

Hello Fellow Members-

Spring has just about sprung, and we hope to be on the course within the next 3-4 weeks! I wanted to give you an update on a project that the Board has approved for this coming year. As many of you may have heard, we will be re-constructing the #4 green. According to the survey work that has been done by the architect (Lohman-Quinto, Rockford, IL), the current putting surface has approximately 13% of usable or "pin-able" locations. After the proposed two-tier construction is completed, #4 green will have approximately 65% pin-able locations! We feel that this will result in a much better/usable green with many pin locations while still providing a very challenging green. The reconstruction work will also remain within the current watering/sprinkler heads (so it won't be necessarily larger or smaller in footprint).

The project will be done towards the end of the season, after the Club Championships, most likely right after Labor Day. The existing sod will be stripped off and saved. After completion of the re-work which includes installing under-drainage (currently there is no under-drainage), the sod will be re-laid. Benefits of this approach are two-fold: 1) By re-using the existing sod, we will be able to get back on the green in a much quicker fashion as opposed to waiting for seeding to take hold and grow in; 2) The green grass/sod will remain the same as all the other greens on the "old 9".

Budget for the work is approximately \$55,000. In combination with the funds that are currently in the fund-raising account, the Board has approved paying for the project through two small \$90 assessments to golf memberships only. The first \$90 assessment will show up on your July billing with the second \$90 being assessed on your 2022 dues statement. We plan to continue to hold fundraisers throughout the year (50/50's, free membership, etc.) to further assist in paying for the project. It is possible that the second assessment could be reduced if enough additional funds are received.

We look forward to this project and believe that it will greatly enhance the course. I look forward to seeing you all on the course soon!

Bill Buckles, President

## **Letter from the Golf Course Superintendent**

It has been a long winter to say the least. Normally, I would have attended national conferences as well as local meetings but those were all virtual this year. I spent the majority of winter working while getting away for the occasional day trip for ice fishing. Willie (Assistant) and I have stayed busy in the maintenance shop working on all the equipment. During the winter we use the opportunity to thoroughly go through each piece of equipment performing annual maintenance as well as fixing larger issues we are unable to address during the season.

I am anxiously waiting for the snow to melt so I can see how the grass survived the winter. The continuous snow cover we have had on the course should have insulated it very well. The snow helps by keeping things from freezing and thawing over the winter which can cause damage as well as keeping things from drying out causing desiccation. The big fear is if there is ice, especially on the greens. The ice can kill turf if it covers it for too long. I feel we should not have too much ice on the course.

Once the snow is gone, we start to think about opening the course. I need to take several things into consideration when it comes to opening with the main thing being how wet and soft the course is. Soft/muddy conditions can cause damage in the form of ball marks and divots as well as foot and cart traffic. The compaction caused by golf carts on wet and soft ground is something that could cause trouble the rest of the year.

Let's hope we get back to normal in 2021.

## **Callaway Fitting Day**

Callaway Golf Company will be holding a club fitting for our members on Friday, April, 30<sup>th</sup> from 1:00- 5:00pm. If you are interested in seeing all the new Callaway clubs for 2021 stop by the range and have a look, see. If you are interested in getting fit by a certified Callaway Club Fitter, please call the golf shop and make a reservation. Fittings are one half hour long. There is no charge for fitting and no obligation to buy clubs. Anyone interested in purchasing clubs will get 10% off the lowest on-line price for the same clubs.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### SOCIAL EVENTS

- **April 10th: Wine Tasting**
- **June 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> : Men's Invitational**
- **August 27th-29th : Club Championship**

### Member Golf Cart vs Annual Cart Lease

Private golf cart use vs the SCC Annual Cart Lease tends to lead to some questions that we'd like to clarify. When using your own private golf cart, you pay an annual trail fee to the course, place a sticker on your cart and this allows your cart to legally be on the golf course grounds. When using your registered cart, you are allowed to have a passenger that does not pay a cart fee. You may also allow someone to use your cart when you're not using it. You are responsible for charging your electric cart, gassing your gas-powered cart, and maintaining the cart in good standing.

Annual golf cart leases (SCC Carts) are purchased for the year, either in a single rate of \$900 (new for 2021) or for a couple at \$1200

These annual golf cart leases are to cover the rental for their use of a golf cart but does not include free riders. Your seat is always covered, but if you ride with another player, he or she is required to pay a cart fee if they do not purchase the annual cart lease.

Those that purchase the couple annual golf lease are still covering their seats only. Anyone riding with them besides their significant other would again be required to pay a cart fee. Example: a couple that purchases the annual cart lease at \$1200 invites two guests out to play, the leasees would be covered even if riding in a separate cart. This couple's guests would each pay the appropriate cart fee for the number of holes to be played.

The annual cart lease is meant to provide a convenience and an opportunity to play enough to be on the plus side of the pay as you go formula.

Whether you play golf using your own private golf cart or decide to use one of the SCC owned carts, we are just happy you have chosen Stoughton Country Club to belong and make that choice.



### PGA Jr. League:

The SCC is proud to continue its partnership with the PGA Jr. League, offering golfers the opportunity to join our 13U (kids 13 and under) or 17U (kids 14-17) team. The programs run late April through early August, consisting of two practices a week and several matches against other area teams throughout the season. The PGA Jr. League is designed to be a team-oriented program for youth golfers who have experience with the sport and understand the fundamentals of the game. Members, if you know of any boys or girls in the area who might be interest in our 13U or 17U program, please contact

Darcy Kelly (608-225-3055, [pdkellyfarm@gmail.com](mailto:pdkellyfarm@gmail.com)),  
Andrea Klein (608-719-9118, [kawjeyedre@aim.com](mailto:kawjeyedre@aim.com)) for more information.



### Chip-N-Sip Returns!!!!

Have some wine, loosen up and brush up your golf skills. There will be six Tuesday dates for the lessons throughout the golf season.

Ideally, we have two Tuesday dates in June, July and August, with dates subject to change due to golf outings.

Lesson times will begin at 5:30, with no scheduled end time. Cost is \$20 per lesson and includes wine. \$15 for non wine drinkers.

There will need to be a minimum of six participants signed up prior to the start of each lesson date.

This is not a series of lessons; each Tuesday session has its own lesson topic.

#### Lesson Topics:

Lesson 1, Putting

Lesson 2, Chipping

Lesson 3, Pitching and Sand Play

Lesson 4, Iron Play and Hybrids

Lesson 5, Fairway woods and Drivers

Lesson 6, Course Play and Strategy

The money from lessons will go to Stoughton Country Club and Wisconsin Women's Health.

At the conclusion of the season there will be a Dinner banquet to celebrate your new and improved golf games.

All Women Golf Members are eligible to participate. If you're a Social Member and have not participated in the past Chip-n-Sip classes, you would be eligible to participate in 2021.

Please contact Instructors, Steve Hlavacek or Darcy Kelly for further information

at [hlavacekgolfshop@aol.com](mailto:hlavacekgolfshop@aol.com) or [pdkellyfarm@gmail.com](mailto:pdkellyfarm@gmail.com)

# April Events

## Welcome Harbor Ridge Winery to SCC on April 10<sup>th</sup>!

If you missed one of our last three wine tasting dinners, we've got the next one scheduled!

We'll be highlighting Harbor Ridge Winery complimented with assorted cheeses, fruit and anti-pasto platters. Harbor Ridge Winery is located in Egg Harbor, WI, and proudly owned and operated by Chris and Betsy Folbrecht who have been SCC members since 2019.

The Folbrecht's purchased the winery in 2019. They currently have about 350 vines which produced almost 4,000 pounds in 2020. Their winery holds approximately 70 barrels and two stainless steel tanks for producing wines.

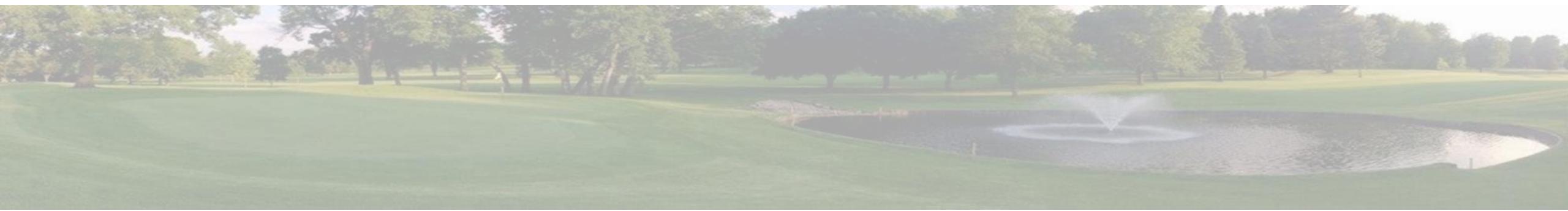
They use Marquette grapes for their fortified port type wine called Harbor as well as a blend called Crimes Against Vines and more recently "Cracklin Rosé" their sparkling rose wine. With a selection of over 20 wines to date, Harbor Ridge Winery offers a variety of award-winning wines that include a selection of sweet, semi-sweet, and dry, barrel aged wines.

Come join the Folbrecht's on April 10th!

Cost: TBD

Limited to 36

Reservation Required



# KITCHEN CORNER

**Greetings Members!**

This March we have a fun lineup of menus and meals.

But first, thank you kindly for showing up in a big way for Fat Tuesday and Lent- what a great turn out. Also, our Valentine's Wine dinner was fantastic- so much fun to give you the opportunity to drink new wines paired perfectly with fine cuisine.

We are going to switch it up and have a Bourbon 4 Course Dinner this month. Wednesday, March 10th, 4 courses all paired with a bourbon- will be available for \$55 a person. If you prefer wine, water, soda, or another type of liquor- we will be happy to oblige.

The following week, we will be running a Saint Patrick's Day menu- make sure to get your takeout orders in early- this corned beef and cabbage will be delicious!!

We look forward to seeing our members more and more as the weather warms up- and you can always see what menu items we are serving, on our Instagram Page, STOUGHTON COUNTRY CLUB.

Thank You

Chef Troy, Tyler, and the Kitchen Staff



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