



## Who Says #8 Is An Easy Hole?

Not Paul Smithers, that is for sure. Tournament Chairman Paul Smithers recently completed the NCGA Handicap Certification Seminar, during which he discovered several interesting facts. Foremost among these was that NCGA does not assign individual hole handicap ratings. That responsibility lies with each individual course through a handicap committee, or in our case, the Board of Directors.

Since Paul's day job is that of a teacher of Statistics at COS, he jumped on the task of examining how accurately our holes were handicapped. He gathered hundreds of scorecards from past Siskiyou Opens, Men's Club events and other sources. He had a broad sampling from local players, out of towners, high handicappers and low handicappers of how each hole actually played. He then plotted those numbers in a variety of ways, that only a statistician could. He reached the conclusion that many of our holes were indeed inaccurately handicapped.

At the annual shareholders meeting on March 28<sup>th</sup>, Paul presented his findings to the membership through an excellent power point presentation. While some of the statistical procedures bewildered some of us, most of us agreed that if our hole handicaps were to be accurate, we were going to have to change them. An example is that hole number 8 has been handicap hole number 16 but Paul's research indicates it should be handicap number 7, based on how it has historically played.

During the Board meeting immediately following the shareholders meeting, the Board voted unanimously to accept Paul's recommendation and move ahead with the reordering of the holes.

In April, NCGA will send a team to reassess our course rating and slope rating. When that is finished the changes will all be incorporated at the same time. The Board of Directors will keep you posted on the progress of this project.

## Relief For Damp Cart Shed Owners

All of you shed holders who have been subjected to periodic flooding from the irrigation ditch behind sheds number 27 through 52 can look forward to some relief. Board member Donnie Wyatt has been working with the ditch owner, John Oliver, to work out a solution. Mr. Oliver has agreed to purchase a combination of metal

culverts and a dam, to be installed by volunteers from the Course. That should improve the situation greatly, if not solve the problem completely. Hopefully, this work will be completed before the end of May. Our thanks go out to Donnie and to Mr. Oliver for their hard work and spirit of cooperation.

## Hi Ho, Hi Ho, It's Off to Work We Did Go!

In February several Men pitched in to remove the old carpet from the clubhouse and generally get the floor ready for the long anticipated new carpet. The old carpet was removed and then the real work of removing the old glue began. That stuff held on tighter than Ross Greene holding a glass of Peppermint Schnapps. Perseverance and elbow grease finally paid off and the carpet was installed, greatly improving the clubhouse atmosphere.

The next project was the removal of the lightning struck tree on the seventh fairway. After the dying tree

was felled by Mike Anderson, about 16 men showed up on a cold, blustery day to cut it up and remove it. All burnable wood was salvaged to be used in the clubhouse woodstove and all small limbs were piled up for future incineration. What looked to me to be a day long project, (if not more) was accomplished in less than three hours.

The Men's Club remains committed to provide whatever resources they can for the betterment of the course.

## New Board Members & Officers

At the March 28<sup>th</sup> Board meeting Donnie Wyatt was reelected for a second term, joining incumbent Ron Dohrn. Newly elected Jerry French was welcomed to the Board, replacing Ken Burbank who did not seek a second term.

Election of Officers was held for the upcoming year. Winning second terms were:

- President -----Gary Wilkens
- Vice President----Dennis Edmonds
- Secretary-----Mike (Tiny) Anderson
- Treasurer-----Paul Smithers

*President Gary Wilkens presents Lisa Hardin and Ken Burbank with Certificates of Appreciation. Clubhouse manager Lisa was honored for a full year free of Health Dept. discrepancies and outgoing Board Member Ken was honored for his past service as Greens and Fairways Liaison.*



### EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the official newsletter of the Weed Golf Club. This newsletter will come out as needed to pass information to the Membership. This first edition is being delivered by mail to acquaint everyone with it. Hereafter it will be posted on our website <http://weedgolfclub.com/>, delivered by email and be posted in the clubhouse.