

2024 CMC Annual Report

This is a publication for the members of Charbonneau Men's Club (CMC) from the Board of Directors. Your suggestions are welcomed.

The mission of the CMC Board of Directors is to provide great golfing experiences for all skill levels for the community of golf at Charbonneau. The keys to our success are the many volunteers on the board, committees and at events.

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President's Message

In 2024, the CMC implemented several changes. A new website was developed, which we will discuss further. We added a nine-hole option to both the Couples Holiday Events and our Men's Night Out. This year, our Invitational Tournament was run by the Pro Shop with our assistance. We added the ability to pay by credit card for certain events. Toward the end of the season, with the changes occurring at the Market Café, we began using outside caterers for our events, which has worked well for us.

Membership

Our membership is currently over 240, which is a slight increase over last year. The average handicap for our membership is about 20, compared to the national average of about 14. Our reputation as a welcoming and respectful club continues to attract new members.

Our 18-hole tournaments played on Wednesdays and Saturdays was comparable to last season. The number of special event participants increased over last year. Men's Night Out averaged over 80 players, and our Couple Events averaged over 90 players, both up 10% over 2023. The Spring Handicap was up 10% with 53 players and the Club Championship was up 30% with 55 players. It is great to see the interest growing for these events.

Our 9-hole group played on Wednesday and Friday, and they had a significant increase, averaging over 25 on each day. We can thank Joe Sharpsteen and Tom Vaughn for their efforts in trying new games and sparking interest in this group.

Men's Club Website

This year the CMC implemented a new website, CMCGOLF.org. We thank Lloyd Johnson for all the work he did to make the new website a reality. The Men's Club golf schedule can be found on the website, as can a description of all our games, golf rules, golf etiquette, plus information on the board and our by-laws. If you want to see the results of our various tournaments or the player standing, just click on Golf Genius 18-hole (or 9-hole) tab and it will take you directly to our Golf Genius page.

MEMBER'S DIRECTORY: Each year we have printed a Member's Directory, which we have typically handed out at the Kickoff Breakfast in April and have had it available in the Pro Shop. I would like your opinion if you found it helpful or can we rely on the Player and Tournament Listings that are available to members on Golf Genius.

COURSE CONDITIONS: Under the direction of our golf course superintendent Andrew Connor, the golf course is in very good condition. The course greens continue to be beautiful. This year, there were significant improvements in the bunkers, drainage and tees on the Green Course. Work has begun on the Yellow Course's bunkers, including a new bunker in the front on hole #1, which will make our next season even more enjoyable. Thanks to Andrew and his crew for all the work they do every day. And thanks to the Golf Course Board for approving to fund these projects.

Scoring Committee

Our Scoring Committee, led by Bill Stout and Tom Taylor ensure that our tournament tee sheets are sent out on time and the scoring is done quickly, by using Golf Genius. This year's volunteers include Mike Brown, Glen Ferguson, Bruce Stone, Joe Fieweger and Lee Zinsli. When you see one of these volunteers, please thank them for the work they are doing to support our Men's Club.

Tournament Committee

Our Tournament Committee, led by Gene Harp and Tim Tyler, are responsible for managing all our regular weekly and major events and make changes as appropriate. Regular Wednesday and Saturday play days continued throughout the year and several new games are tried for the first time to see how the members like them or not. In total, the Men's Club has over 60 events during the year.

For the second year in a row, the Charbonneau Cup was a team game with 32 participants, up from the 20 that was included in the individual tournament in the past. This year's winners were Tom Snell, Bill Shevlin, Art Warren and Randy Hitz.

Our Club Champion on a gross basis was Gene Harp and on a net basis, Don Larson, both in the 1st Flight. Our 2nd Flight winners were Al Landis and Ken Waldron, for gross and net, respectively. Our 3rd Flight winners were Bill Stout, gross and Wesley Clark, net.

Our Spring Handicap winners were Jeff Cummings in the 1st Flight, Bill Shevlin in the 2nd Flight and Charles Benson in the 3rd Flight.

Our Nine Hole Champions this year were Richard McLeod, 1st Flight, Zia Yanayee, 2nd Flight, and Harvey Simi, 3rd Flight.

Our Most Improved Golfer is Tom Taylor, who improved his handicap from 15.5 to 10.1.

This year we had 5 members have hole in ones at Charbonneau. They are Gene Harp, Don Lloyd, Richard McLeod, Peter Vazzana, and David Holland.

Congratulations to all our winners.

Current and Future Board Membership

This year we added Tom Vaughn to our board to fill a vacancy that occurred during the year. Tom will be representing our 9-hole group, making sure we are fulfilling their needs. The four board members that were up for renewal have all agreed to continue, which include Joe Fieweger, Mike Brown, Spencer Groshong, and myself.

I would like to thank my fellow board members for all the work they do. Spencer Groshong was our main contact on the Invitational and is getting feedback from our membership by creating a membership survey. This survey will be released early next week, and I ask that all of you complete it. The information will help us to continue to improve the CMC. Lloyd Johnson has modernized our website and added our credit card feature. Joe Fieweger has been our Secretary, keeping us on track and recording our minutes. Mike Williams, as Treasurer, has kept our finances up to date, and worked with Lloyd on the credit card option. Richard McLeod was the head of membership and social events, which had the added twist this year of using outside vendors toward the end of the season. Tim Bonino took on the task of writing the Villager articles, as well as being our Scholarship representative. Gene Harp and Tim Tyler led the tournament committee. Mike Brown is our OGA and Rules Committee representative and came with me to the President meetings with the Niners and CWGA. Bill Stout oversaw the Scoring Committee and Golf Genius. All the board members were crucial to a successful Men's Club golf season.

Financial Report

CMC operates on a fiscal year from November 1 to October 31 of the following year. CMC remains in good financial condition, operating essentially at breakeven for 2023-2024. CMC will have cash reserves of approximately \$18,000 at the end of the fiscal year.

To give you a better idea of how CMC finances work, the condensed budget for 2025 breaks CMC operations into two categories: (1) General Revenue and Expenses, which includes events where the event has no entry fee charged; and (2) Event Revenue and Expenses, where the event has a charge. Note that in 2025, the Invitational will continue to be handled by the Pro Shop and is therefore not included in the CMC budget.

The budget projects a loss for General Revenue and Expenses of \$ 313. General Operations are paid for by Member dues. The budget for Event Revenue and Expenses is breakeven and is not illustrated separately.

The condensed budget shows many General Operation activities paid for with Member dues. These activities are consistent with prior years, as are the activities contemplated under the Event Operations.

Regarding Member dues, the annual dues for next year will be \$120, of which \$41 goes to Oregon Golf Association for GHIN support. To incentivize early payment of dues, a discount of \$20, resulting in an annual dues of \$100, will be given to Members that pay prior to December 31, 2024. This year, we are allowing Members to pay by credit card by going directly to CMCGOLF.org, starting on November 1, 2024. Paying early allows for the early entry of membership information into the GHIN system and preparation of the printed membership roster. Members will not be able to post scores after 12/31/2024 until dues are paid and the GHIN roster with OGA is updated. Early payment of dues helps CMC in its administrative duties. The increase in dues is designed to cover the additional cost of covered meals for uncharged events and provide the flexibility needed when using the outside vendors.

Condensed versions of the 2024-2025 CMC Budget, as well as the projected Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet for the CMC fiscal year of 2023-2024 are shown below.