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## Vandal Golf Course Newsletter

— August 2018 —

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### A Word From Our Pro

The dog days of summer have arrived, and obviously water is the key to course survival. As noted in last month's newsletter we are upgrading the heart of our irrigation system including pumps and computer control systems. These changes will begin once the weather breaks. We have already received some of the new components, however we don't want to risk glitches during this intense heat.

Even though our system will be improving, this doesn't guarantee a foolproof water supply. Some of you may have been impacted by the power outage a couple weeks ago, due to a bird flying into a transformer. The blackout shut down the university's effluent water distribution system, interrupting our supply for several days. You may have noticed how low the water levels have been in our ponds recently. Travis had the pleasure of hand-watering greens and

surrounds for 12 hours a day to keep them alive during this crisis. That was the third time we had to deal with water interruptions this month. So the grounds crew has really been hustling to keep it green.

Another issue, which prompts hand watering during the summer is design of the irrigation system around the greens. Modern designs have two sets of sprinkler heads surrounding greens. This allows for different volumes of water to be applied to the greens versus the surrounds. Because we have only one set of heads, we have to decide on either, over-watering greens to accommodate the surrounds, or under-watering the surrounds to accommodate the greens. We have chosen the latter, making our best effort to avoid mushy greens; however there may be more burn areas in the surrounds, which will bounce back once the weather cools. A very long-term project will be to replace the single heads with two but it is expensive and very labor intensive.

Even with the best irrigation systems, when trying to manage for firm playing surfaces, there will always be some areas of greens that do not receive sufficient water. Once again, this requires additional hand-watering to balance the different needs and the imbalance is exacerbated by heat. As temperatures rise, more supplemental hand-watering is required. Due to labor constraints, there may be times during intense heat spells when we need to use sprinklers on greens more than the ideal amount, and you may notice less firm conditions, especially early in the day. However, as the heat subsides, this problem should become less pronounced.

The maintenance crew always makes its best effort to complete daily course preparation in a timely manner, but in order to provide the best conditions possible, jobs cannot be rushed and the efficiency of task completion is diminished by constant interruption. Due to our extremely limited manpower and equipment, it takes more time than many other golf courses to complete all

of the morning tasks. It is critical that the crew gets their tasks accomplished before play brings their work to a stand still. The hot weather has pushed demand for earlier tee times. We are currently allowing pass holders out before daily fee tee times begin (7:30 M-TH and 7:00 FR-SU). If you are a pass holder taking advantage of the early dawn experience, please understand that the grounds crew has the right of way!

On another note let's all congratulate our first assistant Loren Jeglum on his second tie for 1<sup>st</sup> place this year, this time at Deer Park. It was a Ladies Pro Am and the U of I team came in 1<sup>st</sup> place as well including - Cathy Claussen, Alisa Klemencic, Karen Miller, and Brenda Jensen. Loren's finish put him currently 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the PGA Inland Empire Chapter standings. He attributes progress to his work in the Trackman/simulator. So let him show you the deal if you want to pick up a few strokes.

Don't forget to put the Course Improvement Tournament on your Calendar August 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 Registration and 10:30 shotgun, 4 person team scramble \$75 per person or \$300 per team. Hole sponsorships are still available. Proceeds this year will focus on course accessories including signage, yardage markers, OB and hazard markers etc. Also small equipment for detail work.

Doug Tyler, PGA  
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# From the Golf Shop

## University of Idaho Golf Course 5th Annual Course Improvement Tournament

**9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 18**

University of Idaho Golf Course  
Moscow, Idaho

- 9 a.m. Registration
- 10:30 a.m. Shotgun Start
- Four-person scramble with raffles, silent auction, team prizes and on-course games.
- \$75 per player or \$300 per team (\$350 team and hole sponsor)

**Call 208-885-6171 or visit the pro shop to register.**

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# Calendar

## August

- **Aug. 2:** Men's League 5:30 p.m. Shotgun
- **Aug. 5:** Border Cup 8 a.m. Tee Times
- **Aug. 7:** Women's League 8:30 a.m. Tee Times
- **Aug. 9:** Men's League 5:30 p.m. Shotgun
- **Aug. 10:** Mayor's Golf Tournament 8 a.m. Shotgun (Course Closed before)
- **Aug. 14:** Women's League 8:30 a.m. Tee Times
- **Aug. 16:** Men's League 5:30 p.m. Shotgun
- **Aug. 18:** Course Improvement Tournament 10:30 a.m. Shotgun

## September

- **Sept. 8:** Vandal Scholarship Fund Tournament 8 a.m. Shotgun
- **Sept. 11:** PGA Playing Ability Test 7:30 a.m./11:30 a.m. Tee Times
- **Sept. 22:** U of I Intramural Golf Tournament 9 a.m. Tee Times
- **Sept. 23:** Idaho Speedgolf Championship 9 a.m. Tee Times