



U-CLUB NEWS

Rogue River Valley University Club

June 2016

Scholarship Foundation Awards Luncheon — June 16

The Rogue River Valley University Club Foundation was incorporated in 2008 following a dinner conversation between Bill and Brenda Williams and Bill and Janet Bagley about the high cost of college education. The University Club board authorized the use of the U Club's name by the new, tax-exempt organization and the Foundation initiated fundraising efforts from Club Members promptly awarded its first scholarships.

The Foundation has relied upon voluntary tax-deductible contributions by Club Members as well as, beginning in 2013, the proceeds from the auction held during the Club's Summer Party. Scholarship awards are for four years, and were given as \$500/year until this year when the award was increased to \$750/per year. Through 2015, the Foundation has awarded scholarships to 29 students.

Each year the Foundation solicits contributions with a donation letter to Club Members. Scholarship awards are made a special Club lunch in each June at which student recipients are honored. This year's Scholarship Awards luncheon will be held on June 16 and all Club Members are invited, and encouraged, to attend.

You can help salute this most worthwhile effort by registering to attend this year's luncheon at [Scholarship Luncheon](#) or by signing up at the Club.



Club Operating on Customary Schedule in July

For the past several years the Club has closed for one week in July in order to permit our staff to perform needed maintenance and repairs. Chef Jason reports that we have caught up on that work and no closure will be needed this year. The Club will, therefore, operate on its regular schedule in July.

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Annual Golf Tournament — June 23

The Club's first golf event — called a Golf Match — was held in 1964 which was then re-stylized as the Annual Golf Tournament the following year. Club records don't recall who won in the earliest years but the Club apparently began naming winners in various categories on plaques (some of which are pictured) that go as far back as the early 1970s. One thing which has apparently been a continuing feature of these golfing events — besides golfing skills (or lack thereof) has been a certain amount of tom foolery. Jack Day recalls the time some prankster set the golf cart he was sharing with Art Ekerson in reverse causing the cart to head in reverse right into a lake. Jack recalls that the Country Club staff wasn't amused.

While the tournament has been held every year since its inception, the Club apparently "lost steam" for honoring winners with plaque entries in the early 1990s as the Club has plaques with winners noted through that time and blank unnamed plates. In 2006 Jerry Lambo came upon a very antique circa 1900 set of golf clubs and was inspired to create a new golf tournament plaque — featuring one of those clubs — which records the low gross winners 2007—2015 (Monte Williams, Bill Deatherage, Darren Ravassipour, Roger Bernard, Bill Thorndike, Tom Upton, Bill Bagley, Sid DeBoer and Bill Thorndike respectively).

Jack Day has once again organized this year's tournament at Rogue Valley Country Club which has reserved places for 5 teams of 4 each — or 20 Members. He reports that the tournament will be a Four Man Scramble off the Blue Tees for low gross and low net. Prizes will be given for each plus long ball on 17 and 18 and closest to the pin on 4 and 8. The prizes — which have been donated by RoxyAnn Winery — are a case of wine for each team and two bottles for closest. Tee Time is 1:00 pm on June 23. .

Register now online at [Golf Tournament](#) or sign up at the Club and hopefully your name will next grace the Club's Golf Tournament trophy plaque.



The Club has filled numerous plaques (above) honoring Tournament winners over the years. Currently, Tournament winners are honored this plaque, located in the Club's foyer, featuring an antique golf club, donated by Jerry Lambo.

Golf

Tournament

Winners of the

Past

Which Club Member's name appears most frequently on the Club's surviving Golf Tournament winner plaques?

Tom Hamlin

Tom Alley

Gene Meyerding

John Cooley

Among CURRENT Club Member, whose name appears most frequently on those plaques?

Bill Deatherage

Bill Thorndike

Sid DeBoer

Darren Ravassipour

ANSWERS:
Hamlin is the winner hands down with 8 entries. The next closest are 5 Members who each have 3. Deatherage and Thorndike are tied with 2 entries each.

Come to lunch on Wednesday, June 15, to celebrate Member John Weisel's 90th Birthday!

Kupillas and Cuba

On May 19 Sue Kupillas' reported on her trip to Cuba the previous month to a capacity crowd of Members. Sue's visit coincided with that of President Obama and Sue told how the presidential trip required last minute changes in her group's own itinerary and how the Cuban government almost ignored Obama's arrival in preparations. She also shared pictures of Cuba's legendary fleet of 1950s American cars, her experiences with Cuban food and Cuban citizens (both of which were excellent!) Thanks for a a great presentation Sue!



Steak Night



Another great Club tradition has once again arrived — Steak Night! Partially organized as a companion to the Golf Tournament for that day's golfers, all Club Members are invited to join in a great Steak meal with all the fix'ns. Join us for a great meal and a always entertainment report on the successes (and less spectacular results) of the Tournament's participants — and, of course, the bar will also be open.

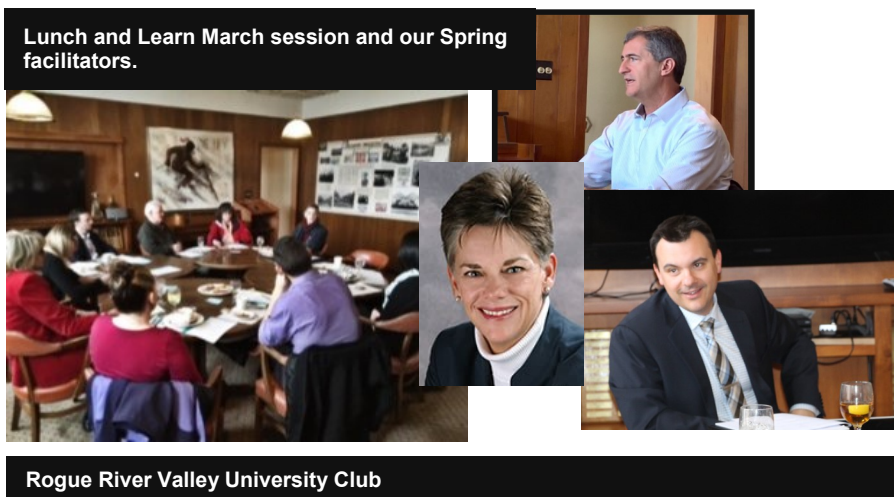
Steak Night is \$25/person and reservations are due no later than Monday, June 20. Reserve now online at [Steak Dinner](#) or sign up at the Club.

Resignation

At its May 26 meeting, the Club board regretfully accepted Dave Wright's resignation.

Lunch and Learn

The Club's Lunch and Learn series, created by Sandy Abell and Jennifer Nicholls, had a very successful Spring run during which Club Members John Bowling, Sandy and Dom Campanella facilitated discussions on topics of interest and use to a growing group of attendees. Lunch and Learn is taking the summer off but will return on its second Tuesday of the month schedule in September. The Fall lineup of facilitators is an extremely strong one. Details will be provided beginning in the September Club Newsletter.



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