



The Dalles Country Club
NEWSLETTER

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Letter from the President

As we start to see the first real signs of spring here in the Gorge, there's an unmistakable energy around the course. The upcoming golf season is right around the corner, and with it comes the excitement of longer days, greener fairways, and the return of regular play with friends and fellow members.

One of the biggest positive developments this season has been the work being done by our new Superintendent, Mario, and his crew. Mario has jumped in with both feet and has already been making meaningful improvements across the course. From focused turf care and cleanup to improving the overall playability of the course, the effort and attention to detail from Mario and his team have been noticeable. Maintaining a golf course is not easy work, especially coming out of winter, but the crew has been putting in the hours to get things moving in the right direction as we head into the busy season.

While the grounds crew carries a huge responsibility, the reality is that great course conditions are a team effort. The best golf courses in the country rely on a partnership between their maintenance teams and the golfers who play them.

Each of us can play a small but important role in protecting the course we all enjoy.

That can be as simple as:

- Repairing your ball marks on the greens
- Replacing or filling your divots in the fairways
- Raking bunkers after use
- Using good judgment with carts during wet conditions

None of these things take much time, but collectively they make a tremendous difference in the quality of the course for everyone. If every player fixes just one extra ball mark or takes a moment to repair a divot, the impact over the course of a season is significant.

As we move into the season, I'm excited about where things are headed. The work Mario and the maintenance team are putting in, combined with the continued support and pride our members take in the club, puts us in a great position for a strong year ahead.

Thank you all for being part of what makes this club special. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone back out on the course soon.

See you at the club.

Understanding Our New Tiered Tee Time Pricing

As we continue preparing for the upcoming season, the board has been working to strike the right balance between serving our members well while also maintaining a healthy level of public play. As many of you know, The Dalles Country Club operates as a member-based club that also allows limited public access, and finding that balance is important for the long-term health of the club.

To help manage this, we are introducing a tiered tee time pricing structure this season.

The goal is simple: protect member access during the most desirable playing times while still allowing public golfers to enjoy the course during other periods of the day. Morning tee times, particularly on weekends, are the most in-demand. By placing a premium on these prime times, we help ensure that members continue to have priority access to the times they value most.

At the same time, this approach allows us to keep the course active during midday and later tee times, which helps generate revenue that supports course maintenance, improvements, and overall club operations.

You'll notice that prime morning tee times carry the highest public rate, while midday, and twilight options become progressively more affordable. This structure allows us to welcome public golfers while still reinforcing the value of membership and protecting the member experience.

Like many things at the club, we will continue to watch how this works throughout the season and make adjustments if needed. Our goal is always to support the long-term sustainability of the club while ensuring our members receive the best experience possible.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to a great season ahead.

Upcoming Events

April 2nd:

Cross Country Scramble
10:30am

April 18th & 19th

Men's Spring Kick-Off
(Course Closed)

April 21st

High School League Match
(Course Closes in Afternoon)

April 28th:

Girls Highschool Tournament
(Course Closed All Day)

MEN'S SPRING KICK OFF 2026

It's time to start our tournament season! Grab a partner and join us for our annual Spring Kick Off Tournament!

April 18th & 19th

2-Man Best Ball Tournament

\$80: PerTeam

Calcutta: Friday, 6PM

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Golf Shop News

At last longer days and warmer temps are just around the corner. The golf shop will have increased hours as listed:

Monday 11pm-7pm

Tuesday 10pm-7pm

Wednesday - Sunday 8am-7pm

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

Aeration: Our semi-annual aeration was completed a little over a week ago with great success! We want to thank all of the volunteers who came out and assisted. Greens are healing nicely and are expected to be fully healed in the coming weeks.

Irrigation: Our irrigation is up and running for the season. Through the spring time our crew will be watering throughout the day. This is only for the spring months until they move to night watering. Please show them patience as they will work hard to turn off any sprinklers that may impede your play.

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.

Membership

Please welcome TDCC new members

Mark and Kay Fortin!!!!

Farewell to these members

Ed Ritchie

Membership Monthly Totals: meeting to meeting

	Feb 25	Mar 25	Apr 25	May 25	Jun 25	July 25	Aug 25	Sept 25	Oct 25	Nov 25	Dec 25	Jan 26	Feb 26	Mar 26
General	107	110	114	116	118	118	121	122	119	116	110	110	110	109
Business	4	5	6	7	8	8	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Social	3	3	3	4	8	9	9	7	7	7	7	7	7	6
Social+	7	6	6	7	6	6	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Barter	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1
Junior	4	4	6	6	7	7	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	10
College				1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Suspended		2	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	4

Website lag in March

You may have noticed the website was very slow, especially the event site.

This has been fixed. The issue was a broken image link that caused a “load loop” resulting in the page being very slow.

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 in the air!

Jason Whitley, Membership Services

Tournament Report

Shamrock Scramble

Occurred on March 15th “Shamrock Scramble” was a 4-person team scramble, 12pm Shotgun start

43 golfers participated with about 70% being public golfers

Back Nine Bay, a new local Simulator Golf business donated 1 hours Sim tee times as prizes

Tee prizes given out, 1st to 3rd payouts = \$80, \$60, \$40. 4 hats given out. And a last place \$100 gift card to The Grill

Positive revenue day for the Pro Shop

Tournament Schedule 2026

The tournament dates and information have been added to the event calendar

[Event Calendar Link for details](#)

In March there were website loading issues. This is resolved.

The tournament chair is currently empty.

Jason Whitley of Membership Services is currently covering these duties with the help of other members and an unofficial subcommittee of “helpers.”

If you are interested in contributing by tracking tournament numbers, expanding tournament participation, exploring electronic registration, and implementing new tournament formats, reach out to the board.