



PGA

Pacific Northwest Section
Western Montana Chapter

April Newsletter

Hello Members,

It is that time of the month that I get you my newsletter. Sorry if this is a long newsletter I have a lot of information to get out to you this month.

I would like to thank everyone that attended our Spring Meeting at The Ranch Club on March 11, 2013. We had great attendance. I would like to thank Nick, Andrew, Jacqueline and their staff. We will see you again in September for the Chapter Championship and the Fall Meeting. I would also like to thank Monte Koch for the education that he provided on March 12, 2013. We had a good number of people there for the education. After a 30 minutes delay because of snow we finally got the Pro/Pro started with 10 teams. Here are final results from that event:

1st- \$192.00 per player

66 Greg Morris (Iron Horse GC)/Josh Anderson (The Wilderness Club)

66 Andrew Lettrich (Glacier View GC)/Gene Edstrom (The Highlands)

3rd- \$150.00 per Player

60 Josh Walsh (Butte CC)/Tim Bakker (Double Arrow Resort)

4th- \$54.00 per Player

70 Jess Roper (Village Greens GC)/Kellan Saskan (Green Meadow CC)

70 Jason Lethola (Linda Vista GC)/Steven Williams (Iron Horse GC)

70 Tod Fitterer (Butte CC)/Andrew Flikkema (The Ranch Club)

70 John Warren (Eagle Falls GC)/Jeff Dooley (Cabinet View GC)

A policy change that came out of the Spring Board Meeting is as follows in regards to the Pro/Assistant Championship. So that we can have as many teams as possible. Here is the change: Any professionals can play together as long as it is submitted in a letter to the Board through the Tournament Director no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the event. The board is trying to prevent “cherry picking” of teams. An example would be if there is a Director of Golf and a Head Professional at the same course and one of them would not be able to attend then the other can find a partner to play with at the event. A letter would then be submitted with the reasoning why the two professionals are asking to be partners. If you have further questions about this please feel free to email or even call me.

I still have not received Chapter Dues from a few people. They were due on April 1st. You will not be allowed to play in any events until you have paid your dues. Match Play deadline is Monday April 8th, 2013 at 5:00 pm. Entries received after that will be placed on a waiting list. The Match Play Championship will be played at Polson Bay Golf Course on April 15th & 16th, 2013. I would like to thank Roger and Cameron in advance for hosting us this year.

As it is April that also means the start of our 2013 Pro Am season. Here is my number once again that will be used to call and get your tee times for the Pro Am: **406-544-3990**. I will **NOT** answer the phone prior to **9:00 am**. I have already talked to the first three event locations and here is what we will be doing in terms of starting times:

Mission Mountain will be an 11:00 am shotgun start.

Hamilton Golf Club will be tee times starting at 9:00 am.

Whitefish Lake Golf Club will be a 10:00 am shotgun start on the North Course.

Please note that the last two locations have changed from years past.

Just as a reminder here is information on submitting teams, fees and late team entries. This is straight from the WMCPGA Rules and Regulations.

First, here is when you can call in for your Pro Am Tee Times:

All employed PGA Members and Life Members who hold a current PNWPGA Players Card will be allowed to reserve entry into a Pro-Am thirteen (13) days in advance of the scheduled event.

Unattached PGA Members, Attached Apprentices and Novices who hold a current PNWPGA Players Card will be allowed to reserve entry into a Pro-Am event ten (10) days in advance of the scheduled event. An exception to this rule will allow all eligible Golf Professionals (those with Pro-Am playing privileges) that are on staff at the host facility to get tee times thirteen (13) days in advance of the event.

Secondly, here is the entry fees:

Professional Pro-Am \$65.00 (To include the skins game)

Amateurs: (Men and Women) \$60.00. This includes lunch, range balls and the deuce pot.

Thirdly, here is when teams are due and fines:

No later than noon, 2 days prior to the event, email or call the WMCPGA office to indicate your amateur team. When calling, clearly state your name, tee time, club, amateur players' names, handicaps indexes and handicap ID's.

Note: Professionals will be fined each time their team entry does not include all required information of amateur players' names, players' handicap indexes and handicap ID numbers, and/or is not called in or emailed to the chapter office by noon two (2) days prior to the event.

First Offense: \$25.00 Second Offense: \$50.00 Third Offense: \$75.00

After the third offense, The Tournament Committee may recommend that Professionals playing privileges be suspended.

A Professional forced to cancel form an event, must notify the Host Professional/Tournament Coordinator by 5:00 p.m. three days prior to the event

If you have any other questions on this please check your Rules and Regulations. Also one other note that needs to be reminded is that it is the professional's responsibility to post adjusted scores into MTS Handicap System, Failure to do this could result in fines.

You can still submit your teams through the Western Montana Chapter website. I am asking for the first few events that you please include index numbers so that I can find the correct handicap for each of your players. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

So that everyone knows there have been a couple of changes at the Section Office in Tumwater. Dana Rutledge has left, so Jennifer Dodd has taken her position and will be in charge of the following areas:

All of the changes (address, employment and classifications) new apprentices, new members and all of the typical membership questions. She will also be responsible for the Merchandise show coordination.

Also new to the office is Nikki York. She will be in charge of the following:

MSRs, Apprentice education tracking, suspension reports and all of the typical membership stuff.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April

*April 1- Chapter Dues are due

*April 9- Class A and Life Members can call for the First Pro Am of 2013 (9:00 a.m.)

*April 12- Apprentices can call for First Pro Am of 2013 (9:00 a.m.)

*April 15 & 16- WMCPGA Match Play Championship- Polson Bay

*April 22- Mission Mountain Pro Am- Shotgun @ 11:00 am

*April 22 & 23- Senior Players Championship @ The Reserve Vineyards & GC (Section Event)

*April 24- Entries Close at 5:00 pm EDT (3:00 pm MDT) for the US Open

*April 29- Hamilton Pro Am- Tee Times starting at 9:00 am

May

*May 6- Whitefish Lake Pro Am- Shotgun @ 10:00 am

*May 13- Eagle Bend Pro Am

*May 14- U.S. Open Qualifier at Old Works Golf Club

*May 18-22- Washington Open at Meridian Valley CC (Section Event)

*May 20- Bill Roberts Pro Am

Member and Apprentice Changes:

None