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It's Back...



GSW's Hard Hat

Member-Guest Invitational!

Saturday, September 10, 2011

3PM Shotgun Start

Format: 2 man, member-guest teams, Cross Country Golf
\$25 per team

Field will be limited to 35 teams, so sign up early!
Event will be followed by our Pavilion Party!

This is going to be a great event to showcase your club and course to your friends.

Guests will receive an invitation to join the club.

Welcome, New Members!

We would also like to thank the members below for their help in bringing their friends to join our family at GSW!

- Brent Lane sponsored Stewart Gwature
- Brian Piper sponsored April Culver
- Mark Brantley sponsored Michael Ohnemiller
- Mo Lambert sponsored Larry Burris
- Mike Cobb sponsored Dennis Williamson
- Keith Dennis sponsored Steve Byrd
- Jeff & Kim Hightower sponsored Kyle Jennings
- Jack Norton sponsored Jack Holiday
- Jim Welch sponsored Mark Greene
- Mark Hickney reinstated his membership!

New Members...Come join us for our New Member Scramble on August 23rd at 6PM! You don't want to miss out on this great event! And its all complimentary!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 Club Closed!	2 Senior Powerball 9:00 am Dining room 7:00 am – 8:00 PM Happy Hour 4-6 Everyday	3 Powerball! \$1 Pizza & \$1 Draft Beer Dining room / HH 7:00 am – 9:00 PM	4 Dining room 7:00 am – 8:00 PM	5 Member Guest Day!! Dining room 7:00 am – 8:00 PM	6 Your 1 Chance to Qualify for Partner's Champ! LGS Play Day Dining room 6:00 am – 8:00 PM	7 Dining room 6:00 am – 7:00 PM
8 Club Closed!	9 Dining room 7:00 am – 8:00 PM Happy Hour 4-6 Everyday	10 Powerball! \$1 Pizza & \$1 Draft Beer Dining room / HH 7:00 am – 9:00 PM	11 Dining room 7:00 am – 8:00 PM	12 Friday Night Happy Hour Complimentary Appetizers at 4:30 PM Dining room 7:00 am – 8:00 PM	13 Dining room 6:00 am – 8:00 PM	14 LGS Couples Tournament Dining room 6:00 am – 7:00 PM
15 Club Closed!	16 Dining room 7:00 am – 8:00 PM Happy Hour 4-6 Everyday	17 Powerball! \$1 Pizza & \$1 Draft Beer Dining room / HH 7:00 am – 9:00 PM	18 Board of Governors Mtg. – 6 PM Dining room 7:00 am – 8:00 PM	19 Friday Night Happy Hour Complimentary Appetizers at 4:30 PM Dining room 7:00 am – 8:00 PM	20 MGA Tournament Dining room 6:00 am – 8:00 PM	21 Dining room 6:00 am – 7:00 PM
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29 Club Closed! Green's Aerification!	30 Happy Hour 4-6 PM Dining room 7:00 am – 8:00 PM	31 Powerball! \$1 Pizza & \$1 Draft Beer Dining room / HH 7:00 am – 9:00 PM	Save The Date... Tee Esta 2010 Oct. 13-15			
<p>Food & Beverage Hours: The bar will close at 11:00pm unless there are 10 or more members/guests utilizing the club.</p> <p>Summer Halfway House Hours TUES – FRI 9:00 am – 7:00 pm SAT – SUN 8:30 am – 7:00 pm</p>						

A note from your Superintendent

What Drought Restrictions Mean For Golfers

By Bud White, director, Mid-Continent Region June 23, 2011

The drought has a grip on golf courses that many have never seen. It is affecting turf and tree health on practically all courses in the lower Mid-Continent Region. These conditions require a significant change in course management:

- Responsible water conservation
- Water rationing
- Protecting turf and trees that are in survival mode
- Maintaining playability as well as possible

First of all, aesthetics are out the window. Any golfer who is upset about brown areas on the course has not been outside. Superintendents have courses in survival mode, plain and simple, and their programs must be supported by management and golfers alike.

This drought level requires special maintenance practices to protect turf and trees, including raising cutting heights, adding potash to fertility programs, watering as deeply as water limitations allow, using water bags on key trees, and, the biggest one, restricting carts. Golf carts can impose severe damage in drought conditions, even on Bermuda grass, and as a result, a certain amount of cart restriction is essential in such severe conditions.

Another important planning requirement is to maintain water availability through July and August if quantities are limited. Many superintendents are accustomed to balancing water availability in August, but this drought has forced some courses to implement water rationing ever since April or May.

As discussed in the [June 6th Mid-Continent regional update](#), water applications can be reduced in fairways and roughs with no significant impact to playability, only aesthetics. These restrictions are based on regulatory constraints imposed on the course. Water bags are used on important trees, since rough irrigation will be the most restricted water level. The remaining order of priority for irrigation scheduling is greens, surrounds, tees, landing areas and then fairways. Raising the cutting height helps maintain better root and rhizome health, and increases the ability for the Bermuda grass to go semi-dormant or dormant as a survival mode. Remember, irrigation systems supplement rainfall – not replace it. During significant drought, no system can keep up with soil moisture in all areas.

Restricting cart traffic protects the turf by reducing stress and compaction on the turf, both above and below ground. Maintenance traffic also is more restricted for the same reasons. Superintendents and golfers alike must plan for next fall and winter if this drought persists throughout the summer. As Bermuda grass hardens off in the fall for dormancy, drought conditions can significantly impede the buildup of roots and rhizomes to withstand winter. Therefore, traffic restrictions and raising cutting heights will have to be implemented sooner than early fall for Bermuda grass protection.

Golf course superintendents need golfer understanding and support now, as much as they may have ever needed it. This is a difficult time, with no immediate end in sight. Superintendents are looking desperately to prevent turf loss, and the focus on grooming, bunker care, etc. must take a back seat. Do your part to protect your investment and let your superintendents know that they have your full support.

Every Wednesday!!! Powerball

Every Wednesday 6 PM Shotgun.

Open to all members!

Call the pro shop before 4PM on
Wednesday to sign up.

ABCD Computer Drawn 9 Hole Scramble
\$20 cash includes cart fee, Powerball pot,
weekly payout and two team prizes for closest
to the pin and longest drive!

& Happy Hour

7-9 PM Every Wednesday
following Powerball through October!
\$1 domestic draft beer and
\$1 pizza slices

LGS News and Events!

Congratulations to the winners of the

July LGS Co-Ed Scotch Doubles:

1st Place: Norm and Pat Lockwood

2nd Place: Jeff and Kim Hightower

3rd Place: Joe and Stacey Mendoza

August Events:

LGS Play Day on August 6th

LGS Co-Ed Tournament on August 14th

A Note From The MGA Board

Congratulations to the winners of the July MGA:

Flight 1:

- 1st Place:** Ralph Cotton, Craig Powers, Fred Lovato, and Hogan Page
2nd Place: Rick Heidinger, Stan Taylor, David McShane, and David Hord
3rd Place: Mike Cobb, Ken Cooper, Ryan Gracey, and Jeff Cook
4th Place: Ted Waldrip, Al Scott, Zach Scott, and Herb McCauley
5th Place: Mark Woolery, Jim Sandifer, Jim Welch and Gary Simerson

Join us for our next MGA tournament on August 20th. As always, your tournament entry fee will include post-tourney burgers and beer. See you at The Club!