

**Golf from B1**

dem. Nonetheless, the City of Cottage Grove is taking the necessary precautions to ensure that Middlefield's reopening was not done preemptively and will remain open for the foreseeable future.

"We have done some modifications at the course and have new signage," said city finance director Roberta Likens. "Number one being that there's now a shield behind the counter and our employees ... and our employees are wearing masks. We have closed all other areas of the pro shop, we are only renting single-use carts and then we have markings on the ground to enforce social distancing."

For would-be golfers, Middlefield has provided a list of tips to keep all visitors safe and healthy when visiting the course, but Likens also stresses that much of it will depend on the golfers themselves adhering to the guidelines.



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**Signage reminding golfers to practice safe social distancing while recreating can be found throughout the Middlefield grounds.**

"Staff is monitoring, but we can't be everywhere all the time, so we do have to rely on the golfers to comply with our guidelines."

Amongst a number of recommendations, golfers are encouraged to: reserve tee times by phone; carry antibacterial wipes or hand sanitizer for frequent use

before, during and after play; handle their own golf bag at all times; not share clubs with other players; not shake hands with playing partners after a round; not linger at the facility after the round is finished; and adhere to safe social distancing guidelines while at the course.

The situation regarding COVID-19, both nationally and locally, remains fluid, so the continued operation of Middlefield will depend on adherence to these guidelines, but several days after reopening, things seem to be going well.

"We are going day by day making sure

that people can maintain compliance with new guidelines," Likens said. "But, the golfers seem to acknowledge that and have been very receptive to keeping social distancing and understanding that we've had to make changes. We're glad they're back."

While precautions have been put in place for visitors, there are also a number of changes to the course itself to ensure safe usage of the facility:

- Rakes and ball washers are removed.
  - Flag sticks should remain in the hole when putting or chipping.
  - Holes are modified so golfers do not need to reach in to pick up his/her ball. The hole is raised.
  - A ball is holed when it touches or strikes any part of the cup during a stroke.
  - Bunkers are considered "ground under repair," resulting in a free lift.
- A full list of changes and safety precautions can be found at the front desk in the Middlefield clubhouse.

**GOLF SCORES**

Middlefield Mens Club  
Monday 5/4/2020  
Game: 1,3,2 Best Ball

<b>First Place</b>	<b>-19</b>
Russell Bryce	
Larry Eyman	
Larry Strickland	
Dave Tooker	
<b>Second Place</b>	<b>-17</b>
Jake Cox	
Jim Lehl	
Erric Morris	
Gary Sparks	
<b>Third Place</b>	<b>-14</b>
Ron Ackerman	
Steve Ellickson	
Gary Ingram	
Rudy Nelleremoe	
<b>Fourth Place</b>	<b>-12</b>
John Kallbrier	
Jerry Pennington	
Don Perkins	
Bruce Schennum	

<b>Fifth Place (tie)</b>	<b>-10</b>
Al Nelson	
Gary Ordway	
Mike Stahl	
Jim Wamsley	

<b>Fifth Place (tie)</b>	<b>-10</b>
Walter Ali	
Jack Doleman	
Tom Marx	
Dick Winters	

<b>Seventh Place</b>	<b>-9</b>
Bill Avery	
Bob McCarty	
Keith Rowling	
Jerry Singer	

<b>Low Gross</b>	
Jake Cox	<b>69</b>
Gary Ingram	<b>70</b>
Erric Morris	<b>71</b>
Jerry Singer	<b>73</b>
Todd Dennis	<b>76</b>
Bruce Schennum	<b>77</b>

<b>Low Net</b>	
Gary Ingram	<b>59</b>
Mike Stahl	<b>61</b>
Keith Rowling	<b>63</b>
Jim Lehl	<b>64</b>
Jim Wamsley	<b>65</b>
Phil Hamilton	<b>65</b>
Dave Tooker	<b>66</b>
Jerry Pennington	<b>66</b>
Russell Bryce	<b>66</b>

<b>Closest to the Pin</b>	
#5 Jake Cox	
#7 Steve Ellickson	
#14 Al Nelson	

<b>Longest Putt</b>	
#10 Tom Marx	

**Masks from B1**

ner was quick to posit her and the rest of the group's work as something that was simply necessary.

"I didn't start doing this to try and get recognition," Hefner said. "It was just my way of being able to help out with everything that's going on because I can sew, I have the ability and I've been doing it for basically 40 years. I've been sewing since before I could walk."

Also, Hefner, like so many millions of Americans, has a personal connection to those myriad workers who stand on the front lines of the battle against COVID-19 in hospitals, nursing homes, grocery stores and more as her daughter is studying to become a nurse and currently working as a caregiver in the Portland area.

Despite the humble approach,

all members involved in the volunteer effort have been hard at work and plan on continuing the manufacture of face masks once their initial list is completed.

"I've been up until two, three, four o'clock in the morning, but this hasn't just been me and Athena only, there's a whole bunch of people that have been helping out," Hefner said. "I figure once this [list] is completed then we'll make another post for the next batch of people that are looking ... but I wanted to make sure I got through this list before overwhelming ourselves with another list of 400 masks that might turn into 1,000."

Regardless of how big or small the total number is, there has been an all-hands-on-deck approach to make up for the country's shortages of PPE, a nationwide movement of which Hefner, Intros and many other local residents are decidedly

**Parks from B1**

posted online at oregon-stateparks.org or call 800-551-6949 (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and should be checked before visiting.

Not all restrooms will be open, and parking will be limited. State park camping will return as soon as it can be safely managed, and while preparations are being made, no opening date has been selected.

**Guidelines for responsible outdoor recreation**

*Prepare before you go:*

- Limit your recreation activities and recreate only with people in your own

household.

- Check what's open before leaving home. Your favorite trail or camp site may remain closed, or need to be closed on a temporary basis, to prevent crowding and protect public health.
- Plan ahead and come prepared as service levels may be different than you are accustomed to.
- Visitors may find limited restroom services available. Plan to bring your own soap, water, hand sanitizer, and toilet paper.
- Bring a mask to cover your nose and mouth. Visit less crowded areas, visit during off-peak times, and have a back-up plan.
- If you don't feel well, don't go. If you have symp-

toms of a fever, cough or shortness of breath, stay home.

*Take care when you get there:*

- Be safe and responsible by choosing activities within your comfort zone.
- Leave no trace, and pack out what you pack in.
- Maintain your own personal hygiene like washing your hands often, bringing your own water, hand sanitizer, soap, and toilet paper.
- Avoid crowds. Be prepared for last minute

changes to ensure the safety and health of others.

- All of the standard ways to protect public health apply in the outdoors too, like maintaining physical distance.
- Keep at least 6 feet between you and other Oregonians enjoying the outdoors. Launch one boat at time to ensure other Oregonians have enough space to launch safely and securely.
- Leave at least one parking space between your vehicle and the vehi-

cle next to you.

- It is wildfire season. Please remain safe and vigilant to ensure forest health and safety. Do not start fires in undesignated areas. Check if your campground or park allows outdoor fires before you strike a match. If permitted, make sure you are building a campfire properly and that you have water or an extinguisher on hand. Before you leave, ensure the campfire is out. If it's too hot to touch, it's too hot to leave.

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