

OCTOBER 2011 CLUB NEWSLETTER

FROM CLINT BASSETT, DIRECTOR OF GOLF



A heartfelt thank you to all of our Members for a spectacular start to the Schaffer's Mill Club! The vision and foundation that New Martis Partners has set forth this summer is extremely exciting. The buzz around the Club is noticeable and exhilarating. I look forward to what the future holds at Schaffer's Mill and continuing to serve as your Director of Golf.

Sincerely, Clint Bassett

MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY RE-SCHEDULED

Due to a hastened schedule on end-of-year course maintenance, the Season-ending Member Appreciation Weekend has been rescheduled for October 8th and 9th instead of October 15th. We hope you'll join us for a weekend of golf with your closest friends! Bring up to three guests and pay only a \$20 golf car fee. Join us in bidding a fond farewell to the 2011 Golf Season.



WINTER HOURS OF OPERATION

Beginning November 1st, Winter operating hours will be as follows:

SPORTS SHOP

Tuesday - Saturday — 10am-3pm *weather permitting*

SKI SHUTTLE

Tuesday - Saturday — 8am-3pm *weather permitting*

Special Drop-off and pick-up times may be arranged through our club concierge

SKI TUNING/WAXING

Available by appointment

Contact our club concierge to make arrangements at 530-582-9026 or hcorthell@schaffersmill.com

MEMBERSHIP RESERVATION PROGRAM

As a reminder, if you have any friends or associates that may be on the fence about joining Schaffer's Mill, we encourage you to pass the details of our Membership Reservation Program along to them as this is a limited time offer.

MEMBERSHIP RESERVATION DETAILS:

- Pay the \$1,000 (non-refundable) Enrollment Fee between now and October 31, 2011 – this locks-in the current Enrollment Fee, which will be going up at the end of this season
- Upon payment of the Enrollment Fee, dues responsibilities will be delayed until May 2012, at which time the annual dues payment of \$4,500 will be required
- At the point the \$1,000 Enrollment Fee is paid, the new "Member" may access the golf course at the Member Accompanied Guest Rate of \$80 per player

As a current Member referring new Members, you are still eligible for all of the referral benefits, including free dinners, Sports Shop credits and more.

SITTIN' ON THE DOCK OF THE POND...

With apologies to Otis Redding and his Sittin on the Dock of the Bay, you'll soon be 'sittin on the dock of the pond' next to the 10th tee. Construction crews have completed the wooden dock located just off Timilick Drive and next to the 10th tee. We hope to begin stocking the pond next spring with catch and release trout.



THANK YOU

FOR YOUR SURVEY PARTICIPATION

Thank you to all Members who provided valuable feedback in our recent Member Survey. We will use this information to plan the Club's Winter Calendar as well as enhance the Club experience in 2012 and for years to come. Again, we appreciate hearing from you and will continue to strive to make the Schaffer's Mill Club the finest in the High Sierra.

GOLF COURSE CLOSING SCHEDULE

The plan is for Schaffer's Mill Club to remain open for member and non-member/guest play until October 30th, weather permitting. After a late start to our golf season (thanks to a couple of late spring snowstorms) we had an incredible summer at Schaffer's Mill Club. We've more than doubled our Club membership, completed our interim golf and sales facilities and experienced healthy member and guest play.

As stated above, Members and their guests may play for golf car fee-only beginning on Saturday, October 8th until the golf courses closes for the season.

AERIFICATION SCHEDULE

As part of our fall course maintenance, the golf course will be undergoing aerification October 10th and 11th. On Monday, October 10th, the front nine will be closed for aerifying and the back nine will be closed on Tuesday, October 11th.

Aerification (also known as aeration) achieves three important objectives. It relieves soil compaction, it provides a method to improve the soil mixture around the highest part of a green's roots and it reduces or prevents the accumulation of excess thatch.

Like so many things, the quality of a good putting green is more than skin deep. In fact, the condition of a green has a lot to do with what goes on below the surface. In order for grass to grow at 3/16-inch, it must have deep, healthy roots. Good roots demand oxygen. In good soil, they get the oxygen from tiny pockets of air trapped between soil and sand particles.

Over time, the traffic from golfers' feet (as well as mowing equipment) tends to compact the soil under the putting green - particularly when the soil contains a lot of clay. When soil becomes compacted, the air pockets on which the roots depend are crushed, and the roots are essentially left gasping for air. Without oxygen, the grass plants become weaker and will eventually wither and die.