



## STOUGHTON COUNTRY CLUB NEWS

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

*By: Ted Waskowski*

The club was very busy in June and that was wonderful. There was a wedding every weekend and a number of other events. The course had a lot of play. Overall, it was the busiest month in quite some time. The staff worked as hard as people can work to make it an excellent month financially for the Club. Then the heavens opened and stayed open and the staff worked even harder. When you see Steve or Mark or someone on the staff who has helped you, perhaps you can take a moment and tell them how much we appreciate their efforts. Let's all help them by taking extra care on the course to stay out of wet areas and on the cart paths while it dries out. Let's make sure that we all make an effort to avoid creating unnecessary work for them. And let's say thanks.

### **GOLF SHOP NEWS**

*By: Steve Hlavacek*

July 4th falls on a Thursday this year and the course is open to all members for golf.

Tuesday, June 25th the Chip-N-Sip women met on the 13th tee for the session ending dinner. We had great weather and it was a fun event. Thanks to everyone who came and made the evening a success. Our second session of Chip-N-Sip starts on July 9th. The first session will focus on iron play and meets at 5:30. Looking forward to seeing everyone then.

The heavy rains forced us to cancel the Rally For The Cure on Wednesday the 26th. The ground was saturated already and we had some small lakes where we never had them before. Until the course dries out we ask that you take special care to stay away from low lying areas and to stay on our cart paths around the greens and tees. We have scheduled the sealing of our cart paths on the 7th and 8th of July, contingent on the weather of course, but want everyone to know that they will have to exercise some extra care during that process.

The Superintendent's Cup scheduled for June 30th was cancelled because of the small sign up. We will reschedule the event in September and hope that you will sign up your group for this fun event benefiting some specific project on the course. The last time we did this we added the fountain on the new nine irrigation pond.

### **MANAGER'S MEMO**

*By: Steve Hlavacek*

We are working on solving some problems that have arisen in our dining room. One of the things that will help us is making dinner reservations for your group in advance. Since we do reservations every 15 minutes your group may get in right at the minute you have made the reservation. We take four groups at the same time and you may be the last group at a reservation time which would put you in theoretically 15 min late. When we have walk ins at the last minute it can cause problems with staffing as we had not counted on the increased number of reservations.

In addition, we have streamlined our menus in the dining room and bar will help cut down on waiting times. We are aware of the problems some of you have had and we apologize. Thank you for your help and we are hopeful that these issues will be taken care of right away.

Our deepest sympathies to Carol Klagos, her family and friends on the passing of her husband. Doug Klagos was a longtime member here at the club and will reunite with Dennis Laumann in the golf course in the sky. God Speed Doug, and assuredly both of their handicaps could not help improving.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

*By: Mark Livingston*

What a difference a year makes. Last year there was a record drought now we are dealing with flooding on what seems to be a weekly basis. The grass needs water but saturated ground is not great for the turf. The saturated soil has little if any air in it which could basically drown the plant. Wet ground also gets compacted very easily which is one of the main reasons for the course being shut down after a big rain event.

It is important to keep carts on the cart paths near tees and greens at all times. With the stress from the drought and now the flooding it is easy to cause a lot of damage with golf carts. The par 3s, except for #10, have cart paths the entire hole so please keep carts on them whenever possible. When you park your cart please park with all four tires on the path. I see a majority of golfers parking with one side of their cart in the grass. This leads to dead grass along the cart paths due to compaction and traffic wear. It is also important to not cut corners with your cart. Almost every curve in the cart path has worn edges from carts turning too tight. And last but not least, do not drive across 18 fairway to get to number 1 tee. The section of 18 fairway where people cut across has

many issues due to the topography and it is only complicated by cart traffic.

The green expansion project is progressing. We will have some unsightly areas on the greens as we continue to mow these areas down. The most difficult area to get down to green height is where the old collar met the green. This is an area where sand accumulates during topdressing and aerification. The soil is actually higher and will need to be leveled out. Most of the work we do on the expanding areas will happen in the spring and fall under optimum growing conditions. I expect the entire process to take 2 years before the expanded areas will look and play like the existing greens. Thank you for your patience during this project.

Enjoy the summer. No matter what the weather is, the golfing is better now than it will be in January.

### **LADIES AUXILIARY**

*By: Marge Gerber*

Once again, I have a short report for this month of June.

Without much old or new business to discuss, our meetings are brief. We do recognize birthdays and sing to the lucky celebrants. We also send get well cards to members who are sick or in the hospital.

During this month the high scorers in bridge were Ardys Pfundheller, Bev Pieper, Marge Gerber, and Marita Hettinger. The victors in euchre were Stella Jacobson, Lois Rothen (twice), and Bev DeGroot.

If you wish to make a luncheon reservation, please call Tami. The meetings for July will be on the 3rd, 17th and the 31st. We hope to see you there.

We enjoy our friendships and camaraderie.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Club House</b> <b>(608)873-7861</b>  <b>Golf Shop</b> <b>(608)873-8464</b>						
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  <b>AMTELCO</b> <b>LUNCH</b> <b>11:30 – 2</b>  <b>Ladies</b> <b>Auxiliary</b>	<b>4</b>  <b>Open Golf</b>	<b>5</b>  <b>Junior</b> <b>Lessons</b> <b>9-10-11</b>  <b>Member</b> <b>Dining</b>	<b>6</b>  <b>Gander/Towne</b> <b>Reception</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  <b>Chip-n-Sip 2<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>Session 1<sup>st</sup></b> <b>lesson 5:30</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  <b>Junior</b> <b>Lessons</b> <b>9-10-11</b>  <b>Member</b> <b>Dining</b>	<b>13</b>  <b>Class of 1953</b> <b>Reunion</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  <b>Diabetes Golf</b> <b>Outing</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  <b>Ladies</b> <b>Auxiliary</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  <b>Junior</b> <b>Lessons</b> <b>9-10-11</b>  <b>Member</b> <b>Dining</b>	<b>20</b>  <b>Laack/</b> <b>Haberkorn</b> <b>Reception</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  <b>Chip-n-Sip</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  <b>Junior Lessons</b> <b>9-10-11</b>  <b>Madman</b> <b>Outing</b>  <b>Member Dining</b>	<b>27</b>  <b>Wedding</b> <b>Reception</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  <b>IFMA Golf</b> <b>Outing</b>	<b>31</b>  <b>Ladies</b> <b>Auxiliary</b>			



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