

## **SILVER SAGE GOLF COURSE**

On June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> the Idaho Couples tournament was held at the Silver Sage Golf Course on the Mountain Home Air Force Base. The course is being renovated and it was neat to see the Jack Nicklaus crew working on the new green complexes. Next year the greens will all be new and the different undulations and traps are obviously better. The Air Force has decided that the course will meet PGA standards and it will obviously be much improved.

The high temperature was around 80° and the course was set up for 9 hole play in a fun fashion. Several interesting things happened at the course and off. On the course Chuck Koeplin got closest to the pin on Saturday. On Sunday Chuck was also closest to the pin, witnessed by several people, but forgot to write his name on the card at the hole. Blaine Ream was awarded the prize but told everyone Chuck had won and he will give Chuck the prize next time he sees him.

Steve Vetter, the Pro at Silver Sage, always finds a way to do extra nice things for the ICGA. This year we all got a short sleeve of balls just for showing up. Flight winners got a box of balls each. The drink cart was out, as usual, and enjoyed by many. The big screen TV was on for the patio area players after each round so most of us stayed around and watched the pros.

Quite a number of the couples found the Sunset Sports Bar and played rousing rounds of pool and darts along with the video games. There was lots of time for conversation while chowing down on several kinds of pizza. It was a fun time.

We hope couples will put the Silver Sage tournament on their list of places to play for 2012. The new course will be great. The pro shop has a lot of good merchandise and at very competitive prices.

## **OTHER NEWS**

The Clear Lake Tournament June 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> will have two shotgun starts. Saturday play will begin at 1:30 pm and Sunday play begins at 8:30 am.