

MY FRIENDS, LET THE GAMES BEGIN!!

Spring is on its way!! And, darn it, we're due for a good one. We know that most of you are "chompin' at the bit" to get out on the golf course and it seems that the mild winter has helped us get an early start. We all know spending time on the links with friends and family, fine tuning your golf game, and enjoying laughs over a cold beverage is one of the finest things in life. With that being said, let me tell you about some of the upcoming "can't miss" events you have to look forward to, to get you back in the swing of things.

MARCH

28th

Opening Scramble – Let the games begin!

20th - 21st

Canyon Springs Amateur – Kick the Season off @ the best amateur in the state!

APRIL

17th

Canyon Springs Clean-Up Day – In only a few hours we can accomplish amazing things. Come help make YOUR course be the best it can be. BBQ and Golf following play!

24th - 25th

Canyon Crest Best Ball @ Canyon, Clear Lake and TF Muni

This event is one of the year's best! Grab a partner and make arrangements now!

MAY

8th

Ladies Rock Chuck Classic – The Ladies event of the year, don't miss it!

20th – 21st

Idaho Senior Tournament – Experienced golfer, don't miss this one!

28th

Canyon Springs Couples Night – It's back! Help us make it a success!

Just a couple reminders: Membership dues are due April 30th. If you have any questions or need any more information contact the pro-shop anytime.

WE NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESSES, Please make sure we have yours on file. We are moving away from snail mail and sending news-letters, event updates and tournament info by email only.

Your Men's & Ladies Associations have been working very hard already this year. Please do everything you can to support and help them continue to make your associations the best there is.

The winter was quite mild this year. In fact, we probably saw more rain than we did snow. This has enabled us to get an early jump on the season. So, we invite you to take advantage of it. As always, if you're out playing golf early this spring, please keep us abreast of anything that needs addressed out on the golf course.

Please take some time to look at our website. Despite some down time and server snafu's it is updated and ready for 2010. I want to thank Rick Koelling who is the expert behind our website. He has worked very hard building, fixing and updating it and has many great ideas for the future. Check it often for events, tee times, results, news-letters, association news and more. www.canyonspringsgolf.com

As most or you are aware, instead of increasing membership fees this year we have asked all Canyon Members to donate to the CS Maintenance Fund. In order to keep improving the conditions of your course and prepare for some inevitable irrigation upgrades, it is essential that funds are set aside to do so. Thank you so much for those of you who have donated. We know you work hard for your money and we will make every effort to show where your money is being spent and the benefits it will have. It's not too late to donate and show your support. Thank You again for those of you who have shown your support.

Now is the time to start thinking about what equipment, clothing and accessories may take your game to the next level. Always remember Canyon Springs has some of the best values and prices in Idaho and we will do anything in our power to beat or match any other deals you may find. So please, give us the opportunity to serve and provide you with all your golf equipment needs. Also keep in mind that there is no better way to say Happy Birthday, Happy Anniversary, I Love You or just Thank You, than with gift certificates or gifts that make golf that much more enjoyable. Keep in mind, your thoughts and comments on how we are doing in the Canyon are welcome! It is the best way for us to know of your expectations, ideas and concerns on all aspects of Canyon Springs.

We look forward to a great 2010 and seeing everyone in the Canyon.

Thank You for YOUR Support!!

Dave, Brandon, Michael & Team



MEN'S ASSOCIATION



Hello Gentlemen,

As the temperatures turn to the 40's, 50's and hopefully the 60's, it's definitely time to dust off the clubs, polish the shoes and start dropping the ten pounds we weren't carrying last fall. I'm sure you're looking forward to spring, getting outdoors again and playing down in the Canyon.

Our Association has been blessed greatly with the committed leadership of Tony Haines and Brad Hodges. Please join me in thanking Tony and Brad for a great 2009 season that I thought went very smoothly. You now have to break in new leadership and I can tell you we need a lot of help (at least I do) this year!

In 2010 your officers will be as follows:

President: Dan Barga #280-0449 Vice Pres. & Twilight Coordinator: Scott Allen #733-4041

Treasurer: Jeff Rolig # 420-8855 Secretary: Bill Southwick #212-6902

Please feel free to contact any of the officers with your ideas and concerns, and we'll make this a great **2010** together.

Congratulations to Gordon Barry who was elected to the IGA Board of Directors on February 16th, 2010. At the same meeting Jim Durkin explained that our fees for IGA will increase from \$25.00 annually to \$30.00.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Team Captain Meeting: March 11, Thursday at the Clubhouse, 6:00pm. First 16 teams to sign up are in.

Canyon Springs Amateur: March 20 & 21.

Men's and Ladies Opening Scramble: March 28. (Team Captains spread the word so we have a record setting turnout!!!! Big Breakfast is being planned!! Men's Assn, Handicap & Dues can be paid that morning. Just bring your registration sheet filled out and we'll take care of the rest.

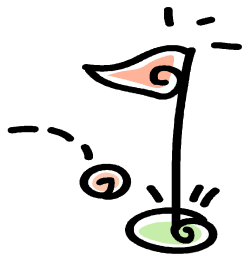
Men's Twilight Opening Team Scramble: April 4th.

Canyon Springs Clean Up Day: April 17th, Project ideas welcome. Each year this event really helps keep maintenance costs down. Lunch and Tourney follows, sounds like FUN.

May all your drives be long and all your putts be short, let's have a fun-filled season.

Dan Barga *President*

Contact your association officers, the pro-shop or go to www.canyonspringsgolf.com for more information.



Ladies Association

Hi everyone! I sure hope you all survived the winter and I know that you are all looking forward to the weather getting warmer and being able to get out and hit the ball around. I know that I am!! As you probably are aware, I am the new President of the Ladies Association this year. I am very new at all this and in all honesty, totally clueless; so will

need lots of help and am asking for your cooperation this year. Let's see if we can make it a really good year.

Our opening scramble will be combined with the Men's Association this year; this is scheduled for March 28th. If you have participated in the closing scramble with the men, you will know that it is a lot of fun. If you have not participated in the opening/closing scrambles in the past, I urge you to take the time to do so. It really is a good time and I feel a wonderful way to start and end the season.

One of the really big events that Canyon Springs will host this year is the Ladies Magic Valley Amateur, scheduled for June 28 & 29. What I want to happen is to have one of you ladies step up and take on the planning of this special event. Marta & Jan have volunteered to take care of the food for the MV Am, but someone still needs to be the person to get sponsors, tee prizes, etc., & of course, the Board will help out all they can. This will need to be done pretty quickly, so please do not wait for someone else to volunteer. We really need to put some effort into this tournament and make it a great one, so please give me a call and take this on; we really do need your help!

Can you believe it???? It's almost League time!! Twilight match and scramble leagues start May 4th, so be sure to get your teams together and get your entry fees/association fees paid by April 9th. We need to have our dues paid prior to the start of league this year.

Like always, we are looking for tee-box sponsors. If you know someone that would be interested in being a sponsor, please encourage them to do so. Contact any of the Association officers for more information.

I am looking forward to a great 2010 golf season and seeing everyone on the course.

ASSOCIATION OFFICERS:

Sue Rathke, President	539-4931
Margaret Watson, 1st Vice President	358-3532
Shelley Lewis, Secretary	860-8230
Sharon Thorpe, Treasurer	420-7510



Susan Rathke

Canyon Springs Ladies Association

P.S. At the fall banquet last year we voted to change the by-laws in regards to the following: To play in the Club Championship you must be a member of the association at least 90 days prior to the event.



CANYON SPRINGS GOLF COURSE

2010 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

March 20 & 21	Canyon Springs Amateur
March 22	Canyon Springs Men's Pro-Am
March 27 & 28	Men's & Ladies Opening Scramble
April 17 th	Member Clean-Up Day
April 24 & 25	Canyon Crest Best Ball - @ Canyon, Clear Lake & Muni
May 8 th	Rock Chuck Classic
May 20 & 21	Idaho Seniors Tournament
June 18 - 20	Member Guest & Derby
July 28 & 29	Ladies Magic Valley Amateur
July 24 th	Canyon Springs Couples Shoot-Out
July 28 & 29	IGA Juniors Event
August 6 - 8	Club Championship & Derby
August 14 th	Tee-Up for Safe Kids – Charity Event
August 21 & 22	Idaho Couples Chapman Tournament
August 27 – 29	Canyon Springs Match Play
September 18 & 19	Snake River Best Ball - @ Canyon & Jerome
September 25 & 26	Michelob Best Ball - @ Canyon & Muni
October 3 rd	Men's & Ladies Closing Scramble
October 16 th	Battle of the Bars Showdown

**Get information on Twilight Events, Men's Fun Nights, Couples Nights & more.
See the Pro-Shop for details!!**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW & GEAR UP FOR A GREAT 2010!!
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT!!
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL AT THESE EVENTS!!**

If you have any question or want more information contact the Pro-Shop @ 734-7609

Dave's Soapbox: Random thoughts by Dave McCollum

After spending a winter thinking about golf, golf courses, struggling or closing golf clubs all over the country, my crappy game, and my usual rumblings, the first thing that comes to mind is: Yahoo, we finally have some decent weather! Golf season is here. Spring is just around the corner. Let's have some fun.

Welcome back golfers; it's a new year. Days are growing warmer and longer. The grass is greening and your maintenance crew is very busy assisting the course in coming back to life. All of this optimism doesn't put me in a very serious frame of mind. So, before getting carried away by such giddy thoughts, I want to offer our sincere thanks to all of you for renewing your memberships and supporting Canyon Springs. A very special thanks to all of you that chose to contribute voluntarily to our maintenance fund, for putting your money where your heart is. It takes a lot of work, time, and money to get and keep this course in good shape. We are only able to do it because it is a community effort between our crew and our golfers.

Acknowledging the arrival of spring made me think about junior golfers and the young kids from the golf teams that play and practice here (the spring lambs). They are our future golfers and customers. It is a well established fact that the younger one learns the game, the better player one is likely to become and, more importantly, the more likely that these young kids will be passionate and active golfers for life. Providing affordable access to these juniors is both good for the golf business and for the future of the game. We need to let them learn and we need to teach them the rules, etiquette, and respect for the game. In return for providing access, we ask our junior golfers to defer to busy paying customers. As far as I have experienced, they do this cheerfully and politely. They also pitch in during clean-up days and help out in other little ways. They are also a reflection of the past because most of the truly influential people in golf learned the game as kids at places just like this. Let us all teach them respectfully and well.

The other day I was reminded of an anecdote from a golf course owner's convention that I once attended. There were a couple of hundred people listening to a panel of experts talking about how to acquire, appraise, finance (it was years ago), and sell golf courses--the serious business of golf. One of the funnier guys on the panel asked the crowd "why are you in the golf business?" Someone grumbled, "Gotta do something." Then he asked us if we did this for the best return on investment and a litany of other business measures. The room was deathly quiet. Finally, he asked, "How many of you guys do it because it's fun?" Every hand in the room went up.

I can't think of many legal businesses where the customers are so determined to have a good time. Have the greens in good shape, the course playable, a decent pace of play, and the vast majority are happy, whatever score they just shot. I also suspect that these folks would have just as much fun playing a goat ranch as an architectural gem. The way most of us play, probably more fun on the goat ranch where we can afford the golf balls and the good company of golfers from all walks of life. It's really all about having fun, enjoying friends, and a great game.

Enjoy the year; we're all in it together.