



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY GARY CAMPBELL

This is my first message as president of your club for the 2012 season. Thank you for these few moments.

I want to recognize three board members who stepped down after the 2011 season. Jay Toolson, Steve Dringenberg and Ron Chamberlain worked hard and brought much to our club.

Steve was the one constant as captain of the NCGA 12-man team. This year, for the first time, Apple Mountain went all the way to the finals. Del Mobley and Ron Chamberlain assisted when they could, but Steve handled the daunting task of “managing” more than twenty players who made up the 12-man team. Who was playing well, who had schedule issues, who was “off their game”? Steve’s handling of this year’s squad made us proud and we owe all of the captains and assistants a big “Thank You”. Steve also had the position of Vice President and tournament co-chair and helped bring many of the fun tournaments to our members.

I can’t say enough about the job(s) Jay Toolson took on during his tenure on the board. As The Club’s secretary, Jay kept minutes, posted meeting schedules and added many ideas and much insight to the board. Jay also managed the newsletter and, to be honest, I don’t think there is a better newsletter ANYWHERE. Jay also handled a lot of the weekly tournaments’ responsibilities and was the communication hub for tournaments, pairings and results information. Jay also maintained The Club’s web site.

During Ron’s multiple terms as president, he brought much to the club. Ron



worked hard establishing away events that proved both fun and popular. Ron was an invaluable partner to Steve in the success of this year’s 12 man squad.

For the new season, we have three new board members and three incumbents. I think we have a dynamic team and our first board meeting was spirited, productive and has me believing we are on the right track for 2012.

Here is an outline of positions for the new board:

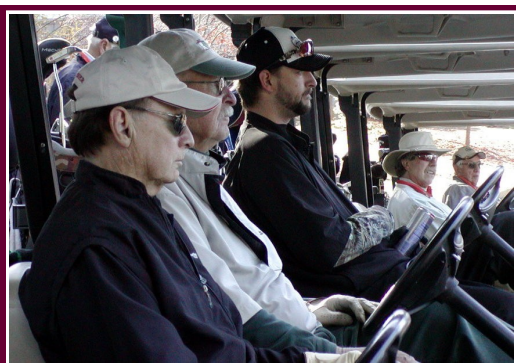
- Gary Campbell, President
- Ron Buchanan, VP Tournament Co-chair

Bud Collins, Secretary
 Del Mobley, Treasurer
 Steve Jenkins, Handicap Chairman
 Al Johnson, Tournament Chairman
 The tournament committee includes board members, Ron Buchanan, Al Johnson and Steve Jenkins and we are delighted to welcome Jay Toolson as a committee member. All T/C and Board meeting dates and times for 2012 will be published on our web page. Any member is welcome to attend. We believe in total transparency of the board and committees.

We have reached out to resort senior management asking that they be represented at any and all meetings. We feel it is essential to have their input first hand as discussions and decisions are being made relevant to tournament planning and scheduling. It is important we all understand that our club is a guest at Apple Mountain and we want to be considered as welcomed guests.

Please take a moment to introduce yourself to any of the 2012 board members that you may see at the resort. We value your suggestions or comments and will work hard to improve your golf and Club experience at Apple Mountain Golf Resort. Remember, this is YOUR club. Participate and enjoy!

From your 2012 directors and committee members, we hope you had HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!



Preparing to compete for the Cyder Cup, Resort vs Members—The members won 19-17!

THE RULES CORNER

BY STEVE JENKINS

The results are in. Since there were only a few of you that took the Final Exam, the odds increased significantly of having the best result and winning the bottle of wine generously offered by Dennis Ringnes, owner, winemaker, oenologist, master blender, cellar master, gardener, cleaner, janitor, vineyard manager, picker, pruner, quality control manager, safety manager and accountant of the award winning Ringnes Ridge Winery.

Question #1 concerned what Ron can and can't do when he finds himself in a green-side bunker. As much time as he spends in these bunkers, I'm sure that he would have gotten the correct answers if he had bothered to take the test. He can "place" a rake in the bunker so it is handy after taking his shot (as long as he doesn't intentionally stick the rake into the sand, thereby testing the condition of the sand) (Answer A). He can also rake the bunker after blasting out, even if his next shot lands back in the same bunker (Answer D). He can't move a pine needle on his backswing, although he can move a pine needle on his stroke (downswing). He also can't slam his club into the bunker after making a poor shot, although there is no penalty if he slams his club into the grass outside the bunker.

Question #2 was about what Del could and couldn't do after driving into the rough. It is true that Del cannot break a small tree growing near the ball unless he does it while grounding the club lightly when addressing the ball, fairly taking a stance or during his follow-through if he strikes the ball (Answer A). He cannot bend back branches in order to get a better swing at the ball and cannot take free relief from an out-of-bounds marker. Although he can lift, clean and drop his ball if it is embedded in its own pitch-mark in the fairway, he can't do it in the rough.

Question #3 concerned what Rob can and can't do when his ball lands in a divot in the fairway and can't tell for sure whether or not it is his. If he tells his opponent that he wants to check the ball to see if it is his and they say ok, then he may (Answer B). He can't pick up



the ball to see if it is his without getting the go-ahead from his opponent, he can't move the ball out of the divot, and he surely can't set it gently on a tuft of grass near the divot after identifying it. Sorry, Rob.

Question #4 related to when Jay has to redrop after dropping his ball out of a hazard after incurring a one-stroke penalty. Jay must redrop if the ball rolls back into the hazard (Answer A) or if it rolls nearer to the hole than its original position (Answer B). The ball is not redropped if it rolls one club length from where it landed (but is redropped if it rolls more than two club lengths), nor is it redropped if it lands in a drop zone and rolls out of the drop zone.

Question #5 related to Gary's confusion (which happens a lot) as to what he cannot do when trying to mark, lift and drop his ball. Gary cannot lift the ball without marking where it was (Answer A), he cannot drop the ball as many times as he wants to keep it from rolling too far away (Answer C) and he cannot mash the ball into the ground on a hill in order to keep it from rolling too far away (Answer D). He can accidentally move the ball or marker as long as he does it in the process of marking or lifting the ball.

Question #6 concerned handicap questions for Mike and Mikey in a 2-person better ball tournament. Mike won't have a handicap adjustment under The Club's Tournament policy because the average of his two best tournament score differentials was not lower than his GHIN. Their handicaps will be reduced by 10% because of the tournament format (Answer B). I gave everyone a free pass on this one because I mistakenly asked whether or not his GHIN would be adjusted rather than his handicap. Their handicaps will be additionally reduced because there is more than an eight stroke difference in their handicaps (Answer C). Although not likely, they

could win the tournament (Answer D).

Question #7 had to do with local rules at Apple Mountain, and specifically, situations at hole #10. Al has to hit a provisional ball if he only "thinks" his ball went into the hazard (Answer A) rather than being virtually certain that his drive went into the hazard, in which case he can use the drop area (Answer D). He shouldn't hit his next shot from the red tee box.

Question #8 related to the definition of an obstruction. Obstructions include artificial objects, including ice cubes (Answer B) and the side of a paved road (Answer C). They do not include out-of-bounds markers nor do they include any artificial object that is partly out-of-bounds.

Question #9 relates to what you can and cannot do. You can clean the ball after moving an obstruction (Answer A) and you can move the flagstick lying on the green if a ball is about to hit it (Answer B). However, you can't move a towel nor another ball lying on the green if a ball is about to hit it.

Question #10 was about other things you can and cannot do. You can drop your ball as near as possible to the spot where you know or are almost certain that the ball entered an *obstruction* (Answer B). You cannot get relief from an immovable obstruction if the only problem is that it is in your line of play, nor can you move your ball away from a sprinkler head if it bothers you because it is in your line of vision. And, most importantly, if you hit your ball into a barn and want to open a window so you can hit your ball through the open window, you most certainly can (Answer D).

And now (drum roll please), the winner of the bottle of wine, with the most correct answers, is Bill Sowders. Congratulations, Bill!

Many thanks to all of you who took the time to take the test (evidence that you really know the rules or are a really good reader of prior articles). I can't begin to tell you how much I have learned over the last year in writing the articles. And the good news is that I will be writing them again next year. My challenge is to actually remember the rules that I write about for more than 10 minutes after the article has been written.

TOURNAMENT

Four-Club Tournament

It was unseasonably cold on November 4th for the Four Club tourney, but at least it was dry. One member didn't show up, thinking that it was so cold, that the tournament wouldn't be played. However, it allowed another player, who

will), Dennis Ringnes and John Bodenhamer, who blew the field away with a smokin' net 13-under par!! Second place, at net 7-under was the team of Jay Toolson and John O'Shea and third place went to George Leddy and Dean Petzold who carded a net 5-under score.

TAP-INS BY BUD COLLINS



tournament match with a shotgun start. Two Resorters were matched against equally handicapped Members where the first six holes was a 2-man scramble, the second six holes was a net best-ball and

the last six holes was a net combined score format. I felt privileged to play on the Members' team for the first time in a three-formats-in-one-day type of tournament against the Resort's team.

Yes, it was another cold, dry day. This time with an hour long frost delay! All but one of the six matches ended early with one of the Members' teams, Jay Toolson and Del Mobley, being the stars of the day scoring a lopsided 6-0 rout on their Resort opponents.

Oh, the one match that didn't end early seemed like it went on for eternity during the six hours it took to play it. At no time was either two-man team more than 1-up. Every hole, every putt and even every lost ball hit by these high handicappers that was searched for, all played into the match. Steve Jenkins' last putt won the last hole to win the last six hole match to where he and, yes, yours truly *again*, Bud Collins halved their overall match with their Resort counterparts 3-3 which, ultimately, brought the Cup back into the Members' welcoming arms.

Needless to say, it pegged my fun-ometer!

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Four Club Champs - Dennis Ringnes / John Bodenhamer requires a remedial

The Ryder Cup—Resort vs The Members

Either the Resort's calculator batteries were too cold to operate correctly or the lone resort employee who was scoring the results of the Ryder Cup style matches that were played that day on Dec. 6th



3rd place - George Leddy and Dean Petzold

arrived as a single, to team up with the orphaned partner, making it all good. Throughout the entire day, both players kept soldiering on, saying that the ill-fated marriage "was destiny". Destiny struck true when Ellery Schwartz canned a 25 foot par putt on the eighteenth hole to propel himself and his unlikely partner, yours truly, Bud Collins into fourth place all by themselves, at a net 4-under par. But none of the nine 2-man teams stood a chance to catch the supreme ham 'n' eggers (or sandbaggers, if you

math course, no one knows for sure. However, after an in-depth scoring audit by the Tournament Committee, the initial result of the Resort barely retaining the coveted Cup with an 18-18 tie *was overturned* to an exciting 19-17 win by the Members!! Eleven Resort employees and one, who shall remain nameless "Sabatini", played twelve Members in a Ryder Cup style



2nd place - Jay Toolson and John O'Shea

WHAT'S NEW AT APPLE MOUNTAIN BY PAUL SHORTS



As Winter sneaks up on us, I hope you are all taking advantage of the great weather we've been having and getting out to play. If you have been out, you've probably noticed the new yardage markers we installed on the driving range. The yardages are measured from the exact center of each of the hitting tiers. We hope this adds to your enjoyment as you practice at Apple Mountain.

undertaking for the past two years. Even without rainfall, we have enough dew come down in the winter that it's like the course gets a light rainfall every night. Were it not for the added air movement made possible by the brush cutting, our fairways would, normally, be completely soaked by now, despite the lack of rain. The brush cutting will continue until we have made it through the entire course. We hope you enjoy the added majesty that the more open look gives to our trees and forest areas, as well as the improved conditions on the greens, fairways, and tee boxes. Next time you see your friendly super-

intendent driving around the course, thank him for all of his hard work. We have one of the industry's best in Dan. I hope you've been enjoying the Mini Lessons I've been putting up on YouTube. If you've missed them, there will be a page coming to our website early in 2012 that will allow you to view them all. They started out as a means to simply show area golfers how great our weather has been this winter, but due to the positive response, they will probably continue throughout the year. From all of us at Apple Mountain, we hope that you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Another thing you will notice when you are out on the course is the fact that we are still able to drive on fairways as we approach the end of the year. While this has a lot to do with our minimal rainfall this December, it has as much to do with the brush cutting that Dan and his crew have been



Tournament Tap-ins *(cont. from page 3)* 2012 Winter League Championship

This year's Winter League Championship got off to an excellent start with 15 teams completing 19 matches. The beginning scramble formats in November and December have been fruitful to front runners in both flights. Team Dietz in the 'A' flight has won 4 matches and are 8 and 0 against the competition. In the 'B' flight, team Dringenberg continue their dominance and have 5.5 points in 3 matches,



losing only ½ point. In January, Better Ball formats will replace the scramble formats for all competitions. It is hoped the good weather continues, benefiting the golf course and the players in their quest for a top four finish and a chance in the March/April play offs.

Current Standings

<u>National Flight</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>American Flight</u>	<u>Points</u>
Team Dietz	8.0	Team Dringenberg	5.5
Shorts/Chamberlain	3.5	Sellers/Wilson	3.5
Team Seckington	3.0	Leddy/Mobley	2.5
Logan/Toolson	3.0	Sowers/Petzold	2.0
Berscheid/Berbles	2.0	Ringnes/Bodenhamer	2.0
Lewis/Rodriguez	0.5	Lizarraga/Nunez	1.5
Dowd/Taylor	0.0	Woller/Clifford	1.0
		Jenkins/Mouillesseaux	0.0

PROPOSED 2012 CLUB TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

NOV - APR	WINTER LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP; ONGOING
FEB. 18	4-BALL QUALIFIER; SITE TBD
APR 14	SPRING SWING; TEE TIMES
MAY 22	JUST PLAY GOLF; TEE TIMES & 2 PERSON BETTER BALL ZONE QUALIFIER
JUN 9-10	SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP; TEE TIMES
JUN 23	SENIOR ZONE QUALIFIER
JULY 14	NET AMATEUR ZONE QUALIFIER
JUN - AUG	NCGA 12-MAN TEAM MATCH PLAY: DATES & LOCATIONS TBD
JUL - AUG	SINGLES MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP
AUG 5	RYDER CUP RUMBLE ; 3 FORMATS; TEE TIMES
SEP 9 - 10	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP; TEE TIMES
OCT 12	MEMBER / GUEST SKINS GAME; SHOTGUN
OCT 13 - 14	MEMBER / GUEST; FOUR FORMATS
NOV 4	4-CLUB TOURNAMENT; TEE TIMES
NOV - APR	WINTER LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP
DEC 2	CYDER CUP; CLUB TEAM VS RESORT TEAM

"TUESDAY BALL TOSS" (TBT)

Attention WEEKDAY golfers! On Tuesdays, beginning in January, from 9:30 AM (weather permitting), we will be playing a weekday, 18 hole, competition. We hope to have at least 4 foursomes competing in this fun filled weekly event. There will be a 9:30 AM start each Tuesday at Apple Mountain. A "Ball Toss" will occur on the first tee (9:20 AM) to determine the groupings and order of play. Formats will be primarily singles play for "postable" rounds. All members and their guests are welcome and encouraged to come out and join us for the Tuesday morning competitions. Contact Jay Toolson, jay4075@gmail.com, by the previous Sunday to sign up each week.

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JOIN US FOR OUR

SUPERBOWL SKINS!

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 4TH

10:00AM SHOTGUN

ALL GOLFERS WELCOME

SIGN UP IN GOLF SHOP

OPTIONAL - \$10.00 NET SKINS - \$10.00 GROSS SKINS

MUST PAY GREENS FEES
(\$59 NON-MEMBER)



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