



STOUGHTON COUNTRY CLUB NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Ted Waskowski

We want your input! We are sending every member a survey which can be completed online. We want all members to have an opportunity to tell us their priorities for improvements at the Club.

In recent years, we added the cart shed, redid the front driveway and area around it, created a new bar area and Founder's room, added the patio and fire pit, improved many of the gardens around the course, leveled an area on the lakeshore for weddings and parties, added sand traps on 3 and 17, added irrigation on 2, 11 and 17, extended several cart paths and sealed them all, reworked the ponds on 12 and 13, resurfaced the parking lot, addressed and resolved plumbing issues in the restrooms, replaced the doors and windows on the west side of the clubhouse, replaced all windows and doors on the porch, significantly upgraded the age and condition of our course equipment and upgraded many mechanical units in the clubhouse.

The Board believes that improvements in the course and facilities will insure our continued success. We would like to know what you think is most important. Please take the time to complete the survey. Steve can provide paper surveys

for those who would rather not complete the survey online. We appreciate your help on this.

GOLF SHOP MEMO

By: Steve Hlavacek

August was a busy month for Tournaments here at the club. Our women's Club Champion this year is Becky Klongland. Becky shot a final round 68 to unseat Gayle Dyreson as last years champion. Sandy Harlow was our A-Flight Champion, Chris Peterson was B Flight Champion and Rita Jeffries won the 9 hole Championship. Our Men's Club Championship hosted a field of fifty one players. The weather cooperated and after a brief delay on Saturday play resumed. Sundays weather was much better than anticipated and the course was in beautiful shape. Geoff Pirkl set the course to test the players game and provided some great golf to some demanding pin placements. Derek Pirkl bested the field as a repeat Champion followed by Sam Anderson and Eric Howell. A Flight winner Scott Acker beat out Jim Peterson by one stroke with Jim Olds finishing two strokes back in third place. Dan Hanson finished in the top spot in B-Flight and bested second

place finisher Clyde Olson by 6 shots. Dan Pirkl finished in third place. Peter Foy finished in first place in C Flight with Wendell Miese finishing two shots back in second. Bill Dixon finished 5 shots back in third place. Steve Smedberg and Greg Reagan tied for first place and in their sudden death play off Steve defeated Greg. Francis Baltazar finished in third place. Jim Peterson finished in first place in the Seniors Division and Clyde Olson finished first in the 60-65 year old division. Awards and Trophies will be given out at the Women's Frolic and Men's Bash. Congratulations to all of our Champions.

MEN'S FALL BASH Scheduled for October 16th here at the club. This is our big event of the season and hope all of our men can consider playing. We will have flag events, our "Yellow Ball" event, Big Raffle and some other surprise events. Also, this our night to honor all of our Men's Club Champions and distribute trophies and awards. The evening will also include appetizers, prime rib dinner and dessert. Put this on your calendar and help make this a success. Sign up in the golf shop. Guests play golf for free!!

WOMEN'S FROLIC is scheduled for Wednesday, September 17th. The course will be closed for play from 12:00 to 5:30. This is the Women's end of Season Event which features games, a great dinner and presentation of Trophies and awards. Sign up in the golf shop with a golf shop attendant or in the women's locker room. You don't want to miss this great fall event. Guests play golf for free!!

Chip-N-Sip: September 9th is lesson for all our Chip-N-Sippers. Lesson starts at 5:30 and lesson will focus on your Drivers. Remember to sign up for the Chip-N-Sip dinner on September 23rd.

The menu will feature stuffed chicken breast, twice baked potatoes, grilled fall vegetables, a over the top dessert and wine. Price is \$25.00 and is open to all current and past members of Chip-N-Sip. We will be dining on the patio if weather is good or on the porch if not.

Thank you to Florence Folbrecht for donating Carl Giehler's old putter to the club. We will figure out where we can display it somewhere in the clubhouse. Incidentally, the putter is slightly bent cause Carl occasionally sent it sailing.

The club will be getting a new fleet of golf cars yet this fall. Our golf cars are rented from Premier Golf Car Company and we have renewed our lease for the new cars at no price increase. The golf cars will be dark green, black roofs and will be a nice addition to the club.

SHILLELAGH OPEN will be held here at the club on the 7th of September. For over 40 years this event has benefited the EMS Services of Stoughton. The course will be closed on Sunday the 7th until 12:30. Tee times are available in the afternoon for our members.

MANAGER'S REPORT

By: Steve Hlavacek

We hope you are enjoying the club this year. We have had many great comments about the food from our members and guests. We are looking forward to serving you during the rest of the season and appreciate any comments you might have.

FALL MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL; Remember to remind any of your friends that are potential members, that the Fall Special is a great bargain. The balance of this year and next year for this years dues. In addition, the free use of one our new leased golf carts is

included. Most of our new members come from referrals by our current members, lets see if we can't increase our membership this fall. Thank you for your support in making Stoughton Country Club a place you can be proud to be a member.

WEDDINGS: We have many weddings booked yet this fall. We appreciate the fact that members make some sacrifices on Saturdays when we have a reception here at the club. We try to accommodate our golfers in the Lake Kegonsa Room when the club is booked.

On behalf of the staff, we want to thank all of our members for using the club facilities this season and we look forward to great weather this fall and the opportunity to serve you.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

By: Mark Livingston

This past summer started out cool and wet and finished warm and dry. For the most part, I won't complain about weather this year as it was near perfect for growing grass. The major obstacle this year was a fungus called dollar spot. You may have noticed many tee and green surrounds as well as some tees peppered with whitish spots. Usually, dollar spot in rough is superficial and will disappear when the weather cools down. However, this year the pressure was so high that we might end up needing to apply fungicides to some of the heavy hit areas. I am hoping not to do this because of the cost associated with it.

The crew has been busy trimming lots of trees. Trimming up the trees makes them easier to mow around and lets more sunlight reach the turf. It also aids in playability and generally looks nicer.

We have also installed some new irrigation on holes 2 and 11. The areas where we added irrigation heads are where there is lots of traffic and the turf could not withstand the stress during droughty conditions.

As I write this news letter we have just finished aerifying the greens. I believe they will heal in quickly this year and be unnoticeable in a matter of a week or two. Next we will move on to tees and some fairways. On tees and fairways we drag and breakup the cores and blow the leftover grass away. This makes for less disruption and speeds up the entire process.

Now that fall is right around the corner our focus will soon shift from mowing grass to grinding up leaves. This is a never ending job from mid September until the course closes for the winter. Fall also means there will be some frosty mornings. Driving or even walking on frost covered grass can injure it. Sometimes there may be no frost at your house but some low lying areas of the course could be full of it. Please check in with the club house on cool mornings to make sure it is ok to golf. Enjoy the fall, it is my favorite time of year.

LADIES AUXILIARY

By: Marge Gerber

The report for this month will be concise, because meetings are going along so smoothly.

The July 9th gathering was centered around Americana. We saw much red, white and blue on the tables. Christmas in July was celebrated at the July 23rd meeting. It was determined that there were only 155 days until the holiday. Everyone said, "uffda."

Bridge winners for the month were Ardys Pfundheller, Marge Gerber, Shirley Nygaard and Rosanna Schmidt.

High scorers in euchre were Ma Star (twice), Sharon Folbrecht and Bev Degroot.

If you cannot attend an auxiliary luncheon meeting and are on the permanent list, you must call Tami at the club and cancel. The chef, Dutch, and the hostesses are counting on your attendance. If you wish to remove your name from the permanent list, please do so with Tami. The telephone number to call is 873-7861. Thank you for your consideration.

Date: 8/29/2014

To: Stoughton Country Club Members

From: Stoughton Country Club Board of Directors

Subject: Member Input on SCC Planning Process

The Stoughton Country Club Board is currently preparing the annual budget for 2015. In order to better guide our decisions for 2015 and as we look to the long term sustainability of Stoughton Country Club we value the insight of our members. With this in mind we are requesting your input on priorities for the course and clubhouse by **completing an on-line survey by September 12th**.

Over the last several years we have made or are in the process of making these significant improvements to the golf course and club house including:

- Remodeled and moved bar
- New cart shed
- Repair and replacement to pump house and equipment
- New windows and doors on the west side of club house
- New windows, doors, and carpet on the porch
- Relocate pond on #9
- Riprap and drainage improvements around ponds on #2, #9, #11 and #13
- Sand traps added to #3 and #17
- Extend several cart paths and reseal all cart paths
- Irrigation expansion on holes #2, #5, #6, #11 and #17
- Shelter and Bathroom on #13 (in process)
- Outdoor patio and fire pit

Our membership dues are the primary source revenue for the club. With this in mind we would like to continue growing our overall membership. We currently have 213 golf memberships (excluding junior golfers) with a target of reaching and sustaining 250 memberships. Also, we currently have 101 social memberships and would like to achieve a goal of 150 members.

To keep the Stoughton Country Club vibrant and healthy we believe our golf course and facilities need to be attractive and inviting. Please keep in mind that events such as weddings, anniversaries, and golf outings are key components of our revenue stream.

Your feedback is important to this process so please respond to this survey **by September 12th**. For couples and family membership, two surveys can be completed. Your responses will be confidential.

Thank you for completing the survey—it should only take a few minutes. If you have any questions or prefer to fill out a paper copy, please contact Steve Hlavacek or Tami Cleveland. Click here <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YXZK5XJ> to go to the SCC Survey.

Falling for Golf

Ladies Fall Frolic

Wednesday, September 17th

Registration: 11:15 - 12:00

Shotgun start at 12:15 (scramble)

Dinner: 6:00 p.m.

Menu: Herb Stuffed Pork Tenderloin or
Oven Roasted Chicken Breast
Calico Twice Baked Potato, Fall Medley, Side Salad
Apple Crisp with Cinnamon Ice Cream

\$25 per person

Carts \$20 per person

Guests welcome

Sign up in Locker Room or at www.stoughtoncountryclub.com

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| Club House (608)873-7861 Golf Shop (608)873-8464 | | | | | | |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 <i>Ladies Auxiliary</i> | 4 | 5 <i>Member Dining</i> | 6 <i>Stoughton Hospital Fall</i> |
| 7 | 8 | 9 <i>Oregon Town & Country</i> | 10 | 11 | 12 <i>Member Dining</i> | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 <i>Ladies Fall Frolic</i> <i>Ladies Auxiliary</i> | 18 | 19 <i>Member Dining</i> | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 <i>Member Dining</i> | 27 |
| 28 | 29 <i>Fastenal Golf Outing 11:30</i> | 30 | | | | |
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