

# MY FRIENDS, LET THE GAMES BEGIN!!

**Can you believe it is already March?** It's been a long winter for the Canyon and for most of you as well. We all know spending time on the links with friends and family, fine tuning your golf game, and enjoying laugh's over a cold beverage is one of the finest things in life. With that being said, let me tell you about some of the "can't miss" events that are coming up where you can begin to exercise the above joy.

## MARCH

15<sup>th</sup> **Men's Opening Scramble** – Let the games begin!

21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> **Canyon Springs Amateur** – Kick the Season off @ the best amateur in the state!

## APRIL

18<sup>th</sup> **Canyon Springs Clean-Up Day**

In only a few hours we can accomplish amazing things. Come help make your course the best it can be. BBQ and Tournament following play!

18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> **Canyon Crest Best Ball @ Canyon, Clear Lake & Muni**

This event is one of the year's best! Grab a partner and make arrangements now!

## MAY

3<sup>rd</sup> **Ladies Opening Scramble** – Ladies, it's one of the years finest events!

9<sup>th</sup> **Ladies Rock Chuck Classic** – The Ladies event of the year, don't miss it!

16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> **Men's State 4 Ball Championship** – Grab a partner and man-up!

20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> **Idaho Senior Tournament** - Experienced golfer, don't miss this one!

Just a couple reminders: Membership dues are due April 30<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions or need any more information contact the pro-shop anytime.

**WE NEED EVERYONE'S EMAIL ADDRESSES**, Please make sure we have yours on file.

Your Men's & Ladies Associations have been working very hard already this year. Please do everything you can to support and help them continue to make your associations the best there is.

The golf course got a longer than usual hibernation this year. With snow on the course 90% of the winter we expect spring conditions to be very enjoyable. If you are out playing early this spring we encourage you to let us know of any problems or ideas you may come across.

Now is the time to start thinking about what equipment, clothing and accessories may take your game to the next level. Always remember Canyon Springs have some of the best values and prices in Idaho and we will do anything in our power to beat or match any other deals you may find. So please, give us the opportunity to serve and provide you with all your golf equipment needs. Also keep in mind that there is no better way to say Happy Birthday, Happy Anniversary, I Love You or just Thank You than with gift certificates or gifts that make golf that much more enjoyable. Please notice and utilize the comment box located in the pro-shop & restaurant! We would greatly appreciate everyone taking a minute to give us your HONEST constructive criticism and/or compliments! It is the best way for us to know of your expectations, thoughts and concerns on all aspects of Canyon Spring.

**We look forward to a great 2009 and seeing you all in the Canyon.**

**THANK YOU!!**

**Dave, Brandon, Michael & Team**

# HELLO EVERYONE,

The first order of business for me is to give Larry Adams a huge Thank You for his efforts the past two years as President of the Canyon Springs Men's Association. He has left some big shoes to fill; I hope that I can carry on what he has done. Thanks again Larry, Great Job!!

Well it's the later part of February and it's snowing again. Hopefully all this weather will only add to everyone's urge to come out and play. The Men's Association has had its first meeting of the year. We set aside some dates for the 2009 golf season.

<b>They are as follows:</b>	<b>March 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Opening Scramble</b>
	<b>March 21 – 22</b>	<b>Canyon Springs Amateur</b>
	<b>April 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Twilight Starts</b>
	<b>April 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>CS Clean-Up Day</b>
	<b>June 13 – 14</b>	<b>Member Guest</b>
	<b>August 8 – 9</b>	<b>Club Championship</b>
	<b>October 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Closing Scramble</b>

Enclosed you will find a registration form. Please fill it out prior to the opening scramble and make sure you include your email address. The Opening Scramble will start with breakfast at 7:00, short meeting at 8:30 and a shotgun start at 9:00 this is all assuming the weather cooperates. Please bring any questions or concerns you may have to the meeting. Sign-up in the Pro-shop for the Opening Scramble if you know you are going to play!

As you may already know, Brad Hodges is our Twilight League Chairman. He is having a captains meeting Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm. If you are not able to make it and would like to play twilight call Brad Hodges at #734-4991.

**Thanks in advance for all your help to make 2009 another great year!!**

**Tony Haines**  
*CS Men's Association President*

## **Greetings fellow golfers!**

I have been given the honor of serving as your Canyon Springs Men's Association Vice President and Men's Twilight League Chairman. As a player in the league, it is my pleasure to hereby thank Tony Haines, the past league chairman for stepping up and giving us his exceptional organizational and leadership skills in this post for the past two years. There is no way I can do the job as well as he did, but with his help, yours, and the staff of Canyon Springs, I will do my best to make this a great year for our Association Members. Please join me in thanking Tony for his years of dedicated service next time you see him.

I would like to hear from you if you have any constructive ideas, general input, questions, or answers! I can always use more answers. My email is [brad@consultingcpas.com](mailto:brad@consultingcpas.com), my direct line is 208-734-4991 and my office is located at 320 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave N. Twin Falls.

At the last Men's Association Board of Directors meeting, we tried to come up with ideas to improve the Men's League experience for participants. The number one issue in years past has been slow play. Most folks, including myself, participate to enjoy the game, the competition and the fellowship. Slow play just turns up the stress and turns down the fun. In an effort to solve this problem, the board has decided to limit the number of teams to 14 this year. We have also decided to introduce a new rule. If part of you or your opponent's team doesn't show up, do not form a five or six-some with the rest of your team. The maximum number of players in each group will be 4.

Team sign-ups will be on a first paid basis. Sign-up sheets will be available at the opening scramble which will be held on March 15<sup>th</sup>. We hope these changes will provide a MUCH faster and more pleasurable league experience for all.

The Team Captain meeting will be Thursday March 19 at 6:00 P.M. Captains please bring an extra copy of your team rosters with you. I look forward to another great year of fun and excitement with my friends at the Canyon!

**Brad Hodges**  
*Vice President*

# LADIES ASSOCIATION

## **Hello Everyone,**

I hope that everyone wintered well and is getting anxious to get back out on the course for some golf and fun. The first ladies event of the 2009 season will be the Opening Scramble on May 3rd with the Rock Chuck Classic following on May 9<sup>th</sup>. You can see a full list of events scheduled for Canyon Springs in this newsletter. We have scheduled our first Ladies Association meeting for March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Canyon Springs Golf Course to install new officers for the 2009 year. We would really appreciate as many ladies as possible come and participate in this meeting. Sue Rathke graciously has volunteered to fill the void and be our other Vice President of the Ladies Association.

Twilight match and scramble leagues will start on May 12. Please send your registration forms to Iris Hawkins (587 Park Terrace, Twin Falls, ID 83301). As soon as you get your team together please get your registration forms sent in or you can bring them with you to the meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup>.

There was some confusion last year on the sponsor fee so if you are playing match league the sponsor fee of \$30 is for both players and for twilight league it is for the whole team.

If you know of someone that is interested in joining the Ladies Association or playing twilight league please have them contact one of the Ladies Association officers or the Pro Shop. We are always looking for new sponsors also so if you know of someone that would be interested in being a tee-box sponsor please encourage them to do so. The fee for a tee-box sponsor is \$100 which covers 3 tournaments. There will be letters at the March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting with information about being a tee-box sponsor.

We are looking forward to a great 2009 golf season and seeing everyone on the course.



## **ASSOCIATION OFFICERS:**

<b>Teresa Armstrong, President</b>	<b>#731-4561</b>
<b>Sharon Thorpe, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President</b>	<b>#731-2500</b>
<b>Sue Rathke, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President</b>	<b>#539-4931</b>
<b>Iris Hawkins, Secretary, Treasurer</b>	<b>#420-7510</b>

*Teresa Armstrong  
Canyon Springs Ladies Association*

## PACE OF PLAY AT CANYON SPRINGS

In addition to course and slope ratings, the **USGA** also has a “pace rating system” for determining how long it should take to play a particular course. The time varies for tees played at a course and from course to course. The Formula factors in distance, difficulty, hikes from green to tee, availability of halfway houses, walking, riding, etc. **Most importantly, it assumes that the pace of play is “impeded” by a full course with every tee time taken up by a foursome.** The formula also is based on observation of average golfers playing tens of thousands of rounds on many different courses.

Using this system, we have calculated the pace of play for each tee box at Canyon Springs (in hours and minutes) as follows:

<b>RED—</b>	<b>3:24</b>
<b>WHITE—</b>	<b>3:42</b>
<b>BLUE—</b>	<b>3:51</b>
<b>BLACK—</b>	<b>3:57</b>

Of course, pace is determined by the slowest group and groups play from different tee boxes. It is also true that pace is influenced by the difficulty of the course (slope rating), so golfers should play from tees appropriate to their skill level. However, assuming there are skilled players playing our most difficult Black tees, **no round of golf should take more than 4 hours.**

We do allow fivesomes to play at Canyon Springs with the requirement that all members of the group take carts. The times above are based on walking golfers and factor in the extra distance from a few of our greens to the next tee.<sup>[1]</sup> The time saved traveling by cart (including fivesomes) should equal the time taken by a walking foursome. Another unique feature of our routing is that golfers pass the clubhouse twice during the front nine. If stops are made each time, the formula adds 4 minutes to the total time. That raises the maximum time to only 4:01 and hardly alters the 4 hour pace rating.

**Slow play affects everyone on a busy course. If you can't play in 4 hours, learn how to play more quickly or plan to play your golf during less busy times of the week and let faster groups play through. It is simply a matter of common courtesy to your fellow golfers. Keep up with the group ahead.**

**Thank you.**

To learn more about pace ratings go to:

<http://www.popeofslope.com/paceofplay/howfast.html>

or request a reprint of the article from the pro-shop staff.

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