

April Villager Article

The month of April gets its name from the Latin word *aperio*, meaning “to open”. Like a bud, it is time to open the spring 2026 CWGA season of golf. Hopefully, Mother Nature will be kind and cooperative and hear the golfers’ pleas of sending us spring like temperatures and gentle rain only after we have cleared the course.

As we begin another season, CWGA welcomes eleven new members to our organization. **Julie Beaton, Sally Burke, Judy Crow, Patti Fellas, Karen Giardina, Helen Leek, Carole Lukas, Anne Marquard, Mary McElrath, Mary Pattison and Kathleen Young.** Not all of our members live in Charbonneau. Thank you, Patti, for joining us from Canby and Helen and Anne, from Lake Oswego. Thanks to our seasoned Charbonneau residents including: Julie, Karen, Mary and Carole, the newest Charbonneau resident with her recently purchased home. All these new members bring to our club an array of interesting backgrounds including Social Work, Real Estate, Banking, Industrial Sales, Nursing, and Teaching. Although experienced golfers, when asked what they were looking forward to this season, responses included, “improving my game, making new friendships, and wearing fun outfits during CWGA themed events.” We will delight in the energy and enthusiasm these golfers will bring to our club. **Welcome to CWGA!**

April 9 at 9:00 AM our season begins with “Masters of the Greens”, our **Welcome Back Scramble** followed by **LUNCH** and **GENERAL MEETING** in the CCC Dining Room. To participate in this event, **golfers must sign- up for lunch and respond “PLAYING” on the Golf Genius Invitation.** The **luncheon sign-up notebook** will be on the pro shop counter. **Lunch**, catered by Butteville Store, **will be \$25.00; however, your golf fees will be determined by your personal membership with the club.** You will find your name listed according to your golf membership. **Open Registration to golf in the scramble will be sent through Golf Genius to your email on April 2. Registration closes April 6.** In addition to Charbonneau Golf Club green fees, **a \$5.00 scramble fee must be paid at the pro shop front desk the day of the scramble.** *LET THE GAMES BEGIN, AND MAY THE ODDS BE*

EVER IN YOUR FAVOR!

Perhaps you are interested in golfing at nearby courses with other CWGA members. If so, Arrowhead Golf Course in Molalla, OR, is sponsoring an Invitational Outreach Tournament on June 4, 2026. Should you need more information, Deb Stirling, our Co-president, will be happy to share details about these events. Information is also posted on the CWGA website.

CWGA members enjoyed celebrating National Chocolate Mint Day, February 19, by indulging in ham, turkey, veggie sandwiches, pear-pecan salad and the *piece de resistance*-Mint Chocolate Ice Cream catered by Butteville General Store. Chef Jordan Scoggins explained the secret of his special ice cream is keeping the chocolate chips soft by adding oil to the chocolate. Renate Bussell, emcee for this event, shared how one a family member described mint ice cream as “frozen toothpaste with chocolate chips.” Favorite ice cream stories were shared by those in attendance. So regardless of mint chocolate chip ice cream being your favorite or not, undoubtedly, all participants have a new found appreciation for ice cream.



Renate Bussell explains “Chocolate Mint Ice Cream”



Daffodils greet us at Charbonneau Golf Club