



TRI-TALK

February 2012

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 1 WED GAME NIGHT
- 4 SAT INDOOR PUTTING
- 8 WED GAME NIGHT
- 11 SAT VALENTINE'S DINNER
- 15 WED GAME NIGHT
- 18 SAT JACK FROST TOURNAMENT
- 22 WED GAME NIGHT
- 23 THUR ANNIBIRTHDAY
- 25 SAT WW II THEME NIGHT
- 29 WED GAME NIGHT

MARCH

- 3 SAT HORSERACE
- 10 SAT CHILDREN'S NIGHT
- 17 SAT ST PATRICK'S DINNER

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am pleased to announce that Bev Johnson-Torrelli has been selected to become a member of the Tri City Country Club Board of Directors. Bev will be replacing and finishing the term of John Evans over the next two years. I want to thank Bev for volunteering and congratulate her on her selection to the Board. Bev has been a member since 2003. Bev has been serving on the Finance Committee. Please welcome Bev to the Board and thank her for serving our Club the next time you see her.

In late 2011, Washington State performed a sales tax audit of our Club. As you may be aware, the State has a revenue short fall and is looking for areas to recover more dollars. Apparently in 2009, the State made a new rule regarding the sales value of certain items sold relevant to the application of sales tax. The value of used cars being sold was among the affected categories, as well as the value of a round of golf at private clubs and other services provided by private clubs like the use of fitness facilities and swimming pools. The biggest dispute with the audit is the value placed on a member's round of golf. The current rate we use to establish sales tax on a member round is substantially less than the rate the state feels we should be using. Historically we have been assessing sales tax only on golfing memberships based on the Club average number of rounds played annually. The State has now targeted usage at the swimming pool and the fitness room for additional taxes. We have been applying sales tax to all other types of purchases made at the Club by our members. As a result of these rule changes, we may be forced to charge sales tax on all dues to avoid underpayment of sales taxes to Washington State. Our failure to pay taxes due to the State in a timely manner also can result in the Club being fined and being assessed monetary penalties. We have hired

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GIN RUMMY

Gin Rummy started January 18! We'll play every Wednesday @ 7:00 P.M. thru February 22. Great fun & money too, so please turn out! The sign-up sheet is in the foyer by the office door. See you there!

Phyllis Royer
783-7921

PARTY BRIDGE

Tri City Country Club Party Bridge will meet every 1st & 3rd Friday. Join us 9:00 A.M. - noon. All members who play bridge are urged to come have a morning of fun with us. Please contact Vera Berry @ 783-2480 or Margaret Beesley @ 582-7416 to advise us if you want to play.

GAME NIGHT!

Wednesday is Game Night! 6:30 P.M. February's game is the card game "Golf". Don't worry if you've never heard of it, we'll teach you! We will play 2 games & the cost is \$3 per person per game.

outside assistance to help us review and attempt to find the best solution to minimize our exposure and member costs. We would rather pass through the cost of the sales tax starting early, rather than have to come back to our members in the July - August time frames and apply the taxes retroactive back to the first of the year or have to have an assessment to cover what we owe the State. We will keep you posted as we progress and get further information.

The Club is back open for the new year. We have a membership drive underway and activities are being planned. Please assist us in "advertising" our golf course and Club House by inviting prospective new members to join us. All of us on the Board look forward to seeing you at the Club. Please make a point to introduce yourselves and getting to know our members. We are the Club. It's a fun place to be seen and heard. See you here.

Respectfully,
Jim Jacobsen

FROM THE MANAGER

Well, I think we are all happy January is over! We had some nice highlights, but the winter weather certainly offered challenges.

One of the big highlights in January was Arden Vie's 100th birthday celebration! He was joined by family and friends to celebrate this event. Birthday greetings were sent from the entire cast of "Young and the Restless", President Obama and the First Lady as well as several other dignitaries and movie stars. Arden, you are a special man and we are truly proud to have you as a member of the Tri-City Country Club.

We were also excited to host our first wine dinner of the year featuring Smasne Cellars. What a beautiful night of wine and food in the Club! These events are more exclusive with limited attendance and in sell out very quickly. We will be offering more of these types of opportunities throughout the year so make sure to call early and get those reservations.



Make sure to "Like" us on facebook to stay in the loop of current topics and upcoming activities. We want you to become "raving fans" of the Club.

Make sure to get your dinner reservations for Valentines Dinner at the Club on Saturday, February 11th. Enjoy a special night at the Club with your sweetheart. Call soon as

Call February's hosts with any questions:
Janice Carl - 734-3492
& Judy Mosebar - 735-0310

Anybody who enjoyed Wednesday Mixer Golf is encouraged to continue to meet at the Club on Wednesdays for game night. New member? - this is a great way to meet people. Social member? - this is a fun night at the Club. If you would like to have dinner before the games begin, call for reservations for 5:15 P.M. Singles & couples are welcome. Invite your friends!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Barry Bourne on his 2nd HIO made on hole #15

Chip Shots from the Pro Shop

Upcoming Activities

Indoor Putting Tournament February 4th @ 2:30pm
6 Player Teams
\$25 per player includes dinner.

Jack Frost Scramble
February 18th @ 9:00am
5 Player Teams
(max 2 Guests Team per Team)
\$40 per member/\$60 per Guest

New PING I20 and G20 woods and irons are now available! Get fit for a new set today and start off the 2012 season with an edge on your opponents.
[PING Equipment Info](#)

February regripping special!!
Did you know that grips should be changed on golf club about once per year in order to maintain good playing characteristics? Get new grips on your golf clubs and save 10% during the month of February. Many options from \$5.99 per club and up. Make your old clubs feel new again!



Only \$5.99 Per Grip Installed.

[Chris Isaacson - Winter Golf Tip](#)

Chris & Pro Shop Staff 783-6014

VALENTINES DINNER

Saturday, February 11
Shrimp and Mushroom Linguini \$22
Surf and Turf (petite filet with crab cakes) \$32
Stuffed Cornish game hen \$22

seating will be limited.

Think Spring!

Respectfully,
Chris Isaacson, Director of Golf
Dedicated to Making Your Club More Fun!
chris@tccountryclub.com

TEE TO GREEN

Progress is being made on the pump station. We should be getting close to completion by the end of the month. This pump station will also be fully enclosed and with the small storage for equipment as well. It will also increase our water capacity. The new intake is being installed 5 feet under the old intake. This will be great news when we hit another downed irrigation canal.

Some of you may have noticed tree removal going on around #2 green. We are getting ready to install the new cart path up to #3 tee. Some of these tree roots would have been under the new cart path, as it is being slightly re-routed, and have been removed.

If you want to see more about the pump station project make sure you check out my blog from the golf course section of our website.

Also, make sure to replace your divots and repair your ballmarks.

Thank you,

Bo Lacy
GCSSA Class A Golf Course Superintendent
bo@tccountryclub.com

Tri-City C.C. Business Network Group

Now, more than ever, businesses need to develop a referral network of trusted associates in order to maintain and grow business. The Tri-City Country Club BNG provides a vehicle with other Club members to exchange quality business referrals. Members of the BNG will have the opportunity to meet on a regular basis at the Tri-City Country Club to share ideas, contact information and ultimately business referrals.

A Referral: when you guide someone you care about to someone you trust.

Joining and staying active in the Tri-City Country Club BNG will be like expanding your sales force without adding additional payroll. Each member of our group will be encouraged to carry business cards for other members of the BNG. As opportunities arise where you meet someone who is in need of services or products you will be able to hand out a business card and recommend their services. As an example, when you meet someone tired of a 5+ hour pace of play on the golf course or someone who is in need of golf equipment or lessons, you would be able to refer them to Chris Isaacson at Tri-City Country Club! A BNG member should always document who they gave a business card to and also contact the business about the potential opportunity. It's

Reservations Required
Please inform us of your selection when you call for your reservation.

783-6131

ANNIBIRTHDAY

Thursday, February 23

Shrimp scampi

Prosciutto-wrapped pork tenderloin

Steak Dianne

Your selection \$17.49
Reservations Required

Regular menu not available
Please inform us of your selection when you call for your reservation.

783-6131

**Join Us For The
GREATEST GENERATION
Dinner Dance!!
February 25, 2012**

Come join us as we celebrate the greatest generation. Come and dance the night away to the original artists of the day such as Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, Les Brown, Duke Ellington and many more. Bring your trivia questions with answers for the chance of winning a prize. Many fun surprises on the night.

Please make reservations by
February 22nd.
783-6131



**Links to TCCC Schedules
and
Lesson Video Clips**

[Chris Isaacson - Winter Golf Tip](#)

[Playing Out of a Collection Area](#)

[Chipping Technique](#)

as simple as that!

The Tri-City C.C. will post business information on the member's only page on our website. Name of business, brief description, contact information and website address will be provided for members to view.

The Tri-City Country Club BNG will have opportunity to meet on a regular basis at the Club to exchange business cards, share ideas and offer referrals.

The Tri-City Country Club is dedicated to offering added value to membership of the Club. This is just one way we can provide a no cost service that makes a difference in the quality of your life.

Respectfully,

Chris Isaacson

Send your information to
chris@tccountryclub.com

FROM YOUR FOOD & BEVERAGE TEAM

As we move forward in 2012, our team will be working to enhance many things in order to better serve the members at the Tri-City Country Club. It is always a challenge to accommodate each individual's needs. Our goal is to do the best we can each and every day. Some changes we are working on are as follows:

Service, Consistency, and quality of our product:

Our focus in serving you better will be done with constant communication to our team and better awareness of our membership's needs. Continued focus on consistent service and the quality of products that is served will be needed to maintain a great club experience. We will be looking at possibly changing products more frequently to enhance the experience to our membership. As costs continue to rise in the food industry, we have to adapt to ensure we are not only serving great quality, but items are appropriately priced for the Club to be better financially. As changes are needed, the food and beverage team will communicate to the membership through the board of directors. As our team continues to develop, we hope you will see the results. We have many things we need to work on, and with your continued support we will continue to improve.

Reservations are strongly encouraged. In order to keep costs low, we will be only ordering what we have reservations for, so don't miss out. Special events will be on a reservation basis. All specials will be available to reservations first.

Thank you,

YOUR FOOD AND BEVERAGE TEAM

COMMENT CARDS

Thanks to all who have filled out comment cards. Your input assists the management and staff in serving you. Based on the latest comments, our rating is at 92% favorable overall dining experience satisfaction. Please keep the comments coming. January cumulative results:

COMING SOON!

WATCH FOR "POP-UP" RESTAURANTS IN 2012

THESE EVENTS WILL BE HELD ON SHORT NOTICE AND BE LIMITED IN ATTENDANCE. WE MAY FEATURE THINGS LIKE; 3 COURSE ITALIAN WINE DINNER, THAI CUSINE, WINE AND DESSERTS...

KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN FOR THESE EVENTS AND BOOK FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR FRIENDS AS THESE WILL BE VERY EXCLUSIVE EVENTS.

Overall Experience	Exc	Good	Fair	Poor
	11	6		
Quality of Food	Exc	Good	Fair	Poor
	11	4	2	
Quality of Beverages	Exc	Good	Fair	Poor
	12	4		
Quality of Service	Exc	Good	Fair	Poor
	13	4		
Timeliness of Food	Exc	Good	Fair	Poor
	13	4		

HOURS OF OPERATION

Pro Shop Hours

Monday: 11:00 AM - Dusk --- Course opens at Noon
 Tuesday-Friday 7:30 AM - Dusk
 Saturday & Sunday 6:30 AM - Dusk
 Hours will vary depending on special events and weather conditions.

Restaurant Hours

Monday: CLOSED
 Tuesday: 10:30AM-5:00PM
 Wednesday: 10:30AM-8:00PM
 Thursday 10:30AM-8:00PM
 Friday & Saturday 9:00AM-8:00PM
 Sunday: 9:00AM-5:00PM

Lounge Hours

Monday: CLOSED
 Tuesday: 10:30AM-7:00PM
 Wednesday: 10:30AM-9:00PM
 Thursday 10:30AM-9:00PM
 Friday & Saturday 9:00AM-9:00PM
 Sunday: 9:00AM-7:00PM

Limited food menu available for hours between 5-7:00 P.M. on Tuesdays and Sundays
 Hours may vary due to special functions.

Office Hours Limited During the Closure

Sunday & Monday: CLOSED
 Tuesday-Saturday 8:30AM-4:30PM