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THE RATTLER

RATTLESNAKE RIDGE GOLF CLUB | JUNE/JULY 2011

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Rattlesnake Ridge celebrates 10th anniversary

In June 2001, only days before the Rattlesnake Ridge Golf Club's Grand Opening and the scheduled beginning of play on the just completed back nine holes, a crop-duster flew over and accidentally sprayed the 12th green, killing the newly grown-in grass and rendering the green unplayable. The Grand Opening went forward on June 30, but losing an entire green, even temporarily, was a huge setback.

The Club finally got all 18 holes open on Sept. 1, 2001, and only days later the events of 9/11 forever altered the way we think and live. As we all remember, the U.S. economy was severely affected for years by the terrorist attack, and businesses everywhere suffered. It was a difficult time to be opening a new membership-only golf club.

Despite that ominous beginning, and other difficult periods over the years, Rattlesnake Ridge has survived, and in 2011

celebrates its 10th anniversary. Today the Club is recognized as one of the finest golf-only facilities in the area, and Rattlesnake enters its second decade with its largest membership ever.

Rattlesnake Ridge's origin goes back to the late 1990s, when its first owner and founder, Jeff Baldauf, began buying multiple parcels to make up the 200-plus acres that would become RRG. He hired local golf course architect Jodie Kinney to design the course, and the Club began selling memberships in 2000.

By 2003, a poor economy in the aftermath of 9/11 had put RRG under increasing financial pressure, and Baldauf was forced to shut down the Club, a move that terminated the employees and the membership. Rattlesnake Ridge was sold to Max Brown at the beginning of 2004,

LOOKING BACK . . .



In the Club's early days, the Golf Shop and cart barn were combined in a small metal building near the 10th tee.

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CHARTER MEMBERS

TIM BAILEY
BILL & NADINE BROWN
JOHN & DEBBIE CONNELL
DON & JOY COOPER
ERIC DARDINGER
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DOUG & KAREN KERNS
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CARL McMULLEN

PAUL & BARB McMULLEN
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TOM & BONNIE RANNEY
DICK RANO
RICH & STACY RITTER
DAN THOMPSON
DAVE WENGER

The Rattlesnake fawn

For awhile there were two, but then one of the fawns apparently went into hiding while its sibling remained in plain sight, often right in an area of play on the course. This little guy stayed for five days, May 16-21, with mom moving him each night to a slightly different location, but always visible. Each morning the maintenance crew would move stakes and ropes to protect him and keep golfers away. The fawn even tolerated the first round of the Two-



DEREK DENINGER

Man Match Play Championship in his roped-off area near the 10th green, with players traipsing by. Sunday morning, though, he was nowhere to be seen. Perhaps he'd watched enough bad golf shots.

10th anniversary

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and all the employees and many of the members returned.

In the years since, Rattlesnake Ridge has continued to make slow but steady progress. A new practice facility was developed, the condition of the golf course is now excellent, and the clubhouse was built and opened in 2006.

The Club will mark the 10th anniversary of its founding with a party on Friday, June 10, and a 10th Anniversary golf tournament on Saturday, June 11. Currently there are 33 Rattlesnake Ridge Charter Members who joined in 2001 or before, and have maintained their memberships for the entire 10 years.

June

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 MEN'S TWILIGHT 6 pm shotgun	2 LADIES' TWILIGHT 6:00 pm shotgun	3 POT GAME Noon	4 MEN'S BANDITS tee off by 11 am
5 COUPLES 2 pm	6 CLUB CLOSED	7 LADIES' TWILIGHT 6:30 pm shotgun	8 MEN'S TWILIGHT 6 pm shotgun	9	10 POT GAME Noon 10th ANNIVERSARY PARTY 7-10 pm	11 10th ANNIVERSARY GOLF EVENT 9 am shotgun
12	13 CLUB CLOSED	14 LADIES' TWILIGHT 6:30 pm shotgun JUNIOR CAMP	15 MEN'S TWILIGHT 6 pm shotgun JUNIOR CAMP	16 JUNIOR CAMP	17 POT GAME Noon JUNIOR CAMP	18 US OPEN course closed following event
19 COUPLES 2 pm	20 CLUB CLOSED	21 LADIES' TWILIGHT 6:30 pm shotgun	22 MEN'S TWILIGHT 6 pm shotgun	23 MEN'S MEMBER-GUEST INVITATIONAL	24 MEN'S MEMBER-GUEST INVITATIONAL	25 MEN'S MEMBER-GUEST INVITATIONAL
26	27 CLUB CLOSED	28 LADIES' TWILIGHT 6:30 pm shotgun	29 MEN'S TWILIGHT 6 pm shotgun	30		

FROM THE GRILL ROOM

To celebrate Rattlesnake Ridge Golf Club's first decade of existence, a 10th Anniversary Party is scheduled for the evening of Friday, June 10, from 7 to 10 pm. Come join us, and enjoy free hors d'oeuvres, free dessert—tasty cupcakes bearing the RR logo—and the music of the Julie Ivory Duo. The week's specials as well as the regular Grill Room menu will be available.

The next Wine & Nine event is Friday, July 22, beginning at 6 pm. The cost is \$30 per couple, which gets you nine holes of golf, cart fees, two outdoor stations with staffers offering wine and appetizers and a generally convivial atmosphere.

Word from Chef Brandon Wahl is that he expects the Chef's Garden to do just fine, thanks to the ongoing compost effort and an infusion of more topsoil. All the herbs came back, he says, and he's got some exotic-sounding tomatoes on the way—Black Cherry, Bloody Butcher, Green Zebra and more. And last year's much admired sunflowers will make a return appearance.

The Men's Member-Guest Invitational

The 11th annual Men's Member-Guest tournament will be held over three days, June 23-25. The event gets underway on Thursday with a pot game/practice round, followed by the putting contest and closest to the pin competition.

Matches begin Friday. Each team will play five nine-hole matches against all teams in its flight. Teams will play three matches on Friday and two on Saturday, with the flight winners advancing to the shootout to determine the overall champion. Last year's winners were Dan Thompson and his guest, Gary Elekes.

The entry fee is \$525 per team, which includes carts, guest fees, breakfasts and lunches Friday and Saturday, a stag dinner Friday, snacks and drinks on the course, and a gift for each player. Cart fee only is required for the Thursday pot game.

Call the Golf Shop to reserve your spot. The field is limited to the first 36 teams.

July

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 POT GAME Noon	2 MEN'S BANDITS tee off by 11 am
3 COUPLES 2 pm	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY TOURNAMENT	5 CLUB CLOSED JUNIOR CAMP	6 MEN'S TWILIGHT 6 pm shotgun JUNIOR CAMP	7 LADIES' TWILIGHT 6:30 pm shotgun JUNIOR CAMP	8 POT GAME Noon JUNIOR CAMP	9 BIG SANDY
10	11 CLUB CLOSED	12 LADIES' TWILIGHT 6:30 pm shotgun	13 MEN'S TWILIGHT 6 pm shotgun	14	15 POT GAME Noon GLOW BALL GOLF EVENT	16 BRITISH OPEN GRILL ROOM CLOSED beginning at 4 pm
17	18 CLUB CLOSED	19 LADIES' TWILIGHT 6:30 pm shotgun	20 MEN'S TWILIGHT 6 pm shotgun	21	22 POT GAME Noon WINE & NINE 6 pm PARTY ON THE PATIO	23 MEMBER-MEMBER TOURNAMENT
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31 MEDAL PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF SHOP CREDITS EXPIRE						

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Rios, Cynecki win Two-Man Match Play

Rob Rios and Todd Cynecki dominated play from the start in Flight 3 and then held on against the winners from Flights 1 and 2 in the shootout to capture the overall Two-Man Match Play Championship.

The format for the two-day tournament, played May 21 and 22, had each team playing five nine-hole matches against the other teams in their respective flights, with the flight winners advancing to the shootout. Rios and Cynecki, both new members at Rattlesnake Ridge in 2011, had an easy time winning their flight, but had to survive a wild shootout against Flight 1 winners Ken Holland and Graig Carlson and Flight 2 winners Jimmy Kondratick and Nick Valentine. Jimmy Kondratick and Nick Valentine ran into trouble



Match Play winners Todd Cynecki (left) and Rob Rios.

and were eliminated on the first shootout hole, No. 10, recording a quadruple bogey and double bogey.

That moved Rios and Cynecki to the final shootout hole against Holland and Carlson, where their net par and double bogey salvaged a one-shot victory over the Flight 1 winners, who had a bogey and double bogey finish.

TWO-MAN MATCH PLAY *May 21-22*

Overall Champions – Todd Cynecki & Rob Rios

Runners-Up – Ken Holland & Graig Carlson

FLIGHT 1

1st Place – Graig Carlson & Ken Holland

2nd Place – Brian Backiewicz & Bill Sayre

FLIGHT 2

1st Place – Jimmy Kondratick & Nick Valentine

2nd Place – Kevin Campbell & Scott Horowitz

FLIGHT 3

1st Place – Rob Rios & Todd Cynecki

2nd Place – Mike Bradford & Jeff Wisecarver

DAY ONE POINT WINNERS

1st Place – Rob Rios & Todd

Cynecki, 20 points

2nd Place – Ken Holland & Graig

Carlson, 17pts

DAY TWO POINT WINNERS

1st Place – Kevin Campbell &

Scott Horowitz, 13 pts

2nd Place – Rob Rios & Todd

Cynecki, 12pts

MEMORIAL DAY *May 30*

1st Place – Max Brown & Ken Holland, 71 pts.

2nd Place – Darrin Ellero & Brian Hallam, 69 pts.

3rd Place – Joel Schwartz & Tom Leighty, 67 pts.

4th Place (tie) – Tom Ranney & Dan Thompson, 63 pts.

Jim Tucker & Greg Colvin, 63 pts.

Skins

Darrin Ellero, Hole No. 2

Ken Holland, Hole No. 4

Marc Gerken, Hole No. 6

Bob Fletcher, Hole No. 8

Jeff Groezinger, Hole No. 14

HOLES-IN-ONE

Steve Laslo, 11/6/10

Hole No. 17, 155 yards, 7-iron

Rick Eyman, 5/14/11

Hole No. 17, 162 yards, 6-iron

Don Novel, 5/28/11

Hole No. 7, 167 yards, 5-iron

SPRING SCRAMBLE

May 14

NET RESULTS

1st Place, 53

• Kevin Campbell, Steve Keaton, Ed Dykema, Don Watson

2nd Place (three teams tied), 57

• Alan Jenson, Terry Kelso, Roy Lawson, Mark Otto

• Kevin Myers, Mike Lassak, Chris Mackey, Roger Smith

• Victor Lopez, Al Cloern, Jim Kekav, Mike Shea

GROSS RESULTS

1st Place, 61

• AJ Stout, Adam Koenig, Cass Brown, Matt Hamerick

MIXED DIVISION

1st Place, 59

• Tim & Anne McGhee, Bruce Burbick, Donna Hanly

MASTERS *April 9-10*

1st Place

Arnie Marzullo & Geoff Ogilvy, 135

2nd Place

Anne McGhee & Charl Schwartzel, 136

3rd Place

Dean Koester & Tiger Woods, 140

4th Place (tie)

Terry Wamack & Luke Donald, 144

Steve Meier & Ryan Palmer, 144

Mike Bradford & KJ Choi, 144

WINE & NINE *May 6*

1st Place (2 under par)

Tim & Anne McGhee

Todd & Annette Jenkins

Junior Golf Camps

Sign up for a Rattlesnake Ridge Junior Golf Camp, open to boys and girls ages 6 through 16. The four-day camps are from 9 to 11 am, either June 14-17 or July 5-8. Call the Golf Shop for details or visit our website.

REMINDER

Shop credits expire on July 31.
Buy your merchandise now.