

Happy Holidays

It's hard to believe we are at the end of 2018. With only 4 months (5 counting December) left in the contract between EMT and the City of Brookings it seemed prudent to formulate a plan. After meeting with the City, EMT has decided to extend the current contract one more year. We will decide after the 2019 summer whether to add a couple more years or make room for someone else to take over Salmon Run. This was a difficult decision for us after the rough start we had. 2016 & 2017 were unusual years for the community as well as Salmon Run. 2018 proved much better as EMT refined some of the issues that had plagued the course. Many visitors complimented the maintenance crew on their care of the course. Gary learned more about dealing with a creek bottom growing area and much support was given by local businesses, members, men's club and ladies club. We are excited about our continued partnership with the City of Brookings as they learn about the golf course and move forward with incorporating it into their amenities. The occasional hall, due to start construction this week, is a great example of collaborative thinking. Already there are meetings planned for the summer of 2019 that would not have been possible without this great facility. We also look forward to getting an indoor, or covered, driving range set up that will shoot out over the pond and #1 fairway. We'll probably find a lot of balls in the spring but there will be opportunity to keep a swing going!

Winter golf brings a few unique challenges we have little (really, no) control over. While Brookings is famous for winter flowers and the occasional 70-degree day, frost delays, cart path only, closures due to wind, lightning, thunder, are all very real in the winter. We also have an added challenge—not weather related—due to the elk. Those persistent animals have been frequent visitors but we keep trying different things to deter them from playing on the greens. If you encounter the radio in the #12/13 bathroom, please leave it there. We play the weather radio all night so the elk know it's not safe on the ocean. Seriously, talking and voices will often turn the elk away and we're keeping fingers crossed that this will work—for a while!

Winter projects include cleaning up fallen trees or dangerous trees. We'll also be addressing some of the overgrown areas of the course when time allows. Some tee boxes are slated for repair and, always, drainage!

As 2018 winds down we want to recognize our incredible staff. We are very appreciative of their dedication to the course. We will be honoring them later this month. So take time this holiday season—spend time with family and friends.
Gratefully, Gary & Val

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DEALS!!

December DEALS—Must mention this newsletter!

Solstice Wonders —Saturday, December 21—All day—green fees \$10. Per person cart fees apply if using a cart.

Monday Madness—Senior rate starts at 9:00 AM with 2 people sharing cart—every Monday in December!

Ring in the New Year—December 26-31—Bring a friend golfing—green fees & cart (each) \$25.

Punch card special: For residents of Del Norte & Curry County—get our regular priced punch card for \$150 (6 rounds of 18 holes). Limit 2 punch cards per person. Offer expires 12/31/18.

Check out our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for last minute deal announcements.

Men's Club Turkey Shoot Out

Great weather during the early part of November treated the Men's club to an exceptional turn out for the annual Turkey Shoot-Out. The game of the day was low gross and low net but there was a bit of a twist—variable tee blocks were used! Tan, Green and Gold tees were rotated through the course adding a degree of difficulty. Fun times were had by all and a lunch of chili, corn bread, salad and yummy desserts were enjoyed during the awards.

Low Gross Winners:

Peter Flanderka Todd Rigby Lance Duey
Mike Cornelius

Low Net Winners:

Paul Shanley Roger Cox Joe Espinoza
Don Stiles

Upcoming Events

December 6—Salmon Run Ladies Club Holiday party—9 holes of golf followed by lunch.

December 15—Private Holiday Party in Clubhouse

December 24—Christmas Eve—we'll be closing early to allow our staff time to spend with family.

December 25—**CLOSED**

Sink Hole #8 Repairs



The blister of water by the sand trap on #8 was a big project. While part of this area had encountered problems previously, this was a different break that required some delicate repair work. The original fix included a brass connector. After 3 days of digging, digging and more digging (all by hand) the repaired pipes were ready for testing. Once the line had been pressurized the amazing happened—it blew again right in front of everyone! Back to more digging, more gluing and again the test. This time it was successful. Just an example of one of the many challenges with an aging infrastructure!



As you can see, the hole was nearly as deep as Gary. Thankfully the weather cooperated during all the repair works.