

# **Olympic Hills Golf Club**

2013 Annual General Meeting/Clyde Carlson Day

Saturday, Jan. 12, 2013

Jackson Park Pro Shop

## **Minutes**

### **Call to Order**

President Dan Puetz, Sr. called the meeting to order around 6 p.m., after members had (mostly) thawed out from golfing on Jackson Park's frozen tundra, and were enjoying post-round food and beverages in the JP pro shop.

Puetz began with introductions of OHGC officers/trustees, Jackson Park staff and special guests, including the day's honoree, Clyde Carlson.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Jim Gaskill presented the 2012 fiscal year-end report. Total 2012 income came to \$13,439.19, while total expenses were \$11,914.31, leaving a year-end reserve of \$1,524.88.

The vast majority of income came from club dues: 174 active members paying \$65 apiece, four super-seniors at \$30 apiece, and six junior members at \$10 apiece. Major expenses included Washington State Golf Association dues (\$5,128), additional prize-fund payouts (\$2,790.93) and OHGC administration stipends (\$2,300).

### **Secretary's Report**

Puetz thanked Mark Ohrenschall and Lee Jones for splitting the secretary's duties in 2012.

Ohrenschall presented Puetz with a Premier Golf gift certificate and a thank-you card from OHGC members, in appreciation for his four years of exemplary service as OHGC president.

### **Director of Golf Report**

Jackson Park Director of Golf Pete Guzzo began by thanking key staff

members--superintendent Bob Maddox and assistant professionals Paul Bourgette and Josh Gaskell--for their excellent work.

Guzzo reported no rules changes this year. The well-known proposal to ban anchoring of putters has not yet been formally approved by golf's governing bodies, and even it is adopted, it would be implemented in 2016. Guzzo said it's possible this rule could be split; i.e., applied to professionals but not amateurs.

Guzzo also outlined progress on the various construction projects at Jackson Park, and effects on golf play.

The five-mile perimeter trail is scheduled to be finished by the end of January. It directly affects holes 1,2,4 and 5, but will be separated from the course by an enclosed fence. Guzzo noted left of the fence on No. 5 will become out of bounds.

As for course changes associated with the new driving range, Guzzo said revised holes 10 and 18 are scheduled to open in mid-March, replacing the current par-three holes and their temporary greens. No. 10 will open with one set of tees for all golfers, playing about 270 yards; after the driving range opens, white tees will debut at about 300 yards, and some 315 yards for blues.

Guzzo also announced a concurrent reconfiguration of holes, which will resemble Jackson Park's original routing from the 1930s. After the first six holes, golfers will finish the front nine on what are now Nos. 16-18. And on the back nine, after No. 15, players will conclude on what is now Nos. 7-9. Guzzo said this will make No. 18 finish away from the driving range, and will also better accommodate a new clubhouse planned in the next five or so years. New signs will be part of an extensive "education process" for these holes revisions.

Jackson Park also will jettison red tees, and will have four sets of tees: blue, white, gold and green. The latter will play about 3,600 yards total, about 500 yards more from the current green tees. Guzzo said women golfers have especially enjoyed these green tees; many have commented

“golf is fun again.” These tees have also shortened by more than an hour the time for a typical Thursday round for the Jackson Park women’s club..

Other pending course changes include a new bunker on the front-right side of No. 11 green, and a new blue tee on No. 17 (soon to be No. 8). Guzzo also said extending No. 15 to a par-5--which would return Jackson Park to a par-71 overall--is a top-priority project for 2014.

Meanwhile, the driving range is scheduled to open in midsummer 2013. The grass landing area is essentially done, although it still needs outside netting. Bids for the driving-range building should be out soon, and a four month construction period is anticipated.

Guzzo also thanked Puetz for his work as OHGC president.

### **Tournament Report**

Tournament Chairman/Team Captain John Clements was introduced by Puetz. He noted Clements had two aces within about a month this past year, including what is believed to be the first-ever hole-in-one at an OHGC event, on No. 13 at the Fall Field Day in September.

“Double Ace” Clements said OHGC plans a three-club tournament Feb. 16.

He also introduced money-winners of the Clyde Carlson Day 9-hole event preceding the annual meeting: Carl Leboa and Mark Ohrenschall, tied for low gross (40); Daniel Schuler, low net (33), followed by Bob Lemaster (35) and Steve Monahan and Jim Walker (both 36). KP’s went to Puetz, Sr. on No. 2 and Ohrenschall on No. 8.

Clements also encouraged bringing new guys into the club, to expand overall membership from its current levels of slightly below 200.

### **Drawing**

Cash drawings were held for members who played in four or more OHGC events in 2012. Winners: \$10, Travis Jones, Lee Jones, Greg Heim, John Clements; \$15, Jeff Schoening; \$20, Reed Johnson, Roger Brown; \$25, Trevor Cameron; \$30, Doug Nevins; \$50, Larry Maloney.

## **General Discussion**

Longtime OHGC member Dick Rovig reminded everyone the club's official name is Olympic Hills Golf Club, not Jackson Park men's club. This dates to a long-ago city policy that clubs could not take the name of local parks. He suggested the name could be changed, if desired, but it is OHGC for now.

Steve Monahan recalled his youth growing up around Northgate in the 1960s, when he would come play Jackson Park, and the men's club members would golf together and also hang out afterwards in the clubhouse. He doesn't think the same sense of association occurs anymore.

Puetz suggested the possibility of barbecues after field days, to get more members to stick around. He also said perhaps the board could consider whether to keep OHGC, or switch the name to reflect Jackson Park.

## **President's Report**

Puetz highlighted some recent accomplishments of the club.

One is Clyde Carlson Day, honoring a long-time OHGC benefactor. It has become a regular feature now, attracting some 30 golfers this year and additional dinner guests. Another is Dick Rovig Day, replacing Summer Field Day in honor of the longtime member.

New in 2012 was the Jackson Park Classic, a two-day, 36-hole event in September that drew 24 members. Puetz said he hopes this tournament will expand in the future, perhaps eventually becoming a Jackson Park Amateur drawing players from outside the club.

He also encouraged members to sign up for the board.

Puetz presented winnings for the 9-hole honey pot competitions, including five hidden holes and two-man best ball. There were, alas, no winners for the deuce pot.

### **Officer/Trustee Elections**

The following slate of officers were elected for 2013, by unanimous (more or less) acclaim: President, Trevor Cameron; Vice President, Kyle Johnson; Secretary, Mark Ohrenschall; Treasurer, Jeff Schoening. Trustees Dan Guzzo, Ryan Kiaaina and John Clements also were affirmed for continued service.

### **Raffle Drawings**

The meeting concluded with five separate raffle drawings for assorted golf paraphernalia, which generated much good-natured razzing and merriment.