

## More Green Dot MoneyPak Card Scams

## by Corporal Colleen Melgard WPD

Isn December of 2013, I made citizens aware of the Green Dot MoneyPak Card Scams. There is a new version of this that we are seeing recently in reports to the Woodburn Police Department. This is not only City-wide, but is being seen in the surrounding areas as well. I am re-addressing this scam method, because people are still being victimized locally, now more than before.

Scammers are calling citizens and saying they are a Deputy from Marion County. They tell the victim that they have failed to show up for jury duty and there is a warrant being issued for their arrest. They go on to say the victim can avoid the arrest by paying the bail on the charges. This amount varies, but one Woodburn resident lost $\$ 800$. The victim is told to go get a green dot card and put the money on it, and then provide the card information to caller.

Green Dot MoneyPak Cards are legitimate products, but are being used to aid the scammers in obtaining money from unknowing victims. Green Dot MoneyPak Cards are pre-paid cards, purchased with cash. There is a number on the back of the card that can be used to drain the money on the card immediately. They seem to be more convenient than money wires, and are basically untraceable.

Please pass this information along to friends and family - ANY time someone claiming to be with a government agency or utility company calls you to collect money... do your homework and verify if they are real prior to handing any money over. If there is any doubt, it's probably not legitimate.

## Upcoming Events

## Upcoming Events in The Estates

- BOD General Meeting, (One Time Only), Wednesday, June 25, 1:30 p.m., Dining Hall.
- Lady Putters, Mondays, 10 a.m., meet in Ladies Lounge.
- Sundowners, Mondays, 3:30 p.m., meet at Gazebo.
- Yellow Tees Golf, Thursdays, 1:30 p.m., par 3 course, meet at Pro Shop.
- Par T Golfers, Fridays, 10 a.m., Pro Shop. For fun - no need to keep score!
- Friday Funnies, Fridays, 1 p.m., Pro Shop, BYOB and snacks after 4 p.m., meet in Gazebo or Golf Lounge (depending on weather).
- Estates Scramble, Saturday, June 14, 9 a.m. shotgun start, Pro Shop.
- Astor Way +8 special security meeting, Wednesday, June 18, 5 p.m Golf Lounge.
- Operation Identification, Wednesday, June 18, 9 a.m.-noon, Breezeway.
- Neighborhood Watch window stickers, will be available at Thursday morning Coffee Hour and in the main office for $\$ 1$, starting Thursday, June 19.
- Women's Horse Race, Saturday, June 21, betting 8-10 a.m., rules 10 a.m., start 10:30 a.m., Golf Lounge/Pro Shop.
- Carnival sponsored by Cascade Park, Sunday, June 22, 11 a.m. Auditorium.
- Neighborhood Watch, Wednesday, June 25, 5 p.m. Last general security meeting, Conference Room.
- Independence Day Golf Tournament, Friday, July 4, Shotgun start 9 a.m., Golf Lounge/Pro Shop.
- Family Golf Day, Sunday, July 13, tee times 10:30 a.m. until close, Pro Shop.
- National Night Out, Tuesday, August 5. Be watching for more information. Get your neighborhood signed up.


## Upcoming Events in Woodburn

- Woodburn City Council Meetings, 2nd \& 4th Mondays, 7 p.m., City Hall.
- Alzheimer's Support Group, 3rd Monday, 2-3:30 p.m., Woodburn Health Center.
- 3rd Monday Senior Book Club, June 16, 10-11 a.m., Country Meadows, 2nd floor kitchen.
- Cowboy Church, Saturday, June 21, 6-8:30 p.m., Cascade Park, 950 N Cascade Dr, Woodburn.


## Recent Scam in Our AreaWater Service Line Coverage

## by Kathy Hiller

TThe following is one example of this legal - but questionable - service as it was reported on the website of 12 News in Phoenix, AZ. [I've changed the actual company name to XYZ Water Service. Ed.]

## Is Water Service Line Coverage Legit?

## by Dave Cherry - Call 12 for Action - May 14, 2012

The water service line is the pipe that brings water to your home. The line starts at the city's main water pipe - usually at your meter - and ends at your house. You, the homeowner are responsible for that line and there are companies out there that offer warranties to protect you if the line breaks. The question is: Do you really need that protection?
"I've got this letter from XYZ Water Service," said Mary Helen Sotelo. It showed up in her mail unexpectedly and it really scared her. It warned that a costly home emergency could arise since her Phoenix home was unprotected. XYZ Water Service points out in their mailing that the water service line - the pipe that brings water into your home - is the homeowner's responsibility. And that line is not cheap to repair or replace. "The cost to you as a property owner if you had a break like this was in the thousands of dollars. It was intimidating." Mary stated.

XYZ Water Service offers to warranty the water service line - if it breaks for any reason other than a 3rd party's action, XYZ Water Service - subject to yearly limits - will repair or replace the line at no expense to the homeowner.
"For as little as $\$ 5$ a month, or $\$ 60$ a year, they would offer you this coverage." Mary Helen asked me to check out this offer. It's true; homeowners are responsible for the water service line. If it breaks the city won't pay to fix it and your homeowner's insurance would only pay for damages to your property not to repair the line itself.
"You can't afford to have this kind of repair, it costs 6,000 or 7,000 dollars to do this, and in these financial times, who's got that kind of money?"

Yes, XYZ Water Service's coverage is cheap, but if you're on a limited or fixed income, you need to ask "is this warranty really necessary?"
"Don't have a knee jerk reaction and say oh-geez this is a good offer, and it's very reasonable, no, ask questions, get informed."

Bottom Line: Water service line breaks are not everyday occurrences. The main culprit here in Arizona is if a tree root gets tangled up in the line. The Arizona Registrar of Contractors says absent tree roots, damage to water lines between the meter and your house are rare.

So, if this sort of coverage gives you peace of mind - go for it, but it's also fairly likely that you may never have a problem with your water service line and you'll be paying for coverage you don't use.

## Kudos To Fathers

by Gini Oliver
How marvelous to honor fathers with special tributes and accolades once a year - every third Sunday of June.

Were it not for fathers, this all-encompassing planet, our whole world would be devoid of the human race. They are the originators of mankind - the founders, the leaders, the lovers, the protectors, the fearless. From childhood to eternity, we value their wisdom and wit. We thank our lucky stars for their courageousness and revel in their significance.

Relish your role of fatherhood, dads. Be ecstatic! Exultant! Jubilant! Pop your buttons! You are swell, cool, and awesome. Happy Father's Day!

## 2014 News \& Views Schedule

In June and July, News \& Views will publish as follows:

| Copy due by 9:30 a.m. | Publication Date |
| :--- | :--- |
| Thursday, June 19th | Friday, June 27th |
| Thursday, July 3rd | Friday, July 11th |
| Thursday, July 17th | Friday, July 25th |

Thank you, everyone, for your cooperation.

## Greetings to Our Senior Neighbors

## by Dan Multop

I'm Daniel Multop, a board member of Woodburn Arthur Academy Parent Organization (WAAPO) and we need artists to make a mural for our school!

You might be asking yourself what is Woodburn Arthur Academy? We are a free public charter school located here in Woodburn, Oregon. Our elementary school serves students in grades Kindergarten - 5 th grade and we have around 165 students total. The Arthur Academy organization is the largest group of charter schools in the state of

Oregon. WAA was the only school in the Woodburn School District to receive the highest rating from Oregon Department of Education last year.

Our parents' organization got together this last fall and discussed ways we could help brighten up our small school campus located behind Mid-Valley Community Church. We came up with the idea of having a mural painted on the main school building where all the children and parents would see it day after day. Not only will the mural brighten up the school area it will also help prevent graffiti on and around the school.

The only problem is that we have no skilled mural artists in our school community that can help us with this project. We were hoping to team up with our neighborhood seniors in order to build a relationship between our school and the senior community through this mural project. To do this we are asking for seniors who are skilled in this type of art to create this mural. The mural would be painted based on one of our children's winning drawings. You would be able to help judge between all the submitted drawings paintings our children provide and create a lasting friendship between you and our children.

If you are interested in helping out in any way, please contact Daniel Multop by calling 503-980-1026 (work) or email daniel@multops.net.

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## Neighborhood Watch Committee

by Sharyn Cornett
ATTENTION: The last general security meeting will be held Wednesday, June 25, at 5 p.m. in the Conference Room. We will continue to have articles of concern in the News \& Views. Corporal Colleen Melgard WPD will continue to write informational pieces for us.

Astor Way Plus 8 will have a special security meeting on Wednesday, June 18, at 5 p.m. in the golf lounge. The purpose of this meeting is to fulfill the city requirements for Neighborhood Watch signs to be posted in this area, on King Way and Astor Way. Anyone may come to this meeting.

Operation Identification will be held in the breezeway on Wednesday, June 18, from 9 a.m. until noon to mark golf cars or anything you want to identify. Marked property is difficult for a burglar to sell since it can be traced to the rightful owner with relative ease. After this date, you can sign out the engraver tool for one day and mark your things at home. Please adhere to one day only or you will be charged $\$ 3$ for the cost of the tool.

- Starting Thursday, June 19, Neighborhood Watch window stickers will be available at Thursday morning Coffee Hour and in the main office for $\$ 1$.

Sunday, June 22 is our Carnival sponsored by Cascade Park. Food will be served from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Games will start at 11:30 a.m. Come win many small and large prizes and take a shot at dunking President Ken Bourne, General

Manager Sharon Schaub, or Pat Lucas and son Terry. You get three balls for only $\$ 1$, so take many chances. We have lots of towels! New this year for the carnival is a Peanut Gallery Auction. Buy a bag of 60 peanuts for $\$ 2$ and bid on gifts worth approximately $\$ 20$. You can see the gift baskets ahead of time and pick which one to bid on with your peanuts. We will have 3-4 separate auctions with 4-5 items each, so come and get a nice prize for only $\$ 2$. Cascade Park is also giving out a free raffle ticket for a chance on three free gifts but - you must be present to win! Remember, the Carnival is still only $\$ 5$ for a great meal and 3 free game tickets. You may purchase more tickets at 3 for $\$ 1$ or 20 for $\$ 5$. It will be a fun and busy day with face painting, bean toss, cake walk, fish tank, and more. All games require 2 tickets, but popcorn is only 1 ticket. See you all there! We will play until all the prizes are won; it might be your lucky day!

- SAVE THE DATE - Tuesday, August 5, for National Night Out. Last year we had 16 neighborhoods participate. This year we hope to have more. This is all part of getting to know your neighbor and be aware of your block activities. Printed in the News \& Views below is a registration form to fill out and turn into the main office. This form is also available in the office. The office will register us with the city. The police or fire will come to visit the registered blocks. Host families can invite the whole area to attend.

「 National Night Out 2014 Registration Form at The Estates Golf $\boldsymbol{\&}$ Country Club Yes! My neighborhood will participate in the $31^{\text {st }}$ Annual National Night Out on Tuesday, August $5,2014$. My Neighborhood:
Contact Person:
Mailing Address:
If the activity location address is different than the mailing address, list the address of the event location also:


Event Start Time: $\qquad$ ${ }_{\text {and Event Endin }}{ }^{\text {(Ho }}$


Turn in your completed form to the main office, 1776 Country Club $\overline{\text { add, Woodburn, OR } 97071}$ Upon Receipt of this registration by the Neighborhood Awareness Committee, city officials, Police Department representatives, and Fire Department representatives will be notified and encouraged to visit as many Estates neighborhoods as duty assignments permit.
ase submit your suggestions and ideas on how we can better serve your neighborhood. Questions, contact Sharyn Cornett, Activities Chair, 503 981-0193 or 503-982-1776

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## A Note From the Rules Committee

Did You Know?
by Jim Worley, Chair
Ideally, we would all like to work out problems before they become a complaint with our neighbors. Unfortunately, part of the job of the Rules Committee is to handle complaints in our neighborhoods.

Being a good neighbor includes picking up garbage and items around your home.

Overgrown shrubs and trees, piled up garbage and water that is left in buckets or other containers harbor rodents, insects and stray animals, including rats, raccoons and skunks.

We are becoming more aware of the potential harm that lawn and care chemicals may do, especially if over used or used incorrectly.

Before you, or your gardener, use chemicals, on your property, ask at the local gardening center or store and read the label and Safety Data Sheets for the chemicals. (SDS - formerly MSDS sheets). These labels will tell you what is in the chemical, how to use it, how to dispose of the material and container safely and possible adverse results.

You may find that you do not need as much chemicals, if any, for the purpose intended. This saves you money, too.

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Look to our own News \& Views. Occasionally articles are printed that offer help in our area from area schools with yard work.
It is understood that we love our pets. Pets add to our lives. However, please keep your pets on a leash or in your home for their safety as well as the safety of neighbors, walkers or other pets. Caring for an animal means being able to handle the amount of pet(s) you have and keeping them healthy. There are resources available in Marion County for spaying and neutering, fences, and food for your pets.

The following are only a couple of resources available. Income restrictions may apply.

Willamette Humane Society, Salem, Oregon, occasionally has days for spaying and neutering of pets - 503-5855900. Willamette Humane Society posts other groups at their website that also may help lower income families. http:// willamettehumanesociety.org/animal/ shelter/ Ask by telephone if you do not use a computer.

If you qualify for Meals on Wheels, they also may be able to help you as some areas also provide pet food.

Fences for Fido provides fencing for dogs, mostly for chained or tethered dogs, but they might be a resource for you if a fence is needed or may have ideas. Their number is 503-621-9225. Thank you.

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Max and Fern Lewis

Spotlight on Fern Lewis by Ursula Huber-Rea
Fern Lewis reached age 95 on Sunday, May 25, 2014, and she still holds the record for lowest women's score (76) for 18 holes on The Estates golf course. Fern was Club Champion in 1981 and 1983 of the Women's 18-hole golf group.

She was born Fern Adamson on May 25, 1919, in Ririe, Idaho, which is less than 20 miles from Idaho Falls. She married Delmar Rapp with whom she had 3 children: Keith D. Rapp (California), Marilyn Lewis (Washington) and Jacqueline Boyd (Arizona). There are 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Fern later married Max Picot Lewis, an author, who founded and operated a dental laboratory in Idaho. Together,
they chose to move to The Estates in Woodburn, purchasing a home on Astor Way. After many years together, Max passed away, leaving her a widow. Fern continues to live in her own home, assisted by a caregiver and her son, Keith Rapp, who moved from California to support her. Keith is married to Ursula Huber-Rea who is a member of the 18hole golf group at The Estates.

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## Men's Golf Club Meeting

## Estates Men's Golf Club General Meeting

June 3, 2014
The meeting was called to order by President Fred Bourne at 10 a.m. in the Dining Hall, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: A quorum of officers and committee chairmen was affirmed - Fred Bourne, Jim Worley, Chuck Johnson, Clint Hansen, Stan Hiller, Steve Hobson, Allan Lindberg, Gene Balfour, and Bob Price. A total of 17 members attended the meeting.

President's Report: President Bourne reported on the results of the President's Cup, citing each winner of the various flights as well as the overall low gross and low net winners as follows: Low Gross - Dick Hammond; Low Net - Stan Hiller - 1st Flight Winner - Larry Jones; 2nd Flight Winner - Steve Hobson; 3rd Flight Winner - Richard Hughes; 4th Flight Winner - Tony Pye; 5th Flight Winner - Bob Wright. President Bourne then reported on the results of the Men's Horse Race after thanking the many volunteers who assisted in this major Men's Golf Club Event. The winners of the Men's Horse Race were Victor Morris and Charlie Nilson. Second place winners were Dennis Wichert and Paul Eaton. Third place winners were Fred Bourne and Gene Stiles. Allan Lindberg then reported the results of the betting that took place.

Vice President's Report: Vice President Len Westphal was absent.


Secretary's Report: Nothing to Allan wished to thank Lon Reed for report

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Jim Worley reported that the balance of the Club's account was $\$ 3,719.53$ at the beginning of May, 2014, and the current balance is $\$ 3,476.53$. Jim also stated that in the past there was a group of 9 Hole Men Golfers who would play on Thursdays after the regular Men's Golf Club Play. He went on to say that there may be as many as 8 men golfers who would like to play only 9 holes on Thursdays after our regular play. Jim would like to see a 9 -Hole Men's Group be formed for future play.

## Committee Reports:

Sunshine: Bob Price reported that he had been on vacation and had not sent out any cards. He was informed that Lee White had passed away and that Lee had been a golf club member in the past. Bob will send out the appropriate card to Lee's family.

Membership: Stan Hiller reported that he has completed 250 bag tags thus far this year. He also reported that we currently have 131 members in the Estates Men's Golf Club.

Rules: Gene Balfour asked some questions regarding the history of golf and also clarified rules involving standing behind a golfer who is putting on the green (rule 9b) and also the imbedded ball rule.

OGA: Paul Eaton was absent. President Bourne reminded those present of the June 11th Match Play ( 2 man best ball) between our club and the OGA. The event will be held at the OGA Golf Course, a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m.. The $\$ 45$ fee includes green fees, practice balls, cart, and a lunch following the event.

Tournaments/Mixed Tournaments: Allan Lindberg reported that the Memorial Day Mixed Tournament went well with the 9 a.m. shotgun start proving to work very well for all participants. He reported that 128 golfers participated in the tournament and that 152 people attended the after tournament dinner.
working the beverages and snacks under the breezeway. The pictures taken by Ken Leonard during tournament play and presented as slides by Stan Hiller were a huge success and will become a regular feature in future tournaments. Allan also reported that all sponsors for the Mixed Tournaments are now in place for 2014. Our Mixed Tournament on June 14, 2014, is all set, including snacks and beverages. So far, 39 teams have signed up for this tournament. Allan also commented on the first night success of the Sundowners group that plays each Monday evening. A total of 47 players have signed up to play in the Sundowners.

Handicap: Clint Hansen began by asking why the coke machine was removed from the golf lounge. Ken Bourne, President of the Board of Directors, present at the meeting, responded by informing us that it was a vendor decision as sales of their product did not warrant keeping the machine at that location. Clint informed us that the Three Day Spring Handicap results will continue to determine the pairings in the upcoming Match Play Tournament. Clint then read some match play rules questions as match play rules are significantly different from stroke play rules.

Unfinished Business: Nothing to report.

New Business: Nothing to report.
Closing Comments: Allan Lindberg inquired as to where the "tee caddies" have gone (the small containers for broken tees kept near the tee markers). We were informed that the Golf Course Superintendant had removed some of the tee caddies as many were being used for cigar and cigarette butts and other trash and Tim O'Larey was trying to impress upon all golfers the purpose of the tee caddies. There was also a question raised as to why the Men's Horse Race could not be a pure alternate shot format rathe than the current modified alternate shot
format. Also there was a question raised as to why the Men's Horse Race could not be divided into two flights, based on handicaps. The discussion that ensued led those in attendance to believe the current format is still the best format to be used.

Gene Balfour stated that if our course was "semi-private" (i.e., open on occasion for public play), we could raise revenue and expose our course to golfers who might then become associate golf members. Ken Bourne responded that there are pros and cons to going semiprivate and the matter would be open to the Board of Directors for discussion. Gene Stiles stated that we need the Men's and Women's Golf Clubs to form a Golf Marketing Committee as the Board of Director's Marketing Committee has not focused on the marketing of our golf course. Ken Bourne responded that the Board did approve the printing and publishing of a golf course brochure. Jim Worley stated that to his knowledge, there has only been one person who has thus far brought in the brochure for a complimentary round of golf. Allan Lindberg suggested that we need to have a booth set up at next year's Golf Show as a way to market our golf course. Jim Worley commented on the success of the first evening of the Sundowners as the Pro Shop took in $\$ 183$ in greens fees on Monday, substantially more than a typical Monday. Allan Lindberg pointed out that after the Sundowners play ended on Monday, fourteen players went to dinner at Dennys, one of our Mixed Tournament sponsors. Allan will let Dennys know of our members frequenting their business, especially on Monday nights.

Closing: President Bourne moved that our meeting be adjourned, motion seconded, approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Chuck Johnson, Secretary - Minutes approved by President Fred Bourne


## Women's Golf Club Membership Book

## by Marge Epling

We've been made aware of several updates, additions, and corrections that need to be made to the Women's Golf Club Membership Book. Copies of these will be available for you to pick up at the

June 16 General Meeting \& Luncheon in the Dining Hall as well as posted in the Ladies Lounge. For questions or to submit further corrections, please contact Membership Chairman Marge Epling at 503-981-1421.


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## Women's Golf Club Meeting

Estates Women's Golf Club

## General Meeting

May 19, 2014
President Sandy Blaylock called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. A quorum was determined followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A motion was made by Lynda Chester to approve the minutes of April 21, 2014 as published in the News \& Views on May 9, 2014. Second by Rita Girard. Motion Passed.

Treasurer's Report - Nancy Reed:
Statement Balance

| $3 / 31 / 14$ | $\$ 4,414.22$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Deposits | 929.60 |
| Expenses | $(333.93)$ |
| Balance $-4 / 30 / 14$ | $\$ 5,009.89$ |

Balance-4/30/14 \$5,009.89
Secretary - Arlene Langendoerfer: Thank Yous to Louise Davidson for taking minutes at the April General meeting; Bernadine Bourne for stepping up to be Assistant Secretary and to all the members for the nice Get Well card.

## VP - Jan Stein: No report.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

OGA - Nancy Littlemore: Accepted an invitation to attend the PNGA Annual Meeting on April 26, 2014, at the Columbia Edgewater Country Club. All Directors in attendance introduced themselves and the club they represent. PNGA Players of the Year 2013 were announced. Lunch was served after several participants joined in playing the Columbia Edgewater G\&CC. Please follow the updates provided through OGA on their website. Mainly volunteering for the youth program, Explore Oregon, and keeping up-to-date on future tournaments. Have fun, meet new friends, and enjoy our beautiful golf courses.

Membership \& Books - Marge Epling: Marge announced a new 9-hole member, Jan Sawyer. Welcome, Jan! Our membership count now is $\mathbf{5 3}$ eighteenhole players, 47 nine-hole players, 12 Social Members, for a total of $\mathbf{1 1 2}$.

Social - Penny Sealy \& Louise Davidson: Penny announced when you turn in your money for lunch be sure to label the envelope with your name, General Meeting lunch date, and amount paid. It gets confusing when all golf activities use the same mail slot. We don't want anyone to get left out. June 16, 2014 is the next Luncheon and your money needs to be paid by June 11 . Lunch is salad bar and chicken.

Handicap - Marlene Johnson: Beautiful weather is making a good turnout for players. June 4th the 18hole ladies will invite a 9-hole player for a 2 person scramble followed with a potluck. Rose-A-Rama practice on June 6 and Play on June 7. Spring Handicap
also is in June so be ready for a busy month.

Golf \& Greens - Janice Aiken: Janice is now on the Board of Directors as Golf Chair. Fred Bourne will be updating our "Local Rules" booklet including information regarding golf carts driven on the course and common areas. Discussions included "out-ofbounds" stakes, Fence at \#12 tee box and detailed report from Tim on the Arborvitae on the 8th tee box. Tim also reported lots of "spike turns" around the hole on the greens and that divots are not being repaired.

Mixed Tournaments - Diana Lindberg: The Mixed Tournament committee met on May 19 and they are ready for a fun 2014. Shotgun starts will start at 9:00 a.m. with an early dinner at 5:00 $\mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Lady golf players are needed to pair with men who have signed up to play and need partners. Please let the pro shop know. We ask if you give your dinner tickets away, that you please put your name on the back of the ticket, so we can track the paid tickets. Again we have volunteers to help on some of the positions, breezeway, table set-up and checking in players for dinner. If you can help in any way please let Allan and Diana know.

Trophies \& Awards - Joanne Delnick \& Mary Schueler: Birdie Pins for March awarded to Susan Gsell 18-hole player. Birdie Pins for April awarded to Rosa Nichols, Susan Gsell, Carol Bettandorff and Merra Frochen, all 18 -hole players. Nancy Reed and Pam Matthews each earned a "Break 60" pin for 9-hole ladies.

Sunshine - Mary Bauer: Absent.
9-hole Eclectic - Mary Bauer: Absent.

18-hole Eclectic - Susan Gsell \& Barbara Briskey: No report.

9-hole Captains - Nancy Reed \& Rita Girard: Our turnout is getting bigger. We will be putting a sign-up sheet out for 9 -hole ladies to get a refresher course on rules and etiquette on the course. Date will be announced. Sign-up sheet on the golf lounge bulletin board.

18 hole Captains - Susan Gsell \& Rosa Nichols: Absent.

Unfinished Business:

- OGA Play Day - Lynda Chester: May 21, 9:00 a.m. shot gun start with lunch in the Blue Room to follow. We have 16 OGA players and 20 Estates players.
- Fashion Show \& Luncheon Becky Butts: The May 2nd Fashion Show was attended by 95 ladies who enjoyed the luncheon and clothing modeled by Ladies Golf Club members. The Outlet


Mall featured 4 stores showing their fashions.

Rally for the Cure - Becky Butts: May 13, 14, \& 15 had 20 nine-hole players, 26 eighteen-hole players and 31 men participating in the days play. Lunch was held on the 15th catered by Country Cottage to honor cancer survivors and to give out the raffle prizes. Bernadine Bourne, Maggie Sasse and Ben Hoisington were the "closest to the line" Rally for the Cure winners. Bernadine won a new pair of golf shoes and Maggie \& Ben each won a new golf club.

- Rose-A-Rama - Carol Bettandorff \& Dorothy Monnier: 42 players have signed up to date. There is still time to sign up for play and to volunteer to help with all the activities. Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. and lunch, after play, will both be held in the Auditorium. Call Carol or Dorothy if you are able to help or wanting to play. June 6 is the practice round and June 7 is the play day.

Bernie \& Red Show - Sandy Blaylock \& Jan Stein: The show was enjoyed on Mother's Day by many ticket holders. The successful show earned the Ladies Golf Club $\$ 820$.

- By-Laws \& Constitution Recommended Changes: This matter has been tabled to make changes to an item for rewording. It will then be posted to the Ladies Lounge Bulletin Board for a period of 30 days, then sent back to the Executive Board to accept or reject.


## New Business:

- Sandy Blaylock suggested we honor Marlene Johnson with free General Meeting Lunch each month as a "Thank You" for all the work and hours she provides in Handicapping and scoring duties that she does every week as Handicap Chairman. The membership was in favor and passed by the majority.

Yellow Tees - Mickey Harrison. You have the option of playing the Par Three course on Thursdays at 1:30 p.m.
or Fridays at 10:00 a.m. The majority of the ladies have chosen Thursdays. Lady Putters have also started every Monday at 10:00 a.m. Come join us.

50/50 and Badge Drawing - Marie Worley:

- 50/50 winner - \$20.00 - Donna Peeke.
- Badge Winner - \$2.25 - Arlene Langendoerfer.

Announcements:

- May 21 - OGA Play Day
- May 26 - Memorial Day Mixed Tournament
- June 4 - 18-hole Ladies invite 9-hole Ladies - Potluck after play.
- June 6 \& 7 - Rose-A-Rama
- June 14 - Estates Scramble Mixed Tournament
- June 16 - Ladies Golf Executive Meeting, Conference Room, 10:00 a.m.
- June 16 - Ladies Golf General Meeting \& Lunch, Dining Hall, 11:30 a.m.
- June 17 \& 24 - 9-Hole Ladies Spring Handicap

June 18 \& 25 - 18-Hole Ladies Spring Handicap.

June 21 - Women’s Horse Race.
The Meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Arlene Langendoerfer, Secretary

Approved by President Sandy Blaylock 5/20/2014

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# The 2014 Golfing Season is Well Under Way！ 



President＇s Cup Winners－Dick Hammond Low Gross 74－75－149； Stan Hiller Low Net 62－64－126


Jerry Marvin shot his 4th lifetime hole－in－one on May 30 on \＃14．This was his first hole－in－one at The Estates．（He has since joined the money pot．）

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## by Kathy Hiller

s you can see by the photos，the golfers are having a great time．If you are not a golfer，I urge you to try it．See the pro shop personnel，they can help you get started．There are several groups that play 9 holes，some from par 3 tees．

The President＇s Cup winners，after two full rounds on May 1 and 8 were：Dick Hammond with Low Gross，who shot 74－75 for a total of 149 and Stan Hiller with Low Net，who shot 62－64 for total of 126．If you are not familiar with the terms Low Gross or Low net，here are the definitions：＂Gross，＂or＂gross score＂in golf refers to the total number of strokes taken during your round of golf，plus any penalty strokes． In other words，your total score without adjustments：add up the numbers on your scorecard at the end of the round，and that＇s your gross score．＂Net score＂refers to a golfer＇s score after handicap strokes have been deducted．Put more technically，the net score is a player＇s gross score minus the strokes his or her course handicap allows to be deducted during the course of the round．A golfer may have a gross score of 92 （gross score being the actual number of strokes played），but with a course handicap of 9 ．So 92 minus 9 equals the net score，in this case 83 ．On an individual hole，the player may have played six strokes，but be allowed one handicap stroke via his course handicap．The gross score on that hole is six，the net score is five．When＂gross score＂ is used it is usually in conjunction with or in contrast to net score．


Men＇s Horse Race Winners－Fred Bourne \＆Gene Stiles（3rd）；Charlie Nilson \＆Victor Morris（1st）；Paul Eaton \＆Dennis Wichert（2nd）


May 26 was the Memorial Day Mixed Tournament, sponsored for many years by Jim \& Jeanie White, owners of McCully Realty. Results were announced by Chuck Siver at the dinner that followed at $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. The listing of results are listed elsewhere in the paper, with the Low Gross Winners, Fred \& Bernadine Bourne, and Low Net winners Helen Gutshall and Stan Hiller (see photos), followed by the first, second, and third place winners from each flight. The dinner was catered by Gary's Barbecue on Wheels. There were 128 golfers, and an additional 24 guests at the dinner. Many thanks to Allan \& Diana Lindberg, the chairs of the mixed tournaments, and their volunteer helpers.

Jerry Marvin is a recent new member at The Estates. He is an avid golfer and on May 30, he scored his fourth lifetime hole-in-one. This was his first one on The Estates Golf \& Country Club course, but he is very proud that he scored the double-eagle on hole \#14 with his 3R Cobra club. The pro shop has a hole-in-one pot that golfers buy into for $\$ 1$ as insurance if they shoot an ace. Jerry was not in the pot, so he could not claim the pot money, but he plans to drop in his dollar now. Good thinking, Jerry!

The Men's Horse Race took place on May 31, with betting from 8 to 10 a.m.; rules at 10 ; and tee off at 10:30. Chuck Siver, our golf pro, officiated at each hole, supported by Jim Worley, Stan Hiller, Lon Reed, Gloria Bourne, and Gene Balfour. Great job, everyone, and my apologies if I missed anyone. There were nineteen twoman teams starting out, with three teams eliminated at each of the first three holes, then two teams eliminated at the 4th, 5th, and 6th holes, leaving four teams to compete for win, place and show. Unfortunately, one team was disqualified on hole \#7 for playing an unmarked ball. Each team starts out with two golf balls marked with their team number. These are the only balls that may be used during the entire event. I did not wager on players (although hubby did) but I would bet that every golfer makes certain they are not carrying any extra golf balls during future Horse Races. It's a tough lesson. From the photo, you can see the winning teams. First Place (WIN) was Victor Morris \& Charlie Nilson. Second Place (PLACE) was Paul Eaton \& Dennis Wichert. Third Place (SHOW) was Fred Bourne \& Gene Stiles. Payouts were ready on Sunday thanks to Allan Lindberg.


Fred \& Bernie Bourne, Helen Gutshall, Sponsor Jim White, Stan Hiller


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## 2014 Memorial Day Golf Tournament Results

## by Chuck Siver, Golf Pro at The Estates

1This Mixed Foursome tournament took place on Monday, May 26, 2014. The format was a 2 person alternate shot. Sponsored by McCully Realty, Jim \& Jeanie White. Congratulations to all our winners!

## Overall winners:

Low Gross: Bernadine \& Fred Bourne (88)
Low Net: Helen Gutshall \& Stan Hiller (61)

## FLIGHTS

## U.S. Army

1st - Nell Crawford \& Mike Delnick 2nd - Wanda \& Butler Stephens
Tied 3rd - Barbara \& Don Briskey
Tied 3rd - Carol Bettandorff \& Mike Cranford
U.S. Navy

1st - Nancy Littlemore \& Richard Hughes
2nd - Marlene \& Chuck Johnson
Tied 3rd - Christina \& Victor Morris Tied 3rd - Ruth \& Mick DeSantis

## U.S. Air Force

1st - Mary Schueler \& Dick Wessell 2nd - Marilyn \& Mike Dykes 3rd - Sharon \& Larry Hoyt

## U.S. Marines

Tied 1st - Margo \& Ron Sartin
Tied 1st - Jeanne \& Jim Hutchinson 3rd - Donna \& Dick Jentzen

## U.S. Coast Guard

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## Simple Alternatives for Killing Weeds

## by Patty Soza

In the May 23, 2014 issue of News \& Views, I submitted an article which cited references from Scientific American about the toxicity of Roundup. The following are alternatives I've found and use in my yard.

Since I never use Roundup, and it isn't meant to be used for the weeds growing in lawns anyway, I set my mower for longer grass to deter weeds. I don't fertilize; instead I mow without a catcher and sprinkle coffee grounds into the lawn. I rake it deep into the grass, to control soil compaction, and to feed the lawn and deter weeds. I can't use coffee grounds in the backyard with the dogs, although I suspect that my dogs supply the necessary fertilizer with their urine. I pick mushrooms out of the lawn and

then pour a tiny pinch of baking soda where they were growing, and then I water the area so it soaks into the soil and they won't return. The only way I've found to control clover is to use a patch repair product, which reseeds the area and smothers the clover. I've only lived here for five years, but so far my lawn is in fine shape. I'm not constantly weed free, but I'm not spending all of my time fighting weeds either.

I use a mixture of white vinegar and water in a spray bottle for weeds in the garden. Some say this doesn't kill to the roots and they add castile soap to the mixture, but I haven't found that necessary. Where weeds are growing through cement, I take a tea kettle of scalding water and pour it over them.

I am no expert, and I understand that everything on earth is toxic in a large enough quantity. I've read that across Europe, cities are developing alternative methods of non-herbicide control technology, which our cities could also model.

I've found some fascinating alternatives to insect repellants too, but that would be best for another article.

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## Speaking in Clichés

## by Evelyn White

No two ways about it. When we get too much pressure in our life, we must calm down, breathe deeply and, 'Take the bull by the horns', as the saying goes. Then another quote, ‘Don't sweat the small stuff'. Or 'Don't get your knickers in a twist'. Of course the best advice I have received is, 'learn to say no!

Why is it I 'drift through life' 'fiddling along', 'taking each day at a time' and then suddenly, 'I run into a brick wall'?

Before I know it, I'm 'in water over
my head'. I feel like I've 'climbed through a window backwards' and it begins to get painful. I feel like I'm 'up a creek without a paddle'. Of course, 'I've bitten off more than I can chew'. Mother would say, 'You've made your bed, now, lie in it'. Gosh, or 'If the shoe fits, wear it'.

Well, all right, at least when it's 'over and done', I have been 'taught a good lesson'. Another quote is, 'Don't put all your eggs in one basket'. I guess I've 'run this subject into the ground', but I don't intend to 'cry over spilt milk', so there!

## Drug Problem

## Author unknown

I had a "drug" problem when I was a young person and teenager.
I was "drug" to church on Sunday morning.

I was "drug" to church on Sunday night.

I was "drug" to church on Wednesday night.

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## Diana Wells

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I was "drug" to the family altar to read the bible and pray.

I was also "drug" to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents.

Those "drugs" are still in my veins; and they affect my behavior in everything I do, say, and think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack or heroin. If our children had this "drug" problem, America would certainly be a better place!

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The Volleyball Gang

To Astor Way +8 Potluck.
Thank you so much to those who helped set-up, clean-up, and brought food for the May 15 potluck. Without you, we could not have potlucks! Watch the News \& Views for the next potluck on September 18.

Dolly Yarnell

To my many friends at The Estates..
I so appreciate your care and concerns for me after my recent heart surgery. I have received many cards, messages and good wishes from so many of you, including the 'Coffee Hour' card where you all wished me well. I am elated and overwhelmed. I hope you all realize what a great place we share here in The Estates. Thank you again from the bottom of my repaired heart.
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June 14 at $5: 00$ pm - Dinner fee is $\$ 15.00$ en
Game format:
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## Independence Day

 July 4, Friday Mixed Golf Tournament SponsorDenny's Restaurant at Woodburn
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Sign up - $6 / 16$ through $6 / 27$, Entry fee is $\$ 15.00$ each.
July 4 at $5: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ - Dinner fee is
Beverages - Water - Pop - Beer
Game format: Shotgun start at 9 am
2-person Chapman, both tee off, hit each others tee shot, choose best ball,
Theme is "Sparkles"


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June 21, 2014 - Saturday Women's Horse Race Golf Tournament
Sign up:
June 1 until Ful
$\$ 4.00$ entry fee each
Game format:
2-woman Alternate shot Betting 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Teams rules at 10 a.m. Teams start at 10:30 a.m No practice that day


Blind Draw for Partner
There may be more than one group depending upon the number of teams.
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| Tuesday, June 24 | Wednesday, June 25 | Thursday, June 26 | Friday, June 27 |
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| 8:00a Water Exercise - Swimming Pool | 8:00a Fit For You Exercise - Aud | 8:00a Water Exercise - Swimming Pool | All Day News \& Views Publication 8:00a Water Exercise - Swimming Pool |
| 8:30a Ping Pong Players - DH | 8:00a Water Exercise - Swimming Pool | 8:30a Estates Quilters - Craft Room |  |
| 9:00a Bicycle Club - by Mailbox | 8:30a Ping Pong Players - DH | 9:00a Bicycle Club - by Flag Pole | 8:30a Fit For You Exercise - Aud |
| 9:30a Men's Club Executive Board - | 8:50a Walking Club Indoors - Aud | 9:30a EZ Bridge Club - Blue Room | 8:30a Ping Pong Players - DH <br> 9:00a Walking Club Meeting - Blue |
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| 10:00a Tuesday Morning Crafters Club - | 9:00a Walking Club Meeting - Blue Room | Refreshments |  |
| Card Room | 9:30a Blackjack - Card Room | 10:00a COFFEE HOUR PROGRAM - Aud/ | Blue Room Bunco - Blue Room |
| 11:00a Ukulele Group-Beginners - Craft | 10:30a Metaphysical Book Readers - Blue | DH/Kit | 1:00p Bunco - Craft Room |
| Rm | Room | 11:15a Estates Chorus - Aud | Bridge Friday Party - Blue RoomDulcimer Group - Conference |
| 12:00p Tuesday Afternoon Bridge - Blue | 11:00a Zumba Gold - Aud | 12:00p 4th Thursday Pinochle - Blue Room |  |
| Rm | 12:00p Ladies Billiards - Billiard Room | 12:30p Chicago Bridge Group - Card Room | $\begin{array}{ll}\text { 1:00p } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Dulcimer Group - Conference } \\ \text { Room }\end{array}\end{array}$ |
| 1:00p Ukulele Group-Advanced - Craft | 1:00p Golden Squares - Aud | 1:00p Card \& Board Games - Conf Room |  |
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| 1:30p TEGCC Board Meeting - DH | 5:00p Neighborhood Watch - News \& Views | Blue Room |  |
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After engraving the items, place a small Operation ID sticker (if you have them) on the exterior doors of your residence and garage/outbuildings. This serves as a warning to would-be burglars that all valuables on the premises are marked for easy identification. Everyone is urged to participate. The program is designed to protect your business as well as your home, and help you recover your property in the event it is lost or stolen.

HOW DOES THE PROGRAM PREVENT BURGLARIES? Law enforcement officers know that the average burglar is an opportunist. In most cases, he doesn't care whether he breaks into your house or your neighbors'. He just wants to get in and out quickly and steal those items that can easily be sold for cash. Burglars know that if they are caught with marked merchandise it is solid evidence against them. Fences don't like to handle marked items, so chances are better that the burglar will leave your home alone and head for easier choices.

HOW DO YOU JOIN OPERATION ID? Contact your local law enforcement agency and they will loan you, free of charge, an electric engraving device. They will also provide Operation ID stickers. Engrave your valuables with the letters OR followed by either the Oregon Operators Number which appears on your driver's license or an individual number assigned by your law enforcement agency. Place the Operation ID stickers (if you have them) on exterior doors and windows. It's also a good idea to record the model and serial numbers of valuable items, including credit cards, and keep the records in a safe place. This helps when notifying your insurance company or describing to police what is missing, if a burglary does occur.

WHICH ITEMS SHOULD YOU ENGRAVE? The best rule of thumb is: Mark anything of value that a burglar (or two) could remove from your premises. Use the checklist as a starting guideline.

- Bicycles
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WHERE SHOULD ITEMS BE ENGRAVED? Part of Operation ID's objectives are to warn burglars away, so don't try to hide the fact that an item has been engraved. Mark items as conspicuously as possible without defacing them. Obviously, some valuables such as jewelry, antiques and silverware cannot be marked without reducing their value. Photograph items in your residence and work areas for identification, using either a standard camera or a camcorder. Use of a camcorder allows you to not only show a photo of the item but also record audio to describe the items. Although it does not guarantee police will be able to trace your items, it is just another tool you have in helping to identify your lost or stolen property.

WHERE DO I FIND AN ENGRAVER? Your local law enforcement agency will loan you an electric engraver that is easy and safe to operate for marking your valuables.

HERE ARE SOME HELPFUL TIPS: Before marking valuables, get the "feel"
of the engraver by writing your name a few times on a piece of scrap material. Hold the engraver as you would a pencil, with your fingertips touching the plastic above the point. There is no need to press down on the engraver. Just move your hand slowly and evenly, allowing the vibrating point to do the work. When engraving on glass, ceramic and wood, hold the point vertical to the material to prevent chipping and splintering.

REMEMBER - BE CONSIDERATE: There are only a limited number of these engravers, please return it as soon as you are finished marking items. If your lending agency has a loan agreement time, return the engraver within that time frame, or check to see if it is okay to keep it for an extended time period before doing so.

TAKE THE OFFENSIVE: A burglary occurs every 12 minutes! A theft occurs every 7 minutes! Operation Identification is one basic step you can take to prevent larcenies. Good lighting, good locks, and other security measures can be taken to prevent crime in your community. For further information, contact your law enforcement agency.


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