



FAIRWAY NEWS

Salmon Run Golf Course Newsletter by Early Management Team

Final Issue

Holiday Season—Season Changes

Another year is almost complete. 2020 has been a year like no other in many ways. We certainly don't need to remind everyone of the challenges in the recent months to stay open, keep food service rolling or any of the other requirements. The situation is so fluid that employees are updated daily on what new requirements are being imposed. We are grateful for the understanding and cooperation of our golfers, restaurant patrons and employees. These aren't easy times for anyone.

We have much to be thankful for during this difficult year: Great employees, excellent business partners, supportive vendors, and great course conditions. When EMT took over the course our mission was to bring the course back and we feel we've accomplished this feat. Not only is the course in good condition (it can always be better, right?!) but the greens received many accolades during the past year including the OGA. Hey, the course is in such great condition the elk don't even want to leave! We are curious what 2021 will bring.

Some of our major accomplishments amid challenges that included poor course conditions, fires, earthquakes, flooding, elk, and a pandemic:

Mastering the irrigation system, acquiring adequate turf equipment, pesticide operator/applicator licensing on staff, improved communication through social media & newsletters, updated website, developing a desired community event venue, dedicated staff, loyal golfers, re-built kitchen & restaurant, robust youth golf program, revitalized course reputation, rigorous turf maintenance schedule, stream stewardship for healthy anadromous fish populations, wildlife friendly turf practices, winter playability with par-3 and improved course drainage are just some of the accomplishments for EMT.

So, as 2020 comes to a close this will be our, Early Management Team's, final newsletter. As many know, CourseCo has been awarded the management contract for Salmon Run by the City of Brookings. For the near future, they are committed to maintaining the current staff (Gary & Val included) as well as all the programs established at Salmon Run. CourseCo is also committed to good community relations and will be operating the course under the name Brookings Golf LLC. January 1, 2021 may have a few hiccups but they should be smoothed over rather quickly and many golfers, patrons and visitors will not notice anything different at the course. We thank you for your patience through this transition time. CourseCo will be setting up a meet and greet (when restrictions allow) as well as meeting with all the home clubs such as members, men's club, ladies club and the BHHS Golf team. All these endeavors take time during the changing restrictions but we'll get them done! In addition, many of the projects we identified for the course will continue to be on the "To Do" board including golf simulators for the Occasion Hall, upgraded pump station for the irrigation, improved driving range, stream enhancement projects, ivy eradication in cooperation with Curry Watersheds Nonprofit, plus more. Seems there is always something on the drawing board that needs pushed.

Finally, we'd like to say how much we appreciate all the good wishes, encouragement and appreciation for our work to revitalize Salmon Run and make it a course someone else is interested in taking into the future for the City of Brookings. ~Gary & Val

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Everyone wants in on the golfing action!



DEALS!!

December DEALS—What's the catch? Must mention newsletter!

Sale in Proshop—Everything 25% off! Come get your goods while something is still in stock. SALE BEGINS 12/6/2020

All Beverages discounted.

Keep track of us on Instagram & Facebook for more specials.

Driving Range Renovation

The driving range project has begun. The wet weather slowed things down a bit but this project was always going to be longer term with many aspects not being complete until spring. We have a shorter range for now but in the end it will be about 50

yards longer with no nets to stop balls in flight. There will be netting at the very back as well as the sides and a clear flight path for your ball! The City of Brookings also send a crew in to cut brush, clear trees and make way for big machines and earth movers. Rivers End Construction and Freeman Rock have donated time and machinery to get this project off the ground. Thank you

too goes to South Coast for leasing the additional land to the City of Brookings for the expansion.



Upcoming Events

December 5—Christmas Party in OH—cancelled

December 19—Wedding—cancelled

December 24—Closed at 2 PM

December 25—CLOSED—Happy Holidays

December 30—Holiday Party in OH—cancelled

January 1, 2021—CourseCo transition (all the same faces)

February—Superbowl tournament (Elks)

March—Wedding date in the Occasion Hall

May 1—Wedding in Occasion Hall

June 12—Humane Society Gala

June 26—Bruin Gridiron Classic Tournament

July 3—Wedding in Occasion Hall

July 10—BHEF Tournament

REMINDER: ALL PUNCH CARDS, Member Balance and Customer Credit MUST BE USED BY DECEMBER 31, 2020

Winter irrigation—Really?!

Seems strange to consider irrigation breaks during the winter months but sometimes that happens when all the lines are charged with water. The breaks on fairway number 5 have been relentless this summer into fall. They seem to be running in a line (along a line) and we've discovered a few new valves along the way. Most of the breaks have been on the front 9 which is the oldest part of the course, the first to open. Much of back 9 was built a year after the front 9 so that irrigation will come of age this next year!

