

Greeting from the GM/Head PGA Pro Brad Leiken

Is Spring here yet? It seems like as soon as we get a good stretch of weather, mother nature comes back with a hard dose of rain, sleet and snow. With that said, it is Oregon and we will have good days in the spring months ahead to do our favorite pastime, golf.

We had two great events in March. On the week-end of March 13th and 14th the Emerald Valley Space Age Best Ball was held. We had 36 teams play with overall good weather.

The very next Saturday on March 20th the annual EV Men's Club Spring Opener was played. The weather held off and everyone had a great time.

With the start of April the Ladies, Tuesday

League and Men's Club will be getting started.

The Ladies Club first meeting is scheduled for April 6th at 8:00 AM. Golf will follow after the meeting. The Ladies are scheduled to play each Tuesday throughout the year. Our annual Ladies Invitational is scheduled for July 27th.

The Men's Club OGA Team/Net Series get started on April 3rd and 4th. The Highlight event is our annual Club Championship scheduled for August 7th and 8th. Our Two-time defending Champion, Chris Polski has turned professional so this year we will crown a new champion for sure.

Tuesday League will get started on April 6th at 5:30. We have 12 teams ready for

some friendly competition.

Check out our Website www.emeraldvallygolf.com to see our Ladies and Men's Club Schedule and results as well as Tuesday League Schedule and Results.

We have started posting scores in the Handicap computer. If you had a handicap last year you are still in the computer until April 15th. If you have not paid your dues by then you will be inactive in the computer.

We always love your input on how we can improve Emerald Valley. Feel free to contact me any time to share your thoughts.

Hope to see you all out on the links.

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Greetings from Superintendent Scott Larsen

Our warm temperatures arrived early this year. The rough has been growing since mid February. We will try our best to stay on top of the mowing, but be prepared because once April comes the rough grows faster than we can keep up. Thank you to both Brad and Dennis for volunteering their time to help with mowing. It is such a pleasure to know we have a boss and some friends who will help to make it happen.

Weather permitting, we will be punching and sanding our greens the last week in March. We will be using a smaller tine with a closer pattern to punch. This technique should provide a quicker recovery time frame. April 24th and 25th is our Emerald Valley Open. Our crew will be pushing for a fast recovery.

If you recall January's

news letter, due to a severe dry freeze in December 09, our putting greens suffered cold injury. Fortunately, our mild winter time temperatures following the cold spell allowed us to slowly make progress. The greens on the golf course have responded well. Once the greens have healed from aerification, our root system will be back to normal and our conditions will be back to normal. The severity of damage to parts of our practice greens will require more time to heal. Thank you to all for your patience during this very difficult time.

Our new blue and white tee on #3 has also been slow to develop over the winter period. The newly planted seedlings in late October didn't establish quick enough to survive completely. The tee surface coverage was thin do to the December freeze. The tee

surface was over seeded in late February. We are mowing the surface now and should be ready by mid to late April.

Thank you to our course Marshalls that have started working this spring. During our slow days, our Marshalls have been working hard filling divots on both the tees and fairways. Thank you to Wes for his help cutting down the large dead cotton wood trees on #14. These trees required an experienced tree faller and Wes was our guy.

All things considered, our golf course is in good shape and we look forward to another year playing our great golf course. Don't forget to fix your ball mark and somebody else's too.

Happy Golfing from your Golf Course Superintendent

Upcoming Events at Emerald Valley

- April 6th— Ladies Kick-off Meeting
- April 6th — Tuesday League Begins
- April 19 — VALCO Seniors 10:00 AM
- April 24 & 25 — Emerald Valley Open Pro AM
- May 1st — Corning Lumber Scramble
- May 17 & 18 — OSAA Boys State High School

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A message from April Larsen

Well I think spring has finally sprung. (Thank goodness) I don't know about all of you I am ready for some warm weather.

I have had a few phone calls about the couple's league. What we are doing this year is from May- September we will have(1)Friday a month that we will have a nice dinner and a special game. The final Night will be the popular Night golf in August . The grand finale will be the Beauty and Beast tournament in September. If you have any other ideas or any idea for a game please give me a call at 541-895-2174 ext 5. We will keep you posted on the first one coming up in May.

I will also start the 9 hole ladies league again the 1st part of June. I will keep you updated on the dates on that as well.

Have a great Month

April

USGA and OGA Events at Emerald Valley in 2010
OSAA 4A-1A High School Championship — May 17,18
USGA Junior Amateur Sectional Qualifier — June 21
OGA Peter Jacobsen Junior Championship — June 22,23
USGA Men's Amateur Sectional Qualifier — August 2
OGA Men's Stroke Play Championship — August 13,14,15

Swing Tip of the Month by Justin St Clair—Head Teaching Instructor

Better Chipping with Better Swing Path

When I am working with my students on chipping I see one common flaw over and over that really hinders their ability to hit a proper chip shot; a swing path too far on the inside. The proper path on a chip shot should be along the target line extended back behind the ball. If you work on getting your chipping path along this target line I guarantee you will start hitting more solid chip shots. All you

have to do is lay a club or alignment stick down on the target line and take some practice swings along this line. This will give you great feedback on the proper swing path for a chip shot.

Correct



Chipping Path

Incorrect — too far inside



March Tournament Recap

36 Teams competed in the **EV/Space Age Best Ball** held March 13 and 14. The weather held off for the most part. The father and son team of Tim and Jake Oneal captured Low gross with a 133 total. The team of Bob Pyle and Charlie Johnson captured low net with a score of 123.

In the **Men's Club Opener** we had 40 players participate. The players were treated to lunch after the round. Low gross was won but Raza, Albin, Mott and Jones with a 63. Low net was won by Thom, Castillo, Johnson and Hughes with a 55.