



## STOUGHTON COUNTRY CLUB NEWS

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*By: Ted Waskowski*

It was great to see the turnout for Easter Brunch and for dinner last Friday. Dutch has made a huge difference and is always looking for ways to create a better dining experience. Let's all make an effort to bring guests to try the food as that is a great way to introduce people to the Club. While membership is ahead of where we were last year, adding more members brings us energy and resources that make it easier to make the Club better and stronger.

The course came out of the winter with little damage. Now, if the weather would just cooperate!

### GOLF SHOP MEMO

*By: Steve Hlavacek*

Callaway Demo Day is May 2nd. The Callaway Representative will be here from 12:00 until 6:00 PM for club fitting. This is a perfect opportunity to demo all the new equipment from Callaway.

It's time to sign up for our summer events. Sign up sheets in Golf Shop. Men's Classic & Presidents Cup must be signed up NLT than May 23rd.

We have several golf events coming up this month. On May 12th, the Madison Senior Golf League will have 60 players teeing off in a shotgun start at 8:30.

Friday May 16th, we will be hosting a WSGA Match Play qualifying event. There will be 50 to 70 entrants and will be teeing off on #1 Tee at 7:45.

Tuesday May 20th, Stoughton Chamber Golf Outing at 12:00, Shotgun Start.

Friday, May 23rd, we will be hosting a huge WSGA event, for the Net Partners Tournament Series. There will be 104 players and will be Shotgun Starting at 8:00 AM.

Our Chip-N-Sip Series golf lessons for women begin on Tuesday, May 13th at 5:30. The first of the three lesson series to benefit the Susan Komen Foundation will meet on the practice green.

Please call the golf shop for any tee-time information.

### FROM THE KITCHEN

*By: Daniel Minnema 'Dutch'*

Welcome Spring maybe!!! Getting back to the full grind in the kitchen with lunches going Tuesday through

Saturday. We will be having daily sandwich and salad specials. Don't forget to check out the daily side of the day, which will include potato salad, fresh fruit or even a vegetable. Keeping busy with the last of the bowling banquets for the year. We heard good feedback on the meals and already booked some for next year.

Easter Brunch was a wonderful success. We finished with 182 meals, which only tells me that people are beginning to come out to utilize the club.

Mother's Day is right around the corner, but even before that the ladies spring fling on May 7<sup>th</sup>. I have put together a beautiful menu not only for lunch, but also for the evening meal. For lunch, you will be having Caesar salad wraps, grilled turkey avocado sandwich and smoked salmon salad. For evening dining, you will be having chicken dutchess, filet and shrimp, and grilled salmon with lemon dill butter. The side for the evening meal is twice baked potato and seasonal vegetable and for dessert, a cheesecake parfait. I am looking forward to this event.

I had a strong turnout for the Men's Night dining downstairs on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support of the club. Mother's Day Brunch will feature a buffet similar to Easter, but I will be adding some salad choices as well. The new dessert portions have been a big hit. If you haven't seen them yet, you can just ask your server on Friday evenings about the choices. They only cost \$2. Friday dining continues to grow.

Remember to always make a reservation so that we can offer you the best in dining experience. I am always looking at different specials to not only keep members satisfied, but also to create some diversity. The new Friday evening menu will begin on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The new clubhouse menu will begin the following

week. Tuesday evening pasta buffet will begin the second week of May. Thank you for all your positive feedback. Happy eating.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

*By: Mark Livingston*

Rain, rain, go away. They say April showers bring May flowers so at this rate we will have a bumper crop of flowers this month. With all the cold, rainy weather we had in April it was difficult to get into the flow of mowing greens, raking traps, and changing cups. The grass wasn't growing, the traps would get washed out as soon as we raked them and there was little wear and tear on the cups. The weather needs to change this month and I can't wait for it.

The golf course survived the winter pretty well considering how bad the weather was. There are a few areas in fairways that sustained some superficial ice damage that will grow out when the weather improves. Most of the areas where we have been expanding the greens made it through the winter just fine but some took a step backwards. For example, the back of number ten green where we have mowed down some areas of Kentucky bluegrass and having the bentgrass and poa fill in took a hit. These areas will recover eventually and we will need to do some extra work to get them back. In the meantime, they will be sensitive areas that need to have reduced traffic. If you can avoid walking and playing on these areas it would be appreciated.

The practice area has had a lot of unfilled divots lately. The practice area is not a driving range like you would see at many other courses. There is no range attendant whose only job is to fill divots. The practice area will remain a nice area to hit balls from as long as

everyone that uses it does their part. We have placed sand boxes on either end to fill your sand bottles up to make it easier to fill divots. The practice area was constructed to be a turf nursery so that we would have sod to repair the golf course as needed. It is just an added benefit that it doubles as a practice area. Please do your part to keep it an area that is nice to practice and a place where we can continue to get quality fairway and tee height sod.

I will see you on the course as the weather improves. It won't be too long before we start complaining about how hot it is.

### **LADIES AUXILIARY**

*By: Marge Gerber*

The month of April gave us three Wednesdays for meetings. I can only report on two of them, since the final one will be on the thirtieth.

Hostesses for the April 2nd gathering were Ardys Pfundheller and Barb Entwistle. They had spring-like colors and fresh flowers on the tables. Karen Benson and Marge Gerber hosted the April 16th event. There was an Easter theme which included colorful critters (stuffed, of course) and eggs.

Victorious this month playing euchre were Florence Folbrecht, Sharon Folbrecht, Bev Degroot and Lois Rothen. High scorers playing bridge were Marge Gerber, Barb Hvam, Fran Kingery and Lynene Harmon.

Hopefully, when the weather becomes more pleasant, we will see more ladies join us. There is always great food, (thanks, Dutch!) fabulous females and fun.

### **GREENS COMMITTEE NOTES**

*By: Clyde Olson*

Spring has finally arrived and so **has** the golf season! It is great to see members playing golf again and using the practice area.

Just a reminder, let's all make sure we repair our ball marks on **all** greens and the practice green. Divots need to be filled or replaced on the golf course as well as in our practice area.

If a player has a physical limitation, please contact Steve to get a flag on your cart. This will enable the player to get closer to greens and tees. If this is not the case, we ask that all golf carts be on cart paths around tees and greens. Please keep all four wheels on the cart path. The goal here is to improve the appearance around our tees and greens.

Our Assistant Superintendent, Tony Hudzinski, will be leaving us later this spring. Tony has been with us for more than 10 years and will be greatly missed. Tony and his wife April own a growing business in Sun Prairie and along with their little girl, Lucy, Tony's fulltime attention is needed there.

Mark is actively looking for a new qualified assistant through the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association.

Enjoy the course and have a **great** 2014 golf year.

# MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

May 11th, 2014 11 - 2

*Chef Carved Prime Rib & Buffet Ham*

*Chicken Supreme*

*Bacon & Sausage*

*Scrambled Eggs*

*Cheesy Hash browns*

*Mashed Potatoes & Homemade Gravy*

*Asparagus*

*French Toast Sticks & Maple Syrup*

*Chicken Strips & French Fries*

*Macaroni & Cheese*

*Omelet Station*

*Soft Serve Ice Cream & Toppings*

*Assorted Desserts*

*\$17 per person \$8 children age 12 & under*

*Gratuuity and tax not included*

*Reservations are required*

# May 2014

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>Callaway</b> <b>Demo Day</b>  <b>Member</b> <b>Dining</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  <b>Ladies</b> <b>Spring Fling</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  <b>Member</b> <b>Dining</b>  <b>Foy - LKR</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>  <b>Mother's Day</b> <b>Brunch</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Madison</b> <b>Senior Golf</b> <b>League 8:30</b> <b>shotgun</b>  <b>Chamber</b> <b>Syttende Mai</b> <b>Kickoff Dinner</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Oregon Town &amp;</b> <b>Country</b>  <b>Chip-n-Sip</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Session</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson</b>	<b>14</b>  <b>Ladies</b> <b>Auxiliary</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  <b>WSGA Match</b> <b>Play</b>  <b>Member</b> <b>Dining</b>	<b>17</b>  <b>Wedding</b> <b>Reception</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  <b>Stoughton</b> <b>Chamber Golf</b> <b>Outing</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  <b>WSGA Net</b> <b>Partners</b>  <b>Member</b> <b>Dining</b>	<b>24</b>  <b>Jimmy Buffett</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  <b>Chip-n-sip</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> lesson</b>	<b>28</b>  <b>Ladies</b> <b>Auxiliary</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  <b>Member</b> <b>Dining</b>	<b>31</b>



**Attention all Parrotheads!!!**

**It's Back!!**

**'Jimmy Buffett Night'**

**Saturday, May 24th 6:00 - 10:00**

**Great Music**

**Great Hors d'oeuvres**

**Margaritas & Contests**

**Bring a guest or more**

**Only \$10 per person**

**Sign up online or at 873-7861**



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