

Dear Cascade members,

First of all, I would like to thank you for your continued membership in our club. I am celebrating my 23rd year as a member of the Cascade Golf Club, and there are many who have been members much longer than myself! Each year as our executive committee plans the outings, we are keenly aware that the costs continue to rise. We also know that for many of you, this plays a role in determining which events you will participate. Some of you have also wondered out loud why our annual dues are so high.

The plain truth is that our costs keep going up. Our GHIN fee was just raised by another \$5 and is now \$36/year for each member. For 2018, the Chinese Federation dues have also increased again. Out of the \$80 you pay in annual dues, that allows \$44 from each member that's supposed to cover all expenses incurred by the club including competition prizes, points for each outing, year-end awards, the year-end banquet at no charge to members. Sadly, in 2017, we took a loss and had to dip into our reserves. We are also hosting the 2019 Inter-City tournament which will incur additional costs.

Our membership has been dwindling over the past several years, and we are not alone in this problem. Our sister clubs have also reported reduced numbers (except for Portland). The bottom line is that we need more members. With more members, we can have more clout with golf courses, spread our costs among more people, and make our club even better. The executive committee welcomes whatever suggestions and feedback you have to offer.

In the meantime, the web application is now ready. Please take a look and make your selections as soon as you possible. The GHIN cutoff ins March 30th and we will deactivate all GHIN if there is no web application OR if you advise us otherwise. WGSA gives clubs in the state a break on that as we have found out in the past.

The web application is now online <http://cascadegolfclub.weebly.com/>

The 1st outing will be a 4-person Kickoff Scramble sponsored by NCL Sports. This is an event in which you can bring guests that can be part of your 4-some with other Cascade members. Members have asked and we've upgraded the schedule with a couple of new venues. White Horse is back and Salish Cliffs are in the mix this time around. Salish is on the Saturday weekend after the 4th of July with an afternoon tee start which gave us a great rate of \$76. We have this on Saturday so that would allow those who wish to stay overnight at the Little Creek Casino Hotel after the round.

If you bring in someone new to the club, the sponsoring member would get a \$10 credit to be reconciled at the end-of-the-year.

It's time once again to clean off your shoes and clubs, hit the driving range and prepare for another fantastic season. See you all on the links!

Daniel Jeung

President

Cascade Golf Club

PS... *if you have a guest you would like to schedule for March 25th, please send the club an email – cascadegolfclub@yahoo.com.*

Contact Larry Luke (206-300-2257 or howbow@aol.com) when you have schedule changes or requests.

As a member of the Chinese Federation of Golf Club we get invitations for other clubs outings as we would if we hosted the Intercity Tourney (as we will in 2019). Please visit their offerings per the links below.

2018 Federation Tournaments available at this time:

Monterey Peninsula (May 18-20)

Hosted by Foon Hay, Oakland and Sacramento Golf Clubs

<http://cbakkennet.ipage.com/fedgolf/mem2018/index.html>

Nakoma Golf Resort (August 11-12)

Hosted by Sacramento Golf Clubs

[\\http://cbakkennet.ipage.com/fedgolf/nakoma2018/](http://cbakkennet.ipage.com/fedgolf/nakoma2018/)