



Linden Golf and Country Club

**Annual Report
December 2020**

The year got off to an interesting start



And the hits just kept on coming



And if it wasn't one thing... It was another!



Stay-At-Home Order



-Staff performed security services to allow members to exercise during the state-imposed shutdown

-Shutdown lasted March 23rd through May 4th

-Golf course officially reopened for member play on May 5th

Back In Action on May 5

- Cleaned restrooms and contact points every 4 hours or less, monitored social distancing and indoor mask compliance
- Recorded every round played, to include time and other players in the group
- Adapted to rapidly changing legal requirements with guidance from Board
- Implemented policy changes to staff and club members via oral, written, and digital communications
- Juggled staff schedules around testing and quarantines
- Recorded the most rounds played in club history



Tournament Highlights

Linden was limited to fewer tournaments this year, but those offered enjoyed great participation including:

- Puyallup Chamber of Commerce
- Match Play
- Bombay
- Club Championship
- Linden Cup
- Tombstone
- Turkey Shoot Poison Ball



2020 Linden Club Champions

Men's Overall Champion:

**Dana
Christianson**



| Player | Score 1 | Score 2 | Total Score |
|-------------------|---------|---------|-------------|
| DANA CHRISTIANSON | 72 | 70 | 142 |
| JORDAN PEASE | 72 | 76 | 148 |
| COLTON ZEHNDER | 77 | 84 | 161 |
| KARL HESS | 79 | 83 | 162 |
| TEREY JENNINGS | 76 | 86 | 162 |
| RYAN ENGSTROM | 79 | 74 | 153 |
| SCOTT | 81 | 80 | 161 |

2020 Linden Club Champions

Men's Senior
Champion:

**Brian
Mildenberger**



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|--------------------------------|----|----|-----|
| CHRISTIANSON | 72 | 70 | 142 |
| JORDAN | 72 | 76 | 148 |
| CHASE | | | |
| DOLTON | 77 | 84 | 161 |
| LEHNDER | | | |
| MARL | 79 | 83 | 162 |
| LESS | | | |
| TEREY | 76 | 86 | 162 |
| JENNINGS | | | |
| RYAN | 79 | 74 | 153 |
| ENGSTROM | | | |
| SCOTT | 81 | 88 | 169 |
| ANDREAS | | | |
| BRIAN MENS SENIOR MILDENBERGER | 74 | 75 | 149 |
| JUSTIN | | 82 | 159 |
| WISNESS | | | |
| STEVE | 75 | | |
| MCCAULEY | | | |
| JEFF | 82 | 84 | 166 |
| OBERBILLIG | | | |

Linden Cup

Team Fatica hoisted the Linden Cup this year!



Membership Update

Membership - 7 Year Average Totals

2014 Total Average 257

2015 Total Average 274

2016 Total Average 290

2017 Total Average 286

2018 Total Average 299.4

2019 Total Average 297.9

2020 Total Average 297.3

Initiation \$3,000 with 25 currently on wait list
(8 names on wait list as of November 2019)



Membership Update

Current Breakdown:

219 Single Memberships

81 Family Memberships

Total 300

November '19 Total 299



Budget Report Highlights



-Net income for ten months ending October 31, 2020 \$ 28,000 (2019: \$ 55,000)

-Depreciation expense through October \$ 76,000

-Initiation fees received through October \$ 64,000 with \$ 12,000 more coming in November totaling \$ 76,000 (2019 total: \$ 67,000)

Budget Report Highlights

**-Capital expenditures through October:
\$ 19,000**

**-New cart building, Trackman studio, and
short game practice area improvements
currently in progress- estimated cost:
\$ 350,000 (2019: \$ 112,000)**

**-Member loan proceeds received for above
projects: \$ 370,000**

**-Loan principal payments through October
\$ 132,000 (2019: \$ 95,000)**

**-Estimated cash reserves on December 31st
\$ 240,000 (2019: \$ 220,000)**



Golf Course Highlights



- Sprinkler heads were added to improve several dry areas
- The Puyallup Advance Program continues providing benefit to the students and the golf course. Thank you to Denita Caudill!
- Trees were further trimmed to provide additional sunlight and air flow in shaded areas
- Equipment upgrades of the fairway mower and sprayer brought continued improvement to course conditions

Golf Course Highlights 2020

- Bunkers were rebuilt, sand was added, and new raking procedures resulted in better conditions.
- New tees were added to several holes to give additional playing options; additional leveling and improvements will be made.



House Improvements



- The clubhouse deck tiles have been removed, and the project will be completed soon.
- Carl Corbaley and Andy Smith have continued to monitor the condition of the clubhouse; repairs to the ice machine, hot water tank and faucets have been made.
- New Keurig coffee maker installed in foyer.

Hole-In-One Club

To those who made an ace in 2020, we salute you!

-Keith Muhich

-Bill Weil (twice!)

-Scott Stewart

-Al Dire

-Steve McCauley

-Ahnika Shah

-Karen Green

-James Roberts

-Angela Hayes

-Rita Faupel

-Karl Hess

-Karen Smith

-Tom Wooding

-Cappy Townsend



Thank you to our Linden Board

Serving Through 2020

- Carl Corbaley (6)
- Paul Green (8)
- Pat Keaton (9)
- Keith Muhich (3)

Serving Through 2021

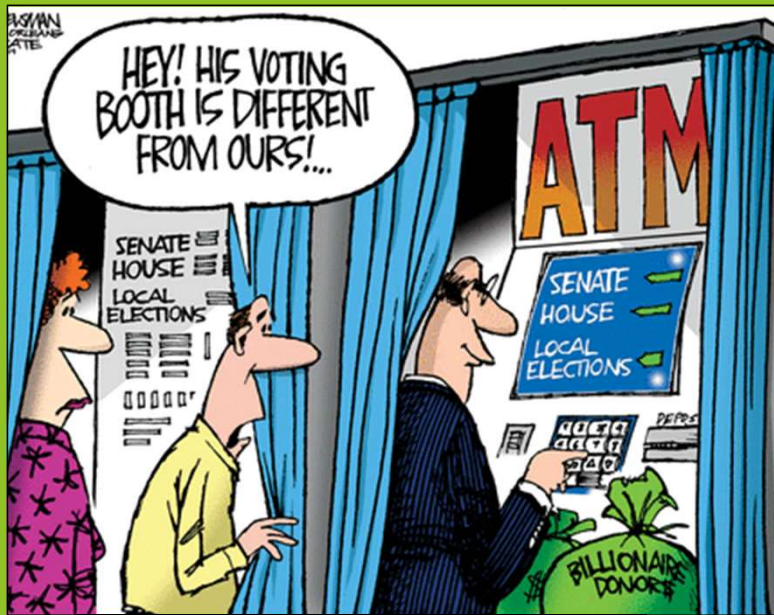
- Mark Dinham (6)
- Andy Smith (5)
- Joey Taylor (2)
- Jim Victor (8)

Serving Through 2022

- Paul Appel (4)
- Bill Fitchitt (4)
- Brian Pease (7)
- Carla Pistilli (7)

(The average length of service for Linden Board members is 5.8 years)

With Appreciation to the 2020 Linden Board Candidates



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Carl Corbaley
Pat Gocken
Pat Keaton
Bryan Paulson

Wendy Geltz
Paul Green
Keith Muhich
Steve Stoyles

Election Results

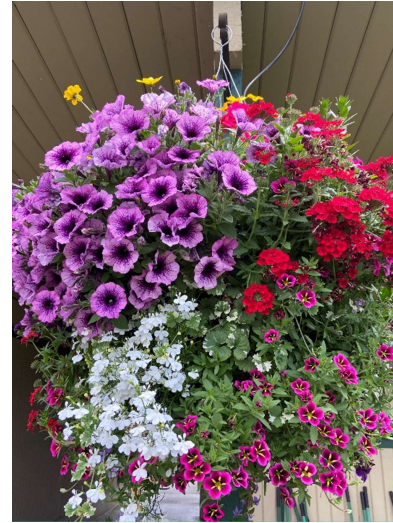
Congratulations to Linden Board Election Winners

Serving 2021-2023:

- ▶ Carl Corbaley**
- ▶ Paul Green**
- ▶ Pat Keaton**
- ▶ Keith Muhich**

Special Recognition

- Paul Green for technical assistance, engineering services, and in-kind donations of materials, and manpower
- DeGoede Brothers for donating the colorful flowers to make a visit to Linden a colorful experience
- Carl Corbaley for continued use of his staff and expertise to benefit our course, clubhouse and new cart building
- Andy Smith for much needed repairs of the Linden clubhouse



Special Recognition for Our Wonderful Volunteers!



-Jim Halpin for his volunteer efforts to clear blackberries

-Keith Muhich and Jim Victor for their work with the grounds crew

-Mark Dinham and Andy Smith for their efforts to continue offering safe and fun tournaments despite the complications of COVID

Our Outstanding Linden Staff!!

- ▶ Will Styler, Head Professional
- ▶ Ben Nelson, Assistant Professional
- ▶ Zeb Burki, Assistant Professional
- ▶ Vinnie Murphy, Pro Shop Assistant
- ▶ Shaylee Thompson, Pro Shop Assistant
- ▶ Jacob Leonard, Pro Shop Assistant
- ▶ Lance Slichko, Pro Shop Assistant
- ▶ Pat Comen, On-Call Specialist
- ▶ David Clark, Superintendent & Mechanic
- ▶ Kyle Comen, Assistant Superintendent
- ▶ Brent Davis, Maintenance Staff
- ▶ Bryce Johnson, Maintenance Staff
- ▶ Katie Koch, Course Beautifier
- ▶ Brennan McCoy, Seasonal Staff
- ▶ Dick Samlaska, Maintenance Staff
- ▶ Freddy Torres, Maintenance Staff

The 13th Payment, an Optional Act of Generosity:

- ▶ 100% goes to support Linden staff
- ▶ Already raised over \$16,000
- ▶ Over 112 members participated
- ▶ Don't forget the Parking Spot Auction!
- ▶ Thank you for your support

Board Member Q & A

Q: What is the plan and timeline with respect to the possibility of having a driving range?

A: We are currently removing blackberries and noxious weeds from the area where the driving range could possibly be located. When this is completed, we will have an arborist do an inventory of the remaining trees. We will be able to remove any trees that are dying or dangerous. We will have to plant some replacement trees elsewhere on the site. At some point in the future, we will likely have to get some kind of approval from the City to fully finish the driving range and use it.



Board Member Q & A

► **Q:** What would the range look like (grass, turf, direction, length, etc)?

► **A:** The range could be approximately 300 yards in length. Balls would be hit toward the west from the higher ground on the east end which sits outside of the flood plain. Grass would be planted after minimal grading to allow staff to operate a ball picker.



Board Member Q & A

Q: Will the full membership be given the opportunity to fully understand and vote on the plan for a driving range before financial resources are committed?

A: The Board will be making decisions on the driving range and will likely seek additional input from the membership. We anticipate that there would be an additional monthly fee to operate and maintain the driving range.

Board Member Q & A

Q: Is there a plan to improve the red tee box on Hole 2? If so, when?

A: The Greens Committee will make the final determination for project list and priority. Superintendent David Clark is anticipating tee box improvements to be performed on several holes this winter, including #2. The tee will be raised and leveled, and a retaining wall installed. Salvaged materials and fill should keep the costs down.



Board Member Q & A

Q: Will we remain open considering the governor's new restrictions?

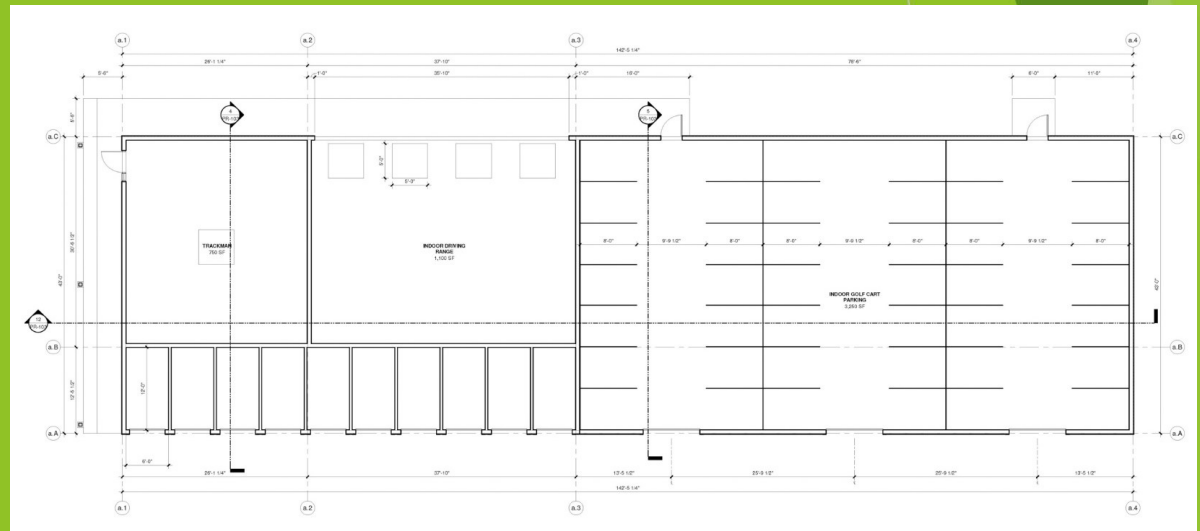
A: Yes, Linden will remain open given governor's restrictions announced Sunday, November 15. The Golf Alliance of Washington has negotiated an agreement with the Governor's office which is golf course industry specific. The Golf Alliance of Washington is comprised of the major industry associations for the region, including WA Golf, Club Managers Association-Evergreen Chapter, Pacific Northwest Section PGA, and Western Washington Golf Course Superintendents Association.



Cart Building Update

The new cart storage facility is projected to be completed in the next 60 days.

The new building will feature room for up to 52 power carts along with a covered practice area that replaces and improves upon the old hitting net. Players can hit full shots or turn around and hit pitch shots out to the short game area.



Q: What's the plan for the short game area?

A: The short game area will be extended westerly. We will be consulting with Dan Hixson (Wine Valley GC, Silvie's Valley Ranch) on the design.

The initial concept sketch is shown here.

Estimated completion next spring or summer.




LINDEN G&CC

SHORT-GAME AREA

- 6. BACK OF GREEN TIES-IN WITH SLOPE FROM SWALE.
- 7. REMOVE FIR FOR MORE ROOM, EASIER MAINTENANCE & SHADE.

1. NEW GREEN - APPROX 4,200 SF... EXISTING; 3,200 SF.
2. BUNKER, BIG ENOUGH FOR MULTIPLE PLAYER - 1,000-1200 SF
3. MAIN HITTING AREA
4. APPROXIMATE NEW CART BARN
5. PATH RELOCATION

**We are looking forward to an amazing
2021!!!**

The slide features a white background with a decorative graphic on the right side. This graphic consists of several overlapping, semi-transparent green triangles and polygons in various shades of green, ranging from light lime to dark forest green. The shapes are arranged in a way that they appear to be layered, creating a sense of depth and movement. The overall design is clean and modern.