

# Royal Oaks

## c o u n t r y c l u b

## ROYAL DIVOTEER

### Winter 2021

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT by Steve Cobb

December • January • February



Dear Royal Oaks Members,

As a long-time resident of the Pacific Northwest, I have always embraced the seasons and can find joy and activity in all of them. But I must admit as the years go on, I am beginning to see the wisdom of my snowbird friends. With that said, we do head into this winter with plenty to be thankful for at ROCC. We are in a strong financial position with solid cash reserves, our membership remains strong with around 30 on the waiting list, our management team and staff are outstanding, and of course, we have our wonderful golf course that has held up well even with all of the recent rain.

In the Fall Divoteer, I mentioned that the level of activity from club facilities and course maintenance would be picking up, and that has been the case. I'm sure all of you have had a chance to see the 1<sup>st</sup> Green come together. As a reminder, we hope to have it back in service in the early Spring, but obviously the actual timing will be weather dependent. The maintenance shed remodel is well underway, the installation work on the new entry gate has been completed, and we should be seeing the bunker work start up again. The staff has been working hard to complete these projects in a way that minimizes the impact to our daily use of the club, but there will always be some disruption so thanks again for the understanding and patience.

Next, I want to provide an update on our efforts to improve Member Communications. As you know, this has been one of the focus areas for this year's Board. To support this, we have held three Board Office Hours sessions and three Member Listening sessions during this last quarter. We appreciate those who have participated and shared their thoughts on the club. You provided us with some

great suggestions for improving the overall club experience. We tried to move quickly on many of the suggestions such as providing an online dining reservation system, moving trash cans up to the forward tees, expanding the wine selection with some featured wines and offering some wine specials for those that have a wine locker. In addition, the following are underway and should be rolled out shortly: Implementation of a chit system to allow you to tip the bag staff in those cases when you don't have cash on hand, placement of sand bottles on the chipping green and forward tees, a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) section on the website, push notifications (text message based) for club news and announcements,

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#### DECEMBER EVENTS

- 7 - Ladies Holiday Luncheon
- 12 - Golf Shop Holiday Open House
- 19 - Children's Tree Lighting
- 25 - Christmas Day - Club Closed
- 31 - New Year's Eve

#### JANUARY EVENTS

- 1 - New Year's Day - Club Closed
- 22 - Seafood Buffet

#### FEBRUARY EVENTS

- 13 - Super Bowl Party
- 14 - Valentine's Day

## 2021-2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

<b>President</b>	Stephen Cobb
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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

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and the return of a full social calendar in 2022. All other ideas and suggestions are being forwarded to the appropriate committee for consideration and action, and we will have a summarized list of the suggestions posted for members to see here shortly. I truly have enjoyed these sessions and we will look to integrate these into our normal Board Processes going forward.

Finally, I want to take the time to thank the Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) for all of their hard work over the last few years. In October and November, they shared the plan to members in four different sessions and got some valuable feedback at the sessions and in follow up emails. As I am writing this article, the ballots for the Line of Credit vote had been mailed and hopefully each voting member has taken the time to weigh in and vote. Regardless of the funding mechanism chosen, the club is in a much better position with the long range plan in place as it provides us with a clearer picture of our long term capital expenses going forward. We will all truly benefit from their efforts.

Many of you that attended the meetings or viewed the presentation online have requested more opportunity to provide input on the priorities of the projects on the LRPC. So, in response we will be doing some surveys at the start of the year to provide members with this opportunity. Stay tune for information on this process in the coming weeks.

With that, sit back and enjoy the holidays and all of the festivities at the club. We are fortunate to be able to be inside this year to enjoy RJ's cooking and not be huddling in the back tent under the heaters.

Here's to a quick Winter ... see you on the course on one of those dry, sunny Winter days.

Steve Cobb

ROCC Board of Directors, President

**Find Your Account Number in the Divoteer and Win**

***A Complimentary Wednesday Buffet Dinner for Two!***

(Numbers are spelled out. Example: One, Two, Three, Four)

## LETTER FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

### FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER by Marcia LaFond



Brandon Roberts, our Clubhouse Manager has been nominated to serve on the Board of Directors of the Club Managers of Oregon. Along with his appointment to the Board, Brandon has also been awarded the Leadership Scholarship through the Club Managers of Oregon. The Leadership Scholarship will fund Brandon's attendance to a BMI (business management institute) offered through the Club Managers Association of America. There are several areas of competencies that Brandon can attend as he works toward obtaining his Certified Club Manager (CCM) certificate. Please join me in congratulating Brandon!



It is hard to believe that another year has passed and the Holidays are here again. This will be my 12th holiday season at Royal Oaks and it's still as fun and exciting as my first! The halls have been decked and the club is looking great, just in time for the Ladies Holiday Luncheon to kick off the season on Tuesday December 7th. Please plan to attend the Children's Tree Lighting Party on Sunday, December 19<sup>h</sup>. We have chosen "The Polar Express" as the theme this year and children are encouraged to wear their favorite jammies and robes to the event. Of course, Santa and Mrs. Claus will be here along with some of Santa's "little helpers" so don't forget your camera. Reservations for all of these events are filling fast so call the clubhouse to reserve your table. You don't want to miss the holiday activities at Royal Oaks.

Please join us for New Year's Eve on Friday, December 31st. Chef RJ will feature a four course dinner and Boy and Bean will provide the entertainment. Also you won't want to miss the Seafood Buffet on January 22<sup>nd</sup> and Valentine's Day on February 14<sup>th</sup>. These events fill up very fast, so please make your reservations early.

Donating to the Employee Holiday Fund is a long standing tradition at Royal Oaks, which demonstrates the close bond between the members and the employees. Your donation to this Holiday Fund is distributed to the hourly employees only. In order to avoid any sort of allocation favoritism, the amount is calculated for each employee using a formula that factors in length of service and the amount of responsibility. On behalf of the entire staff, we appreciate your kindness in giving to the Employee Holiday Fund. It really does make the staff feel special to know that our members appreciate all of their hard work throughout the year. You have made their holiday a little brighter with your generosity!

On behalf of the entire team, we wish all of you a safe and happy holiday season. Please remember, if you find yourself over the limit on holiday cheer, let us call an Uber or Lift for you. The safety of our Club and our members is extremely important to all of us.

Have a safe and wonderful holiday season.

Marcia

## GOLF SHOP NEWS by Scott Leritz, Head Golf Professional



Happy Holidays everyone! I hope you will be enjoying some down time with your family and friends. With the weather cooperating, the golf course has been in fantastic condition and we all look forward to playing on the newly renovated green in the spring. Our 2022 Golf Events Calendar has recently been approved. A printed version as well as an electronic version will be available to the membership in December (a notification will be sent).

### Notable Member Achievements

- **Gregg Guernsey**

Gregg recently qualified for the prestigious Senior Hudson Cup played in October. Gregg grew up caddy-ing and playing at Oswego Lake CC, the site of this year's event. So, needless to say, the host site was very meaningful. In addition, Gregg finished as the runner-up in the Senior Oregon Amateur.

- **Jon Romano**

Congratulations to Jon on his 7<sup>th</sup> place finish in the OGA Men's Mid-Amateur Championship

- **Christian Harlow**

Christian continued his fine play this summer. Amongst his many accolades, Christian won the OGA Jr. Tournament of Champions event at Illahe Hills and finished 6<sup>th</sup> in the Faldo Hurricane Tour Finale. The event, played in Myrtle Beach, SC on October 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, featured a guest appearance by Sir Nick Faldo (see picture of Christian and Nick to the right).



- **OGA Team Championship**

Congratulations to the Royal Oaks team of Jake O'Neal, Jon Romano, Derek Baade, and Korban Romano as they finished in a tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> amongst a very competitive field. Korban led the way for team Royal Oaks with a t-7 place (73-68).

### 2022 Oregon Seniors Golf Association

*Here's a golf deal for 2022 you won't want to miss!*

Are you 55 years of age or older? If so, how would you like to play seven of the following golf clubs at a cost of **\$55 per round** that includes a continental breakfast and lunch? Total cost is **\$385** and that's a bargain!

And if you are between 40-55 years of age, you have the option to play three of the following courses at the same rate per round with continental breakfast and lunch for a total cost of **\$175!**

The list of courses includes: **Arrowhead GC, Astoria GC, Columbia Edgewater CC, Corvallis CC, Illahe Hills CC, Michelbook CC, Oswego Lake CC, Portland GC, Pumpkin Ridge GC, Riverside CC, Rock Creek CC, Royal Oaks CC, The Reserve GC, Tualatin CC, Waverley CC, Willamette Valley CC, Juniper GC and Lost Tracks GC.**

Are you tempted? Royal Oaks is only allowed 20 entries. If you are interested, please contact us for details. George Bryant ([dngbryant@icloud.com](mailto:dngbryant@icloud.com)) or Dave Camp ([davidcamp@comcast.net](mailto:davidcamp@comcast.net))



## Golf Events Calendar

Sunday, December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Golf Shop Holiday Open House Sale	9am-5pm
Saturday, December 25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Day	Club Closed
Saturday, January 1 <sup>st</sup>	New Year's Day	Club Closed
Sunday, February 13 <sup>th</sup>	Super Bowl Tournament	9:30am Shotgun

## Indoor Teaching Center

Many of you continue to work on your swing during the off season by utilizing our indoor teaching center. Equipped with the state of the art technology, a golfer has the ability to work on a variety of aspects of their game. The technology is free of charge to use. If you are interested in learning more about the technology and how to use it, please contact a member of the golf shop staff.

### Putting

By utilizing a perfect putting surface found with our putting platform, our SAM Putt Lab launch monitor measures over 28 different variables to your stroke.

### Full Swing

Royal Oaks offers two launch monitors for your use (TrackMan & GCQuad). This technology measures a variety of aspects of your swing to include club path, face angle, swing direction, carry distance, total distance, angle of attack, and much more.

## Instruction Corner

Interested in lowering your scores in the fastest and easiest way possible? Rather than working on your swing for hours at a time, focus more on your putting. More specifically, the speed to which you hit putts. The PGA Tour keeps stats each tournament week to include driving distance, fairways hit, greens hit, etc. Another little known stat is called Approach Putting Performance. This stat keeps track of the average distance remaining after the 1<sup>st</sup> putt has been hit. Since the best putters in the world only make 55% from 7 feet, how close you hit your 1<sup>st</sup> putt to the hole will determine your chances of making the next putt.

So what can we learn from this? Several important points come to mind. First, give yourself a break. If the best putters are successful 55% of the time from 7 feet, set your expectation level accordingly. Secondly, when you practice your putting (hopefully more now), practice hitting a lot of 3-4 footers along with putts outside of 20 feet. The goal on the longer putts would be to get better at calibrating your speed to the conditions (length, green speed, slope).

Great Putting Drill:

- Start off with 10 balls around a circle from 3 feet
- Putt each one into the hole. If you miss, start over
- The goal would be to initially make 25-30 putts in a row. As you get better, the goal can be changed to allow for more putts to be made in a row.

## 2022 Royal Oaks Super Bowl Tournament

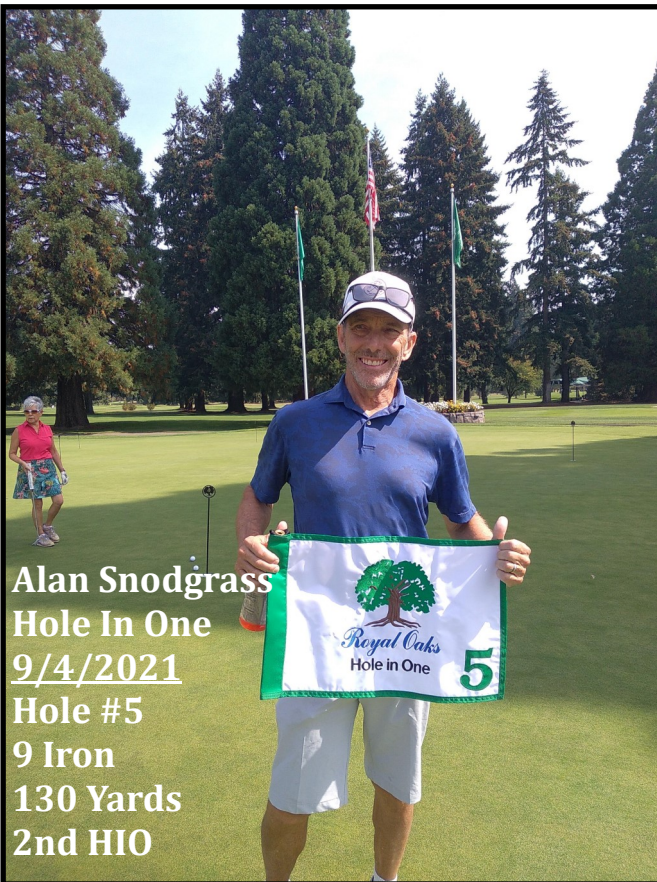
### Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup> Tournament Details:

- 9:30am shotgun start (18 holes)
- Four Person Scramble (Gross & Net Payouts)
- Based on participation, multiple divisions will be offered
- Men will play whites and play reds
- Guests welcome (maximum of two guests per group)
- Entry fee of TBD per player includes buffet breakfast, complimentary guest fee, payouts and on course beverages
- The field will be limited to the first 132 players or 33 teams to enter
- Entries open on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am by calling the golf shop or entering via the Golf Genius software





## HOLE IN ONES



**Alan Snodgrass**  
**Hole In One**  
**9/4/2021**  
**Hole #5**  
**9 Iron**  
**130 Yards**  
**2nd HIO**

**Be sure to have Hole In One Insurance  
when you ACE it!!!**

**Cost:** \$5 every time someone in the group  
makes a hole in one.

**Payout:** 50% in cash and 50% in Golf Shop  
credit to the person who makes the hole in one.

**Sign up** now for your chance to cash in on the  
pot!

Please call 360.256.1250 or email  
[alaina@royaloaks.net](mailto:alaina@royaloaks.net)



**Ben Taylor**  
**Hole In One**  
**11/15/2021**  
**Hole #5**  
**6 Iron**  
**135 Yards**  
**2nd HIO**



**Joann McNamara**  
**Hole In One**  
**9/7/2021**  
**Hole #5**  
**8 Iron**  
**108 Yards**

**Scott Rushing**  
**Hole In One**  
**11/8/2021**  
**Hole #5**  
**7 Iron**  
**147 Yards**  
**2nd HIO**



# SPECIAL HOLIDAY WINE OFFERING

For those of us that will be entertaining through this Holiday season, or if you're just interested in trying some great wine from around the world that has been hand selected for you..

— THIS OFFERING IS FOR YOU! —

I've personally selected four different highly rated wines from a very diverse set of growing regions. These wines will pair perfectly with all types of Holiday foods, or can be enjoyed by themselves.

**YOU'LL RECEIVE 3 BOTTLES OF EACH WINE FOR A TOTAL OF 12 BOTTLES FOR ONLY \$200!**

CLUBHOUSE: 360-256-1250 - EMAIL: [Brandon@royaloaks.net](mailto:Brandon@royaloaks.net)

*\*This offering will be available from 12/1 - 12/31*

*\*\*Wine may be picked up at anytime during normal operating hours*

## — ABOUT THE WINES —

### — WHITE WINES —

GRAHAM BECK SPARKLING BRUT - SOUTH AFRICA  
*85 POINTS - WINE ENTHUSIAST*

CROSSBARN CHARDONNAY, 2019 - CALIFORNIA  
*92 POINTS - JAMES SUCKLING / 90 POINTS - WINE ADVOCATE*

### — RED WINES —

VILLA PUCCINI TOSCANA ROSSO, 2016 - ITALY  
*91 POINTS - JAMES SUCKLING*

DUNHAM CELLARS "TRUTINA" RED BLEND, 2018 - WASHINGTON  
*91 POINTS - WINE ENTHUSIAST & EDITORS CHOICE*  
*WINE ENTHUSIAST "EDITORS CHOICE"*



# Royal Oaks

WELCOMES OUR NEW MEMBERS:

**If you see new faces around the Club,  
please introduce yourself and welcome them to Royal Oaks!**

Scott & Rachel Sutton  
Sean & Tasha Duncan  
James & Janice Matteo  
Hollis Brown  
Maxwell Hawes & Mackenzie Shannon  
Blake & Jennifer Nelson  
Terri & Rick Pedigo  
Lance & Teresa Barrett



GOODBYE & GOOD LUCK  
CLUB RESIGNATIONS:

Lance & Kelli Gibbens  
Corey & Summer Durbin  
Frederick & Renee Dockweiler  
Michael & Monica Stice  
Jerin & Margaret Harper  
Jeanie Peck  
Dick Irvine

Sherry Lillard  
Gloria Denney  
Richard & Margaret Bird  
Kerry & Susan Gilbert  
Ken & Julie Atchley  
Eric Sawyer  
Kaili & Brendon Rutkowski

## **Reminder**

You can earn up to a 5% credit of the initiation fee when new members identify you as their sponsor on their application and the sponsor form is completed.



**Quarterly Membership Update**

Category	2020	2021	% Change
Proprietary	438	440	.004%
Corporate	33	30	- .09%
Intermediate	30	30	0
Club Owned	0	0	0
Social Medical	3	6	.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>505</b>	
Resignation List	0	0	
Wait list to GET IN	11	29	.62%

**UPCOMING WEDNESDAY BUFFETS****5:30pm-8pm****12/8 - Prime Rib****12/15 - Fried Chicken****12/22 - French****Book Dining Reservations Online!**

The link can be found on the member homepage

<https://royaloaks.net/group/pages/dining-reservation>

## THE FITNESS CORNER by Rich Freedman



### The Wisdom of Tate and More

Both Dempsie and I routinely seek the latest information on fitness and/or golf, take refresher courses on training and nutrition and try to provide our clients with the most up-to-date training programs. Often the difficulty is how to separate facts and solid research from the nonsense that often appears on line (particularly social media). So many people out there feed the internet with misinformation or try to deceptively take our money.

A few years ago I visited the Tate Museum in London. Just inside were inscribed the following words:

1. Do one thing at a time
2. Know the problem
3. Learn to listen
4. Ask questions
5. Distinguish sense from nonsense
6. Accept change
7. Admit mistakes
8. Keep it simple
9. Be calm
10. Smile a lot

While the above is more about navigating our way through life, each of these behaviors can also be relevant to golf. Imagine if you used the above template to manage your game:

1. Do one thing at a time: just have one swing thought- like a smooth tempo for an effortless swing
2. Know the problem: properly analyzing each shot and making the right club selection given the conditions
3. Learn to listen: not only to the wind and your surroundings but learn to listen to your inner self. Trust equals confidence
4. Ask questions: Am I willing to fully commit to the shot?
5. Distinguish sense from nonsense: Is this a shot I can pull off only one in 20 times? Sometimes you have to play for the best outcome and not for birdie or par
6. Accept change: Every shot comes with something different; are you will to accept the challenge of the next shot no matter where it lies?
7. Admit mistakes: If you can admit that everyone hits bad shots (even the tour pros) you won't get mad at yourself or lose confidence
8. Keep it simple: The best swings are the ones that are simple, uncomplicated and devoid of too many swing thoughts
9. Be calm: staying calm is one of the main keys to scoring your best
10. Smile a lot: Golf is recreation; enjoy it!!

If the above makes sense, also consider this: the seasonal Holidays are near and outdoor activities and golf often curtailed by the weather, so our physical activity levels can be challenged not to mention mega caloric Holiday dinners. This is the basic formula for gaining a few pounds. You can prevent “gain de poids” (French for weight gain) by just following a few easy guidelines:

1. Watch your intake of refined sugars. They spike your blood sugar levels which causes your body to release insulin slowing your metabolism leading to weight gain. Read the labels on the things you eat and drink; try to limit your daily refined sugar intake to 35 grams per day. In case you didn't know, one can of regular soda has about 39 grams of added sugar- more than a day's worth.
2. Do anything you can to exercise and burn calories even if it's not formal exercise like working out in the gym, riding a bike or the like. Don't sit for too long. Get up and move around. You can do numerous bodyweight exercises right in your living room. Squats, push-ups, crunches, planks, Yoga poses, etc. can all be done without any equipment. Just 20-30 minutes a day can make a huge difference in preventing “gain de poids.”
3. Even better- contact us for personalized exercise and/or nutritional programs that can help you achieve your physical potential.

We've also noted that more members are using the fitness center since we've expanded the hours and that's great! Just please ensure you follow the basic rules and proper gym etiquette including cleaning and putting all equipment back in place. Dropping free weights or cable machine plates can easily cause expensive damage. If you're having difficulty or need guidance on how to use a specific piece of equipment (and we have a lot of different types) please contact us. We'll be glad to help.

Dempsie and I would also like to take this opportunity to wish all our members the best for the Holiday season. We've seen so many of you enjoy the benefits of training with us. The transformation to a higher level of fitness and health takes effort no doubt, but being fit is the key to not only playing better golf but living a happier, healthier and more energetic life. Join us on the journey.

*Rich Freedman is consulting Master Fitness Trainer, author, speaker on Health and Wellness, certified TPI Golf Fitness Instructor and Managing Partner of Gol-fit.com/Bess™ Box Technologies. He is available for training at the fitness center and writes for the Divoteer providing research on both golf and fitness matters to ROCC members and staff.*

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503-975-1907



### RUB OF THE GREEN by Gordon Kiyokawa



With the frost season upon us, it's a great time to review our policies and procedures regarding the approach to protecting your golf course.

As many of you are aware, frost can be very damaging to turf. Basically what occurs when temperatures drop near freezing (frost can even occur even at 38 degrees and ground temperatures are colder than temperatures measured at 5') the cells and water within the plant begin to freeze. Once this freezing occurs, the plant, most importantly the crown of the plant, become susceptible to damage. If we allow any type of traffic to occur on the turf, be it foot, pull cart, power cart or mower, the resulting effect is that the cells within the plant rupture from the weight of the above mentioned devices. When this occurs and damage is severe enough, the entire plant dies. This injury appears usually later in the day and is very distinctive in that the actual foot prints and wheel marks are very prominent black color initially, then brown as the plant begins to die. Turf loss, especially during the winter months, is not the best of situations as re-growth and healing will not occur until the spring.



*Why can't I play as soon as the frost lifts on #1 or #10 tees?*

The short answer is – Trees. Our beautiful and significantly sized trees provide a beautiful setting for Royal Oaks, but they also provide an abundance of shade. Let the main putting green be your guide. As long as there is frost on the putting green – please stay off! And, as long as there is frost on the putting green, you can rest assured that there's frost on the other shaded greens and other playing surfaces throughout your course.

*"Well I just came from PGCC, Riverside, CE, Heron Lakes – you name it? And they're playing!"*

Every course is different and each of us has our own particular microclimates and situations that affect when each of us can open. The actual temperature, wind speed, fog, dew point and humidity, all play a part on when frost will lift.

Royal Oaks is located in one of the coldest locations in Clark County. Monitor your car's thermostat and you'll see that often times the temperature at ROCC is a few degrees colder than even across SR 500 at the Mall.

Finally, preparation of your course is a requirement. Your Greens staff does require some time when the frost lifts in order to complete some course preparation and setup of the course prior to you playing. Typically, blowing, rolling and mowing, cup changing, bunker raking, etc. all must occur prior to you playing.

Over the years, with the support of the Green Committee, we have been steadfast in our policy for frost delays. Your benefit for this consistency is that we seldom become inflicted with significant turf damage or loss and our golf course condition remains consistent and excellent throughout the winter and spring. As the season progress into February, we may tend to be somewhat more lenient in granting earlier and earlier play on frost or frozen turf. There is a good reason for this. The term is called “hardening”. As the temperatures continue to reach lower and lower highs and the frequency of frost and cold temperatures become more regular, the turf plant physiology begins to change resulting in a stronger plant that can withstand these temperatures better. Essentially, the cells of the plant become harder – so to speak. Additionally, as we enter into the later part of winter, we can see that the recovery time for any turf loss will be shortened significantly as spring will be soon upon us and thus providing us with re-growth of the damaged Turfgrass plant.



Temporary greens and frost delays are synonymous here at Royal Oaks. This is because often times the sun may never raise high enough on the horizon to provide enough heat to thaw out our most shaded and problematic greens - #3 green, #14, #7 (although should be improved) and #8 for instance. We could come to a point, like last season, when the culmination of excessive play and green health collide and we will be forced to protect our greens and play temporary greens for an extended period of time. At this junction, we are not leaning that direction but, Mother Nature holds all the cards on determining that.

### Turf Blankets

With predicted and inevitable cooler temperatures, the possibility of an onslaught from Old Man Winter's wicked east winds could be devastating. The east winds are typically very dry, persistent and fierce. The dry air quickly draws the moisture from the grass plant and the plant cannot replenish the lost moisture due to the fact that the soil and roots are typically frozen. When this phenomenon occurs, it is called “desiccation”

When these climatic conditions are forecasted, we prepare for these damaging turf conditions by moving play to temporary greens and also by installing turf blankets over our greens. These woven, scientifically designed blankets insulate the sensitive grass plant and protect the plant from desiccation and low temperature damage. These blankets require a tremendous amount of labor to install and once placed, will remain on the greens until we are assured that more inclement weather is not forecasted. Additionally, these blankets need to be placed well ahead of expected frozen conditions and in advance of any significant wind. There are occasions when snowfall is forecasted ahead of any damaging winds and in these instances, we will take advantage of the snow's insulation properties and not install the blankets as they would provide less of a benefit. Remember, this policy is for the long-term protection of your greens. Any damage that results during the winter months will leave lasting injury until well into summer and none of us would want that. Think of it as an insurance policy of sorts.



From the Golf Course Maintenance Staff –  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



# THE POLAR EXPRESS

## *Children's Tree Lighting*



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>**

**4PM-7PM**

**\$31.95|\$16.95**

**FESTIVE BUFFET**

**VISIT WITH SANTA & MRS. CLAUS  
LIGHTING OF THE ROYAL OAKS TREE**

**HOLIDAY CRAFT INCLUDES  
A KEEPSAKE ORNAMENT**

**CALL FOR RESERVATIONS: 360-256-1250**

## *Golf Shop Holiday Open House*

**Ugly Holiday Sweater Theme!**

**Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

**9am-5pm**

- ♦ Employee Pricing on all in Stock Product (excludes special orders)
- ♦ Special Discounted Sales Racks
- ♦ Raffle for Special Prizes
- ♦ Sweater Contest—\$100 Gift Card for 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- ♦ Footjoy Shoe Sale—Tournament Pricing
- ♦ Voucher for Holiday Cheer & Appetizers in the Clubhouse!
- ♦ Complimentary Gift Wrapping (pick up December 18<sup>th</sup>)



**AUDUBON SANCTUARY by Donna Schwanke**

As the year ends be sure to think of the enjoyment we have had at Royal Oaks from watching and listening to the wildlife, especially the birds. It was a tough hot summer to have a nest in the treetops. If you enjoy watching birds you might consider bird feeders as gifts this year. The local Backyard Bird Shop has a huge selection of feeders, seed and books. They are very knowledgeable and easy to talk to. The antics of the jays and woodpeckers at a suet feeder are fun to watch and when 15-20 tiny Bushtits show up the feeder is covered with gray feathers for a couple of minutes and then zoom, they all take off for their next stop.

We've enjoyed a couple of outings this year to bird-watch with our resident expert, Woody Newell. The Fathers Day Fishing Derby we have sponsored for many years was a big success. The nesting boxes are being repaired or moved to better locations and mapped for ease of finding. It hasn't been one of our group's more active years and we would benefit from some new members with curiosity, energy and an interest in wildlife. We always learn from our activities and enjoy being outdoors together. Please consider being on our mailing list so you can be invited along on our outings. My email is [deschwanke@gmail.com](mailto:deschwanke@gmail.com).



# *New Years Eve Celebration*

5 Course Dinner | Boy and Bean Band

**\$75<sup>++</sup>**

5:30pm Cocktails

6:30pm Dinner & Music Starts

9pm Champagne Toast

10pm Conclusion

Call for Reservations: 360-256-1250

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**LADIES 9 HOLE by Tammy White**

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That's a wrap! What a great golf season the Ladies 9 Hole Group had this year. Back in March we started the season on a very wet raining Friday morning; I guess the golf Gods found it appropriate that we ended our season in the same fashion. I would like to thank all the ladies that showed up, dressed for the rain, on our last official day. We held our closing brunch on a separate date and had quite a nice turnout. Thank you to all who attended. Congratulations to **Candy Curley** as our **Most Improved Player** for the 2021 season. She started the season with a 51.8 handicap index and finished with a 33.8 – that is a 17.6 improvement! Way to go Candy!

Lynne Camp will be taking on role as Co-Captain for 2022, I am excited to have her as my partner next year. We are looking for volunteers to assist on various committees – days play, par/birdie board, visitation, couple scramble, writing articles – if you are interested, please let me know and I will get you added to the committee. As always, please feel free to contact me with any ideas or themes you may have for events.

Save the Date for February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022, we will be hosting our annual “Coffee Hour & Orientation”. Details on this event will be posted throughout the club after the first of the year. This is a good time for those interested in joining the 9 Hole Group to come and learn more about the fun our wonderful group of ladies have. And if you are already a 9-hole member we will have some exciting new events for the upcoming year to tell you all about.

We are still working on the calendar for the upcoming season. Once dates have been confirmed I will be get them posted on the bulletin board in the locker room as well as email them out to the current 9-hole member roster.

Looking forward to seeing you on the course this winter .... or maybe at the 19<sup>th</sup> hole 😊

Wishing you all a happy holiday season – Cheers

**OSWGA by Janet Schwartz**

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If you enjoy golfing and want to play at other SW Washington and Portland area country clubs, this is a great opportunity you do not want to miss. To join OSWGA, you must be 50 years of age or older with an 18 hole handicap of 45 or less. We meet for breakfast, have a 9:00 golf shotgun to play 9 holes and then have a wonderful lunch prepared by the host country club. We are usually done by 1:00 so you can head home before rush hour traffic.

The cost of joining OSWGA is only \$60 for the year. There is no additional cost to play at the courses, lunch prices vary between \$25 to \$30. The season starts in April and our last playdate is in October. You will have the opportunity to play at 14 different country clubs. Please consider joining, it's a great way to meet ladies from other clubs and enjoy a nine hole round of golf.

I am currently collecting dues for the upcoming year, they can be turned into the ROCC office.

If you have questions, please feel free to call  
Janet Schwartz (rep) 360-903-0157

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**LADIES 18 HOLE by Leona Weedman**

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As Fall comes so does the end of another golf season for our Ladies 18 Hole group. We enjoyed fun tournaments throughout the year, from our Trophy play days, to everyone's favorite Red, White and Blue and the newly introduced 5 Club Challenge and Master's Tournament. We want to extend our congratulations to all of our Trophy winners. Renee Camp was the winner of the Memorial Trophy, Gail Young won the Captain's Trophy and Kim Graham was our coveted Most Improved golfer. Our Acorn Cup was cut to only 9 holes due to inclement weather but that didn't stop Katy Wright's Okie's from handing Wendy Sheasgreen's Assassin's a resounding defeat. Hoping to move this tournament to a little earlier in the season next year! This was a special season for our Royal Oak's Inter Club golf team. Winners of the accumulative low gross for the season. They have 7 matches throughout the season with Waverly, Oswego Lake, Portland, Columbia Edgewater, Riverside and Tualatin. A big congrats to our ladies!

I would like to personally thank Nick Plamp of the Pro Shop staff, Alaina Henderson and Tenly Hall of the office staff for all the help and support throughout this last season making my year as 18 Hole captain run so smoothly. Last but certainly not least re all the committee chairs, Linda Whitworth Co Captain and Judy Berg Treasurer, couldn't have done it without you all.

Happy winter golf!

THREE, NINE, TWO, TWO

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**OWGA by Katy Wright**

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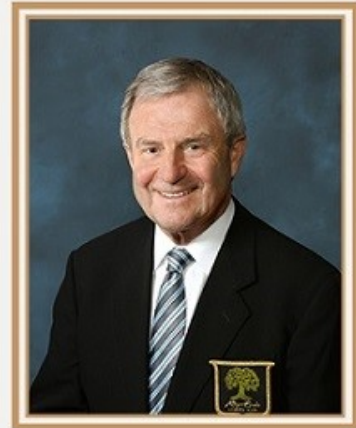
OWGA closed the 2021 season with a rainy 36 hole tournament at Oswego Lakes Country Club on September 27 and 28. Next year, Willamette Valley Country Club will host both the 9 hole opening as well as the closing tournament in Canby, Oregon. The Oregon Women's Golf Association provides any member of Royal Oaks with the opportunity to play at over twenty different private and public courses in the state of Oregon. The only requirement is that you have a USGA index of 30.0 or lower and payment of the \$130 annual membership fee. Lunches at the played course are charged to your account at the cost of \$30 per days play. Monetary payouts occur for each day's play and are transferred to your account at our pro shop at the end of the season. It's a fun way to meet other golfers and get to play many of the other beautiful courses in the area. You can sign up in pairs and travel to other courses in a group of ladies, or choose to travel on your own. If you think OWGA is something you would be interested in joining, sign ups will be available at the opening of golf season March of 2022.

Please direct any questions to Senior OWGA director Katy Wright at 360.903.1424





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# SEAFOOD BUFFET

Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>

**5pm & 7:30pm Seating Times**

**Adults: \$65<sup>++</sup>**

**Children (6-11): \$29.50<sup>++</sup>**

**Children (5 & under): FREE**



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### 1000 - 3939

Three Month Minimum - \$165

August 1 - October 31

November 1 - January 31

February 1 - April 30

### 3940 - 6833

Three Month Minimum - \$165

September 1 - November 30

December 1 - February 28

March 1 - May 31

### 6834 - 9999

Three Month Minimum - \$165

July 1 - September 30

October 1 - December 31

January 1 - March 31

*Some member numbers may not fall in line with this schedule. Please refer to [www.royaloaks.net](http://www.royaloaks.net) for your current food minimum balance.*



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