



Umatilla Parks and Recreation Program Update
Big River Golf Course
January/February 2023

Tournaments/Events: Saturday, February 11th we hosted our annual Valentine's Massacre. We had 48 golfers which was enough for 4 flights. It was a great turnout for a cold-weather event. The tombstone tournament was scheduled for Saturday, February 25th and was rescheduled to March 25th due to weather. The Tombstone is a tee time start versus a shotgun so with a frost delay we would have been unable to complete the event.

RTL Informational Event: An information Q&A was hosted on Saturday, February 11th at the Quality Inn banquet room. This event was designed for golfers as well as neighbors of the course and community members to have an opportunity to learn more about the festival and ask any questions they may have. David went over the handout and fielded questions from the audience in attendance as well as participants who joined virtually. It was decided to run a monthly meeting to share updates with the community until it is determined that they are no longer needed. We won't be having a meeting in March but will start in April and move forward as long as needed.

Pricing: We have currently been operating on winter rates which is \$10/9 hole and regular rates for carts. Cart prices don't adjust in the winter time. We will return to regular daily play rates, which increased for the 2023 season, around March 14th. Rates typically go back the middle on the month however that is flexible depending on weather. If we are still battling low temperatures and decreased rounds, rates could go up later on Saturday, April 2nd.

March/April Upcoming:

Saturday, March 4th- Ladies Club Opening Scramble

Saturday, March 11th-Brown Grass

Saturday, March 25th-Tombstone Tournament (rescheduled from February due to weather)

Friday, March 31st-HHS Bulldog Invite (UHS might participate as well)

Wednesday/Thursday-April 5th/6th-Men's League Starts, repeats weekly through August

Saturday-Sunday, April 8/9th-Swain Motors Too Much Fun Tournament

Monday, April 10th-Senior Blues Golf Association Tournament

Saturday, April 22nd-HHS Golf Association Fundraiser

In addition to the above events, ladies league will start the second week of March and will run through the last week of September. Score posting will start the first week of March and we are collecting men's club dues and activating members. Official league will kick off in April. Hermiston High School has started practicing and will be purchasing memberships once rosters are finalized for all participants. This year, Umatilla High School is also starting a golf team after a several year hiatus. Golf teams will have designated slots and will be out on the course several times per week through the end of the golf season.