



STOUGHTON COUNTRY CLUB

August 2017

GOLF SHOP NEWS

By: Steve Hlavacek

August is the month of our Men's, Women's and Junior Club Championships. Our women's event is Wednesday, August 9th and Wednesday, August 16th and Men's event is Saturday Aug 19 and Sunday August 20th. Our Junior Club Championship is this Friday, August 4th at 8:00. The Men's Championship is always well represented, and this year we would love to see more of our women sign up. These events are all flighted which gives players of all abilities and opportunity to participate. Sign up is in the golf shop.

Our PGA Junior League Team here at Stoughton Country Club has finished in 2nd place. By finishing 2nd, it gives two of our players the opportunity of being part of our Leagues All Star Team. Colin Quam and Luke McPhee were selected from our team to represent Stoughton Country Club in the All Star League Play at Edelweiss Golf Course on August 23rd. Qualifying at Edelweiss allows a team to move to the next level at University Ridge Golf Course on September 2nd.

All of our team members deserve a big thank you for their participation in our first year as part of this program. Thank you to all the parents for their support of the team this summer.

Special thanks to Tom Donarski and David Graffin for their help with the program throughout the summer. Additional thank you to Clyde Olson who sponsored the food and beverages for the kid matchers here at the club.

Our Superintendent, Mark Livingston, and his staff have kept our course in great condition throughout the season under some very trying weather conditions. It is up to all of us to help take care of the course and one thing that seems to be a recurrent problem is that golf carts seem to not remain on our cart paths around tees and greens. Our club rule is that carts must stay on the paths around greens and tees unless you have a red flag issued by the club. We know that when we have an outside event we need to tell players and even show them on their event sheet about staying on the paths. Unfortunately, telling them and showing them doesn't always work and carts get off the paths. We are working with our events leaders and players to improve their care of the course and their golf course etiquette.

Please try to fix divots, repair ball marks and stay on paths to help maintain our course in great condition.

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Mark Livingston

The wet weather continued through July allowing us to barely use the irrigation system. In the 14 seasons I have been here this is definitely the fewest times the irrigation system has run. I wish I could control the amount and timing of the rain but I will take what we can get. Things tend to balance out so I wouldn't be surprised if we have a dry fall and winter or maybe this is just making up for rain we never saw in 2012.

The green expansion has been underway for close to a month now and is progressing as planned. We have lowered the height from .450 to .200 inches trying to slowly bring it down to around .125. This last lowering is where we might see exactly how much of the turf will survive the lower mowing height. Once the height matches the green we will end up plugging/sodding some areas I am sure. Tree removal has continued allowing for the new trees we planted to have some room to thrive. Other trees will be cut down this month as well. Most of the trees will be ash trees along with some other miscellaneous trees that are not in good shape.

The club championship is only a few weeks away and I anticipate the course to be in excellent condition. We have moved the greens aerification back a couple weeks to the third week of September. This will allow for almost an extra month of play on greens that have not been punched full of holes. It may take an extra day or two to complete the process due to staffing, less daylight, and other work being done on the course at that time. It will also take a few more days to heal but we hope that the additional time in early September playing on pure greens will make up for it.

See you on the course.

2017 Fall Membership Promotion

*Message from Membership Committee
Clyde Olson - Chair*

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce that the Country Club will again offer the fall new golf member promotion. New golf members pay 2017 membership dues, including assessments, handicap fees and other charges and will get 2018 included. The initiation fee is waived.

We are adding a referring member incentive for this promotion. A referring member will receive a \$50 Friday night food coupon each month for four months. These individual coupons will be issued for four consecutive months after the new member joins and expire at the end of each month. Our new members will be issued \$25 Friday night restaurant coupons for their first 4 months.

Social memberships are also available. Join in 2017 and get 2018 included. Minimums have to be met on a semi-annual basis.

We ask our members to bring their friends and to encourage them to become members, and to take advantage of this great opportunity to join Stoughton Country Club. For more information, please contact Steve or Tami at 873-7861.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Club House (608)873-7861 Golf Shop (608)873-8464						
		1 Chip n Sip 3rd Lesson	2 Ladies Auxiliary	3	4 Junior Club Championship Member Dining	5 Whitehead/Steen Wedding & Reception 30 golfers @ 1:30
6 Private Brunch	7	8	9 Ladies Club Championship	10	11 Member Dining	12 Hamilton/ Sheahan Reception
13 Private Party	14 First Lutheran Golf Outing 5:00	15 Chip n Sip Dinner	16 Ladies Club Championship Ladies Auxiliary	17	18 Member Dining	19 FOLKS party Men's Club Championship
20 Men's Club Championship Course closed until 2:00	21	22	23	24	25 Member Dining 'Mike & Mike'	26 Manthe/ Windschiegl Wedding & Reception
27	28	29 Chip n Sip 1st Lesson Second Session	30 Ladies Auxiliary	31		



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