



Summerfield Summary

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

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What does it take to make Summerfield run? Summerfield has a dedicated Board consisting of 7 Summerfield Proprietary members whom are all volunteers, the manager of the Apartments, the manager of the Summerfield Estates and the office Administrator. There are 13 Board appointed Committees made up of Chair people, secretaries and members to help make decisions about specific areas around Summerfield such as Clubhouse, Greens, Landscape... All in all, there are about 300 volunteers making the community active, fun, and beautiful.



To celebrate these lovely volunteers there will be a Happy Hour reception held on **April 19, from 4-6 PM in the Clubhouse Ballroom.**

The Volunteer Appreciation Committee will be serving appetizers, beverages and dessert. All those who have volunteered (plus their spouses) on a Board Appointed Committee will be recognized for their service to our Summerfield Community.

There will also be a musical presentation by Encore!

The Board Appointed Committees are: Architectural/Landscape, Clubhouse, Common Area Landscape, Disaster Preparedness, Greens, Library, Marketing, Neighborhood Watch, Newcomer's Welcome, City of Tigard Liaison, Summary Newsletter, Swimming Pool, and Volunteer Appreciation.

Please RSVP to your Committee Chairperson by April 10th.

Submitted by the Volunteer Appreciation Committee

SCA OFFICE NOW ACCEPTING BOARD NOMINATIONS

To nominate a proprietary member, there are forms outside of the SCA Office to fill in Board Nominations. They are available online (go to Announcements and click on the form at the bottom of the blurb in green) OR you can simply email a nomination to the Administrator at admin@summerfield55.org. Please include the nominee's name and any volunteer or career experience you may know of that would help them be a great Board Candidate. You can also self nominate!

What qualities contribute to a great Board member? Board members should act with professionalism, be reasonable and fair, commit to teamwork, and be able to see the big picture regarding what is best for the association.

Submitted by SCA Office



**WE HAVE LOTS OF
RESIDENT DIRECTORIES
LEFT OVER.**

**COME PICK UP ONE
OUTSIDE THE SCA OFFICE.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

During our Theater of Seasons this winter, we have experienced quite a variety of weather. For the most part, it has been quite mild and enjoyable compared to other areas of the country.

We visited Minnesota for Christmas when many of our friends and neighbors were headed South and West for warmer climes. Our experience was to arrive in a snowstorm to kick things off and then a blizzard with subzero temps, high winds, and 18 inches of snow. I attempted to help with clearing our son's driveway during a break in the snowfall and promptly slipped on the black ice and lay there for a while questioning the wisdom of our decision. Where upon they had me come inside to warm up and would not allow me to shovel snow anymore. We did have a wonderful time with family and friends and adjusted to winter driving once again.

We were enjoying returning to Summerfield and much milder weather when we had our recent Snow Event here. I was excited to see our landscape transform from green to white. And as the snow piled up, I prepared to once again take on winter's challenge. I dug my snow shovel out of our shed and sprayed it with Pam to keep the snow from sticking to the shovel. I found my winter coat, boots, sweater, cap, and gloves. I was ready! And as I opened up my garage door, our new neighbor had already shoveled our sidewalk and was working on our driveway! I asked her why she was shoveling and she said she was bored sitting on the couch and wanted some exercise. I thanked her and together we finished the driveway. We were also able to help another neighbor with driveway. I then remembered a friend who left Summerfield for golf in Palm Desert and I was able to shovel his walk and driveway.

That got me thinking about who was shoveling out the Clubhouse as Chris lives in Vancouver and was unable to get to Summerfield. I checked with the office and Zach and Rob had shoveled the sidewalks and put salt down. As is often the case, this kind of weather event can bring out the best in people. Neighbors helping neighbors, people see what needs to be done and pitch in to do the job without even being asked to do so.

In our Community, we depend on Volunteers to do so many things. With 13 Board Appointed Committees and 42 plus Clubs and Activities, all run by volunteers, you can see just how much they contribute. Nothing happens in Summerfield without the participation of our Volunteers.

This week at the Clubhouse I attended the Tuesday night Happy Hour! It was a great opportunity to meet new people and visit with regulars. It was much like Cheers, the Pub where everyone knows your name. The name tags helped of course. Gerry Craig entertained us with a delightful selection of Irish tunes in honor of St. Patrick's Day. We also had a first with a fiddle player, Dawn Sellevaag, who played a rousing variety of music that made you want to get up and dance a jig.

Today I stopped by the Clubhouse to deliver documents to Jennifer and had a hard time finding a parking place. There was an Art Group meeting in the Arts and Craft Room, an HOA meeting of one of our Townhomes in the Conference room, a Bridge group in the Card room, people in the Library, and Line Dancing in the Ballroom. I came upon a group of HOA 3 residents setting up in our Summerfield Lounge area for an early St. Patrick's Day Party.

I met one of our Golf Course Marshalls/Players Assistants in the parking lot and had a delightful conversation about helping people on the Course and some great people he has encountered going about his job and the positive comments about our Course. I find it interesting how a lovely sunny day can lift spirits and make a good day a great one.

"April hath put a spirit of youth in everything."

— William Shakespeare

May April put that spirit in you!

Tom Clancy



Upcoming SCA Board Meetings



Agenda Meeting April 3, 2023, in the Conference Room at 9 AM.

Board Meeting April 10, 2023, in the Conference Room at 9 AM.

MONTHLY CLUBHOUSE TOUR

WEDNESDAY, April 12, 1-2PM

To welcome our new residents there are monthly tours of our stunning Summerfield Clubhouse each month on the second Wednesday of the month. April 12th is the next scheduled date. Tours will start promptly at 1 PM in the Clubhouse fireplace lounge area. There will be a Q & A session at the end of the tour. In addition to newcomers, **any resident** is welcome to join a tour.

For questions, please call

Barbara Lance at 503-639-8134

Submitted by Barbara Lance



MONDAY MORNING COFFEE



Enjoy coffee, tea, and a treat every
Monday at 9 AM

It's a great way to make new friends
and catch up with old(er) ones!!

Submitted by Connie Jones

TUESDAY EVENING HAPPY HOUR

Join us in the Clubhouse "Living Room" every **Tuesday** evening from **4-6 PM**. It is "Come As You Are" and BYOB. Bring a friend or make some new friends.

Submitted by Carene Svoboda



CLUBHOUSE COMMITTEE

The Clubhouse Committee is looking forward to Spring and working on the renovations on the first floor of the Clubhouse.

We had a very nice turnout for the first 'Piano Night' featuring Summerfield pianists and our new piano!

Soon we will have new lighter, more efficient rolling chair carts and a concealed storage area in the Lakeview Room for folding chair storage and more. We are in the process of getting contractor bids for this work.

Speaking of contractors... "I'll have it to you tomorrow" sound familiar? ...we are impatiently awaiting bids from three contractors for the kitchen remodel so we can submit our recommendation to the Board for approval. Hopefully by the end of this week! In the meantime, the Clubhouse Committee has been meeting with designers and obtaining samples of cabinets, countertops, flooring, and tile for the project.

Watch the *Summary*, and the website, for updates!

We ask for your patience and consideration as work continues on these projects. An effort will be made not to disrupt life in the Clubhouse too much!

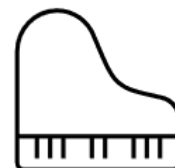
Just a note, please use the bulletin board for conveying information – not the tables in the living room/entry.

We would like new members for the Clubhouse Committee. Contact Deb Simpson for more information.

Submitted by Deb Simpson, Clubhouse Committee Chairperson

PIANO BAR THURSDAYS

Don't forget: Piano Bar Thursdays are the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month from **6:30 to 8 PM** in the Clubhouse Living Room by OUR NEW BABY GRAND PIANO. Come and join us for an evening of relaxing piano music — our next gathering will be **April 13th**. The music will include a variety of styles including show tunes, jazz, light classical and some sing-alongs.



Submitted by Lydia Cooper

GARDEN CLUB

Monday, April 10, we will be going to the Garden Corner, 21550 SW 108th Ave, Tualatin. We will meet at the west end of the Clubhouse parking lot at 9:30 AM. We will have lunch at La Industria, 20185 SW 112th Ave., Tualatin.



Please RSVP to Nancy Buchanan, 503-684-6325, by April 7th, and let her know if you can drive or if you need a ride.

Submitted by Karen Walker

NEWCOMERS EVENT

If you moved into Summerfield in September 2022 through March 2023, you are invited to a **Newcomers Meet and Mingle Wine Tasting.**

April 1, 2023, 3-5 PM

There will be Door Prizes

Clubhouse Lakeview Room

RSVP to Carene Svoboda 503-726-8180

COMMON AREA LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

Do you know how many Summerfield trees the Common Area Landscape Committee cares for? It's a big number! The inspection and pruning of our trees is the committee's focus this spring. Watch for beautiful new landscaping at the entry sign as soon as the ground warms.

We are looking for a couple of new people to replace committee members who are cycling off.

No design experience is needed, just an interest in keeping the Common Areas looking attractive. We meet once a month on the 3rd Monday at 10 AM in the Conference Room. Come to our next meeting or contact Elizabeth Young at 503-806-6856, for more information.



Submitted by Elizabeth Young

ARCHITECTURAL/LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE TALKS SOLAR

The installation of solar panels is a popular project in Summerfield. There are incentives from the state and tax credits from the Federal government. If you are considering a project, here are a few items to keep in mind:

- Websites with information about incentives, rebates, panels, cost options, calculators, permits and contractors include Oregon.gov/energy, portlandgeneral.com, energytrust.org, and Tigard-or.gov.
- SCA's Solar Panel Guidelines have some basic information to consider; copies are available on the Summerfield website or in the Clubhouse.
- Neighbors who have installed panels – what was the experience with their contractor?
- Websites with articles that explain the pros and cons of leasing versus owning the panels include Forbes, Consumer Reports, Solar.com, and others.
- If you live in a Townhome or Condominium, be sure to speak with your HOA first.

Don't forget that a Change Request is required before your project begins. Be sure to speak with your neighbors, and document that on the change request form. Happy generating of kilowatt hours!

Submitted by Scott Owen, A/L Committee Chairperson



DANCE CLUB

February Dance: We almost called off our February Dance when our band, The Pranksters, canceled because of the bad weather. The Media Jockeys DJs responded to our last-minute request for entertainment. Despite the snow and the promise of more snow, around 70 people found their way to the Clubhouse to listen, visit, and dance. Delicious food, good company, and lively music put almost everyone's weather concerns on hold for a few hours.



Next Dance: Please join us for another great time on **June 3rd** when we enjoy another evening of fun, dancing, and live music. Watch for details in the May Summary.

Entertainment: The Dance Club is adding an Entertainment Lead position. The Entertainment Lead, assisted by club members, will find musical entertainers for our dances. If the idea of scouting out good music appeals to you, please think about joining the Dance Club! Do you have a favorite band? Please let us know!

Contact: Maureen Murphy at
Maureen.murphy7878@gmail.com

Submitted by the Dance Club

SUMMERFIELD BIBLE STUDY

On Wednesdays, we'd love to welcome you at Southwest Church of Christ on Durham and 98th. We gather for Bible study right inside the doors. Come at 9:30 AM for Coffee and fellowship or 10 AM for the study.

Any questions? Call Mary Kay Stroum 503-479-5430.

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

Can't find your car keys? That's probably not dementia. Don't know what to do with your car keys? That could be a sign of dementia. When in doubt, please come to the Clubhouse Conference Room on the 3rd Monday of each month. We learn valuable information and share experiences. Our group meets this month at 1 PM on Monday, April 17.

Submitted by Gerry Craig

SUMMERFIELD SINGERS

Like to sing? Want to be part of a group that sings just for fun? Then you will like Summerfield Singers!

Summerfield Singers meets on the first and third Fridays from 2 – 3 PM in the Clubhouse Ballroom. We welcome anyone who likes to sing; you don't have to have a great voice or be able to read music. We sing a variety of songs, from musicals to old favorites and more, so there are sure to be ones you will like.

Interested? Come and sit in a time or two, and if you would like to sing with us, you can join us! We have songbooks available for a nominal cost. We would love to have you!

If you have any questions,

Please call Julie at

712-830-7477.

Submitted by Julie Helle,

Director and Nancy Vink, Accompanist



SUMMERFIELD'S ENCORE! presents our Spring Concert

Encore! Goes To The Movies

May 20 at 1 PM & May 21 at 4 PM
In the Clubhouse Ballroom

Take a trip down Memory Lane with songs from: The Sound Of Music, My Fair Lady, Fiddler On The Roof, Grease, Oh Brother Where Art Thou?, Saturday Night Fever and a few of our surprises along the way!

To ensure a seat on the day of the concert, make your reservations early, as seating is limited.

Concerts start promptly on time.

Walk-ins will be accommodated if seats are available.

May 2, 9, and 16 performers will be available 9-11 AM at a table in the lobby to take reservations.

No cost to attend.

Submitted by Mel Simrell

NEWS FROM FITNESS CLUB

How much activity do older adults need?

The Activity Guidelines state that you should do at least **150 minutes (2½ hours) a week** of moderate-intensity aerobic exercise, like brisk walking/jogging or fast dancing. Being active at least three days a week is best. The most important thing is that you need to move. You should also do muscle-strengthening activities, like lifting weights, at least **two days a week**. The Physical Activity Guidelines also recommend that as part of your weekly physical activity, you should combine multiple components of exercise. For example, try balance training as well as aerobic and weight resistance training.

Always, remember ... Start slowly when beginning exercise.

The key to being successful and safe when beginning a physical activity routine is to build slowly, in connection with your current fitness level. Over-exercising can cause injury. When this happens it most likely will lead to losing interest and finally quitting the activity. So, the rule is ... slow but steady!



To play it safe and reduce your risk of injury:

- Begin your exercise program slowly with low-intensity exercises.
- Warm up before exercising.
- **Drink water** before and after your workout session, even if you don't feel thirsty.
- Wear **appropriate clothes and shoes** for your activity.
- If you have specific health conditions, discuss your exercise and physical activity plan with your healthcare provider.

Submitted by Linda Mulligan, Wellness and Fitness Club

A NEW TAI CHI CLASS

Do you want to improve your balance, strength, posture, attitude, and confidence with other like-minded people in an environment that is supportive, calm, and positive?

If so, please join us for a new Tai Chi class, led by a Summerfield resident, on **Wednesday mornings at 11:30 AM in the Clubhouse Ballroom**.

Submitted by Jane Miller

QIGONG YOGA

Spring is around the corner!

Do you want to have more energy?

Perhaps increase your range of motion?

Would you like to improve your balance and strength?



These are some of the many benefits you may experience from regular participation in **Qigong Yoga** (pronounced Chee Gong).

Join us as we use chairs and other yoga props to help improve our posture, balance, strength, and ability to move with more ease.

We move thoughtfully into poses and exercises that encourage more energy, flexibility, and stability. Variations are offered based on each student's needs.

If you have a yoga mat, feel free to bring it, although it is not necessary to enjoy the practice. Looking forward to seeing you in class!

Tuesdays – 10:30 AM - In the Lakeview Room

Questions? Call or text Pamela – at 503-320-5150

Submitted by Pamela Olzman

LINE DANCE

Summerfield Line Dancing – Come to one or all of the following classes: If you do not dance but would like just listen and watch, you are welcome to.

Mondays 10:30 AM, beginner-level dances designed to help improve in advancing dance skills, led by Debbie Simpson. Mondays 5–7:30 PM, all levels of dance, led by Diane Christensen.

Wednesdays 1:30–3 PM, all levels of dance, led by Diane Christensen.

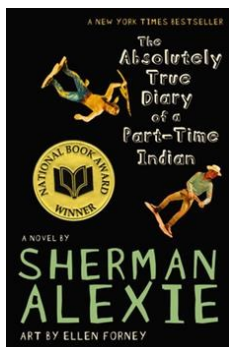
Submitted by Diane Christensen



SUMMERFIELD BOOK CLUB

The Summerfield Book Club met for the March meeting. Carolyn Ward did a great job reviewing and leading the discussion on *The Personal Librarian*. Belle is black but is passing as 'white' and has been hired by J.P. Morgan to be his Librarian to run his growing collection of books and art pieces. A great discussion was held concerning what happened to her and how the collection went. This is historical fiction. Thanks, Carolyn. It was very well done.

This month, in April, we will review *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian* by Alexie. Carol Brennemen will be leading the discussion about what happens when an Indian boy who is living on a reservation decides he wants to attend the 'white high school in town.' It is a fun, easy read designed for young adults as well as the more mature reader. The date is April 11, at 2 PM in the Conference Room of the Clubhouse



The May meeting will be on May 9, discussing *The Great Alone*. This was a best seller on many lists when it came out in 2018. It is historical fiction about a family who moves to the Alaskan wilderness and the ensuing challenges they face there.

Submitted by Neal Sanders

SENIOR LEARNING

Our topic now is **"The Great Tours: England, Scotland, and Wales."** It's a travelogue, but with lots of background information. Think "a Rick Steves tour as presented by a college professor." Please contact me to be added to our email list. That will keep you up to date with the subject each week.

Submitted by Gerry Craig

LOW VISION SUPPORT GROUP

This group meets on the first Friday of every month. We begin at 10:30 AM and end no later than 12 noon. We meet in the Conference Room.

Submitted by Ruthanne Lidman

SUMMERFIELD TRAVEL CLUB

Friday, April 21, 2023, at 10 AM in the Lakeview Room, the Summerfield Travel Club will meet again. Brandon, the new owner of Oregon West, will present three trips: Boston for the 4th of July, second is Hurricane Ridge with a 3-day San Juan Cruise, and third, Colorado Trains and more. Brandon is excited to continue the Oregon West tradition of excellent tours and service. Brandon was a school principal, and founder/owner of a large accessible transportation company. He has been in the travel industry for 20 years and is a member of the National Tour Association. He can create an exciting itinerary for a group or customize any one of his existing tours. Please come and hear about the exciting trips he has to offer and meet the new owner. Bring a friend.

If you have questions call Paula at 503-713-8092.

Submitted Paula Henry

CREATIVE ART GUILD

With a theme of Personal Expression/Interpretation, the artists in the Creative Art Guild have combined their talents and interests to create the marvelous works exhibited on the Clubhouse Gallery Walls here in Summerfield.

If you love landscapes, have you seen the beauty in a lemon-colored sky? If you enjoy music, can you imagine the future for a budding violinist? If you appreciate mixed media, can you envision light coming from pieces of paper?

If you haven't yet had an opportunity to enjoy this latest exhibit, the Guild hopes you will stop in and see what Summerfield's artists are creating.

Our next Art Guild meeting will be on Monday, April 17, at 3 PM in the Arts and Crafts Room. Please plan to bring a piece that you're currently working on to share with the group and/or another piece that you'd like feedback on. We look forward to seeing you there.

Submitted by Lori Owen



BINGO



Come play Bingo on April 14th and 28th from 7-9 PM. You might be the next big winner!

Submitted by Marlene Christensen

MAHJONGG

Come play American MahJongg weekly on Tuesdays between 12 and 3:30 PM in the Game Room. American MahJongg is a game of skill, luck, and strategy! Whether we win or lose, we come back for more!

FYI: Our current group is small, but our goal is to build it. When recently canvassed, several residents expressed interest in learning how to play American MahJongg. That said, a (Private) AMJ slot is on the 2023 calendar and will provide American MahJongg training for residents who have pre-registered.

If you have questions, call, or text Tish @ 503.314.1575

Submitted by Tish Kremidas



BUNCO



Let's Roll the Dice... Come play Bunco on March 13, in the Game Room from 7—9 PM.

Submitted by Esther Vickstrom

BRIDGE SCORES

Monday Bridge: 2/13 Scarborough 3810. 2/20 Bertrand 3830. 2/27 Currie 5050. 3/6 Cook 3510.

Wednesday Bridge: 2/8 McGuire 3320. 2/15 Eberle 4220. 2/22 Walloch 3690.

3/1 McGuire 4520. 3/8 McGuire 3920.

Thursday Night: 2/9 Finch 5560. 2/16 Jordan 3480. 3/2 McGuire 4340. 3/8 Finch 4090.

Thursday Duplicate: 3/2 N S 1st Nelson/Fuson. 2nd Scarborough/McGuire. E/W 1st Nangle/Sahler. 2nd Meier/MacNeill. 3/9/N S 1st Scarborough/Meier. 2nd Benscheidt/Williams. E/W 1st Sahler/Nangle. 2nd B&C / forward.

Submitted by Maggie Scarborough

FUN WITH HAND & FOOT

Tuesdays @ 1:30 PM in the Game Room

Casual Drop In Lessons Offered



2023 is marching right along, Stumptown Fil said we would have 6 more weeks of winter, and it looks like he wasn't wrong. But we're ready to Spring into better weather.

We have a very fun, casual group that plays every **Tuesday at 1:30 PM in the Game Room. Please plan on being there 15 minutes early for table assignment.** We start play promptly at 1:30. **Late arrivals may not be seated if play has already begun.**

If you have never played or feel rusty, Susan is offering tutorials at 12:00 on Tuesdays, just prior to the regular games, **to those who RSVP at least a day ahead.** Learn the basics without the pressure of a game. You may direct questions or RSVP to Susan by phone (818-648-5356) or by email at scallihan7308@gmail.com.

The Hand & Foot group does not require masking unless OHA returns to mandate. Some of our players may choose to continue masking, and that is their prerogative. However, by consensus of our regular players, we will continue to require that players be vaccinated due to the number of immunocompromised or at-risk members of the group and the periodic resurgences of this virus and variants around the country.

We ask that if you travel, or are in close contact with someone who has recently traveled, to not attend for 5 days after your return or after that contact. If you feel ill, please do not attend.

Submitted by Paula Henry and Susan

CRIBBAGE

We play cribbage from 9:30 AM until 12 noon on Monday mornings. We have a great group of people to enjoy playing cribbage with. We have the materials. Beginners welcome!! Come and join the fun!

Submitted by Steve Moore



JUST FRIENDS—SINGLES

- ⇒ Saturday, April 1, at 11 AM, join us for a planning meeting for future activities. We will meet in the Conference Room. Come plan with us even if you are new. All suggestions are welcome. After the meeting, a group of us go out to lunch. (Whoever is available). This is another way of getting to know each other.
- ⇒ Sunday, April 2, at 3 PM Tualatin Valley Symphony Concert "For the Birds": Stravinsky *Firebird*, Rossini *Thieving Magpie*, Tchaikovsky *Swan Lake*, Sibelius *Swan of Tuonela*, Rautavaara *Cantus Arcticus*. Northwest Christian Church, 13405 SW Hall Blvd., Tigard 97223 (across the street from the Tigard Library). Admission: \$10 for Seniors. To carpool, meet in the Clubhouse Lobby at 2:30 PM.
- ⇒ Thursday, April 6, 1:30-4 PM, Senior Movie Day at Tigard Library, Movie is "Sunset Blvd" (1950). Meet at the Clubhouse at 1 PM if you would like to carpool. Those who want to can go out to happy hour or dinner following the movie.
- ⇒ Monday, April 10, 9:30 AM, meet for breakfast at Davidson's Restaurant, 12830 SW Pacific Hwy, Tigard 97223.
- ⇒ Monday, April 17, 4-6 PM, Happy Hour in the Clubhouse Living Room. Bring your own beverage and a favorite hors d'oeuvre, or just bring yourself.
- ⇒ Wednesday, April 26, 5 PM, "Spring Potluck" in the Clubhouse Lakeview Room. Sign up to designate your food contribution whether it be salad, bread, casserole, or dessert.

Note: The Tigard Library has the WCCLS Adventure Pass which provides free admission to local cultural and entertainment venues. The library is also where AARP will assist you with your taxes, and has One-on-One technology help.

Questions about Singles activities?

Call Linda Henning at 858-481-6868, email lindajhenning@yahoo.com, or attend the Planning Meeting on Saturday, April 1.

Submitted by Michele Seligman

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Disaster Preparedness can include Survivability issues and this month we look at Cars and Driving safety.

It's Spring again and the Rains are back in Oregon - that can produce safety issues for drivers.

If you want to see in the rain, you need a clean windshield and good wipers. Windshields can be treated with various coatings to aid visibility (like Rainex). It is easy to apply and can enhance road viewing greatly. Wipers are always a problem, especially if one parks outside and the sun beats down on them - they harden and work poorly. If they can be changed regularly to keep the rubber wipers fresh that is fine. If they can't be changed often they can be cleaned and often be revitalized with a coat of Glycerin on a soft cloth.



In wet road situations, good brakes and tires are sometimes critical. Keep the brakes in good condition, check the brake fluid levels at times and check the tread on the tires to prevent hydroplaning when deep water is met at higher speeds - or just slow down a little! And, if you drive a Hybrid or EV do not drive thru deep water: the water might seep into the battery compartment, corrode connections and short out the batteries, resulting in fires!

So, take care of the vehicle, be prepared for the rainy season, drive carefully, stay safe and survivable.

If you want to learn more about Disaster Preparedness, come join us on the third Monday of the month in the Clubhouse Conference Room at 7:00 PM. We can help you be more survivable in a disaster and maybe help your neighbors if needed. Questions? - call me at 503-352-9672.

Submitted by Roy Metcalf



MEN'S GOLF CLUB



MARK YOUR CALENDAR: SMGC Board Mtg: 4/4 @ 9 AM in Conference Room. Start Men's Club Play: 4/5. Signup for Chapman #1: 4/6 to 4/24. Play 5/1. Signup for 9 Hole Match Play: 4/6 to 4/26. Play: 5/2 to 5/31. Aerate Greens: Course Closed: 4/10 & 4/11.

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY PLAY:

Tee times are not being used for the 11:30 AM Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday time slots. The bottom line is more players are needed. You don't need to be a Men's Club member; however, for a resident, you do need a resident annual pass.

WINTER RULES: Winter Rules are still in effect. It's still OK to mark, lift and clean your ball and place it within 6" of its original place. Also, if your ball becomes plugged in a wet area, didn't go out of bounds, and your group agrees on where it could lie, you may drop another ball as close to the spot as possible. However, the clean and replace rule does not apply if your ball is within a club length of an out-of-bounds or base of a tree.

CHANGE TO SUMMER RULES: The change will depend upon course conditions. Currently, we are still on cart paths only, for the same reason. Rob will announce when the change can be made.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY TOURNAMENT RESULTS (Top 10):

92 players enjoyed a rainless day. Plus, Finnegan decided there was enough in the "Pot-O-Gold" to provide a payout to all players. 1st: Tori Gallagher & Buzz Smith/Irma Trommlitz & David Gaines. 2nd: Barbara Kelley & Ed Stern/Debbie & Rich Cruse. 3rd: Carolyn Pitre & Herb Peterson/Pat Dufort & Ken Rose. 4th: Jo & Gary Heintz/Mary & Ron Reeves. 5th: Carole Krueger & Bob Walker/Joy & Hal Thiemann. Tie 6th: Wendy Pfeifer & Bob Smith/Cheryl & Jerry Baldwin ---- Donna Dorsey & Rod Sacconaghi/Rosie Talarico & Emery Phillips. Tie 8th: Elena Madden & Jack Vogel/Joyce & Rick Knutson ---- Marilyn & Larry Launder/Jan & Bob Meek ---- Meddie Sims & Mike Tsujimura/Sandy Brewer & Pat Howard. KP's: Women's: Diana Smith. Men's: Jim Cooke. St. Patrick's Sweepstakes Awards: Finnegan reached into the "Pot-O-Gold" and came out with the names of these lucky players: Bob Smith, Diana Smith, Emery Phillips, Steve Blake & Karen Connolly.

HERE ARE SOME GOLF LAWS YOU SHOULD REMEMBER

#1: If your driver is hot, your putter is ice cold; if you can hit your irons, you will top your woods; if you are keeping your right elbow tucked in, your head will come up.

#2: Golf balls from the same "sleeve" tend to follow one another, particularly out of bounds or into the water. **#3:** Hazards attract; fairways repel, it's a universal magnetic phenomenon. **#4:** You can put "draw" on the ball, and you can put "fade" on the ball, but no golfer can put "straight" on the ball. **#5:** Every par-three hole in the world has a secret desire to humiliate golfers. The shorter the hole, the greater its desire.

Submitted By Ken Rose

WOMEN'S GOLF CLUB

After swinging in the rain for many months, the final day of play for Winter golf on March 17th brought a stroke of luck...SUNSHINE! Kudos to the ladies who endured the wet/cold weather and those who were able to complete 10 rounds to qualify for prizes. Winners were announced and prizes were presented at the Winter Golf Luncheon on 3/23 results will be shared in next month's summary. Many thanks to Sylvia Dorney for chairing this event!

As we swing into Spring, the 2023 golf season begins with our **Opening Luncheon** on 4/6 at 11:30 AM with the theme of "Ladies on the Green". **Opening Day of Play** will tee off on Thursday, 4/13. Events to look forward to next month: **Chapman #1** on Monday, 5/1, and **SWGC Spring Tournament** on Tuesday, 5/9 & Thursday, 5/11. Signup info and more details will be posted in the golf lounge.

Save the Date: The Caring Closet will be the recipient this year of the Summerfield Woman's Golf Charity taking place July 11th. The organization helps local kids in need who are referred by their school counselors with the goal of keeping kids in school. Kim Thoren, The Director of the Closet, is expected to serve over 1800 kids this school year. The SWG Charity includes a golf Tournament for Summerfield residents only, a raffle and silent auction for items donated by local merchants, and a dinner. All proceeds will be going to the Caring Closet. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to this worthy nonprofit organization, please make checks payable to SWG Charity and drop them in the women's file cabinet in the Pro Shop, or mail them to Barbara Kelley, 15345 SW Oaktree Ln, Tigard, OR. 97224. You don't have to be a golfer to donate. No donation is too small. Together we can make a difference.

Submitted by Cheryl Riggs

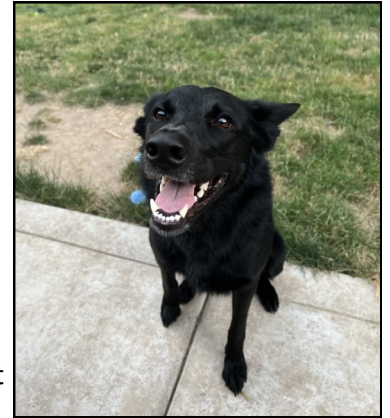


TURF TALES

Some of you may have noticed a new member of our crew running around the golf course. She has very dark hair and is very young and enthusiastic. Her name is Shadow and she is a half Border Collie and half German Shepherd mix.

While I was attending the GCSAA National Convention and Trade Show, they had several demonstrations of Border Collies herding geese. Given the problems we have had in the past with geese, I was interested to watch these dogs work and ask some questions of the trainers. One interesting thing I learned was that the main reason Border Collies make such good dogs to keep geese away is that when Border Collies herd they assume a “stalking posture” as the trainer called it. This is when they get really low to the ground and tuck their tail between their legs. This is the same stance that a coyote or wolf will assume when stalking prey. So when Border Collies do this it causes the geese to see the Collie as a predator, and signals to them to avoid the area.

The other very important thing I learned was that a trained Border Collie is very expensive. A Border Collie fully trained for a golf course setting is \$7000. That number got me quite motivated to see if Shadow could be trained to be a serviceable substitute.



I have noticed over the years that if we can harass early and often the first geese that try to winter here, we can be successful in keeping large numbers of geese from making our course their winter home. If however, we don't manage to scare off the first flock of geese, we can end up fighting to get rid of geese the entire winter. It is my hope that we can use Shadow as another tool to try to harass those first geese into going elsewhere for the winter.

We are currently working with Shadow on getting comfortable riding in the utility vehicles and being very disciplined in only chasing birds when we give her the command. Even if we train her successfully Shadow may not be as effective as I hope in scaring geese. Her decided lack of anything remotely resembling a menacing nature may allow geese to ignore her. We can't really know until next fall if she will be able to keep the geese away.

Until then we will teach her to ride in the utility vehicles and let her practice chasing the flock of wigeons that are living around #5 pond. When fall comes we will see if she can be a valuable tool to help encourage the geese to keep heading South when they get here and think about stopping for the winter.

Submitted by Zach Palmer, Golf Course Superintendent

Update about the Japanese Beetles in the area...

You may remember last year a notice about the Dept. of Agriculture popping up some insect traps around Summerfield/Tigard so that they could find out if the invasive Japanese Beetles have come to our area. Turns out they are here. Not in droves but their presence has been acknowledged. By now, some of you may have received a letter from the Dept. of Agriculture requesting permission to spread a granular insecticide to stop the invasion of the Japanese Beetles that have recently appeared in Oregon. I spoke with a representative at the Dept. of Ag. who said the letters went out randomly to folks who are within a 1-mile radius of where a positive catch of a beetle has been made. If you have not received a letter, do not worry. If you received a letter, it is completely up to you whether you participate or not. I am told that the insecticide they are using is not harmful to animals, they will not spread it over top of any edible fruits or plants, and it has an incredibly low impact on the environment yet is highly impactful on the eradication of the beetles. Our own golf course is choosing to treat our course itself along with the normal pesticides used. If you have any questions about the program or a letter you might have received, you can email me in the office at admin@summerfield55.org or give a call to Ashley Toland from the Dept. of Agriculture at 503-881-5198.



Submitted by Jennifer Stiffler, Administrator

FROM THE PRO SHOP

Spring is upon us and the golf course is in great shape considering the amount of rainfall we have had this winter. With the start of the golf season just around the corner, make sure you check the Men's and Women's Club bulletin boards for this year's calendar of events.

Before you know it, May will be here and so will our first Chapman. Sign-ups will be available on April 5th with the first Chapman scheduled on May 1st.

April is aerification month. We will be aerifying our greens, tees, and fairways on Monday and Tuesday, April 10th and 11th. The golf course and golf shop will be closed during this time. For those of you who store your clubs with us, please plan ahead if you decide to play elsewhere. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to ask us in the golf shop.

Upcoming Events

- 4/5 Men's Club Daily Play Begins
- 4/5 Sign-ups Begin for May Chapman
- 4/5 Sign-ups Begin for Men's Club 9-Hole Match Play (Play Begins May 1st)
- 4/6 Women's Club Opening Luncheon
- 4/10 Greens/Tees Aerification (Course/Pro-Shop Closed)
- 4/11 Greens/Tees Aerification (Course/Pro-Shop Closed)
- 4/13 Women's Club Daily Play Begins

Submitted by Rob Lindsey

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