

Foremast

December 2024

Alderbrook Golf & Yacht Club

EST. 1965



Early morning round of golf - Hole 7



Remarks from General Manager, Jason Reehm

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We are preparing for the holiday season in the Clubhouse. The Activities Committee and member volunteers helped decorate the Clubhouse. This is always a fun way to start the season, and their work is greatly appreciated. The trees will go up the first week of December, so be on the lookout.

Our annual members-only Mingle Jingle is Saturday, December 7. This is an event for our membership and great time to start the Holiday right! The party starts at 5pm and will go on until 8pm. We hope to see you all there.

Santa Brunch is December 15 at 10am. Reservations are open now for that event.

Lastly, our New Years Eve dinner is December 31 at 5:30pm. We will have the Varmints performing that evening. Make your reservation now!

Financially, October was a difficult month. Golf revenue was obviously down due to the weather. Merchandise sales were up due to the use of Club Credit in preparation for NorthStar.

In Food & Beverage (F&B), the weather and lack of golf really had an impact on business. Our main concern as we head into the winter is expenses, especially labor. We are revamping our schedules, reducing shifts and possibly looking at layoffs. Our largest expense will always be labor, so it is a constant juggle to manage that expense properly without the membership experiencing any changes in service.

In February we will be conducting a F&B workshop for all who are interested. Our goal is to talk about the restaurant and operations, but more importantly, what do you as a member want at the Clubhouse for food and beverage service. We will send out more details in the coming weeks when we have a finalized date.

**From my family to yours,
have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**





AGYC Employee Spotlight



Reid Williams

Get to know Reid!

Reid joined the team in May of 2021 as a member of our Golf Shop and has been an outstanding asset ever since. We truly enjoy having him on the team and deeply appreciate all that he brings to the table!

If he had a time machine, Reid would travel to the past to meet family members he hasn't had the chance to know or to reconnect with those he didn't get to spend much time with while growing up. As for traveling, Reid says that if he could go anywhere in the world, he would visit Japan or the Philippines for the breathtaking scenery and incredible food. Plus, with his grandma being from the Philippines, it would be a special opportunity to explore his heritage and experience the country firsthand. If teleportation were an option as a superpower, it would be his first choice—who wouldn't want to skip the hassle of commuting and get to where they need to be in an instant?

Reid also shared that if he won a million dollars, he would buy a new set of golf clubs, because as any golfer knows, clubs make the golfer.

Let's play a fun game!

Two Truths & a Lie – Can you guess which one is a fib?

1. I can hit the ball over 300 yards
2. I have never broken 90
3. I have been golfing for over 5 years

Stop by the Pro Shop to say Hi and find out!



AGYC Board of Directors

Board terms are three years, with maximum of two consecutive terms

A copy of the complete Board minutes, along with all reports submitted at the meeting, can be seen on the AGYC website or in the Business Office



Pete Wall
Secretary
2022

Jim Winchell
2022, 2nd term

Ian Roberts
President
2023

Mark Maxfield
Vice President
2024

Bill Holtz
Treasurer
2023, 2nd term

Curt Creswell
2024

Penny Shelton
2024

Your AGYC Board met on Monday, November 25, 2024 and acted on the following:

- ☛ Ratified removal of one (1) danger tree at 190 E Susan
- ☛ Approved making a \$17,500 principle-only payment to the Golf Course Loan to be taken from the Special Assessment funds in the Golf Course loan restricted account
- ☛ Approved the P&P edit to delete Community Garden from the Environment Committee's responsibility

- ☛ Approved the Alderbrook Properties request to combine their lot numbers 31, 32 & 33 and 36, 37 & 38 into two (2) separate tax parcels. This approval is granted with the understanding that no trees will be cut within 10 feet of the newly created property lines, if possible, excluding a 25-foot driveway entrance. Our intention is to save as many trees as possible. Grounds for this approval include maintaining the appeal of a "tranquil and forested community" and mitigating the potential damage to Beach Drive and downhill properties from storm water runoff and landslides

Upcoming

Special Board Meeting Petition Voting Results	Wednesday, December 4, 6pm Clubhouse
Third Golf Course Design Review Workshop	Wednesday, December 11, 4-7pm Clubhouse
Board Working Session (open meeting)	Thursday, December 12, 9:30am-4pm Clubhouse
Board Meeting	Monday, December 30, 6pm Clubhouse & Zoom

October 2024 Financial Report

Operations Income:	Actual: \$ 279,013	Budget: \$ 288,538
Operations Expenses:	Actual: \$ 347,651	Budget: \$ 310,698
Operations Net Income:	Actual: (\$ 68,638)	Budget: (\$ 22,160)
Less Loan Expense Income:	(\$ 9,933)	
Adjusted Operation Income:	(\$ 78,571)	

Reserve Income:	Actual: \$ 41,658	Budget: \$ 41,800
Reserve Expenses:	Actual: \$ 0	Budget: \$ 0
Reserve Net Income:	Actual: \$ 41,658	Budget: \$ 41,800

Account Balances

Operating Funds:	\$ 299,193
Contingency Funds:	\$ 68,340
Debt Service Account Funds:	\$ 14,177
CH Assessment Reserve:	\$ 9,008
Reserve Funds:	\$ 338,382

Parcel Summary

AGYC Lots for Sale:	1
AGYC Common Area Lots:	27
Private lots in good standing:	579
Private lots delinquent:	13 *
Alderbrook Properties, LLC lots:	92
Total:	712

* includes 90 days past due on HOA Dues or R&D Assessment



Stryder Chihara is thrilled it's football season

Non-emergency Sheriff's # 360-426-4111

Immediately forward scam emails to: reportphishing@apwg.org



Dear AGYC Member,

Throughout the year, our members enjoy the wonderful offerings that our community provides for each of us. This of course is only possible with the efforts of our terrific staff of employees, who dedicate themselves to making AGYC the best place to live. No matter if you are enjoying the hospitality in the Clubhouse, walking The Pointe, playing at the Wickiup, testing your skills on the Golf Course or just enjoying the many other sites and activities that we have, our staff is working to make sure we enjoy ourselves year round.



I would like to ask you to join me in thanking our 42 employees for their outstanding dedication during 2024 by participating with your Board and donating to the annual Alderbrook Holiday Appreciation Fund.

The hard work and efforts of our employees is a major part of why our community is a wonderful place to live and play. The Holiday Appreciation Fund is an expression of gratitude from each of us for the yearlong service and

loyalty of our employees. Participation in this fund is voluntary. If you are interested in donating to the fund, please fill out the lower portion of this letter and return it to the AGYC Business Office before December 15. (Forms are also available at the AGYC Business Office.)

Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

Ian Roberts, AGYC Board President

I/we want to participate in the **Staff Appreciation Fund** in the amount of \$_____ .00

Please check one box below:

Please pull my/our donation with the December regular automatic monthly payment (for those that are signed up for ACH through AGYC)

I/we have enclosed a separate check for a donation

My/our account information is:

Property Address: _____

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____



Important Reminder: Golf Course Special Assessment Payment By Mary Gin Kennedy



A Special Assessment to pay off the Golf Course bank loan was approved by ballot this past June. As a reminder, your \$400 one-time, lump sum payment is due by February 28, 2025.

To date, 45 percent of the Special Assessment has been collected, or \$106,750 of the \$240,000 to be raised. Through November 25, the Board of Directors has authorized an extra \$105,000 for principal prepayments along with our normal monthly payments. We encourage members who are able to make the \$400 payment to do so now. By paying sooner than later, AGYC can continue to make significant principal prepayments every month from Special Assessment funds, thus lowering the loan balance and saving on interest.

Payment may be made by check; through your monthly ACH transaction; by credit card (3% service fee) or in cash. If your Special Assessment is not paid by the due date, interest and late fees will accrue, as with any overdue payments to AGYC.

Please direct any questions about payment of the Special Assessment to the Business Office.

AGYC
Jingle & Mingle

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
HOLIDAY PARTY
 December 7th, 2024
 5pm to 8pm
 At the Clubhouse

THIS A MEMBERS ONLY EVENT,
 PLEASE NO GUESTS AS OUR SPACE IS LIMITED

NYE
Party
2025

31ST DECEMBER, 2024

4 COURSE PLATED DINNER

1ST COURSE - SWEET CHILI SCALLOP
 2ND COURSE - SEASONAL GREEN SALAD
 3RD COURSE - DUAL ENTREE/ROASTED NY STEAK & BAKED SALMON
 4TH COURSE - FOUR LAYER CHOCOLATE CAKE

\$75++ MEMBER/\$85++ GUEST

RESORT CASUAL ATTIRE/NOT BLACK TIE

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COCKTAILS - 530PM
 DINNER - 6PM
 DANCING - 730PM TO 10PM

CALL (360) 898-2560 FOR RESERVATIONS/PAYMENT REQUIRED AT TIME OF RESERVATION

Santa Brunch!

1989

DEC 15th

One seating at 10am
 Make your reservations w/ the office at frontdesk@alderbrookgolf.com
 Adult - \$32++/Child 6 to 12 - \$16++
 Kids 5 & Under Free

EPAC (Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee) By Heather Boone, Member

Not “if” but “when”

Hate to spoil the holiday mood, but let’s end the year with news of bomb cyclones, flooding, record rains, snow and wildfires.

It is not “if” an event will affect us but “when”. And when that event happens, we all need to be prepared to take care of ourselves for a minimum of 72 hours but realistically much longer.

Over the last 11 months, EPAC has provided valuable information in the *Foremast* to serve as a guide to assist in your preparations. Prior articles can be reviewed on the AGYC website at <https://alderbrookgolfclub.com/living/#foremast>.

EPAC has also posted important contact information and disaster preparedness information at <https://alderbrookgolfclub.com/stay-connected/>.

Use this information and other resources to tailor your preparedness plan to your individual circumstances and give yourself the gift of peace of mind. Happy Holidays!

BE PREPARED



AGYC Annual Toy Drive



Unwrapped toys can be dropped off through December 14 at the AGYC Clubhouse

Items for all age children are needed but often older children are forgotten. Please keep them in mind as you shop for gift giving.

Thank you for your generosity.



Toys will be distributed to families in need by Love INC Mason County.



Building and Architectural Committee (B&A) By Rhonda Westover, Chair



Summary of B&A monthly meeting for November
Minutes: October B&A meeting canceled
Minutes: September B&A meeting approved

PLEASE NOTE: Meeting Date Change,
December 16 at 10am

Mid-Month Approvals (2)

60 Country Club Dr W - exterior paint change to natural wood, approved

531 Michelle Dr/AP (Hadlock) - new home, no variances, approved

New Projects (6)

70 Country Club Dr E - split rail fence; need N2N, site plan, height; conditional approval

71 Country Club Dr E - new home (no variances), approved

141 Jack Pine Ln (Hoodsport) - new home (no variances), approved

271 Hemlock Ln - wind block panels proof of concept, approved

90 Laurel Park - 3' white fiberglass ham radio antenna; testing house mounts, postpone

91 Madrona Ln/Balsley - landscape plan, retaining wall, dry creek bed, approved

Information Only (3)

70 Laurel Park - replace deck; no footprint change; no permit required

120 Madrona Ln - replace concrete deck 35'x9'; no footprint change, no permit required

151 Westwood Ln E - cage screening for individual shrubs, no permit required

Addendum Items (1)

191 Jack Pine Ln - landscaping, drainage, approved

New Discussions

- a. 1181 **Vine Maple Ln** - September field trip
- b. Roads & Drainage - Revised culvert and vector schedule, storm water and drainage issues
- c. Construction Guidelines—updates to application, N2N; requested member changes; topics for future revisions; need policy for N2N info
- d. Project reassignments - Warren assigned as single point of contact (SPOC) for AP projects
- e. Draft spreadsheet of Committee assignments
- f. Heidemann - request for leave October and

Old Business

- a. Zoom available to Committee Member or lot owner at least 24 hours in advance, by request to BACcommittee@alderbrookgolf.com
- b. Hood Canal Storage - now open - info@dalbyroadselfstorage.com
- c. Drainage/culverts/stormwater management - Driveway projects all require 12" culvert, unless insufficient elevation is determined by R&D Committee, after on-site visit
- d. Concrete is prohibited on (1) HOA-owned property over ROW and (2) over drainage/utility easements. (ROW is area between a parcel's legal front property line to roadbed; 5' drainage/utility easements are recorded on the side and rear property lines of each parcel at Alderbrook. Only softscape, asphalt or gravel may be used on ROW; must be sloped below the existing roadbed for snow plow, safety and emergency)

Next Meeting: Monday, December 16 10am

Deadline to submit project applications is December 9.

Applications received after December 9, at the discretion of the Committee, may be placed on the December agenda or held until the January 13, 2025 meeting.

Applications may be submitted via AGYC website, dropped in person at the AGYC Business Office or by email to BACcommittee@Alderbrookgolf.com.

Alderbrook's Construction Guidelines (CG) apply to all outdoor/interior projects. If you need a copy of CG, an application form or have questions, please send to BACcommittee@Alderbrookgolf.com

If you have comments or questions about new or pending projects at Alderbrook, please contact Chair at RhondaAtAlderbrook@gmail.com, any Committee member or the front desk in the Alderbrook Business Office.



AGYC INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

DASHBOARD

Nov-2024

Prepared by Ken Goldblatt

2,735 hours thru 11/17/24

As of 11/17/24

TRACKING ELEMENT	AMOUNT	AS OF DATE	FORECAST	% COMPL
R+D Special Assessment Funds Received	\$2.6M	10/31/24	\$2.6M	100%
Board-Approved GR Fund Use-To-Date	\$2.2M	10/31/24	\$2.96M	74%
GR Fund Transfers to SA Account-To-Date	\$2.02M	10/31/24		
General Reserve Direct Expenses-To-Date	\$189K	10/31/24		
Total R+D Expenses-To-Date (SA + GR)	\$4.8M	10/31/24	\$5.54M	87%
Total R+D Commitments	\$4.8M	10/31/24	\$5.54M	87%
Pending Approvals/Awards	\$5K	10/31/24		
Total Program Time (months)	65	10/31/24	84	77%
Value of Remaining Work	\$722K	10/31/24		

PROGRESS DURING REPORT PERIOD (10/18 – 11/17/24)		NEXT STEPS	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Survey Group 9 Roads	<input type="checkbox"/>	Finalize design/estimate for Group 8 Roads
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Survey Fairway 8 Drainage	<input type="checkbox"/>	Finalize design/estimate for Group 9 roads
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Update Pro-Forma details – FY24/25	<input type="checkbox"/>	Finalize design/est for Fairway 8 drainage
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Update Foremast, R+D Web Page, eBlasts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prepare Approval Request for Group 8 Roads

New Ad Hoc Committee to Tackle Policy and Procedure Non-Compliance



AGYC has a new committee to address the issue of members' lack of compliance with AGYC Policies and Procedures. Committee Members include Tracy Battson, Curt Creswell, Ron Edwards, Tracey Lopez and Rick Reclusado.

(HOA) Governing Documents. All HOA's have policies and procedures which need to be followed. If they are not consistently, and fairly enforced, the quality of life we were seeking when we moved to Alderbrook will eventually decline.

The Policy Compliance Committee was born out of member concerns. In the past, AGYC Policies and Procedures, which are well written, lacked enforcement. This results in confusion because some neighbors are familiar and adhere to policies and procedures and others don't.

No one wants to be heavy-handed regarding policy/procedures being enforced. Ideally, voluntary compliance is preferred. Perhaps you are unaware of being in violation of a particular item, or perhaps you don't agree with the policy. In a perfect world just being reminded of a policy would be enough to correct the violation. Unfortunately, there will likely be instances when a fine is necessary. Hopefully, these instances will be few and far between.

Most of you have heard the conversations "Why have policies and procedures if they are not going to be enforced?" How come John and Beth (John and Beth are fictitious) are allowed to ... (choose your policy/procedure violation here)?

Procedures for handling non-compliance with our Governing Documents can be found in our policies and procedures. Please review the AGYC Governing Documents to familiarize yourself with our policies and procedures, including Appendix H, Fine Schedule and Appendix D, Construction Guidelines.

We have all chosen to live at Alderbrook and, by extension, adhere to the Homeowners Association

AGYC Governing Documents can be found on our website <https://alderbrookgolfclub.com/living/#info>.

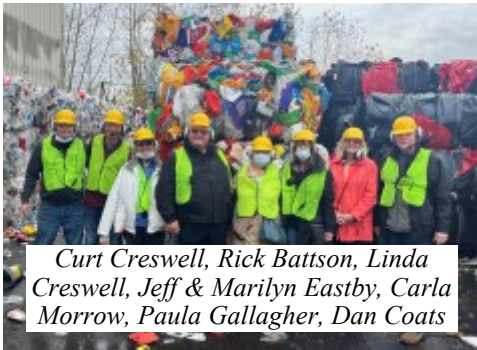
Environment Committee (EC) By Rick Battson



Recycling Plant Tour

Like many of you, I feel good about filling our blue recycling container every other week. But we wonder, "How much of this stuff gets recycled, and how much ends in landfills? Are our efforts a futile attempt to make us feel good about ourselves, or are we doing a good thing?"

To answer these and other pressing questions, eight of us representing the Environment Committee put down our shovels, rakes and loppers and toured the *Pioneer Recycling Plant* in Tacoma (the destination for Alderbrook recycling).



Curt Creswell, Rick Battson, Linda Creswell, Jeff & Marilyn Eastby, Carla Morrow, Paula Gallagher, Dan Coats

We came away mesmerized by the complex maze of conveyor belts, screens, computers, blowers, robots and human handlers turning a conglomeration of bottles, cans, newsprint and cardboard into neat bundles, ready for transport to industries capable of turning our recyclables into new products.

In fact, Pioneer Recycling (now under the auspices of Waste Connection) boasts a 90% recycling rate at its Tacoma plant - and almost all of its intake is similar to what we put into our blue recycle containers.

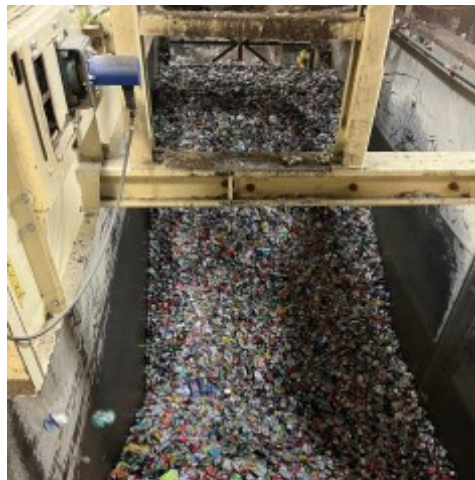
Some information we came away with that might be useful as you fill your recycling bins:

Plastic: Only items with 1, 2 or 5



on the bottom live to see another day; others end up in landfills. Leave caps on water/soda bottles. Don't waste water rinsing out containers (a sponge-wipe will do).

Aluminum cans: A gold mine for recyclers since aluminum is easily recycled; however, please



don't crush your cans because the sensors may mistake them for glass.

Glass: Not explicitly allowed in your recycling bins, so please take glass separately to the transfer station on McReavy Road. Any glass you put into your blue recycling container will likely die in a landfill.

Pizza boxes: That grease you see on your box disqualifies it from getting recycled. Cut off the pizza-stained cardboard and throw it away; recycle the clean cardboard.

Grocery bags: Plastic grocery bags will end up in a landfill; however, if you put them in a grocer's recycle pile (e.g., in front of Fred Meyer, Shelton), it has a very high chance of living to see another day. Better yet, use reusable bags.

Shredded paper: Even if you put shredded paper into a paper bag and label it as such, it's unfortunately not going to be recycled; a better chance is put that bag in the paper container at the transfer station.



CD Detwiler, Manager & Tour Guide



Washington state is one of the nation's leaders in recycled materials! We appreciate your recycling efforts. For more information on acceptable items, please call Waste Connections at (844) 708-7274.

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EC Continued



The sun came out long enough to spend an hour cleaning up the end of hole 17, the EC's final cleanup this year.

OCS is closed for the winter.
Please DO NOT DISPOSE yard waste in public places, empty lots or along streets.
OCS will reopen March 1, 2025.

Kevin Hoonan, Alan & Cindy O'Dannel, Rick Battson, Finley & Carla Morrow



If you want the rainbow,
you have to deal with
the rain.
John Green



From the Head Golf Professional, Grant Cation

headpro@alderbrookgolf.com



We had another great November here at Alderbrook. While the weather wasn't as conducive for golf as it was in 2023, we still had plenty of opportunities to play the game we love! We started both the Snow King and Snow Queen competitions and had our first Fireside chat of the season.

We ended up with 15 members for our Fireside Chat, and had a fun and engaging talk on the rules of golf and how we can help improve pace of play.

Both Snow King and Snow Queen will go through the end of February, so you still have time to get into that competition! Sign up at the Golf Shop and get out there and play some golf!

Weather permitting, we will host The Grinch Scramble on Saturday, December 21. This will be a 2-person scramble with some fun rules the Grinch

would be proud of, including the Grinch taking one of your team's best scores or possibly having you take your team's worst drive on certain holes. This will be a 10am shotgun start. The cost is \$40 per player, which includes brunch at 8:30am (before the round). We will pay out gross and net scores and have flights based on the number of teams. Sign-ups will be on the Golf Shop bulletin board.

If you are looking for the perfect Holiday gift, our Golf Shop Holiday Sale will start on Sunday, December 15. The Sale will be one week only with each day featuring different items in the shop with special discounts. Take advantage of the specials as we have a great selection of AGYC apparel and fun lifestyle items such as logo glassware, blankets, equipment and shoes.

Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

October Golf Rounds

	2024	2023	2022	2021
Member	1,214	1,149	1,749	1,126
Fee	416	661	665	544

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Apparel Day:

All AGYC lifestyle gear 20% off
Rest of apparel discounted from 15-30%

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Range Cards:
\$200 for 200 Uses
\$150 for 100 Uses

Lesson punch cards with Damian and Grant. Get a series of 4 for \$160. (Discount of \$40)

Accessories 20-25% off!

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Club Credit Day:

All members that use club credit toward their purchase will receive an additional 10% off on all items in the shop (Must use all of your club credit to receive discount)

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Equipment Day:

Shop for new equipment in your bag as all clubs and golf balls will be discounted, like the Callaway AI Smoke Driver. Was \$599 now \$499

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Bags and shoes:

All AGYC Golf Bags from Sun Mountain to Callaway are 20-30% off. All shoes on sale such as Foot Joy HyperFlex Was \$170 now \$119

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Christmas Sale Party!

Hosted appetizers 3:00-5:00pm
Pop balloon to earn discount on all items in shop (Discount from balloon valid only from 3:00-5:00pm)



Men's Club News By Mark Maxfield, Secretary

mensclub@alderbrookgolf.com

Michael Johnston-Pres || Kevin Oakley-Capt || Dan Nichol森-Asst Capt || Mark Maxfield-Sec || Tim Micek-Treas || Sandy Dunsire-Handicap



Now that the non-posting season has arrived, it is time to transition to the winter events and procedures:

Men's Club games will continue throughout the winter months, Wednesday being 'Medal Play' and Fridays will be 'Points'. The cost is \$5 each day, which will include two KP holes. We will be teeing off on the 10th hole and only White and Gold tees will be available to play from.

On Wednesdays we have scheduled five tee times starting at 10am. If you are planning to play that day, please call the Golf Shop to get assigned a foursome. On Fridays, you will need to call and secure your own tee time.

On both days, your scorecard is due in the Golf Shop by 4pm.

2024 Men's Club results link
<https://agyc-2024mensclub.golfgenius.com>

RESULTS FOR THE WEEKLY GAMES

<u>Medal Play</u>			
Nov 6	Flt 1	Mike Mathis	-2
	Flt 2	Bill Darch	E
<u>Points</u>			
Nov 8	Flt 1	Jim Kincaid	38
	Flt 2	Mike Bailey	42
<u>Points</u>			
Nov 15		Dan Stainbrook	40
<u>Medal Play</u>			
Nov 27	Flt 1	Tom Druckenmiller	-3
	Flt 2	Dan Stainbrook	-4



Jake Hendricks celebrates his **Green Tee Championship** trophy with his Director of Operations Jane Longan & Swing Coach Wally Good. Jake shot an amazing 66 net score

If you are interested in competing in the Snow King, the cost is \$10. The four lowest regulation net scores from November 15 through the end of February will count for your final score.

Please turn in your scorecards to the Golf Shop and indicate which tees you are playing. You must play the same tees the entire winter for this competition. No rounds with temporary greens can be used.

Club Credits

The AGYC has asked all golfers to use their club credits by December 20 to assist our business office in making an easier transition to the new software system they are implementing in January. The new system does not allow a quick transfer of this information and they will have to do it by hand, which will be very labor intensive. Ask Grant or Damian how you can spend that money if you have questions.

- We encourage everyone to pay their Men's Club dues for the 2025 season by January 1, 2025.
- The cost will be the same as last year, \$70, which includes your GHIN fee.



WINTER PLAYING RULES

I didn't know! Did you? Since we will be playing in weather that will not be ideal for golf in the next four months, I thought I would look at some rules that are misinterpreted during winter golf. These three surprised me.

Repairing ball marks: You can repair ball marks on the green at any time before putting but you cannot repair a ball mark on the fringe, even if it is in your line of play.

Temporary water: When the weather turns nasty and temporary water accumulates on the putting green, you are entitled to relief on your line of play if your ball is on the green. However, if your ball lies off the green, you are not entitled to relief from water on the green and you will have to either chip it or hope for the best playing through it.

Sand and loose soil: Sand and loose soil can only be removed on the putting green and not elsewhere on the golf course if it would improve the conditions affecting your next stroke. For example, if you are on the fringe next to a bunker and there is sand on your line in the fringe, do not be tempted to remove it because this is not allowed. You may always remove any sand on your line on the putting green, though, regardless of whether or not your ball lies on the putting green.



Larry Eoff in a water hazard on hole 3 green on November 20

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Turkey Shamble Results

GROSS

Mike Dexel & Chris Murphy	66	\$80
Jim Hipp & Brett Lensch	70	\$60
Jim Lanman & Jack Ott	71	\$50

NET

Richard Ives & Ken Shreve	63	\$80
Michael & Paulette Johnston	64	\$60
Shannon Francisco & Dan Nicholsen	65	\$50

KPs (won Callaway Chrome Soft Balls)
Johnstons Hole 12 9' 6"
Neisinger & St George Hole 16 12' 0"

November 22, 2024



Paulette Paris had her first Hole-In-One on Hole 16 on Sunday, December 1

Paulette used her driver for the 119 yard ace. Congratulations!



Ladies Club News By Terri Stamper, Assistant Captain

ladiesclub@alderbrookgolf.com

Rondi Horrobin-Capt | Terri Stamper-Asst. Capt | Mona George-Sec | Mary Ann Johnson-Treas | Penny Shelton-Handicap | Char Edwards-Past Capt



Merry Christmas 2024

May your holiday season be filled with joy, love and warmth.

The Snow Queen event is well underway, and hopefully, you've had a chance to sneak in a round of golf between the frost, raindrops and wind!

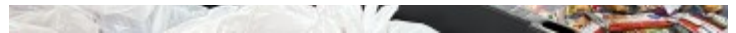
It's not too late to sign up for this fun event. Here's how you can participate:

Entry Fee: \$10 (payable at the Golf Shop)

Requirements: As you complete a round (the back nine, no temporary greens) turn in your score card to the Golf Shop. Each round must be attested by a Ladies or Men's Club member. Complete four rounds and you qualify. The Golf Shop will post scores mid-way through the season.



\$455 was raised for The Saints' Pantry Food Bank from "pass the jar" at Ladies Club meetings. Jan Fitzgerald, Rebecca Marquez (director), Char Edwards, Nora Shreve & LaVerna Taylor



A friendly reminder to get your 2025 Ladies Club dues paid:

- \$69.00:** Includes both GHIN and LC dues
- \$44.00:** GHIN only
- \$30.00:** LC dues only

Please also indicate which tee box you'll use next year - **18 Green, 18 Gold or 9 Gold**

You have until **May 1** to finalize your tee box selection. New members have three weeks to make their choice.

If your contact information has changed, please let us know so we can update our records!

Payment Options:

- By Check:** Payable to AGYC LC
- By Cash:** Place it in a clearly labeled envelope with your name, contact information and tee box choice

Drop payments off at the Golf Shop.

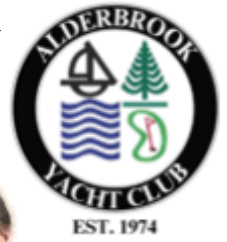
Thank you for your prompt payment and continued support.

Wishing you a joyful holiday season and an amazing year



New tee times on Tuesdays & Thursdays
10:51, 11, 11:09, 11:18
Just call the Golf Shop to add your name!

What a beautiful backdrop on November 19 for Snow Queen players Patty Murphy, Teri Chihara, Kelli Bailey, Mary Ann Johnson, Terri Stamper, Catherine Henson & Kay Shin



Yacht Club By Ron Edwards, Commodore

Our November Chili Fest was awesome. A big thanks to all who volunteered to make their top-secret recipe chilis.

Chili Chefs



Commodore Ron, Nick & Marcelo

Jan Fitzgerald, Ron Paris, Jeff Eastby

Mary Gin Kennedy, Nora Shreve

Teri McClean, Chris Neisinger
Sharon Mizell, Tom Williams

2025 will be the 51st year of our Alderbrook Yacht Club (1974 – 2025). With that being said we plan on setting sail in April this next year and will continue to meet on the third Monday of each month. In March we will have early sign ups. Information on the specifics will follow in a later *Foremast* and also through email blasts. The new but experienced crew is looking forward to navigating another great year of bocce ball, live music, good food and beverages. We are all looking forward to spending time with old and new friends.

Looking forward to a fun year for all!

Signing off, Commodore Ron

The Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee had a free raffle for all Yacht Club attendees.



FD6 Chief Clint Volk presents radio to Godfreys

Jeff Eastby wins
Emergency Kit

The lantern went
to Terri Stamper

Our 2025 Yacht Club schedule

April 21	Launch Party	Appetizers	4pm, Clubhouse
May 19	Cinco de Maya	Mexican	4pm, Wickiup
June 16	Summer	Fried Chicken	4pm, Wickiup
July 21	All American	Burgers & Dogs	4pm, Wickiup
August 18	Western	BBQ Ribs	4pm, Wickiup
September 15	Fall Sailings	Salmon	4pm, Wickiup
October 20	Officers' Installation	Prime Rib Dinner	4pm, Clubhouse
November 17	Veteran's Day	Chili	4pm, Clubhouse

The officers for 2025



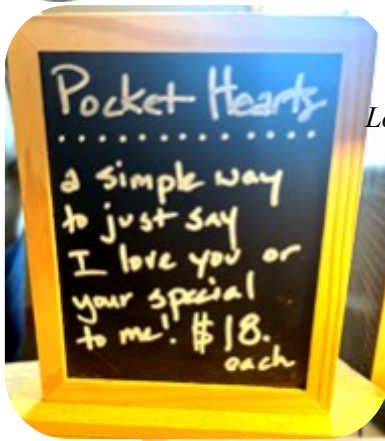
Marilyn Eastby – Commodore, Marcelo Nortelli – Vice Commodore,
Michael Johnston – Rear Commodore, Judy Hartford – Secretary/Treasurer,
Patty Murphy – Event Coordinator, Teri McClean – Raffle Coordinator,
Carol Norbeck – Bocce Ball Coordinator



Vice Commodore Marilyn presents Ron with Yacht Club logoed wine glasses & a Hood Canalé gift certificate as thanks for a great seafaring year



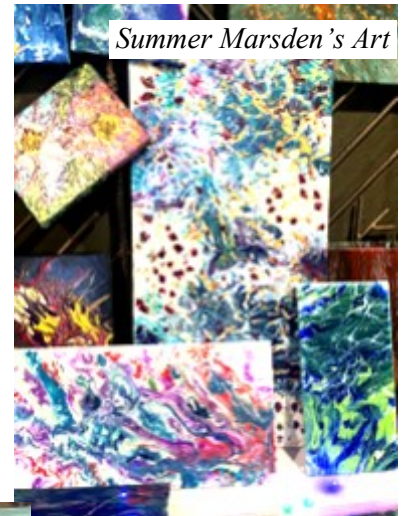
AGYC Holiday Craft Fair



Local Artist's Glass Art



Local Artist's Stained Glass, Corgi purchased by Jill Stanley



Summer Marsden's Art

Local Artist



Kim Pokela's Nativity Scene



Local Artist's Jewelry



Hat by Eileen Baumgardner



Glenda Stone's Towels



Local Artist's Wooden Toys



Denise Dickinson's Fabric Art purchased by Lorene Hipp



Penny Shelton's Painting & Cards



Barb Roberts' trash bags, bought by Patti Maxfield



Elizabeth Rice's Yarn Art, Snowman bought by and in the home of Tracy Battson



Catherine Laatz, Shirley Swenson, Catherine Henson, Eileen Baumgardner & Rod Heidemann

**November
Trivia Winners**



*Back: Tracy Battson, Debbie & Greg Hibbs, Rick Battson
Front: Tim & Mona George, Nancy & Tim Stutzman*



Ladies - come join the fun on Monday afternoons from 3-5pm for Ping Pong!

Kay Shin, Dee Bishop, Kelli Bailey, Catherine Henson & Elaine Puetz take a break with wine and cookies



Bunco Fun

Johnstons, sporting Bunco attire

Lori Heintz

Helen Leggett



Hood Canal Plungers

Don't be surprised to look out in the Hood Canal waters and see people in the water not a seal! Plunging into the cold water was a New Year's tradition in Alderbrook, but not anymore, it is year round. An Alderbrook resident, Melody Keener, decided to start for health reasons, inflammation for arthritis. Looking over as the sun rises and lights up the snow covered Olympics along with the seals as they wake up and head to the Skokomish River area to feed, cold water plunging is exhilarating, no coffee needed. But plunging isn't safe to do alone, so she asked a friend to join her. From there many others started to join them and the group grew, there are now up to 15 plungers.

A cold water plunge involves partially or totally submerging yourself in cold water for a few minutes at a time. Water temperature being 50 degrees or colder.

Sound good? Ready to take the plunge? Contact Melody Keener at (253) 740-1137 for more info.

Some of the benefits include:

Boosts Metabolism: Cold exposure stimulates brown fat activation and increases metabolic rate approximately two-fold

Better Sleep: Cold water triggers the release of endorphins contributing to a better and uplifted mood which also improves sleep quality

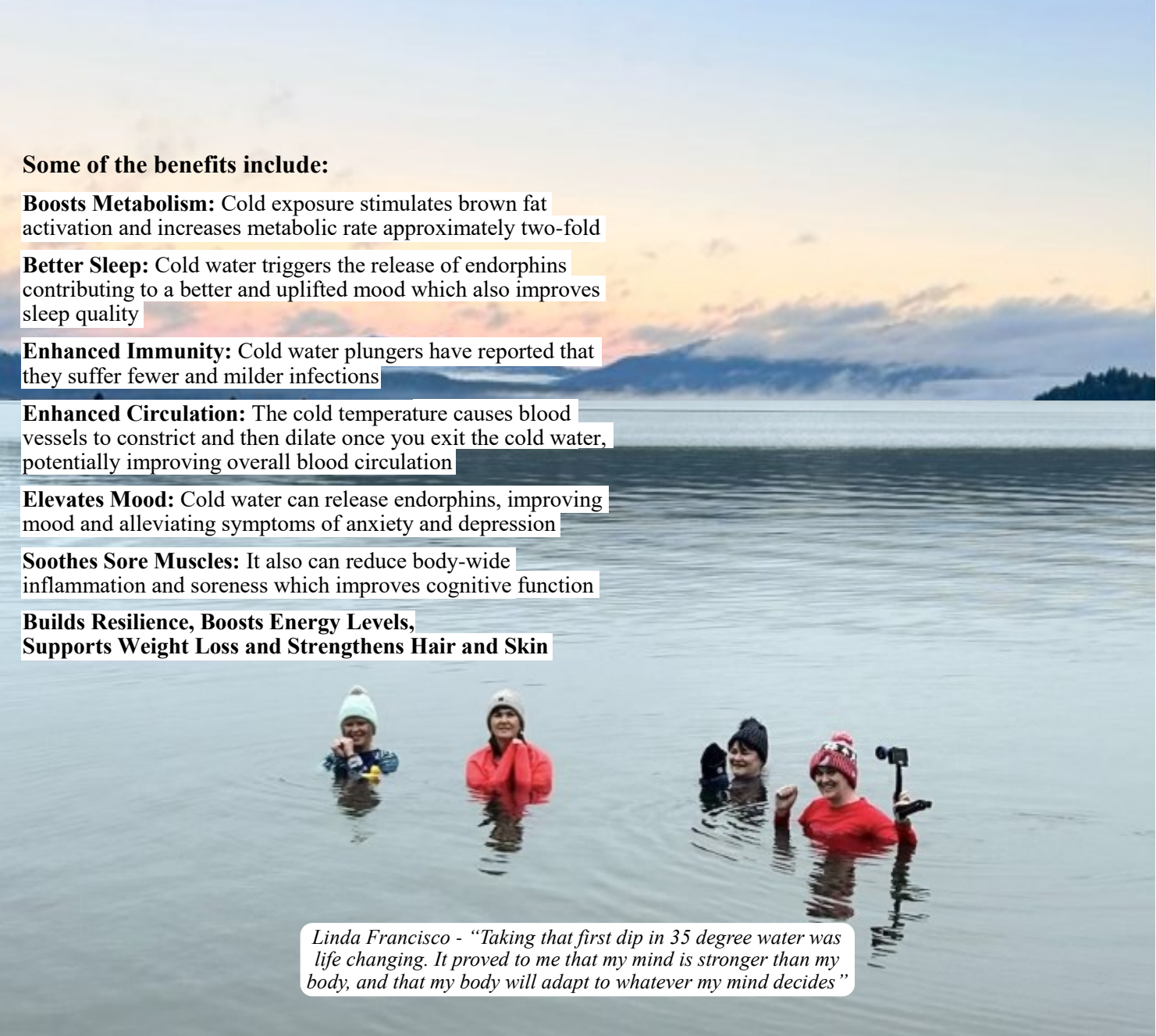
Enhanced Immunity: Cold water plungers have reported that they suffer fewer and milder infections

Enhanced Circulation: The cold temperature causes blood vessels to constrict and then dilate once you exit the cold water, potentially improving overall blood circulation

Elevates Mood: Cold water can release endorphins, improving mood and alleviating symptoms of anxiety and depression

Soothes Sore Muscles: It also can reduce body-wide inflammation and soreness which improves cognitive function

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Linda Francisco - "Taking that first dip in 35 degree water was life changing. It proved to me that my mind is stronger than my body, and that my body will adapt to whatever my mind decides"



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Alderbrook Fauna Focus: Golden-crowned Sparrow By Kelly Haupt, AGYC member



Stepping outside as the sun rises on Alderbrook, one is greeted by birdsong. Some songs vary with the seasons, and some can be heard any day of the year. But how do we know which birds we are hearing? By using an app, of

course! The “Merlin Bird ID by Cornell Lab” is a brilliant app which allows you to record birdsong happening around you, and by the recorded sonogram, Merlin will identify the birds!



Merlin Bird ID by Cornell Lab

Why take the time? My sister and author, Lyanda Lynn Haupt, says “Birds will give you a window, if you allow them. They will show you secrets from another world, fresh vision that, though avian, can accompany you home and alter your life. They will do this for you, even if you don’t know them by name – though such knowing is a thoughtful gesture. They will do this for you if you watch them.”

In autumn, our Golden-crowned Sparrows arrive from Canada and Alaska, where they spent their summers. These birds are very vocal and have a loud and striking song: A high pitched, descending slurred whistle of three notes, in a minor key, often

described as “oooh dear meel!”. If you’ve ever tried to grow grass from seed in the fall, good luck, as these birds will arrive in numbers to gobble it up! A large and plump sparrow, compared to our common year-round Song Sparrow, this bird handsomely sports a gray head, with a black cap starting at the eyeline, topped with a golden-yellow crown. They are often busy on the ground in our yard, feeding on seeds, insects, worms and grubs.



Photo credit Mick Thompson, courtesy of Eastside Audubon

While these birds are not here to nest, they do so in thickets on the ground during their breeding season up north. Enjoy them in Alderbrook, where they are readily seen, and heard, all fall and winter long!

- Sources:**
- Book “Rare Encounters with Ordinary Birds” by Lyanda Lynn Haupt
 - Eastside Audubon “Bird of the Month” article by Andy McCormick, found at: <https://www.eastsideaudubon.org/corvid-crier/2020/golden-crowned-sparrow>
 - “The Sibley Guide to Birds” by David Sibley

Hello Library Patrons, our library continues to evolve and we appreciate the community's ongoing support.

We have newly labeled bins for book donations and returns. (Many thanks to Cory Boone for expertly applying the labels).



Remember we have no checkout or return process. And no need to reshelve books. We continue to accept **gently** used paperbacks and hardbacks. Current fiction is preferred.

For your convenience, we pulled a selection of holiday titles and put them on the table for your enjoyment.

Happy Reading!

Library Committee: Heather Boone, Eileen Baumgardner and Catherine Laatz

Condolences - Jean Fields

After a valiant fight, Jean Fields left us on November 6, 2024. Jean and Gary, her beloved husband of 60 years and best buddy since their mid-teens, lived at Alderbrook for 29 years, in one of the first houses built on the 15th fairway.

Jean loved golf, was an active member and past officer of Alderbrook Ladies Club, and a fierce competitor in Alderbrook tournaments, especially Captain's Cup match play. She also served as Alderbrook's trustee/representative to Washington State Women's Public Links Association (WSWPLA), serving as its' President in 2016-17 and bringing its' annual championship to Alderbrook.

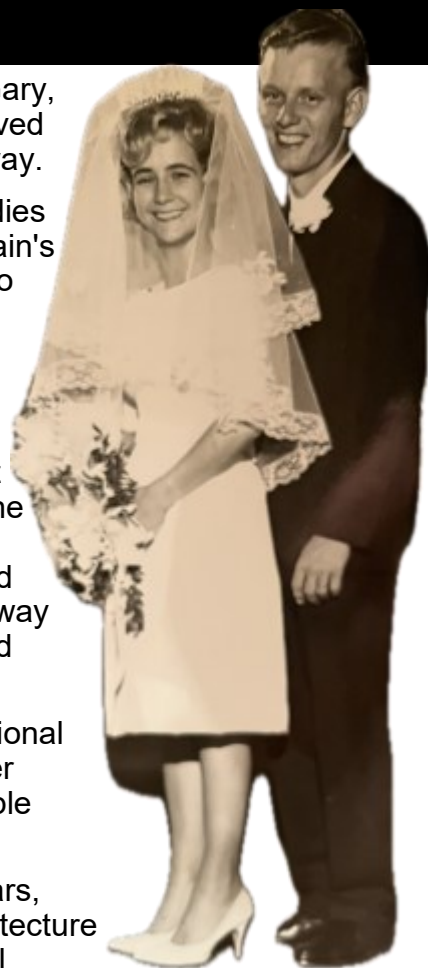
Until 2024, Jean rarely missed Alderbrook Ladies Club events (particularly First Mates with long-time friend Ginny Chitwood), the Desert Oasis Invitational at Moses Lake (with dear friend Cheryl Rondestvedt), the annual girls trip to the Fields cabin in Pomeroy or WSWPLA summer golf tournaments, traveling to dozens of courses throughout the state. She had wonderful philosophy about golf travel - any course more than 30 miles away required an overnight stay! As a result, she coordinated many VRBO "field trips" for Alderbrook Ladies participating in tournaments.

Jean and Gary also volunteered at a variety of PGA amateur and professional golf tournaments throughout the Northwest, including volunteering for over 20:years at the Farmer's Open at Torrey Pines, and the US Open at Pebble Beach in 2019.

Jean was a past editor of the *Foremast*, and at various times over the years, served as a member of Elections, House & Facilities and Building & Architecture Committees. She loved playing Mahjong on Mondays (played weekly until the end of October) and Dominoes on Fridays. She loved Judge Judy, proudly displaying an autographed photo, going to the movies and tavern lunches on Tuesdays with Gary, coffee with the ladies several days a week at the Deli (vanilla latte, 180 degrees) and watching horror movies on tv.

Jean is survived by her husband Gary, sons Gary Jr and Chad, grandsons Matthew and Tyler, great-granddaughter Lily, and siblings Rod Heidemann of Alderbrook and Cindy Russell of Florence, Oregon.

Raise a glass of red wine and toast an awesome wife, mother, sister and great friend, Jean Fields!





Keeping Your Holidays Happy and Safe By Alderbrook Properties

"It's the most wonderful time of the year..." goes the song, and let's keep it that way! To ensure your holiday season stays full of joy and free from mishaps, here are some essential safety tips for both indoors and outdoors:

Lights:

Always use lights labeled by an independent testing laboratory for safety, and don't exceed three sets of lights per extension cord.

Discard or repair damaged light sets before use.

Secure outdoor lights to trees, houses, or walls to protect from wind damage and use extension cords rated for outdoor use; keep them from walkways to avoid tripping hazards.

Tree Safety:

Keep live trees watered to avoid drying out and becoming a fire hazard.

Keep natural and artificial trees away from heat sources like fireplaces and heaters.

Turn off tree lights before bed or when leaving the house to prevent fire risks.

Candle Safety:

Never leave candles unattended. Always extinguish them before leaving the room or going to bed.

Place candles on stable, heat-resistant surfaces, away from flammable items.

Consider flameless LED candles for a safer alternative.

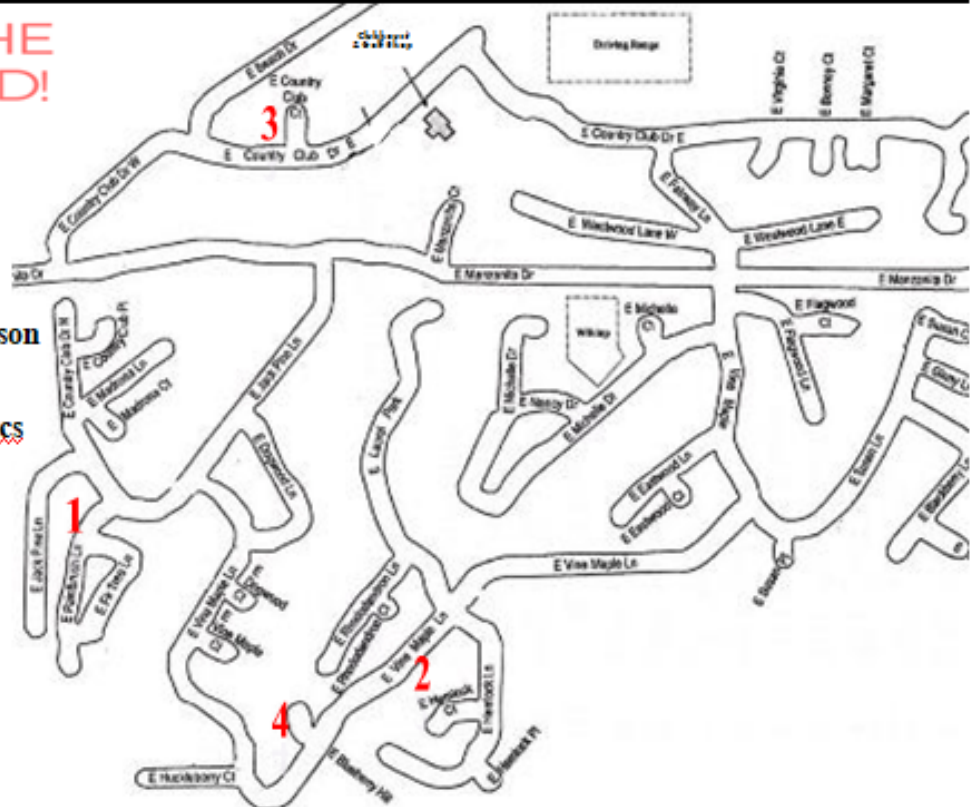
Following these tips will keep your home safe while enjoying all the holiday festivities.

Let's make sure the season stays as wonderful as the song promises!

New AGYC Members

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- 4 **Brian Liening & Laurie Rushevics**
21 E Blueberry Hill





A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse.



"But why?" they asked, as they moved off. "Because," he said "I can't stand chess nuts boasting in an open foyer." 🎵

Newsletter Submissions

**Submission DEADLINE:
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If you would like

- ☐ to place an ad in the *Foremast*
- ☐ to include an event in the monthly calendar
- ☐ or have other questions

email foremaststaff@outlook.com

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Just complete the information below and return it to the Alderbrook Golf Clubhouse office before the person you refer signs an Alderbrook Properties purchase agreement. We look forward to being in touch!

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Featured Home

LOT 126 TWANOH

This beautiful home showcases main-floor living. The site has a spacious feel but minimal upkeep with an included landscape upgrade (\$5,500 value) and is close to community amenities.



Home Tours:

Our home tours are in-person and 1:1. They must be pre-arranged at least 24 to 48 hours in advance. Please contact Emily Reed via phone at **(360) 898-0055 (option 1)** or by email at **info@alderbrookproperties.com**. Complimentary golf passes are available to those who pre-schedule!

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Food	Sun 11am-3pm Hot dogs, Sandwiches/Bar	Mon 8am-4pm Sandwiches/Beverages in Golf Shop	Tues-Wed 11am-6pm	Thur-Fri 11am-7pm	Sat 10am-7pm Brunch until 2pm
	* Toy Drive through 12/14 *				

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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	Mahjong 1-4:30pm Ladies Ping Pong 3-5pm CC	Table Tennis 9-11am CC Hand 'n Foot 10am Ladies Club via tee times, 10:51-11:18 Texas Hold'em 2:30pm CC Poker 6:30pm CC	Business Office closed for training			Pickleball 10-11am Wickiup Brunch Menu 10am-2pm, then closed until 5pm Jingle Mingle (Members Only) 5-8pm
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Santa Brunch 10am Normal Sunday Menu Noon-4pm Golf Shop Sale Begins	Mahjong 1-4:30pm <i>B&A Cmte 10am</i> Ladies Ping Pong 3-5pm CC	Table Tennis 9-11am CC Hand 'n Foot 10am Ladies Club via tee times, 10:51-11:18 <i>Green Cmte cancelled</i> Texas Hold'em 2:30pm CC <i>Strategic Planning</i> <i>3:30pm</i> Lions Club 5pm Poker 6:30pm CC	Men's Club via tee times Pickleball 10-11am Wickiup Bridge 10am-4pm CC Mahjong 1-5pm <i>Environment Cmte</i> <i>cancelled</i>	Table Tennis 9-11am CC Hand 'n Foot 10am Ladies Club via tee times, 10:51-11:18 Duplicate Bridge 1pm <i>Trivia 5pm</i>	Men's Club via tee times Dominoes 2-5pm <i>Golf Cart Parade 3pm</i> <i>Music Night</i> <i>Seth Unger</i> <i>5-7pm</i>	Grinch Open 8:30am End of 10am Golf Pickleball 10-11am Wickiup Brunch Menu 10am-3pm Restaurant closed at 3pm
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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	<i>GDOC 11am</i> <i>Board Mtg 6pm</i> <i>Clubhouse & Zoom</i>	Office closed at noon Ladies Club via tee times, 10:51-11:18 New Years Eve Party 5:30pm				