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### MEMBER(S) OF THE **MONTH**

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Brian & JoAnn Florence



# **NEW YEARS RESOLUTION:** GET GOLF READY WITH ADAM AND ROB

We would like to wish Oasis members a Happy New Year!



Start 2014 with the opportunity to get your game back in shape.

Adam will be offering beginning and intermediate lessons starting Mondays/Tuesdays January 26th. Lessons will be one -hour group lessons in a class no bigger than 6 students. Cost for the 8course class is \$95 per player. Please email or call Adam to sign up.

Rob will be conducting group classes both in January and February. He will be doing lessons both in Mesquite at Oasis and in his golf studio in St. George. (please refer to flyer)

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## **Director of Golf, Randy Tickner**

A quick reminder to all members of the upcoming events and happenings.

The Oasis members should recognize and thank Sheryl Warfield, Terry Donnelly, and Fay Schulz for their work on the golf and social committee. If there are any other members that would like to participate in the monthly meetings or help organize any social/golf function, please give Randy a call.

There are a few member events in January even though normally this is typically our coldest month. Thursday January 9th, we will have a "Couples golf Luau" to coincide with the first full-field PGA tour

event in Hawaii. Please sign up in the golf shop. You may pick your own foursomes. Format is 1 gross, 2 net and the PGA tour player you pick to hopefully shoot "lights out" during the 1st round of the Sony Open in Hawaii.

The following week will be the 3rd annual Shirts vs.
Skirts matches. The series currently is tied at 1-1 apiece after a thumping last year by the skirts. Please sign up to be part of this year's event in the member's lounge or online at www.theoasisgolfclub.com.

2013 cart tags must be on your golf cart by January 15th. If you need to get a cart tag, please do so during office hours 7:00-2:00 Monday-Friday.

It is not too early to start thinking about Valentine's Day dinner. Please contact Matthew John for reservations.

As members know, certain days will be difficult to get tee times as weather improves. In an effort to get as many members out as we can, please let the golf shop know how many players will be in your tee time. If you have to cancel, please do so in a timely fashion. We can always move other members into a cancelled tee time if we have ample notice.

Stay warm and enjoy 2014!



## **Turf Talk with Course Superintendent-Scott Polychronis**



I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We would also like to thank everyone who contributed to our Christmas donation party. I think our entire crew and staff definitely had the opportunity to find an item or two to make their Christmas a success.

We have had a great fall and early winter golf season. We appreciate your cooperation keeping the carts off the frosty/frozen turf. This makes a huge difference as we move into the spring season. Amazingly, we have about 60 days left to completely pass these winter conditions.

The crew is starting to finally catch up on some detail work around the golf course. We are trimming and cleaning all of the landscape beds throughout the golf course. The Canyons is almost complete and are scheduled to complete the Palmer by the end of January. Also, we have designated time each day cleaning up both the maintenance yard and inside the building.

Everything is setting up well for a great spring golf

season. The turf conditions are holding up well. With your continued cooperation, we should come out of the winter season with excellent playing conditions.

If you have played the Palmer recently, you have noticed that the tee box rocks on the first hole of the Palmer have been completely colored. After positive/negative feedback, we will decide whether to paint all the tee boxes on both courses.

We believe this will be a necessary change to help not only public play but aesthetically look better. www.theoasisgolfclub.com Page 3

### Water Hazard vs. Lateral Water Hazard

Here at Oasis, we have always had red stakes along our water showing these areas as *lateral water hazards*. As you may or may not have noticed recently, there are a few color changes on our stakes on three different ponds. As a result, we have now implemented for the first time ever yellow hazard markers.

Through advice from the SNGA course raters back in summer, tournament officials and with constructive feedback from several members, we have decided to designate the ponds on #7 Canyons, #3 Palmer, and #8 Palmer as water hazards. There are some subtle differences between the two explained below.

The Decisions on the Rules of Golf 2013-2014 stipulate the rules of the game. Rule 26 in the book explains water hazards. Please refer to Rule 26-1 & Rule 26-2 for explanations on options.

However, here at Oasis we want to simplify this as much as possible. The recommendation we will be using for relief will be two options when a player hits their ball into the water on these holes:

 Play the ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which original ball was played

or

2) Use Drop Area

Both options will incur a penalty of one stroke.

Utilizing these options will avoid dropping in deep Bermuda grass and will also serve as a way to keep the pace of play consistent.









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### Golf Shop-Adam, Melodie, Gary & Dennis

The staff would like to thank everyone who participated in the Christmas "Hershey Kiss" sale. Its one of the best sales of the year. We hope that everyone can take advantage of the sales that are offered for the Oasis members during the course of the year.

Melodie would like to remind all ladies who are signing up for team play to please stop by the shop and try on the clothing line brought into determine what size(s) you will need for team play uniforms.

If you need an extra pair of summer or street golf shoes, currently we are running a clearance sale on all Nike Men's & Women's shoes.

Adam will be running a special on

wedges for January only. Buy 2 wedges, get 3rd wedge free. The golf shop carries both Titleist Vokey ,Cleveland 588 RTX ,and also the Callaway MacDaddy wedges. This special does not include custom ordering however. We have lofts anywhere from 48 to 62 degrees with all variances of bounces.

New for this year is the Mizuno iron fitting cart. This fitting cart will be available to members who would like to get custom fit based on a 20-30 minute club fitting on the driving range. Please check with Adam for further details and/or to set up an appointment. The cart comes with over 60 shaft options, 20 clubhead options, and the "shaft optimizer" for measuring data.

As we get closer again to the peak season here at Oasis, please keep in mind if you have *guests* in town, waiting until the day before you want to play is not a wise decision. The golf shop allows members to book up to 60 days in advance to hopefully avoid squeezing in tee times that do not exist.

Tee times in January will begin at 9:00 due to frost delays, unless otherwise noted. Golf shop will be open from 7:00am-4:00pm each day. Watering begins on both courses on the first holes of both courses now at 4:00. Driving range will be closed Sunday and Wednesday afternoons at 1:30pm, otherwise will stay open until dusk.

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100 Palmer Lane Mesquite, Nevada (702)346.7820 Oasis Grille Room is open for breakfast & lunch 7 days/ week. Dinner reservations will be available Wednesday through Saturday in the Grille Room as well.





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### CLOSE BATTLE FOR MESQUITE COUPLES TOURNAMENT SERIES HEADING INTO 3RD ROUND

The first two events of the 2013-2014 Mesquite Couples Tournament Series has been very competitive. Doug & Theresa Eastman of Sun City won round 2 at Conestoga on December 1st. Doug & Robin Reed took 2nd catapulting them into 2nd place overall behind Jerry & Fay Schulz. The top 6 finishers flip flopped between the two teams with Conestoga getting 1st,3rd,&5th places while Oasis getting 2nd, 4th & 6th. Jerry & Janet Magnuson played well for Oasis taking 4th during the 2nd round(Please see table below for point standings).

The top 6 overall are all from Oasis Golf Club which is good news heading into Round 3 at the Palmer. In the team battle Oasis holds a slim overall lead of 591-575.

Next event will be January 26th on Palmer at 10:00. The format for 3rd round will be a Net Stableford Shamble. If any of the teams cannot play on the 26th, please notify Adam as we do have a team to substitute.

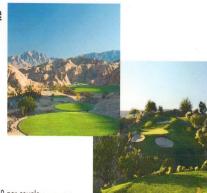
TEAM	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	TOTAL
SCHULZ	40	28	68
REED	25	36	61
VENSKI	33	26	59
MCKAY	30	26	56
MAGNUSON	24	32	56
FLORENCE	33	22	55

# Mesquite Couples Tournament Series November 2013 - April 2014 Conestoga & Oasis Golf Clubs

- The residents of Sun City Mesquite and the Members of Oasis Golf Club are invited to participate in the 3rd Annual Mesquite Couples Tournament Series
- It is a season long points race to determine Mesquite's Top Amateur Couple
- Each month will be a different format including Best Ball, Scramble, Shamble, Alternate shot, Stableford, Combined, etc...
- Following each tournament will be food & beverage along with prizes

### **Event Dates, Course & Time**

Nov 3 - Canyons 8:30 Gun Dec 1st- Conestoga 8:30 Gun Jan 26 - Palmer 10:00 Gun Feb 9 - Conestoga 8:30 Gun Mar 16 - Palmer 8:30 Gun Apr 6- Conestoga 7:00 Gun



### SERIES INFORMATION

Fees: - Register for Series - \$50 per couple (one time fee)

- Tournament Fee \$64 per person (\$39 Green Fee, \$25 Prizes, Food & Beverage)
- Oasis Members or Conestoga Annual Pass Holders pay only \$25 at your home course
- Payment in Cash or Check
- Payment Due at Sign Up 48 Hour cancellation policy (credit for next event)
- Couples are allowed a substitute a max of 2 times, throughout season
- Points accumulated per event, per couple and season long
- Limited to 24 teams per event
- Ladies play forward tees, Men play middle tees
- · Teams will consist of 1 man and 1 woman
- Food and Drinks at the conclusion of play
- · Golf shop will make pairings
- Must have an established current handicap

### Sign Up Information

Sun City Mesquite Residents call Scott- Conestoga Golf Club Oasis Members call Adam Schwartz

### Member (s) of the Month Brian & JoAnn Florence

Q: How long have you been members at Oasis Golf Club?

A: We first joined under the non-resident membership in 1998. As that phased out, we converted to the full membership in 1999.

**Q:** What is Brian/JoAnn's best score? course?

A: For Brian it was a 78 on the Palmer, so long ago that he can barely remember it. JoAnn has shot in the low 70's several times on the Palmer from the red tees. Her best score was two over par, a 76 at the Ogden Golf & Country Club.

**Q:** How many hole-in-one(s) do the both of you have?

A: For Brian, it's a big fat ZERO. JoAnn has four in three different states. Her first was #2 on the Palmer followed by Island Park in Idaho, Ogden County Club and her last one at the Casablanca. She has held back getting her fifth hole in one until Brian gets his first but is getting very impatient although she did get an albatross on #12 on the Palmer.

**Q:** Summers get a little warm here in Mesquite; where might we find the two of you playing in the summer?

A: According to Brian, JoAnn plays (a lot) at the Ogden County Club and spends most of her summers in Ogden. According to JoAnn, she doesn't play enough golf in the summer. Brian spends most of his summers fly fishing in Montana. When JoAnn gets lonely and makes the four-hour road trip to West Yellowstone they golf at Big Sky Resort.

Q: Both of you play several competitive events at Oasis. Disregarding your handicaps, who would win in a match play format?

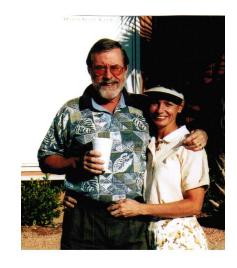
A: This is not even a close question. JoAnn every time. A couple of years ago, they both were match play champions. A playoff for overall match play champion was scheduled but the match was never concluded. It probably saved their marriage.

Q: If the two of you were to take vacation anywhere in the world, where would you visit?

A: Brian wants to go back to Greece (He has been there three times). JoAnn still has a lot of relatives there. Her mother came from Greece when she was 28. Couldn't speak a word of English and with only a pair of shoes to her name. JoAnn would like to go to Florence, Italy and then do some Island hopping in Greece and Hawaii.

Q:What is your favorite 9 holes at Oasis Golf Club?

A: Brian favors the front nine on the Palmer. The hardest for him is the front nine of The Canyons. Jo-Ann likes the back side on the Canyons with all the



A: Zorba the Greek Golf Event will be on Thursday, March 6th with ouzo shooters prior to play for those who dare. Greek food buffet consisting of souvlaki (shiskabobs), dolmathes (rolled grape leaves), Greek pasta salad, pita bread and of course dessert. will be served immediately following golf, much of which will be prepared by us. The format is a backwards waltz. i.e., 3.2.1.3.2.1. It will be a fourperson (two couple format). Use the best three net scores on holes 1.4.7. etc. The two best net scores on 2.5.8. etc. And one best net score on 3.7.10. etc. Mark your calendars now. A sign up sheet will be posted shortly. Choose the couple you want to play with. Adam will pair you with another couple if needed. Both gift cards prizes and tee prizes will be awarded.

Q: What do both of you believe is the best part about living and/or visiting Mesquite?

A:We have developed some very close friendships from all over the US and Canada, the warm weather, relaxation and Matthew John's cocktails. Also, since we love to golf, the pro shop staff, the office staff and the "boys" outside make Mesquite and our golfing experience a wonderful place to be.

Q:What's in the Bag?

A: Brian keeps tinkering with his clubs. He knows that the (many) flaws in his game is the club's fault. Right now he has a Corba driver, a Callaway fairway metal and Callaway irons. The balls can be anything that goes far and

### THE GOLFER'S ETIQUETTE LIST OF NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

stays straight. Still looking for the one that does that. JoAnn's irons are the Callaway X Hot. She has a four, five & nine Callaway Diablo metal woods and uses an Odysseus putter. She likes Callaway Diablo or Solaire golf balls.

OK, so you have probably read your share of New Year's resolution lists. Probably have had your fill of them, but there are certain New Year's resolutions that golfers should make to show the proper respect and care of their golf course that might forego or slip their mind from time to time. With the new year in mind, the following list is offered to encourage all players to understand the proper etiquette on any course that you may visit.

- 1. I resolve to understand that a bunker should be left the way it was when I entered it by properly raking my footprints and blast mark, regardless of how good or inept my attempt has been.
- 2. I **resolve** to bend over when filling my divot with sand/seed to make sure the area is filled properly and to not damage the mowers.
- 3. I **resolve** to learn how to properly fix all of my ball marks by pushing and lifting them up, thereby exposing soil leading to weeks of recovery.
- 4. I resolve to realize that any sign that has a directional arrow with the word "carts" on it means I should go in that direction.
- 5. I **resolve** to avoid walking over ropes held up by stakes that are meant to move traffic away from a weakened area. When I trip over said rope, I will take personal responsibility for my ineptness and lack of self-awareness.
- 6. I **resolve** to understand that those operating maintenance equipment can be injured by my attempts at a striking a very hard white ball. A few seconds of patience is always the best policy.
- 7. I **resolve** to remember that cart paths are not like a road where parking is needed on the edges. I will park/drive my golf cart on the hard surface only to avoid wearing out the edges.
- 8. I **resolve** to understand that trees never grow smaller as they age and shade/roots sometimes mean tree removal is necessary.
- 9. I resolve to understand that all greens are different, thus green speed should not be the same from course-to-course as detecting and adapting to different course conditions is an inherent part of



January Calendar of Events						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Happy New Years 2014!	2 COUPLES	3	4
				PALMER		
				9:30		
5	6 OMGC	7 OWGA	8	9 COUPLES LU-	10	11
	CANYONS	PALMER		$\mathbf{AU}$		
	9:30	9:30		CANYONS		
12	13 SHIRTS	14 SHIRTS	15	16 COUPLES	17	18
	VS. SKIRTS	VS. SKIRTS		PALMER		
	PALMER	CANYONS		9:30		
	9:30	9:30				
19	20 OMGC	21 OWGA	22	23 COUPLES	24	25
	CANYONS	PALMER		PALMER		
	9:30	9:30		9:30		
26 OASIS VS.	27 OMGC	28 OWGA	29	30 COUPLES	31	
SUN CITY	PALMER	PALMER		CANYONS		
PALMER	9:30	9:30		9:30		
10:00						

## **February Calendar of Events**

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2	3 OMGC CANYONS 9:30	4 OWGA CANYONS 9:00	5	6 COUPLES PALMER 9:00	7	8
9 OASIS VS SUN CITY CONESTOGA 8:30	10 OMGC PALMER 9:30	11 ME & MINE PALMER 9:00	12	13 COUPLES CANYONS 9:30	14 VALENTINE'S DAY	15
16	17 OMGC CANYONS 9:00	18 OWGA CANYONS 9:00	19	20 COUPLES PALMER 9:00	21	22
23	24 OMGC PALMER 9:00	25 OWGA CANYONS 9:00	26 MES- QUITE CUP PALMER 9:00	27 COUPLES PALMER 8:20	28	