



STOUGHTON COUNTRY CLUB NEWS

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VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Ted Waskowski

John Kidwell was a remarkable man. He took the poker skills he learned in his hometown of Custer, South Dakota to Harvard Law School and then to the UW Law School where he became a nationally respected legal scholar and made generations of law students better people. He found a place he loved in Stoughton Country Club and many of us are grateful for that. When he passed away earlier this year, he left us a gift to use to make the Club a better place. By the time you read this, work should be started to improve the lakefront and to create a patio next to the clubhouse on the old practice green. The patio will be dedicated to John and those he influenced. The Board intends that the patio will be financed solely with John's gift and contributions from those who want to honor his memory. While generous contributions have already been made, the Board invites all members to contribute to make sure that the new patio will be a special place to sit with friends and admire the lake, watch the golfers on 9 and raise a glass of beer in memory of John. If we pull together, we could complete the essential work this fall. The patio will include a fire pit and feature another of Steve's beautiful gardens. Please contact Steve, Gary or myself if you would like to contribute.

At our last meeting, the Board also decided that we will begin an assessment of the needs of the club in the next 5 years or so. If you have thoughts on improvements that should be made to the Club in the next few years, please contact any Board member and share your thoughts.

If you see Mark or Tony, take a moment to thank them for the amazing job they have done to keep the course playable through some of the most extreme weather he have ever experienced.

GOLF SHOP MEMO

By: Steve Hlavacek

Our Ryder Cup tickets have been ordered and everything is in place for our Member's trip to Medina Country Club on September 27th. We still have a few seats left on the bus, so if you want to go, give me a call. Ticket price is \$200 which includes round trip bus ride with beer and soda, some snacks and your daily grounds pass to the tournament. We will board the bus at Stoughton Country Club, no later than 6:30. First come, first served basis.

Women's Club Championship is scheduled on Wednesday, August 8th and Wednesday August 15th. Please sign up in the golf shop for tee time information and pairings.

Men's Club Championship is Saturday, August 25th and Sunday, August 26th. Last years Champions, Derek Pirkel; Club Champion, A Flight Champ; Greg Fergus, B Flight Champ; Chris Howell, C Flight Champ; Bob Arndt and D Flight Champ; Greg Reagan all invite you to try and dethrone them. You can sign up in the golf shop or on line. All Flights play 18 holes on Saturday, Championship Flight plays 36 holes on Sunday with all other Flights playing 18 holes on Sunday. All handicaps are subject to approval by our games committee.

Our Junior Club Championship is scheduled on Friday August 10th. All Junior Members under the age of 17 are eligible. Please contact the golf shop for tee time information. Lunch and Awards follow golf.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

By: Mark Livingston

Last month I wrote about the drought we were experiencing and that drought continued for the first 3 weeks of July accompanied by record breaking heat. To say this year has been difficult would be understating it. We have had to water areas that don't receive irrigation as well as greens by hand just to keep things going until the weather changes.

I have been asked several times if I think the grass is dormant or if it has died. For the most part, I think it has gone dormant. There are, however, small areas where there was excessive cart traffic or areas that tend to be dry every year due to the nature of the soil where the grass is most likely dead. We will wait and see how much grass springs back to life after some rain and cooler temperatures. If we need to we will slit seed those areas.

Many of you are aware that we have been experiencing problems with our irrigation pumps. We have two pumps in the pump house that combined are capable of pumping at 1200 gallons per minute. One of our pumps kept seizing up so we were forced to pull it and have been running on one pump all of July. The pump that remained in the pump house starting seizing up as well so we were forced to keep water pumping almost nonstop. This was also necessary because with our ability to pump cut in half we were not able to get all of our watering done during the night. The pump should be back the end of July. At that time they will pull the other pump for repairs. There should be a quicker turnaround on the second pump and hopefully we are up to full speed by mid August. I apologize for fairway sprinklers

running all day but it was the only way to keep the grass alive.

Let's just hope for better weather in August. It really can't get any worse can it? We have moved up the aerification dates to the last week in August due to some scheduling conflicts. It will be most likely be done on the 28th and 29th weather permitting. Fall is just around the corner so hang in there. See you on the course.

TREASURER'S REPORT

By: Steve Swanson

The first six months of the year have gone better than our budgeted projections. All operating accounts have seen an increase as compared to last year. Overall revenue is up \$37,000 as compared to last year while expenses have increased \$28,000 for a net increase in revenues of \$9,000 as compared to 2011. Our deposit accounts are in a much better position than they were last year as well. We have \$110,000 more on deposit at the bank than we did a year ago. The goal of the board is to increase cash reserves going forward to limit our need for any future borrowing.

You may have noticed that we set up the bar and restaurant to accept credit cards. The goal is to increase bar and restaurant sales for nonmembers, primarily at the many events the club hosts. Please note that there is a cost associated with the acceptance of credit cards so we ask that all members refrain from utilizing this service. We have accepted credit cards for several months now and have noticed a nice increase in sales activity at the bar as a result.

CHIP-N-SIP

By: Gloria Jenkins

Turnout of 23 chip n sippers for July 24 lesson (Driving for Dough) was a good session in getting the best out of our drivers. Some of us learned the value of having a "big" driver. A driving contest on six holes followed the lesson, with first place going to Martha Cornell and a tie for 2nd to Gretta Pugh and Kenlynn Wheeler. Cheers!

The final lesson of the season will be a par-3 tournament on Tuesday, August 7, and closing dinner on Tuesday, September 11. We're working on plans for another road trip in the fall. Don't forget to sign up in the shop for the women's club tournament beginning on August 8 and finishing on August 15.

LADIES AUXILIARY

By: Marge Gerber

There is some catching-up to do for my report this month. Dating back to the May 23rd meeting, euchre winners were Lois Rothen and Marlene Bierman. High scorers

With Independence Day falling on a Wednesday this year, there was only one meeting of the auxiliary. July 18th saw several golfers and card players. The euchre

for bridge were Barb Klepinger and Donna Hawkinson.

There were two meetings in June. The by-laws were finally approved and are now the guidelines for the ladies auxiliary.

Everyone continues to comment on and enjoy the beautiful plantings and flowers. They are pampered and well taken care of.

High scorers at the bridge tables were Marge Gerber (twice), Diane Knutson, and Shirley Nygaard. Victorious playing euchre were Doris Helmke, Donna Onsrud, Marlene Bierman, and Stella Jacobson.

winners were Evonne Nelson and Barb Hvam. Victors at the bridge tables were Marge Gerber and Karin Campbell.

Please make reservations ahead of time if you are planning to come for dinner on Friday evenings. This helps our staff make your dining experience the best it can be!

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER SPECIALS

August 3 - Pork Cutlet Champignon/Baked Grouper Almondine

August 10 – Sirloin Carne Asada/Baked Scallops

August 17 - Tortellini Carbonara Prosciutto/Steak Provencal

August 24 – Smoked Ribeye Steak/Braised Pork Shanks

August 31 - Chicken & Langestino Lobster Oscar/Mushroom Stuffed Tenderloin

FRIDAY NIGHT BAR SPECIALS

August 3 - Rum Chatta White Russian/14 Hands

August 10 – Cosmopolitan/Mont Pellar Pinot Noir

August 17 - Melon Martini/SCC Pinot Grigio

August 24 – Absolute Raspberry Martini/SCC Pinot Noir

August 31 - Apple-tini/Acrobat Pinot Gris

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Club House (608)873-7861 Golf Shop (608)873-8464			1 Ladies Auxiliary	2	3 Member Dining	4
5 Class of 1952 Reunion	6	7 Aramark Golf Outing 3rd Chip-n-Sip Lesson	8 Women's Club Championship	9	10 Junior Club Championship Member Dining	11
12	13	14 Lions Golf Outing	15 Women's Club Championship Ladies Auxiliary	16	17 Class party – LKR Member Dining	18 McFarland Booster Golf Outing Ray 50th Anniversary Party - LKR
19	20 First Lutheran Golf Outing	21	22 Euchre Marathon Breakfast Women's Club Championship Rain Date	23	24 Member Dining	25 Class of 1957 Reunion Men's Club Championship
26 Men's Club Championship	27	28	29 Ladies Auxiliary	30	31 Big Red Party	



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