



# FAIRWAY NEWS

Salmon Run Golf Course Newsletter

January 2018

## A Year in Review

Throughout the year we've kept you informed about many issues on the course. It's interesting to look back at the newsletters and see a recurring theme—maintenance! In the 1 year, 8 months EMT has been managing Salmon Run we've kept maintenance at the forefront of our goals. Gary has been to seminars on pest management and best practice fertilizing as well as studying manuals and magazines, plus he's tapped into our neighboring course superintendent knowledge (Thanks Bandon Crossings Brandt!) and asked a lot of questions. We even had a golfer from Eastern Oregon who ran a course for many years give us our "yellow rope" solution to the elk problem on the greens. We aren't exactly where we want to be on course condition but we are making progress. Many of you have commented and we appreciate the kudos.

In the meantime, we've also endured many changes inside the clubhouse. Word has spread about the fabulous venue for nuptials and we have 7 weddings on the docket for 2018. WOW! Plus we have tournaments, Youth On Course, and a couple other events already planned. Our food service (Fairway Café) is steady with breakfast, lunch, grab-n-go foods—as long as a cook is here the grill is on and we're ready to serve you good, homemade food. We've also upgraded some of the furniture inside the clubhouse making for a welcoming, homey feel. We'll add a few more touches during this first month of the new year too.

People have come and gone throughout the year—some long time members, some long time employees—we'll certainly miss them all. We know life has many changes and the golf business is no different we're finding. Our partnership with the City of Brookings has undergone a few, positive, changes providing some stability during our tenure.

We say this each month, but it comes from the bottom of our hearts, when we say thank you to everyone for their ongoing support. As many of you know, this has certainly been a labor of love with much support from old friends as well as new ones! We wish for 2018 to be prosperous for all of us without any natural disasters!

~Gary & Val

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## “DEALS”

January DEALS—Mention you saw them here.

- All day Saturday—\$30 per person/18 holes. \$20 per person/9 holes—**INCLUDES CART!**
- Senior Specials start at 11 AM
- **MEMBERSHIP DEAL**—During January, sign up for a membership and the initiation fee is just \$250—any membership category!

## Cart Path ONLY

We haven't had the rain events through the end of 2017 but the fairways are still very soft. We will continue to use “Cart Path ONLY” until we can safely get our bigger equipment on the fairways to mow. Even driving slightly off the cart path is not a good idea during this time of the year due to increased mole and gopher activity. During the winter these critters live under the cart paths and venture out when the rains subside leaving tunnels and soft spots next to the cart path. Maintenance has been stuck a few times and we've rescued a couple carts too.

## Jack Creek Salmon Spawning

Have you seen the salmon spawning in Jack Creek? Throughout December the big Chinook salmon were very busy digging their redds to lay eggs; making baby salmon. ODFW has conducted several carcass count surveys (we help by leaving a cart for them) where they start above hole #15 and check the creek all the way to the confluence with the Chetco River. The spawn was very healthy this year with some larger than average fish. Many of the spawned out carcasses were littered throughout the course. When ODFW counts a carcass they cut the tail off so they won't count it again. There was also evidence of animal activity since some of the carcasses were partially eaten! Upwards to 100 spawning pairs took advantage of Jack Creek, Hamilton Creek and Jordan Creek. These creeks all provide critical habitat that the course helps to support by providing good, clean water all summer. Remember those trees that reach out and grab your ball? Large woody debris in the creek, as well as the shade lining the creeks, provides critical habitat for smolt survival.



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