# Foremast November 2024



Alderbrook Golf & Yacht Club **Est.** 1965





# Remarks from General Manager, Jason Reehm

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October has brought the winter slowdown. We see this daily in the restaurant and in golf operations. We are now focusing our attention on Clubhouse improvements and also controlling labor and expenses. One area we are focusing on is Sunday brunch and its weekly financial impact. The turf department is down three

full-time staff right now. We are actively looking for capable people with golf course experience. We have quite a few winter projects on the turf side that have been delayed as our dump truck has been in the shop. We are hoping to get it back next week so we can start to work on the long list of issues we have on the course with drainage and so on.

In the Clubhouse we are working on events to keep business steady and our staff working. This past week we had our pumpkin carving contest and on Halloween we had the Halloween party and costume contest. Suped Up Fjord played that night as well.

Our second golf workshop is on Wednesday, November 6 in the Clubhouse. This is a chance to hear Larry Gilhuly, a USGA Agronomist, speak about his visit to our course and his thoughts on course maintenance for the future. See details on page 5.



Finally, we have asked Vince Makala to come back as the spokesperson for Horse Soldier Bourbon Whiskey. He will be

doing a flight night on Wednesday, November 20. If you missed the first one we had last year, it was truly a special night, filled with some amazing stories.

#### November at the Clubhouse

- Nov 6 Golf Workshop, 6pm
- Nov 8 Music Night, 5pm, Lady Drinks Whiskey
- Nov 10 Veteran's Luncheon, 11am-1pm
- Nov 12 Fall Paint Class, 5:30pm
- Nov 14 Bunco, 4pm
- Nov 15 Music Night, 5pm, Terra Chugh
- Nov 20 Bourbon Flight Night, 6pm
- Nov 21 Trivia, 5pm
- Nov 23 Holiday Gift Fair, 10am-3pm
- Nov 25 Board Meeting (moved to Monday), 6pm
- Nov 26 Fireside Chat with Golf Pros, 4pm







At the Clubhouse Sunday Nov. 10th 2024 Taco Bar FREE for Vets 11am to 1pm Guests - \$22

Reservations Required
by Friday Nov. 8th
Please call Business Office
@ 360-898-2560 ext. 2

#### December at the Clubhouse

Dec 7 - Member Jingle Mingle, 5pm

Dec 13 - Music Night, Joel Gibson, 5pm

Dec 15 - Santa Brunch, 10am

Dec 20 - Golf Cart Parade, 3pm

Dec 31 - New Year's Eve Party





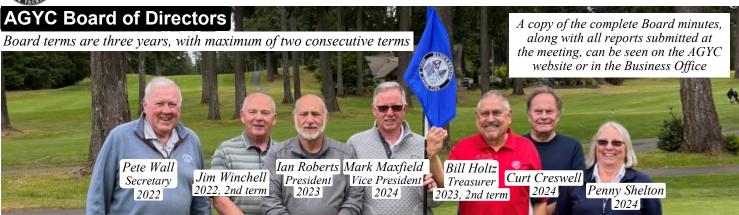
Meet Jeff Jennings, the talented mechanic who keeps AGYC running at full throttle! Drawn to AGYC by its strong reputation, Jeff quickly saw the opportunity to make an impact by maintaining our machinery in-house. He takes pride in his ability to save on contracted services by tackling repairs and upkeep with skill and precision—always using the tools and expertise at hand to the fullest.

Beyond his technical talents, Jeff is a true family man with three kids of his own and three more through his wife, making his household a lively one! His best friend would describe him as not only a devoted dad but also one of the hardest workers you'll meet.

Jeff's most memorable adventure to date was a trip to Nashville with his kids, but his dream destination? Iceland! He hopes to cross it off his list someday. Looking ahead, Jeff has a goal to dive into computer programming for machinery, equipping him to handle even more complex mechanical work in-house.

For now, Jeff is happy staying hands-on, keeping AGYC's equipment in peak condition and showing up every day with his signature dedication and can-do spirit. Here's to Jeff—a valuable member of the AGYC family and a dedicated craftsman who brings his best, every day!





Your AGYC Board met on Saturday, October 26, 2024 and acted on the following:

- Approved removal of trees:
  - Three (3) non-native trees and one (1) diseased tree at 101 E Fir Tree Ln
  - ♦ Ratified removal of one (1) danger tree at 300 E Jack Pine
- Approved making a \$10,000 principal only payment to the Golf Course Loan to be taken from the Special Assessment funds in the Golf Course loan restricted account

#### Upcoming

Golf Course Meeting – Wednesday, November 6, 6pm Clubhouse Board Meeting – Monday, November 25, 6pm Clubhouse & Zoom Special Board Meeting – Wednesday, December 4, time TBD

# September 2024 Financial Report

Operations Income:	Actual: \$	317,255	Budget: \$	324,282	
Operations Expenses:	Actual: \$	335,409	Budget: \$	327,807	
Operations Net Income:	Actual:(\$	18,154)	Budget:(\$	3,525)	
Less Loan Expense Income:	(\$	10,185)			
Adjusted Operation Income:	(\$	28,339)			
Reserve Income:	Actual: \$	41,686	Budget: \$	41,730	
Reserve Expenses:	Actual: \$	0	Budget: \$	0	
Reserve Net Income:	Actual: \$	41,686	Budget: \$	41,730	
Account Balances					
Operating Funds: \$			403,963		
Contingency Funds:			68,319		
Debt Service Account Funds:			22,951		
CH Assessment Reserve:			10,573		

712

Total:

#### Parcel Summary

Reserve Funds:

AGYC Lots for Sale: 2 27 AGYC Common Area Lots: 579 Private lots in good standing: Private lots delinquent: 12 \* 92 Alderbrook Properties, LLC lots:

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

338,304

# A Special Assessment to pay off the

Important Reminder: Golf Course **Special Assessment Payment** 

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. 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. To date, one-third of the members have paid their Special Assessment. We encourage members who are able to make the \$400 payment to do so as soon as possible. By paying now, AGYC can continue to make significant principal prepayments every month from Special Assessment funds, thus lowering the loan balance. Through October, the Board of Directors has authorized an extra \$87,500 for principal prepayments.

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

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

Immediately forward scam emails to: reportphishing@apwg.org



### Message from the President of the Board of Directors

Hello Fellow AGYC Members:

In July, an initiative petition related to removal of trees on the golf course was presented to the Board of Directors and was referred to the Election Committee in August. This initiative was signed by at least 5% of the members. AGYC's Policies and Procedures require the HOA to hold a vote to adopt or reject this initiative.

AGYC members in good standing (one vote per lot) will be asked to vote on this initiative petition in a ballot to be mailed out in early November. To be adopted, the initiative petition must be approved by a majority vote (50 percent plus at a sanctioned membership meeting). This sanctioned membership meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 4, 2024, at 6pm to allow ample time for the Election Committee to mail the ballots and have them returned.

The Board of Directors held a Golf Course workshop on August 2 as part of our efforts to understand future development of our golf course. The Board of Directors also invited a respected USGA agronomist, Larry Gilhuly, to visit the course on August 20. He evaluated and made recommendations regarding the future

maintainability and playability of our course. We emailed his report to the community on September 10 and included it again in an email blast announcing a second workshop on November 6 at 6pm at the Clubhouse when Mr. Gilhuly will present his findings and recommendations. The purpose of both workshops is to provide AGYC members with a clear understanding of any plans or changes being considered for the golf course.

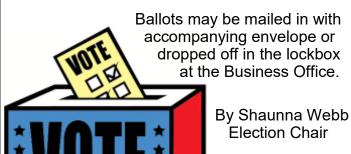
The Board of Directors encourages all members to attend the November 6 workshop to become fully informed and aware of the how the Board of Directors intends to consider and implement any changes to our golf course and to ensure we are taking the best care of our most valuable asset. Not only does this initiative directly impact how the association is governed, but it also sets a precedent of how AGYC may be governed in the future.

The Board of Directors also encourages all members to vote in the election to approve or disapprove this initiative petition.

Ian Roberts, AGYC Board President

# VOTER PACKETS TO BE MAILED ON NOVEMBER 7

Voting packets containing information and ballots on the membership initiative will be mailed out to all AGYC members in good standing on November 7. Ballots must be returned by 5pm on December 4.



# Personal Cart Registration Fee



If you have paid your Personal Cart Registration Fee, please stop by the Business Office to pick up the assigned sticker for your cart.

As a reminder - The Personal Cart Registration Fee is for golf carts that travel on the AGYC Golf Course cart paths.

The static sticker shall be affixed to the inside lower right corner of the windshield. The sticker color and number will change every year and the Golf Shop will monitor daily to ensure that all personal golf carts have their sticker.



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

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P.S. The reason this notification is so early is to allow those who want to use the November automatic payment a chance to submit the form in time.

I/we want to participate in the <b>Staff Appreciation Fund</b> in the amount of \$00					
Please check one box below:					
Please pull my/our donation with the (Circle One)⇒ November/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:					



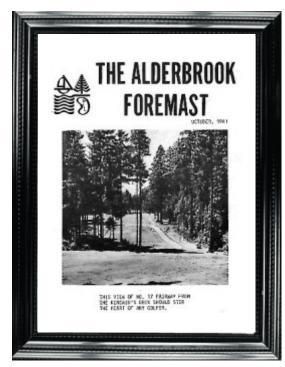
# Unveiling 60 Years of AGYC's History by Mary Gin Kennedy

Alderbrook Golf & Yacht Club will celebrate its 60th anniversary in 2025. Yes, believe it or not, 2025 is our Diamond Jubilee year!

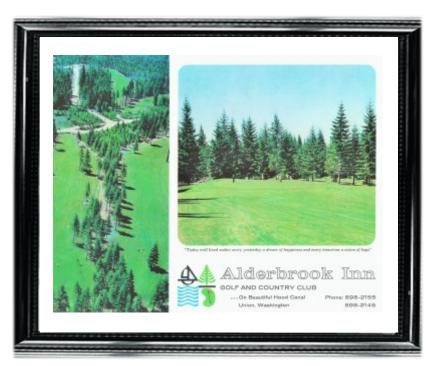
To commemorate this notable milestone, the House & Facilities Committee, working with General Manager Jason Reehm, has embarked on a project to refresh the exterior Clubhouse entrance and inside hallway. We are planning to create a photo wall to showcase AGYC's history using interesting old *Foremast* covers and a selection of historical photos. The exterior entrance of the Clubhouse will also be updated.

We are seeking donations from AGYC clubs, committees and members to pay for this project. The Activities Committee has already stepped up to help. We estimate the cost of the project is \$5,000, but some work may be covered by the budget.

Donations will be acknowledged as part of the display, and even small donations are welcome. For any questions, contact Sharon Ferguson or Mary Gin Kennedy. If you wish to donate to this project, please contact the Business Office.



The 17th fairway as seen on the cover of the October 1981 Foremast



Mid-1960s flyer promoting Alderbrook



Junior golfers practicing putting at the Frank Rodia Memorial Junior Tournament as seen on the cover of the September 2002 Foremast











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

Welcome to month 11 of Prepare in a Year!



There are many different emergencies that may require you to shelter in place. Sheltering in place is ASSeal all windows, doors and air vents with thick not the same as staying indoors. It means creating a safe room in your home to protect yourself from natural disasters, active shooter situations, pandemics and chemical hazards. If it is too late to evacuate, or the situation outside doesn't allow for safe evacuation, government officials may issue a shelter-in-place order. Or you may find yourself in a 1 Duct tape plastic at corners first and then tape situation where you are in immediate danger and need to determine the best course of action. Use common sense and available information to assess the situation and determine whether you should shelter-in-place.

Creating a safe room takes planning. Here are some tips for sheltering in place:

Local authorities may not immediately be able to provide information on what is happening and what you should do.

Pay attention to local media outlets for official news and instructions as they become available.

(†) Bring your family and pets inside.

(†) Lock doors, close windows, air vents and fireplace dampers.

Turn off fans, air conditioning and forced air heating systems.

Take your emergency supply kit unless you have reason to believe it has been contaminated.

Go into an interior room with few windows, if possible.

plastic sheeting and duct tape. Consider measuring and cutting the sheeting in advance to save time.

Cut the plastic sheeting several inches wider than the openings and label each sheet.

down all edges.

Be prepared to improvise and use what you have on hand to seal gaps so that you create a barrier between yourself and any contamination.

"Sealing a room" is considered a temporary protective measure to create a barrier between you and potentially contaminated air outside. This type of sheltering in place requires pre-planning, by purchasing plastic sheeting and duct tape that you would keep in your emergency supply kit.

## For additional information, please visit:

https://www.ready.gov/

https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema shelter-in-place guidance.pdf

https://doh.wa.gov/emergencies/be-prepared-be-safe/severe-weather-and-natural-disasters/shelter-place



Thank you for your patronage of the Alderbrook Library.

We are always adding new titles to our shelves, so please stop by the Community Center and take a look. There is no check out process and no return policy. We are grateful for your ongoing donations. We are **now** accepting recent titles of hardback books in excellent condition. As a reminder, we are unable to take magazines or other periodicals.

By: Heather Boone, Library Committee member



# House and Facilities Committee (H&F) By Sharon Ferguson, Chair

360-898-6565



Our Committee was asked to have some signs made for The Pointe. We have people who come to see the view and throw their garbage over our wood fence. Also, some bring their dogs to get their exercise by running around The Pointe. The

Pointe is for our members and guests and we do not allow pets at The Pointe. We want people to enjoy the view, but not leave their garbage.

With the weather changing and the winter months upon us the Committee will be working on plans for next year at the Wickiup. We are wanting to give the bathrooms an update such as was done this year at the bathrooms on Hole 14. We removed the horseshoe pits at the Wickiup because they were not being used. We will be looking at adding corn hole games for added fun this summer.

The pickleball players were hoping to get repairs done to a new location for pickleball courts - the tennis court farthest from the garden, so they could play during nice days this fall and winter. We just couldn't make it happen. We were looking to do the repairs with volunteers from our community

(a tedious, back breaking, dirty job). However, as luck would have it, Chad found a company that does these types of repairs and the Board decided to let a pro do the work. Thank you, Board members! The company started on the tennis courts, however, because the cracks were so deep they need to come back once it's dry enough in early spring to finish the repairs.

A lesson the Committee learned recently: If you have a fence and your neighbor has shrubs that are growing alongside your fence, be sure and ask them to keep space between their plants and your fence. Or if you are the one who has the plants along someone's fence keep them clipped back away from the fence. Recently there were plants growing alongside a cyclone fence and broke through the fence. I thought they would grow through the holes, but the growth broke the fence away from the post. Keep your neighbor happy. Keep your plants cut back away from their fence.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 6 at 3pm at the Clubhouse. Come check us out. Visitors are always welcome.

# Building and Architectural Committee (B&A)



By Rhonda Westover, Chair

The October B&A monthly meeting was CANCELLED. Minutes from the September 9 meeting will be reviewed in November.

PLEASE NOTE: Meeting dates will be the THIRD MONDAY of the month for the remainder of 2024.

November 18 at 10am | December 16 at 10am

Next Meeting: Monday, November 18 at 10am \*ZOOM: May be requested in advance - email to: BACommittee@Alderbrookgolf.com.

Deadline to submit project applications for the November B&A agenda is November 11.

Applications received after November 11, at the discretion of the Committee, may be placed on the November agenda or held until the December meeting.

Applications may be submitted via AGYC website, dropped in person at the AGYC Business Office or by email to <a href="mailto:BACommittee@Alderbrookgolf.com">BACommittee@Alderbrookgolf.com</a>.



Don't try this at home!

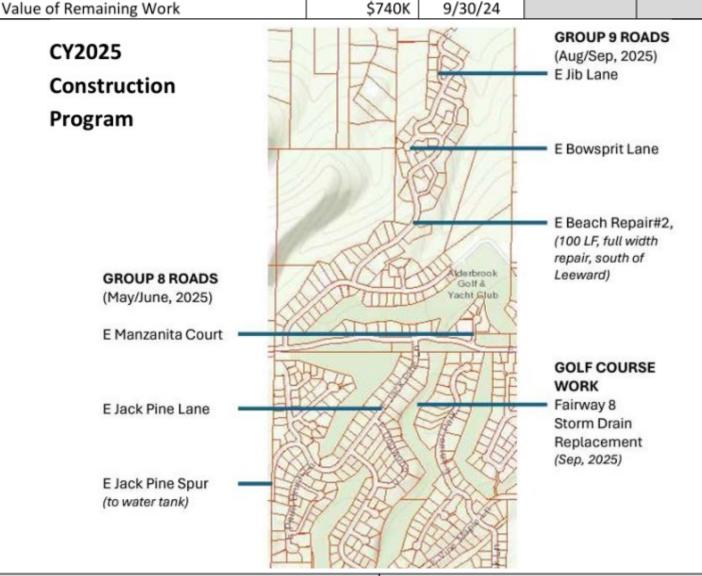
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AGYC INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

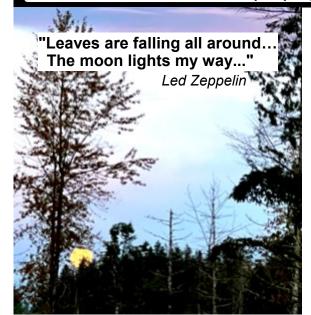
#### 2.717 hours thru 10/17/24 Prepared by Ken Goldblatt As of 10/17/24 AMOUNT TRACKING ELEMENT **FORECAST** AS OF DATE % COMPL R+D Special Assessment Funds Received 9/30/24 \$2.6M 100% \$2.6M Board-Approved GR Fund Use-To-Date \$2.2M 9/30/24 \$2.96M 74% GR Fund Transfers to SA Account-To-Date \$2.02M 9/30/24 General Reserve Direct Expenses-To-Date \$189K 9/30/24 Total R+D Expenses-To-Date (SA + GR) \$4.8M 9/30/24 \$5.54M 87% Total R+D Commitments \$4.8M 9/30/24 \$5.54M 87% Pending Approvals/Awards \$15K 9/30/24 Total Program Time (months) 64 9/30/24 84 76%



PROGRESS DURING REPORT PERIOD (9/18 – 10/17/24)		NEX.	NEXT STEPS		
×	Update asphalt curb plan for snow removal		Survey Group 9 Roads		
×	Update Pro-Forma details – FY24/25		Survey Fairway 8		
X	Update Foremast, R+D Web Page, eBlasts		Engineering for Group 8 & 9 Roads		



## Environment Committee (EC) By Debbie Hibbs



What a beautiful place we live in! Fall is putting on a show for Alderbrook with leaves turning gold, celestial delights and snow on the mountains. Now comes colder rain and shorter days; time to light the fire and enjoy the coziness of the season.

Despite the rain, the Environment Committee planted 100 daffodil bulbs for AGYC to enjoy come Spring.



Many thanks to our Community Clean Up crew for their productive efforts despite the rain: Tracy and Rick Battson, Dan Coats, Marilyn and Jeff Eastby, Debbie Hibbs and Debbie Warren. Thanks to Carla Morrow who refreshed the Clubhouse planters and continues to keep the entry welcoming and beautiful.





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Looking for that concrete bench in the Community Garden? The bench has been moved to a new serene setting within the garden. A rock pathway leads from Country Club drive to its new location at the top of the property. Enjoy the view and the peaceful surroundings!



The Environment Committee will be meeting November 20, 3:30pm in the Clubhouse Boardroom. All are welcome to be a part of the Environment Committee. If you enjoy physical work, are looking to improve our community and enjoy having fun with others, we are the group for you!

The next Community Clean Up is November 23, 9-11am. Meet at The Pointe

OCS will be closed for the winter.

Please DO NOT DISPOSE
yard waste in public places,
empty lots or along streets.

OCS will reopen March 1, 2025.

# AGYC Annual Toy Drive



Unwrapped toys can be dropped off November 29-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.





### From the Green Superintendent, Chad Johnson

greensuper@alderbrookgolf.com



Here is a solid article that explains what the "90-degree rule" is all about and the why: The Golf "90-Degree" Rule, Explained • Honest Golfers

At Alderbrook we strongly prefer that cart traffic is reduced to the path and the rough. The fairways are fragile and have been a

fairways are ryegrass and the roughs are an overseeding hybrid of Ryegrass and Fescue for durability. Driving down the middle of the fairways is counterproductive to our goal of creating the most pristine fairways under our budget restrictions. The 90-Degree Rule is the best way to help preserve our fairways throughout the golfing

decades long program of topdressing and seeding to provide the best fairway conditions possible. Our seasons.

Thank you for your cooperation.

# From the Head Golf Professional, Grant Cation

OF THE MONTH **Be Prepared** 

headpro@alderbrookgolf.com



After a fantastic summer of incredible weather and lots of golf, October simply didn't keep the trend going. Hopefully November will bring us some more good golfing weather heading into the Holiday Season.

Starting November 15, the posting season will officially be over until the golf season starts back up in the spring. However, if you play in a warm

weather PGA section such as Arizona or Hawaii, you must post scores for any rounds you play in those areas.

November 15 will also mark the start of **Snow King and Queen**. With your handicap being frozen for the winter. We will take your best four net scores (18 holes for Snow King and 9 holes for Snow Queen) for the competition. There can be no temporary greens for the round to count and you must play with another member or guest to attest your score. The competition will be \$10 per player and sign up is inside the Golf Shop.





for Winter Golf

- Make sure you dress appropriately for the conditions and bring an extra layer.
- With the lower temps and extra layers your golf ball will not fly as far as it does during the summer. Make sure to play up an extra club or two.
- Play a golf ball that you can compress. We have several great options in the Callaway Super Soft and the Srixon Soft Fell. Both are excellent options for winter play.
- Lastly, make sure to check out the soft spikes on your golf shoes as they may have been worn down during the summer.

Keep these in mind while playing some great winter golf!



#### Fireside Chat with the Pros

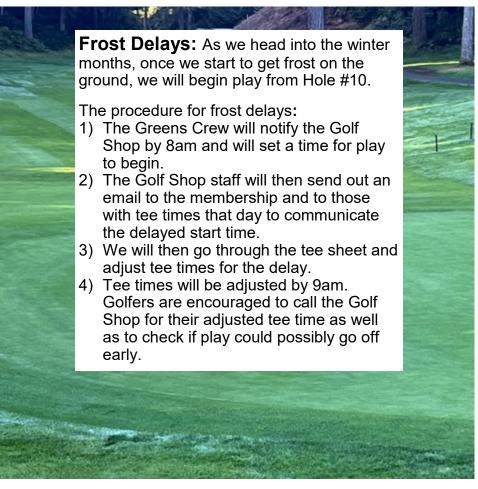
Tuesday, November 26 Damian and I will host our first fireside chat of the winter at 4pm to talk about the rules of golf and etiquette.

Please join us for some great conversation and preparation for next year.

### **Turkey Shamble**

Friday, November 22 we will have our first holiday tournament of the season - the Turkey Shamble.

- 2-Player Shamble Best Ball, both players tee off on each hole, select the best tee shot, and play their own balls in from there
- Team scores will consist of the best gross and net score on each hole between partners
- Teams will be required to use four tee shots per player
- Shotgun start at 10am after a breakfast buffet served at 8:30am
- Entry fee is \$40 per player, which includes your breakfast and prize money



#### **November Upcoming Events:**

Nov 15 - Snow King and Queen starts

Nov 22 - Turkey Shamble

Nov 26, 4pm - Fireside Chat with the Pros

# **Spend Your Club Credit Please**

Our establishment will be switching our Point of Sale system from Tee Snap to NorthStar at the start of the New Year.

We are asking members that have club credit on the books to spend their money by December 20 to make the transition easier when the time comes to transfer all our data, numbers and any club winnings to NorthStar. Members may use their club credit inside the Golf Shop and the restaurant.

I am currently working on getting all my winter apparel orders plus additional inventory in at once to provide the membership the opportunity to spend their club credit by the end of the year. Members may also use their club credit for custom orders. We have accounts with most major golf companies

and can do custom orders on equipment, balls, shoes and embroidered golf bags. (There are only a select few apparel items that we can order as individual pieces as most of our apparel orders have to be in bulk.) We can also drop ship most custom orders for any members that need to go down south before the deadline.







Joe Florence, a recent AGYC home owner on fairway 15 has received the 2024 Washington Golf Championship Volunteer of the Year Award. This award recognizes a championship volunteer that displays an extraordinary

level of dedication and commitment to WA Golf Championships and USGA Qualifiers throughout the year.

Originally from Northern Kentucky, Joe retired after 32 years in law enforcement. A passionate amateur golfer, he enjoyed participating in various tournaments over the years, even winning the Senior Club Championship at Alderbrook last year. Before moving to Washington in 2019, Joe and his wife coached Special Olympics golf in Georgia, furthering their commitment to the game.



A couple of years ago, while browsing the Washington Golf website, Joe noticed the volunteer section and saw an opportunity to give back to the sport he loves. He decided to try it out and quickly became a valued member of the championship volunteer team. Since then, he has enjoyed every moment contributing to the success of many events.

Congratulations Joe, and thank you for your outstanding contributions to WA Golf!



### Men's Club News By Mark Maxfield, Secretary

mensclub@alderbrookgolf.com

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

As we approach the end of the 2024 golfing season and look forward to winter golf here at Alderbrook, I would like to remind you all that we will discontinue posting of scores on November 14. If you are a traveler, score posting will continue in those areas not affected by our winter conditions.

For those of you staying in the local area, we will begin recording "Snow King" scores on November 15.

The Snow King is a non-posting period tournament

open to all Men's Club members who sign up and pay the \$10 entry fee. The competition will include your 4 lowest net scores from November 15 until the end of February. Signup is in the Golf Shop. You can sign up anytime until the tournament is concluded. But, remember, you can only post scores AFTER you have signed up and paid.

Note: scores cannot be posted if there are temporary greens. Compete to take the crown away from the 2023/24 Snow King Dan Nicholsen!

Your Men's Club dues for the 2025 season will be due and payable on January 1, 2025. We intend to keep the dues cost at \$70 which includes GHIN fees.

# 2023/24 Highlights (Academy Awards)



Troy Klein - most improved player
This is his first year of playing golf
consistently & why he showed great
improvement. He started the year with a 42
handicap index & improved to a 27
Congrats Troy!

## Shot My Age

Dick Turnbull (age 86) 3 times - 86, 86, 85

Mark Maxfield (age 73) Sep 20 - 72

#### Hole In One

Apr 20	Dave Hawkins	Hole 6
May 17	Dan Fluke	Hole 16
Aug 8	Curt Creswell	Hole 2
Sep 7	Michael Johnston	Hole 2
Sen 18	Dan Stainbrook	Hole 2

# RESULTS FOR THE WEEKLY GAMES

Oct	Beat the Officers				
2	Gary Fields, Wayne Haesel, Chuck Kizziar (draw - Chris Neisinger)				
Oct	Modified Waltz				
9	Bill Darch, Troy Klein, Jeff Roberge, Jim St. George				
		Medal Play			
Oct 11	Flt 1	John Murphy Rich Paris	-1		
	Flt 2	Tom Anderson	-6		
Oct		<b>Turkey Shoot</b>			
12		Troy Klein	-6		
		Blind 9 Holes			
Oct 16	Flt 1	Sandy Dunsire Jeff Roberge Doug Trogstad	-3		
	Flt 2	Wally Good	-1		
Oct		<b>Points</b>			
18		Tom Anderson	35		
		White Flags			
Oct 23	Flt 1	Paul Campell Ron Paris	14		
	Flt 2	Dick Turnbull	14		
		Medal Play			
Oct 25	Flt 1	Jim Kincaid	+1		
	Flt 2	Tom Anderson Ken Coleman Wally Good	Е		

At our last meeting, we voted to move opening day 2025 to the last Wednesday in March

2024 Men's Club results link

https://agyc-2024mensclub.golfgenius.com

Brook Cup Results & more season highlights on next page



→ Men's Club Continued

The end of year Brook Cup has concluded and what a competition it was! In order to qualify for this event members had to be in the top 24 money winners from the season. The Brook Cup is a two day event. On Friday, October 4, Captain Mike Lambert led his grey camo hat team to an impressive 7.5 to 4.5 lead. The first nine holes were played using a best ball format. The last nine holes concluded with alternate shots. On Saturday, twelve members on each team were aligned for a match play format. Captain Mike Johnston's team, wearing white camo hats, won this day 7.0 - 5.0. Combining the two days together, the team of Mike Lambert prevailed 12.5 - 11.5. Congratulations Grey Camos!





Ladies Club News By Terri Stamper, Assistant Captain

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



### **PAR-TEE Awards Day Luncheon**

What a fantastic day it was for our 9-hole scramble, followed by a cozy fall soup and build-your-own sandwich luncheon. We capped it off with a short meeting, filled with congratulations and recognition. See highlights on next page.

A heartfelt thank you to the office, Golf Shop, restaurant staff and Greens Crew for all their hard work and dedication in making this year such a great success. Your support behind the scenes was essential and we truly appreciate everything you've done to keep things running smoothly. Here's to another fantastic year ahead with your continued help!





Where to go for Ladies Club results: http://agyc-2024ladiesclub.golfgenius.com



It's hard to find words that fully express our gratitude to **Char Edwards** for leading yet another outstanding year for the Ladies Club. Her commitment to creating an inclusive environment, skillfully coordinating and

organizing our meetings and activities has been nothing short of remarkable. Char's leadership truly united us all, making this year one to remember. As we welcome the new board, led by **Captain Rondi Horrobin**, we recognize they have big shoes to fill, but we're fortunate to have Char continue with us for another year to offer her guidance and share her invaluable experience. Here's to another successful and exciting year ahead!

# UNITED STATES KOREAN OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to Kay
Shin for her stellar
performance at the 21st
United States Korean
Open Golf Championship
at Meadow Park Golf
Course on September 22.
Kay shot an incredible
7 under par and emerged
as the champion in the
senior group.

The competition featured players from across America, China and Korea, representing all age groups from children to seniors with 198 golfers having handicaps ranging from 0 to 30.

What an amazing achievement, Kay!



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The Awards Ceremony 'Par-Tee Time' on October 1 started with a 9 hole scramble. Once awards were handed out, the Ladies Club meeting commenced and next year's officers



Lorna Martinson, Ada Sheen

**Award Highlights** 

Thank you Grant and Damian for a great year!



Monthly Medalists

Asue Barnes: 18-hole green Nancy Johnson: 18-hole gold Wendy Campbell: 9-hole gold

#### **Most Improved Players**

Penny Warren: 18-hole green Teri Chihara: 18-hole gold Mona George: 9-hole gold

Club Championship Results
Lorna Martinson: Club Champion
Rondi Horrobin: 18-hole green net
Paulette Johnston: 18-hole gold gross
Colleen Taylor: 18-hole gold net
Seanie Derek: 9-hole gross
Karen Aumend: 9-hole net

Par Queens

Lorna Martinson: 18-hole green Chris Foster: 18-hole gold Seanie Derek: 9-hole gold

**Birdie Queens** 

Lorna Martinson: 18-hole green

Chris Foster & Teri Chihara: 18-hole gold (split)

Wendy Campbell: 9-hole gold





Alderbrook Ladies Club
Turkey Shoot

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BIG THANK YOU to all you wonderful Ladies that gave from your hearts for the Turkey Shoot. \$960 will feed many families this Thanksgiving. Unbelievable!

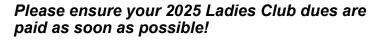
I am so proud to be part of this community and your generosity is so much appreciated.

The name drawn for the \$50.00 gift card was Randi Thurston. Congratulations!

Also a big thank you to Kay Shin for the donation of a facial that was won by Wendy Campbell. Congrats!

This is just a reminder that **Snow Queen** starts on **November 15** and this is also when the posting of scores to GHIN in Washington closes for the winter season. Enjoy your off-season golf - and have fun competing to take the crown from the 2023/24 Snow Queen Wendy Campbell.

We look forward to seeing you on the course for Snow Queen!



- Ladies Club Dues: \$69.00

- GHIN Only: \$44.00

- Ladies Club Only: \$30.00

Most importantly, make sure to indicate which tee box you'll be using next year: 18-Green, 18-Gold or 9-Gold. You can change your tee box selection any time before May 1, new members have three weeks to make their selection. If your contact information has changed, please inform us so we can keep our records updated.

Payments can be made via check (payable to AGYC LC) or cash. Please drop off your payments in an envelope at the Golf Shop, ensuring your name, contact information and tee box choice are clearly labeled.

Thank you for your prompt payment!

# WA Golf Ladies Links League Final Day Challenge

A huge round of applause to Eeva Kissick and Kelly Haupt for making the Final Day Challenge in this year's WA Golf Ladies Links League! Out of 148 teams, only the top 36 advanced to the final challenge. AGYC Ladies Club had 12 teams this year. Let's keep that momentum going and aim for even more next year!







### Yacht Club By Ron Edwards, Commodore



Our annual prime rib dinner was attended by nearly 85 members on October 21. Chef Leon and the AGYC staff outdid themselves with a delicious buffet of rolls, corn on the cob, mashed potatoes and Leon's delicious prime rib.

The food received many rave reviews!



Restaurant Manager Robert Dolan selected the winning ticket for the 50/50 raffle, which awarded \$225 to Jan Fitzgerald



Congratulations to Bob & Susan Seiler who celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary at the prime rib event



The last event of the year will be the **Chili Fest** in the Clubhouse.

We will once again be putting together our chili brigade.

If you would like to showcase your chili, please contact me at 206-992-7713.

Sides will be provided by our members and chili condiments will be provided by the Yacht Club.

Guests are welcome for a \$10 fee.

Hoping for a great turnout for our last gathering.

This will be my last official event as Commodore. It has been a great three years of fun as both Char and I have met a lot of great Alderbrook folks from these social gatherings. We are in dire need of a Rear Commodore next year as we hope to keep this 50-year-old Yacht Club going. Again, please contact me if you have any questions. Volunteers are what make our community such an enjoyable place to live.





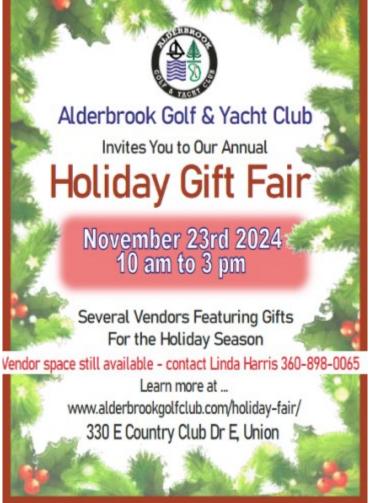




















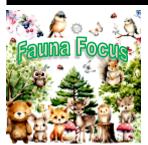








# Alderbrook Fauna Focus: Washington Snowshoe Hare By Kelly Haupt



If Elmer Fudd visited Alderbrook, he'd surely be excited about all of our wascally wabbits! When we moved here and first noticed these bunnies, we could see right away that they were not the Eastern Cottontail rabbits

we were used to seeing in Snohomish. They were larger, darker and with some unique markings: black around the ears, and a white "star" on the forehead. These are the markings of a subspecies of Snowshoe Hare, the Washington Snowshoe Hare (Lepus Americanus Washingtonii).

In general, hares differ from rabbits by being larger, with longer ears and longer hind legs. What distinguishes our Pacific Northwest subspecies group from other hare populations is that they keep their dark brown fur all year, while others will turn white or mottled white and brown in winter. Their hind legs have thick fur, which can act as snowshoes, helpful indeed for populations making their home in Olympic National Park. They are also found in southern coastal British Columbia.

Our Alderbrook Washington Snowshoe Hare population sure seems healthy in numbers! They are much less secretive and nocturnal than those living in wilderness areas. In the spring, look out for "leverets," or young hares, which look like miniature adults. Aren't we lucky to have the opportunity to enjoy these hares? We sure think so!



"South Coast Conservation Program" website at sccp.ca

Sources: "Olympic National Park" website at https://www.nps.gov/olym/learn/nature/snowshoe-hare.htm



## The Real Estate Outlook By Alderbrook Properties



Since mid-summer, the housing market has provided some mixed signals but with encouraging trends. Housing starts rebounded in August after hitting their lowest levels in four years, signaling renewed

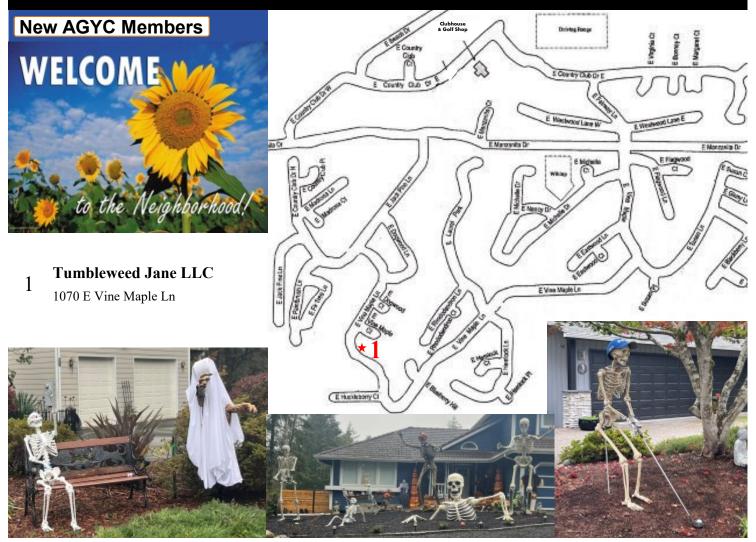
construction activity. On the other hand, existing home sales dipped more than anticipated, weighed down by high mortgage rates and elevated home prices. New home sales surged, up 10% year over year for August, reflecting increased buyer interest in freshly built properties - something we've also seen locally.

The positive momentum is continuing here in Mason County. Homes are selling faster, with the average time on the market now just 24 days, compared to 28 days at this time last year. Additionally, September saw a rise in the number of homes sold - 89 compared to 83 last year - indicating that demand remains steady despite broader market challenges.

As Robert Dietz, chief economist for the National Association of Home Builders, aptly said, "It's been a more challenging outlook... But there are some bright spots." Indeed, while headwinds persist, there's reason for cautious optimism, with local and national trends pointing toward resilience in key housing market areas.

https://www.redfin.com/county/3092/WA/Mason-County/housing-market#trends

Gena Heeb, "Builders Push Deals on New Homes" The Wall Street Journal, October 16, 2024







# Submission DEADLINE: 24th of each month

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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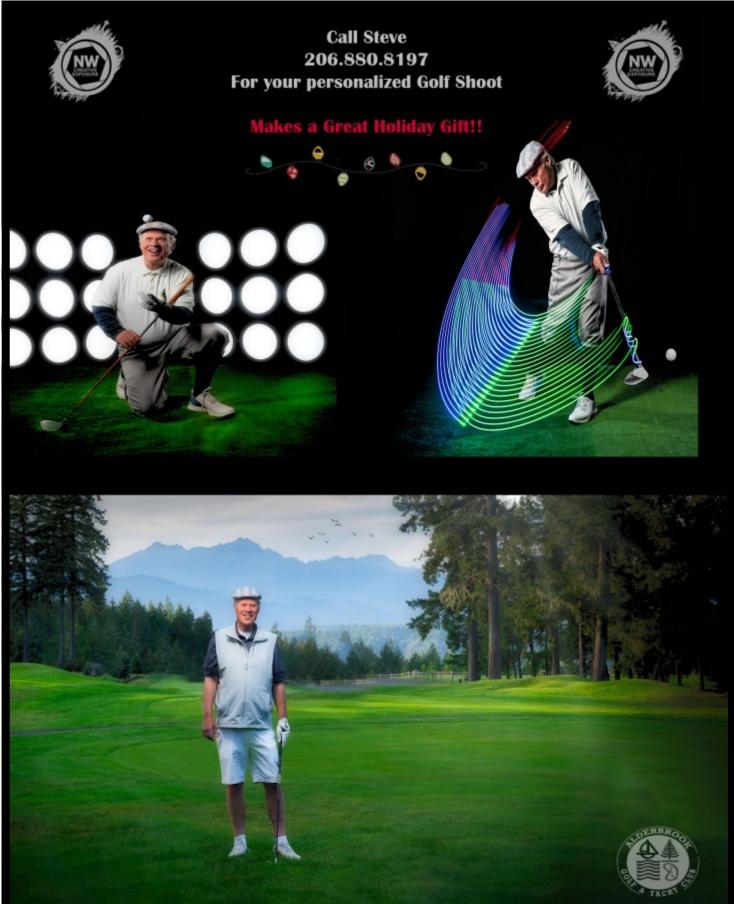


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As a resident of the Alderbrook community, you know what a wonderful place it is to play, gather and relax. It's easy telling family and friends how much you enjoy it—and now you can enjoy a \$1,000 referral reward when someone you refer purchases a new Alderbrook Properties home.

If you are a property owner and/or a member of the Alderbrook Homeowners Association, you can receive a \$1,000 referral reward when someone you refer purchases a new Alderbrook Properties home.

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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only property owners in the Alderbrook community are eligible to receive the referral \$1,000 reward. You must be 18 years of age or older to participate. Notification of the referring party must be given by the referred buyer or the referring party to Akierbrook Properties prior to the referred buyer signing an Alderbrook Properties purchase agreement. The \$1,000 referral reward will be made to the referring party within 15 days of the final closing date of the home sale. One reward per referral per referred buyer home purchase. There is no limit to the number of referral rewards that can be earned by an Alderbrook property owner and/or member of the Alderbrook Home Owners Association. Employees of Alderbrook Properties are not eligible for this offer. Program start date Explainate. 1, 2019 and subject to cancellation by Alderbrook Properties are not eligible for this offer. Program start date Explainate.



Unless otherwise noted, all locations are in the Clubhouse. CC refers to the Community Center (Annex).

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