparency and responsible stewardship.

***As part of our continued commitment to transparency and communication, I encourage members to utilize the online Member Portal to stay informed about their accounts. Through the portal, you can view statements, payments, and all transactions that have been posted to your account. Using the date filter feature, you can narrow your view to a specific month or select a custom start and end date to review activity for any time period.***

***Here is a step-by-step how to log into your account:***

## **Member Portal: How to Access Your Account Online (Step-by-Step)**

-Go to the club website: [www.thedallescountryclub.net](http://www.thedallescountryclub.net)

-At the top click on Book a Tee Time

-Click on Member Tee Times

-If you do not have an account set up this is where you would click on sign up for free and follow the directions from there.

-If you have an account set up already then sign in with your email and password.

-At the top of the book a tee time page you will see My Account, click on that.

-Then on the left of the page under My Reservation click on Billing. This area shows you an Account Overview. You can see Transactions that have taken place and can filter to search by month or by selecting a custom start and end date. You can also get your monthly statements in PDF form. You also can manage your payment methods here. If you have a credit card that the date has gone bad and need to enter the new date you can do that here. Also, if you decide to use your Bank Account for ACH payments this is where you would enter that information as well.

If you need assistance accessing your account, please don't hesitate to reach out. We are happy to help.

I'm grateful to serve alongside board members, staff, and volunteers who care deeply about the success of this Club.

THANK YOU for being part of this community. I truly believe we are building something strong, sustainable, and exciting and I look forward to what our future brings.

***Please welcome TDCC new members***

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

***Farewell to these members***

Jeff and Gina Cochenour – General membership

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	Jan 25	Feb 25	March 25	April 25	May 25	Jun 25	July 25	Aug 25	Sept 25	Oct 25	Nov 25	Dec 25	Jan 26	Feb 26
General	107	107	110	114	116	118	118	121	122	119	116	110	110	110
Business	2	4	5	6	7	8	8	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Social	3	3	3	3	4	8	9	9	7	7	7	7	7	7
Social+	7	7	6	6	7	6	6	5	4	4	4	4	4	4
Barter	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1
Junior	4	4	4	6	6	7	7	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
College					1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Suspended			2	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	

The end of fall annual down trend in membership as held steady for a couple months. I hope that we have reached our nadir. 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 was a huge success last year and is a tremendous asset to the club.

**Projects to keep an out for:**

TDCC Racquet Courts: Pickleball and Tennis Court

The area adjacent to the “Boneyard” has been cleared and prepped by Crestline Construction.

A sign is being made to inform members and guests.

Completion date still TBD. Hope you are all ready for some racquet sports!

Spring is right around the Corner!

Jason Whitley, Membership Services