



STOUGHTON COUNTRY CLUB NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Ted Waskowski

Things are good at the club. The grass is still lush and green, the lake sparkles and we often feel like we have the course all to ourselves. The end to an unhurried round leads to a drink on a patio with the best view around and we know the evening will end with a wonderful meal. Let's all take a moment to appreciate all this the next time we play. Let's all bring a friend to the Club who may want to join us and help us make the Club an even better place.

GOLF SHOP NEWS

By: Steve Hlavacek

The Dane County Men's Seniors Tournament will be held here at the club on Tuesday, September 17th at 12:00. If you haven't signed up, applications are available at the golf shop.

Women's Day does not end with the Women's Fall Frolic as in past years. Men may play after 3:00 on Wednesday throughout the remainder of the golf season.

MANAGER'S MEMO

By: Steve Hlavacek

Our aerification program on the greens each year is bound to cause some inconvenience to our members. We are limited to the days we can do the work by our events schedule and the weather. This year the weather was too hot and we are pushing the dates back. The original nine holes will be done on Tuesday September 3rd and the new nine on

the Wednesday, September 4th. We will be leaving the pins in the holes during the process so you can still play the full course. We ask that you skip the holes where the guys are working, for safety purposes, and go to the next hole open and come back later to play the hole or holes you skipped. The local rule is an automatic two putt on holes where the aerification plugs have not yet been collected. We hope that this course of action will limit the inconvenience to our members during this necessary maintenance operation.

Thank you to all of our members who are supporting our club by joining us for Tuesday and Friday night dining. Chef Dutch is doing a great job of giving our members what they expect in the dining room. Please remember to get reservations on Friday nights, it is a great help when we are trying to staff and provide good service.

Fall Membership Special is available for all new members. If you know of someone who is interested in joining, let them know that this is the best time to join. New members pay for the 2013 season and get 2014 free. Also included is the use of a golf cart for both seasons and waiving of the \$2000 initiation fee. If you have any questions please contact me at the club and we will be happy to follow up with any potential members. Thank you.

This time of the year many of our summer employees return to school. You will be seeing some new faces both in the golf shop, restaurant and bar. We look forward to

providing you with the best service possible and thank you for your understanding during training of the new staff.

We are working on some guidelines for golf carts on the course and will provide this to the members in the coming months. These guidelines will be designed with cart safety in mind. In the meantime, we hope that you will be careful when crossing all roads. We will be adding some signage and stop patterns on the cart path themselves and trimming bushes that reduce visibility of the roadways. We encourage everyone to stay on cart paths around the tees and greens and outside of the blue lines around greens. Carts compact the soil and make it difficult to maintain grass in these areas. We are hopeful that everyone tries to follow these guidelines to keep the course in great condition. Thank you.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

By: Mark Livingston

Summer finally decided to show up the last week of August. I am not complaining because the weather we had this year is better than the hot and dry weather we experienced last summer. I can only remember needing to hand water greens once or twice all summer compared to last year when we were not only hand watering greens but large sections of fairways on a daily basis.

The end of the summer is when we complete many of our projects. We usually grind and backfill stumps from trees this time of year so the seed has a better survival rate. This year we also added a sand trap to the 17th green that helps the hole both visually and playability wise. We stripped the sod from the area where the sand trap is used it to fix cart path edges. We will have the sodded areas staked off for some time as we want the sod to root properly. The cart paths on 5 and 8 were extended also. We are currently in the process of constructing a greens nursery behind 11 green. In the past we occasionally took sod from the putting green where the new patio sits. With that no longer available it was critical to have a new

source for bentgrass. We will seed this with bentgrass and once it matures we will be able to harvest sod and plugs from it to repair greens or help with future green expansions/renovations.

I would like to ask anyone driving a cart to use extra precaution and please keep all four tires on the paths. I see it all the time where a cart will pull just off the path for whatever reason. Over time this causes the grass on the edges of the paths to die and the areas to become compacted. In some areas we will continue to put out stakes as reminders but we can't put them everywhere. If everyone does their part it will make the entire club better.

Enjoy some great fall golf and I will see you on the course.

LADIES FALL FROLIC

Ladies Fall Frolic is coming September 18th. Mark your calendars, invite friends, plan to have a great time. Sign up in the ladies locker room. This year's theme is 'Fall Harvest'. Lunch specials will be available before the 12:30 shotgun start of the scramble. Dinner is included in the event fee, cart rental is extra. Non-golfers are welcome to join us for the dinner as well. The frolic committee is seeking donations for raffle prizes and/or baskets for the Fall Frolic. If you have an item to donate, please call Janice Kellogg at 877-9306.

CHIP-N-SIP

By: Gloria Jenkins

CHIP N SIP LESSON - - SEPTEMBER 3rd
Check in at 5:15 for "final exam" of choosing clubs and executing the shot on unique par-3 layout created by Steve. Bring your carts and all clubs.

Picture this par 3 from last time we did this: Tee off on women's #13 tee. Shoot to #12 green. What's your club choice?

Please Sign up in locker room.

Chip n Sip Closing Dinner – September 10th

LADIES AUXILIARY

By: Marge Gerber

We ladies continue to share good food, good cards and good conversation at our auxiliary meetings.

There has been no old or new business. Everything seems to be status quo.

The hostesses for the month of August were Shirley Erickson, Karin Campbell, Shirley Nygaard and Ardys Pfundheller. Thank you to all for the lovely table decorations!

High scorers in euchre were Ma Star, Marian Rambo, Shirley Erickson and Florence Olson. Victorious at the bridge tables were Shirley Nygaard, Karin Campbell, Marge Gerber and Bev Pieper.

Every female member is encouraged to join the ladies auxiliary. It is very pleasant to chat and spend time with the ladies who regularly attend. We have a very nice and friendly group of women.

Meetings during the month of September will be on the 11th and the 25th. We hope to see you there!

Grape Expectations – Wine & Food Tasting

Thursday, September 19th 6:00 at SCC. Tickets are \$50 per person and are available at the club or thru the Stoughton Chamber of Commerce. Proceeds fund the Rae Ladd Volunteer Scholarship for high school graduates.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Club House (608)873-7861 Golf Shop (608)873-8464						
1	2	3 Aerification Front Nine Chip-n-Sip	4 Aerification Back Nine	5	6 Rehearsal Dinner – LKR Member Dining	7 Scharch Reception
8 Shillelagh Open 7:30 Shotgun	9 Girls Golf 1:30 12 players	10 Oregon Town & Country Chip-n-Sip Dinner	11 Ladies Auxiliary	12	13 Member Dining	14 Class of 1963 Reunion
15 Calcutta Horse Race	16 Girls Golf 3:30	17 Dane County Seniors 12:00 shotgun	18 Women’s Fall Bash 12:30	19 Grape Expectations	20 Member Dining	21 Evenson Wedding Reception
22	23 Fastenal Golf Outing	24	25 Ladies Auxiliary	26	27 Member Dining	28 Zwaska Wedding Reception
29 Superintendent’s Cup	30					



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