



The Mulligan



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Presidents Message – Tom Goldie

ATTENTION: *It has come to our attention that a guest of a member who played at Cold Springs late last week was exposed to Covid 19. Due to HIPPA regulations the club cannot divulge the identity of the person.*

Your Board of Directors and General Manager Chris Mitchell have decided to shut the course down completely as of July 30. We are tentatively set to reopen Aug. 6. Any updates will be sent out immediately.

The board and staff's top priority is to keep all our members safe and healthy. We believe we will come through this episode as a better and stronger organization.

My first experience with Cold Springs occurred in 1988 when I took part in the Marshall Hospital tournament, and I remember sitting on the old patio thinking how wonderful it would be to become a member. I finally achieved that goal in 1997 and soon came to realize that the real attraction to the club was it's people both members and staff. This is what truly separates private and public courses, a true sense of community. That sense of community is currently being threatened by the actions of some of our members.

Over the last few months I have talked about an issue that has affected our club's ability to provide services that meet the Cold Springs standards, our cash flow. I am not saying that our club is failing financially, it is not and we are doing remarkably well considering current events. We are not, however, able to do all the things and provide all the services that we should due to our cash flow issue. Last month I shared with you that delinquent dues had reached over \$29,000, and encouraged members that were experiencing monetary issues to contact the office so that we could assist with payment programs or other help. We did not hear from any members, despite the fact that we had 32 memberships that were delinquent.

In the past, members that had accumulated large balances on their bills had been allowed to make a payment and continue to charge services and play golf. This has been an issue that the board has been dealing with for many years but felt that members would take ownership and do the right thing.

Sadly, some members have done just the opposite and in my view, taken advantage of the club and their fellow members.

The July financials showed dues delinquency climbed to an astonishing \$35,000. On July 14th the board met and decided to revise several policies that pertain to payment and collection of member dues. These revised policies were emailed out to members and paper copies will be sent out with the August statements. Effective August 1, 2020 if your dues are not paid by the 25th of the month, your account will be considered delinquent and if your account balance reaches \$600, your charging ability and playing privileges will be revoked. Payment of your account in full will be required to regain your member privileges. In order to assist these existing delinquent members, the club will now accept payment of these accounts by credit card. I am very hopeful that these policy revisions will assist the club to receive payments in a timely fashion and be a benefit to our club and entire membership, which is our community.

As you have noticed we have shut down the clubhouse again due to the current spike in Covid 19 cases. The staff and board is doing everything in its collective power to keep the club open and more importantly all our members and staff safe and healthy. Please follow our written guidelines and practice social distancing while at the club. Please do not rearrange furniture that puts you closer than 6 feet to a non family member. Be safe. We will get through this pandemic together, if we work together. Thank you.

G.M.'s Message – Chris Mitchell

Let me start off by saying I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy. The Board of Directors and I are in constant communication to make sure we are doing everything we can to keep the members and staff of Cold Springs Country Club safe.

During the course closure we will have a professional company come in to do a deep cleaning, disinfect and fog the entire operation for our reopening on Aug. 6.

The management team remains diligent in following protocols and providing a united front in order to assure everyone that our goal is to provide a place of respite for our members.

This is a time that we all need to work together and help each other through these uncharted waters and I believe we are doing that.

During times of stress and uncertainty we need to find ways to relax and relieve ourselves of daily worries. The golf course can be a great place to do this. We will send information out as how we will proceed with our food and beverage operation once we reopen. Please, as members, make sure we are social distancing on the patio.

My staff will continue to sanitize multiple times per day throughout the operation. I have asked my department heads to continue to make sure this is a priority with their staff and I am requiring all our staff to use face coverings.

We have had to make changes to our event calendar but the Director's Cup and Club Championships, which were rescheduled for the first two weekends in August, have again been delayed. News on new schedules for those tournaments will be posted as soon as possible.

Mother Nature has been kind to us this summer. Let's hope it continues. I want to thank everyone who has continued to support the club during this crazy time. We appreciate your patronage and flexibility with the changes we have put in place. We look forward to the day we can get back to normal operation.

As always, my door is always open please feel free to call me if there is anything the club can do for you during these times. Our members are the life blood of the club and we are here for you.

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The 9ers – Kathy Wynn

Our Niner of the Month (NOM) winner for July was Diane Bagdonas, who shot a net of 37. The next NOM tournament will be held August 4th. On August 25th, we will have a make-up game for the month of May, which should catch us up for our missed months at the beginning of COVID-19.

Our monthly tournament, which was Par Points, was held July 14th. Tied for First Place were Donna Frick and Jeanne Perry. In Second Place was Christie Cochran. Tied for Third Place were Linda Leake and Iris Appleby.

Our putting contest was played July 21st and was won by Jeanne Perry with a total of 15 putts. Tied for Second Place were Esther Purdie and Linda Robbins with 16 putts, and tied for Third Place were Iris Appleby and Jackie Scholl with 17 putts.

The Tournament of Champions rounds #1 and #2 will be played July 28th, with round #3 scheduled for July 30th. The winner with the best overall score and winners from each of the three tiers will participate in the TOC Championship on September 15th at North Ridge Country Club.

Our Rules chair, Linda Robbins, shared helpful reminders before play on Tuesdays on rules of play that tend to create some challenge and confusion at times. This information will be much appreciated during future tournaments.

From the Bar & Kitchen

Nothing new for now, check back next month.

Senior Men – Gary Baldock

Senior Men's Tournament Results

July 9, 2020

First Place

Score: 206 Paid \$21 each

Gary Baldock, Bob Durand, Gary Neal

Second Place

Score: 206 Paid \$10 each

Jim LaBerge, Alan Baumann, Rob Sullivan, Mike Morello

Third Place

Score: 209 Paid \$7 each

Bob Powell, Ray Russell, Jeff O'Donnell

Senior of the Month (Low Net) Paid \$20

Gross Score: 82 Handicap: 11 Net: 71

Ray Russell

Senior of the Month (Low Gross) Paid \$20

Score: 71

Rob Sullivan

Closest to the Pin - Paid \$10

Distance: 12-1 Hole No. 17

Ray Russell

Number of participants: 18

Pro-Shots - Tyler Brown

Nothing this month, check back in September.

Green's Committee – Patrick Flynn

Considering the hot weather we have had, the course is holding up very well although there have been a few spots on the greens where the poa has suffered. The good news is that our already great greens are going to improve thanks to Doug's continuing efforts to upgrade maintenance practices. He has acquired verti-cut reels for the mowing heads and if verti-cutting has not begun, it will soon.

So what is verti-cutting? The process involves using a putting green mower fitted with thin, tightly spaced blades that cut vertically into the turf. The depth of the blades is typically adjusted from 1/64-inch to 1/8-inch below the effective cutting height so the blades penetrate the turf canopy.

The goal is to thin the turf canopy while maintaining a proper balance of leaf growth and turf density. The removal of excessive growth that contributes to a puffy, spongy surface is one of the objectives. Verti-cutting cuts laterally growing stolons and promotes a more upright growth habit. And since we have a lot of poa in our greens, the verti-cutting dislodges and removes puffy seed heads. Although the green speed may be slightly slower immediately following the procedure, the speed will return to normal in a few days with significant improvement in the flatness of the surface and more true putts. Thanks Doug!

As usual, please follow the cart rules posted in the carts: Do not get within 25 yards of the greens and stay on the cart paths near tees and greens. This will maintain the quality of the course appearance and playability for all. And of course, sand your divots and repair pitch marks on the greens. Our greens are great and it certainly seems that the members care when they follow these simple guidelines. Thank you!

Welcome our new friends (*& best wishes to our departing ones*)

Welcome to our new Try Me Members

Terry Renshaw
Lynn Manfree
Geoffrey Douglas
Dan Lansford
Dennis Datton

Talkin Turf - *Doug Jeffrey*

The effects of summer stress have caught up to the cool season grasses. Although the annual Bluegrass has checked out in some of the more difficult areas to grow, the warm season grasses are thriving. Unfortunately, the nut sedge is growing too well ... we mow it down and a couple days later it has grown several inches.

The June fairway aeration combined with a new surfactant product has helped in the harder-to-grow areas. We finally got new verti-cut reels to fit onto our greens mowers to help the erratic growth of the poa annua (annual Bluegrass). As the weather warmed up in June the poa started getting that “puffy” excessive growth and some of the areas were scalped while trying to keep up with the growth.

With the course closed on Mondays we will be able to routinely verti-cut the greens on a bi-weekly basis, as well as keep up with the regular sand top dressing. We will also be adjusting our growth regulator applications to help with maintaining this issue. We have inter-seeded with bent grass in the damaged areas and have had some successful germination even with the heat. The good news is that root growth on the greens seems to have improved and activity from the usual summer diseases has been minimal.

We are adjusting the irrigation daily to combat the summer conditions and spot watering with hoses and sprinklers. When we hit those stretches of days of excessive heat, we will kick on the cooling/ syringing cycles of irrigation.

The annual pump maintenance went well with no major issues with them this year. The control systems have been operating well with minimal communication issues, which is not usually the case. Power shut-offs to our pumps have caused some of the bigger issues. Water is still flowing in the creek to our diversion dam. Hopefully we will be able to repair the conduit that brings water onto the course this fall. For the rest of the summer we are just trying to hold ground and keep up with routine maintenance.

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No news is good news!

18ers – Heidi Caldwell

The summer is in full swing and it is great seeing a lot of our ladies out almost every day of the week. We have had some hot days but we're hanging in there.

The first of the group's two major tournaments, our 18-hole club championship, was conducted June 23, 25 and 30. We had 10 ladies participating in the Senior Division and four ladies in the Open Division. The weather was brutally hot the first two days, but a little bit better on the last day.

Open Division: Heidi Caldwell was the low gross winner and overall champion with a three-day score of 268. Heidi will represent Cold Springs at the WGANC Champion of Champions tournament next year. Krin Presson was second low gross and is also invited to participate. Carol Yates is our low net champion with a score of 227.

Senior Division: Karen McCaughern took low gross and is our senior champion with a three-day score of 293. Our senior net champion was Bolet Salvador with a score of 221. Helen Glenn was second low net with a 225, followed by Rosemary Authier, 227 and Cathie Dyer, 229. Just four strokes separated the second, third and fourth net scores so it was a close competition. Congratulations ladies!

July results:

July 7: Ace of the Month, pro points and putts

1st flight low gross: Heidi Caldwell, 89; Low nets: Krin Presson, winning in a card-off with 68; Carol Yates, 68.

2nd flight low gross: Helen Glenn, 98; Low nets: Susie Hendrix, 72; Karen Musial, 76.

Ace of the Month: Krin Presson, net 68

July 14: Ace of the Month, pro points and putts

1st flight low gross: Muriel Oreno, 89; Low nets: Krin Presson, 69; Debbie Koski, 74.

2nd flight low gross: Carol Yates, 94; Low nets: Cathie Dyer, 70; Elaine Boggess, 81.

3rd flight low gross: Linda Babcock, 97; Low nets: Nancy Tenley, 71; Karen McCaughern, 72.

Ace of the Month: Linda Babcock, net 68

July 21: First round of the two-day Lois Brown Eclectic. The winner of this event is announced at the December awards luncheon. We also competed in a concurrent low net tournament.

1st flight low nets: Krin Presson, 73; Laurie Tennant, 74, winning in a card-off; Muriel Oreno, 74. . 2nd flight low nets in a card-off, Gerri O'Donnell, 68; Karen McCaughern, 68; Cathie Dyer, 70.

3rd flight: low nets: Karen Musial, 71; Nancy Tenley, 73; Kathy Goldman, 75. Congratulations to all the winners!

July 28: Sweeps, plus second round of the Lois Brown.

1st flight: (three-way card off: Low nets: Muriel Oreno, 73; Heidi Caldwell, 73; Krin Presson, 73.

2nd flight low nets: Ellen Page, 68; Elaine Boggess, 70; Heidi Matlack, 74.

3rd flight low nets: Kathy Goldman, 73 in a card off; Nancy Tenley, 73; Rosemary Authier, 74.

Happy golfing!