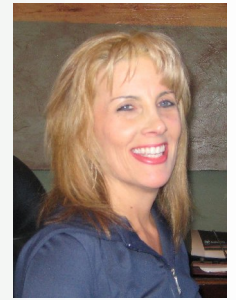




Membership



Remember that **Member Referrals** are the biggest source of new members at Alta Mesa Golf Club. If you know anyone who would make a great candidate for membership please send Kim their contact information to reach our goal of **30** new members.

Remember to go online to <http://www.altamesagolf.com> for all the latest club news and upcoming events.

Check out our Facebook page '**golf at alta mesa**' and put your review of why others should belong to Alta Mesa Golf Club.

As of November 1, 2010 the **Hole In One Club Is changing!** Every time a **Hole In One** is achieved, every membership who has signed up to be in the Hole In One Club will be billed **\$2**. That money will go into a Club account designated specifically for a **Hole In One Club Party** and will no longer be placed on the member's account. These parties will be held every 2nd Wednesday of every month a Hole In One is achieved the previous month. For example: Our **1st Hole In One Club Party** will be scheduled for **Wednesday, Dec. 8th** to celebrate all Hole In One's achieved in November. Those who have achieved the **Hole In One** and all those members in the Hole In One Club are invited for a night of complementary hors d'ouevres and cocktails to celebrate those accomplishments. If you have not yet signed up for the Hole In One club but want to be a part of this exciting new program, please contact Kim in membership. *[parties will only be held if a Hole In One is achieved the previous month otherwise it will just carry over from month to month]*

Member's Only...



Golf Update...

During labor day weekend Alta Mesa GC will again be supporting **Patriot Golf Day**. By participating in Patriot Golf Day, golfers nationwide will support the children and spouses of military men and women killed or disabled while serving our great nation. By donating one dollar [\$1] per player during the days of **September 3rd through the 6th** we can help make a difference and give back to those that have sacrificed so much.

Rupert's Revenge Golf Tournament

Friday, October 8th

Two Person Scramble \$10 per player

12pm start time

The golf course will be set up with extremely difficult hole locations with a few 'Tricks' up the sleeves of the crew to make a fun & challenging round of golf.

NIGHT GOLF

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- DATE:** Friday, September 17th 5pm Shotgun
- INFORMATION:** First 9 holes in daylight, a brief intermission, 9 holes at night.
- ENTRY FEE:** \$30 / Player.
- FORMAT:** 4 Player Scramble - Each player will hit a tee shot on each hole. The team will select the best drive and each player will play from that spot [you may PLACE the ball within 1 club length of the original ball through the green in the same condition and 1 putter head length on the putting green]. The team will continue in this manner until the ball is holed.
- HANDICAPS:** Net scoring will include 25% of the total team handicap.
- RULES:** **USGA RULES GOVERN ALL PLAY** [see local rule sheet for exceptions]
- TEES:** Men will play the **RED TEES**.
Ladies will play the **LIGHTED TEES**.
- PAYOUTS:** Payouts will be based upon participation.

**COMPLEMENTARY ALL YOU CAN EAT PORK SLIDERS,
BEANS & CHIPS**

Bar and Grill News...

*Every Friday Night Fish Fry
All You Can Eat \$11.95 or 3 piece for \$9.95
Reservation line is 480-832-3257 x 108*

In Appreciation

WE WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE ALL THE
EQUITY MEMBERS WHO HAVE THEIR
AMGC ANNIVERSARY IN **SEPTEMBER**

17 Years

Scott & Lani Grone

16 Years

Zane & Maurine Hall

Malcolm & Theresa Lyle

14 Years

Bud & June Olson

11 Years

Bob & Laura Sakshaug

10 Years

Rich & Sandra Christie

Tom & Linda Godwin Lynner

8 Years

Ron & Julie Garretson

7 Years

Deon & Deborah Miller

Bill & June Muehleman

6 Years

Bob & Cindy Salstone

5 Years

Steve & Mary Pomroy

Happy Birthday

TO ALL THE MEMBERS CELEBRATING
BIRTHDAYS IN **SEPTEMBER**

HAVE A GREAT DAY!

Ken Anaeme

Keith Andresen

Glen Beckett

Bill Boyd

Clarissa Cejka

Jason Christiansen

Julie Dallas

Christina Dishun

Charlene Dolan

Jeanette Dranchak

Norm Freese

Jim Gaudiano

Lani Grone

Don Hargot

Pat Hogue

Frank Kellch

Carl Krenning

Monte Maniz

Richard Maxwell

Ruth McLelland

Lairy Meyer

Warren Mills

Brian Mueller

Jim Murphy

Dick O'Dell

Pam Ohsman

Pat O'Sullivan

Pat Palmer

Tammy Palmer

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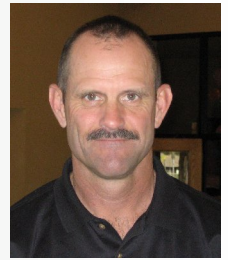
Tom Willis

Jieyu Xiao

Todd Zegers

Allen Zhang

Super's Corner...



Putting: Getting Down to Earth - More than one respected philosopher has told us that "knowledge is power." Certainly the avid golfer knows that a little course knowledge has powerful - not to mention stroke saving - consequences. Nowhere is this more apparent than on the putting green where the difference between success and failure can be the width of a blade of grass or a revolution of a golf ball. As long as man has been trying to build a better mousetrap, so too has he/she been searching to combine advanced technology and instruction to provide the perfect putting stroke. And while equipment and technique are crucial to success on the green, a little knowledge about the "agronomics" of golf might provide the little "extra" in helping your game.

Weighty Matters - Today's golf courses feature two predominant types of putting surfaces -- bentgrass and bermudagrass. Some feature an annual bluegrass (*Poa annua*), but this discussion will be limited to bermudagrass greens found in Florida, central/southern Texas, the desert southwest, southern California and Hawaii, and bentgrass located elsewhere. Bermudagrass is more tolerant of the heat, while bentgrass survives in milder climates. Bermudagrass typically has a more coarse leaf blade, while bentgrass is more fine. All things being equal, bermudagrass greens are generally slower, thus golfers may use a heavier putter or a wrap of lead tape on the bottom of the shaft to give added weight to get the desired ball roll. A lighter putter is preferable on bentgrass surfaces to provide better touch and feel. Some professional tour players have been known to switch putters depending upon the surface. Bermudagrass goes dormant in the winter resulting in a slower, more uneven surface. Many superintendents overseed with perennial ryegrass or *Poa trivialis* (bluegrass variety) to provide a more dense putting surface that was present before dormancy. New varieties of Bermudagrass have been introduced that display the finer leaf characteristics of bentgrass, but still withstand the heat and do not require overseeding during winter dormancy.

Timing is Everything - Most greens are mowed daily, usually early in the day. All things being equal, ball roll will be more consistent and faster in the morning than in the afternoon when the grass has grown. However, the presence of significant humidity or precipitation early in the day will provide slow speeds until the course dries out throughout the day. Time of the year has an impact on putting quality as well. As growing conditions change during the year, the rate at which grass grows fluctuate as well. Because of this, the putting surface will have a different roll in the spring compared to that in the heat of the summer.

Super's Corner continued

The Truth About Grain - Legendary tour professional Byron Nelson has said the biggest advancement in the game of golf today is the education of the golf course superintendent and the technology used in the profession. The result of the education and technological advances has been better golf course conditions. In the 1950s and 60s, greens were mowed to heights that fairways are approaching today. Until the mid-1970s, golfers would use lofted putters to get the ball up in the air and then let it roll. Today, new grass varieties are being introduced that can better tolerate disease, extreme weather conditions and heavy traffic at the lower mowing heights. Putters have less loft (two or three degrees) today, and the technology is to get the ball to "bite" the blade and roll immediately. With higher mowing levels, putting strategy would be affected by the grain of the grass. Grain is defined as the tendency of grass to lie in a one direction. Putting against the grain provides a greater resistance to the ball. But as the greens are cut to heights of less than 1/8 inch today, the chance for grain to enter into the equation of putting strategy is lessened. While some varieties of bentgrass and bermudagrass may show characteristics of grain, it is usually controlled by mowing. Because superintendents alternate mowing patterns daily and today's putting green mowing heights are razor thin, grain is much less of a concern than it once was.

Understanding Agronomy - The Stimpmeter, first used by the USGA in 1976 to measure consistency of putting greens, actually brought greater attention to green speed. Unfortunately, the device was misused by many not trained in golf course management/maintenance. In fact, superintendents and agronomists on the whole consider the misuse of the Stimpmeter to be one of the most serious transgressions in the game of golf. The Stimpmeter was developed to allow golf course superintendents to maintain the consistency of greens on a particular course, not from one golf course to another. However, the Stimpmeter quickly became a tool to maximize putting speed. Golfers soon demanded faster and faster green speeds. Superintendents employ various cultural practices to meet those expectations. Processes such as aerification, verticutting, topdressing and overseeding have been employed. Although these practices may disrupt play for a day or two, the short-term pain is necessary for long-term health. The goal is to provide a healthy, dense putting surface with as little surface deformation as possible. Under these conditions, putting quality is maximized.

O n Board...

July 29, 2010

Board Members present: Steve Dallas, Mike Moody, Gail Ledward, Terry Watkins, Brian Pattison, Scott Grone, Dale Willis **Board Members absent:** Stan Hogue & Stephen Dichter

The meeting was called to order at 5 p.m.

There was a motion & second to approve the minutes from the last meeting. The vote passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance-we beat budget for the month of June by \$2,300. Golf and Food & Beverage were big contributors to our success. We are projecting a cash shortfall for year end and we might have to dip into our savings to fulfill the by-law requirement of beginning the year with \$150,000 in cash.

Golf & Greens-we have started the 2010/11 season golf calendar which will be done in September. The Red Mountain H.S. Golf team has requested permission to practice at Alta Mesa this season. They have also requested the ability to hold at least two matches here as well. The Board approved this request. A request was made to hold a Church tournament here on 9/11; this is sponsored by a current member. Another tournament was requested to be held on 9/25 by a former employee. Both of these are Saturday tournaments and 12:30 pm shotguns. The Board approved the requests. The Golf Committee raised a potential new format for the "hole in one" club. It would revolve around hosting a party each month for everyone in the hole in one club honoring those who had a hole in one the month previous.

We reviewed the pump repair from our main pump failure. We are up and running and the course is greening up, also with help from the monsoon. The total cost of repair was around \$14,000.

Food & Beverage-we hired a new asst. chef who started on July 21st from the Radisson Hotel. Summer traffic is slow but we hope this picks up in the fall. We are signing up new dining members, many who have come from surrounding schools and businesses. We have one wedding booked for the remainder of the year, 5 are booked for 2011.

O n Board continued...

Membership-we are at 258 active members up from the previous month. We have added several new junior members in the last few weeks. A formal marketing program will commence over the next 18 months so we can continue to increase our level of active membership.

House-some of the cracks in the concrete cart paths have been “ground” down and evened out. Rick has been very busy completing an extensive project list with great results. Some of the most notable things that have been accomplished are the sealing of the parking lot and the entrance signage. We have also been active in upgrading several of our energy practices which will net us monthly cost savings and significant rebates.

By-Laws-we will begin work on the potential by-law changes.

OPEN DISCUSSION

We received a few letters from members in appreciation of the recent changes in the dues structure. We also reviewed the golf cart color policy. **There was a motion and second to approve a new color golf cart. The vote passed.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

The next meeting is on Thursday, August 19th at 4:30 p.m.

In Service...

House Chairman - Brian Pattison
 ByLaws Chairman - Gail Ledward

President, Golf & Green Chairman - Steve Dallas
 Vice President & Membership Co-Chairman- Terry Watkins
 Treasurer & Finance Chairman - Stan Hogue
 Secretary & Membership Chairman - Mike Moody

Food & Beverage Chairman - Dale Willis
 Finance Co-Chairman - Scott Grone

Sept. 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	PATRIOT GOLF DAY SEPTEMBER 3RD -6TH DONATE \$1 TO BENEFIT THE FOLDS OF HONOR FOUNDATION			1	2	3	Ladies' 9 hole 4
5	Labor Day 2 Person Better Ball 6	7	8	9	10	St. Ignacius 12:30 SG 11 Open Play 7:30am SG	
12	AZ Sr. Match Play- Course & 13 Clubhouse Closed	AZ Senior Match Play 14	AZ Senior Match Play 15	AZ Senior Match Play 16	Nite Golf 17	Ladies' 9 hole 18	
19	Course & Clubhouse Closed 20	21	22	Red Mtn. Boys Match 23 3pm	24	25	
26	Course & Clubhouse Closed 27	28	29	Red Mtn. Boys Match 30 3pm			
OVERSEED STARTS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12TH - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21ST							