

# Monthly Newsletter January 2025



Pro Shop, Bar, Business Office, Grounds Crew

## Pro Shop

Happy New Year!

### Loyalty Points Reset for 2025

We would like to remind everyone that **Loyalty Points have been reset for 2025**. Your points will now expire on **December 31, 2025**, so be sure to use them before then!

How it works:

- **Earn Loyalty Points** through purchases made in the golf shop.
- You receive **0.5 cents back for every dollar you spend**.
  - 1 point = 0.5 cents.

Important Notes:

- Loyalty points **cannot** be redeemed towards cash, gift cards, account payments, or used in the bar.
- Points are only redeemable in the golf shop.

### 2025 Marshal and Starter Program – Join Our Team!

We are excited to announce the 2025 Marshal and Starter Program and are looking for dedicated individuals to be a part of this important role. Having Marshals and Starters ensures the smooth operation of the course, maintains a steady pace of play, and enhances the overall experience for all our golfers.

Why It's Needed:

- Marshals and Starters are vital to ensuring the pace of play is maintained, helping golfers stay on track and enjoy their round without delays.
- They assist with tournament coordination, helping to set up and manage events.
- They help keep the course in top condition by repairing divots and ball marks, ensuring a smooth and enjoyable experience for all players.

### Program Benefits:

- \$500 account credit for the season.
- Free golf cart rentals during the Marshal season (April - September).

### Duties Include:

- Monitoring pace of play
- Assisting the pro shop as needed
- Helping with tournament coordination and ensuring events run smoothly
- Maintaining the course by repairing divots and ball marks

### Requirements:

- Must be available to work 4 to 5 - 4 hour shifts per month from April to September to receive benefits.
- While this is an employment application, Marshals and Starters will be considered volunteers.

### **Important:**

If you're interested in joining the program, we encourage you to come on out to the course and fill out an application. Even if you've been a Marshal in the past, we ask that you fill out the application to continue your participation in the program. Please be aware that marshal and starter spots are limited. We will begin the application screening in early March so you will have until then to get your application done.

If you have any questions feel free to reach out to David or Nick.

We look forward to another successful season and hope you'll join us!

Cheers,

Golf Shop

## **Bar / Restaurant**

Happy New Year!!!!

Snow has finally settled on the golf course, so I am getting some very needed time off.

If you know of anyone interested in bartending or cooking, please have them come to clubhouse and fill out an application.

Spring will be here before we know it.

Alisa

## Business Office

### **GHIN Renewal Reminder**

A friendly reminder to all our members: **Pryor Creek no longer bills for USGA/GHIN Handicaps**. Last year, we switched to a more streamlined process through the online payment portal directly with the **Montana State Golf Association (MSGA)**.

If you've received an email notification from the **MSGA/GHIN**, please read it carefully as it pertains to your **GHIN handicap renewal** and **NOT** your Pryor Creek Golf Club membership.

### **How to Renew Your Handicap for 2025:**

1. Navigate to our website.
2. Click on "**MSGA Handicap Access**" located on the left-hand sidebar.
3. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete your renewal.

Make sure to renew your handicap early for a smooth start to the 2025 season!

## Grounds Crew / Golf Course

January has brought some much-needed moisture and snow cover, which, while not ideal for playing golf right now, is incredibly beneficial for the course come spring. The biggest advantage is the break from foot traffic, which allows the plants to recover. Snow also acts as a natural insulator, shielding the plants from freezing temperatures and desiccating winds. I regularly monitor the greens beneath the snow for ice formation, as ice can be a concern during winter. Certain grass types can only survive under ice without respiration for limited periods. In previous years, we've had to remove snow and ice from the greens to allow the grass to breathe again.

We're continuing to make progress on the irrigation pond project on holes 1 and 9 North. While the weather has slowed things down a bit, we're still moving forward. Our goal is to wrap up the project by the end of January and begin focusing on tree care and other spring preparations. We're fortunate to have a dedicated team of operators working on this project. These individuals, who originally signed on to mow grass and fix sprinklers, have stepped up to operate dump trucks, wheel loaders, excavators, and skid steers to ensure this project stays on track. They truly understand the importance of securing our water supply and are fully committed to completing this project.

As we transition into spring, please be patient with us during the remediation phase. There will be noticeable turf loss around the pond's perimeter and our dump site between holes 1, 2, and 9. We also anticipate some irrigation infrastructure damage due to the heavy equipment crossing our playing surfaces. Additionally, we will need to reshape the pond bank in areas where access roads were created.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Best regards,

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