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# The Tee Times

*The official newsletter of the Stoughton Country Club*

*Celebrate With Us!*

*Stoughton Country Club 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!*

**100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY RAFFLE**

**1st Prize \$10,000 Package**  
4 rounds of golf @ Whistling Straits  
4 rounds of golf @ Meadow Valley Course  
2 nights lodging @ American Club  
Breakfast / lunch / gourmet dinners both days  
All fees / tax & gratuity included

**\$100 PER TICKET**  
Winners drawn on Saturday July 16th.

**2nd Prize**  
\$1,500 Spa Package at  
Sundara Inn & Spa Lake Delton  
Includes 4 rounds of golf @ Wild Rock  
1 night accomodation \$800  
Golf & lunch \$500  
Tx/fees \$1,500 Total

All proceeds go towards purchase of a lighted fountain on #2 and #11.

Tickets can be purchased at Golf Shop,  
Bar or by calling club at 608.873.7861

**CENTURY CLUB**

\$100 per person - Includes all weekend events

**Saturday Events**  
**GOLF THROUGH TIME**  
10:00 am shotgun 6 person scramble  
(we encourage your kids & grandkids to play)  
9 hole par 3  
with hickory shafts & Gutta Percha reproduction golf balls!

1:00 UW Band members  
2:00 Members program  
3:00 Saturday golf buffet along with *Willies Blue Grass Band*

**Sunday Events**  
18 hole couples scramble with prizes  
Back yard kids party starting at 12:00  
Pig roast dinner / all fixings  
Music by *Bruce Johnson*  
Golf reservations by **Thursday 7/14**  
Dinner reservations by **Friday 7/8**  
Please call club at 608.873.7861

**GOLD - Centennial Golfer \$100**  
**SILVER - Half Century non-golfer or Social \$50**  
**BRONZE - Quarter Century 12 & under \$25**  
Family Package \$250

The Club is celebrating its 100 year Anniversary this year and we hope that you can be a part of the celebration.

We have scheduled events for adults and for kids and plan on making July 16th and July 17th fun for everyone attending. Please see the schedule of events so you can make your plans to join us.

Saturday will include a special "Golf Through time" using replica golf balls from the 1920's and wooden shafted clubs. We are still in need of clubs, if you have any that we can borrow, that would be great. Also on Saturday, will be honoring many of our long-time members and officers of the club. In addition, we

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will be doing some reminiscing about the history of the club and sharing stories by our members. The UW Band members will be performing, and a great buffet late lunch will be served. Finishing up the day will be Willies Blue Grass Band playing on the patio.

On Sunday, a couple's scramble, a back yard kids party, a pig roast and music by Bruce Johnson will round out the celebration.

#### 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY PARTY FOR THE KIDDOS

The 100th Anniversary is not just for golfers. On Sunday, July 17th at 12:00, there will be a backyard party for the kids. The party will include a bouncy house, kids fishing pond, pitch till you win coin toss, bean bag toss, face painting, snow cones, lemonade, popcorn, and some additional surprises! There is no charge for the event. If the kids stay for the pig roast, the charge is \$12.50. Give us a call at 608-873-7861 and let us know how many kids you will be bringing.

We hope you will put this event on your list of fun summer events here at the club.

Steve Hlavacek

#### **Reservation Deadlines are:**

**~Dinners by Friday, July 8**

**~Golf by Thursday, July 14**

#### **EVENT WRISTBANDS:**

PURCHASE YOUR WRISTBAND THE DAY OF THE EVENTS!

**GOLD - \$100** ~ Golf both Saturday and Sunday! Participate in all weekend social events! If you need a partner to play in the scramble, we will pair you.

**SILVER - \$50** ~ Non-Golfer or Social Member. Participate in weekend social events.

**BRONZE - \$25** ~ Children 12 and under. Includes golf both Saturday and Sunday and enjoy all weekend social events!

**Family Package - \$250**

#### **RAFFLE TICKETS**

**\$100 each** ~ may be purchased in the bar, golf shop, or office.

Enter for a chance to win:

1st Prize - \$10,000 Prize Package

2nd Prize - \$1,500 Prize Package

See Anniversary poster for package details!

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# THE HISTORY OF STOUGHTON COUNTRY CLUB



## The Beginning of the Club

In the late 1800's a group of railroad executives from the Chicago area came to Lake Kegonsa and started a "camp", Camp Collins, on what is now Tracy Lane. Some of the men were golfers and they made an arrangement with a local farmer, Thor Olson to use his meadow. Armed with scythes they cut the long grass and played golf in the stubble. Olson's Meadow would later become the first nine holes of the Stoughton Country Club.

## Golf Course "Idea" on Lake Kegonsa

In 1914, O.J. Forton and Elmer Falk, local businessmen, had an idea that a golf course on Lake Kegonsa would be a great thing for Stoughton and a real extra draw for the lake visitors. They approached H.W. Scott, a local tobacco broker and the only man they knew in town that played the game; he took the train to Janesville to play now and then. He was interested as were many public-spirited citizens in town, but World War I got in the way so nothing more was done.

## Course Design Renewed

The war ended and 1920 saw the golfing spirit develop again to a point that the group decided to finance a visit by Mr. William Watson of Chicago. He was a golf course architect and famous for some of America's outstanding courses. This action showed the foresight of the group, but at that time land values in this area were very inflated, \$300 to \$550 per acre so things were put on hold. 1922 saw a decline in land prices and the group saw a real possibility of getting started, led by Mr. Scott who purchased a lake lot from H.T. Anderson that would connect the Olson farm to the lake. An option was taken on the Olson estate which included the meadow, some wild lands, and a wood lot (#10 and #9 holes). Mr. Watson designed the course and Mr. Harry Smead, a Chicago golf course contractor, was engaged to supervise the local crews who did the work. The money was borrowed from the bank and twenty-four local business and professional men signed the note. Stock was sold at \$100 per share and there were 234 stockholders, not all of them golfers.

## New Clubhouse

In 1928 the directors began planning a new club house that would cost \$15,000. Work was started in 1929 and the dedication of the building took place in June of 1930. The local paper reported that 130 dinner reservations were made with music by Hoel's orchestra of Janesville. Miss Jean Hedemark played piano selections, Paul Skinner sang, and Roundy Coughlin was the speaker. The new two-story club house was a beauty. The men's lockers, lounge and pro shop were located on the first floor. The ladies lounge and lockers, kitchen, dining room (seating 250), offices and a large, screened porch were on the second. The dining room was open to the public for Sunday dinners.

## Easter Fire

Easter Sunday morning, April 1954, at about 4 a.m. the clubhouse burned. Nothing was saved. The replacement value of the property and contents was estimated at \$75,000. There was a balance on the mortgage of \$7,500 and the total insurance coverage was just \$30,000. There just was not enough money to do an adequate job of replacing the old club house so the directors did the best they could and ended up with a cement block, one story structure that faced the course and ignored the lake side. The dance floor doubled as the dining space. It opened in 1956.

### View of the Lake

1968 saw things going a lot better and the board decided to spruce things up a bit. A beautiful new dining room was added with lots of windows facing the lake. The downstairs was left unfinished but there was room for expansion. This room is now the Lake Kegonsa Room. A new pro shop was added, and the locker rooms enlarged. One hundred fifty trees were planted, and the fairway watering system was completed.

### Course Expansion

In the late 1980's Donn Wheeler, a board member, started a discussion with Oscar and Shirley Linnerud about adding an additional nine holes. It took a few years to work out the details but an offer to purchase was signed on September 8, 1993, for ninety-two acres of land east of Country Club Road. The back nine was dedicated in July of 1995.

### Stoughton Tornado

Times were good, the membership growing, bills were paid, and things could not be better, then.... August 18, 2005, a tornado hit the Stoughton area. The dining room roof ended up on the floor, the Lake Kegonsa Room was destroyed, \$20,000 in tree and green damage occurred. Another disaster, but not so bad this time as the board had very good insurance. It was an inconvenience for a few months as the club house became much like it was in 1954. Soon everything in the building was better than before.

### Half Century Devotion

1974 saw the beginning of a half century commitment to Stoughton Country Club by golf professional Steve Hlavacek. Over the years Steve has worn multiple hats in addition to golf pro including course superintendent, general manager, and instructor. He has helped to oversee many of the initiatives that have contributed to the growth of the club. Through the years he has mentored young golfers to further their game and helped others pursue their interest in other aspects of the golf business. Steve has also opened the doors of Stoughton Country Club to support area communities and their fundraising activities.

### Thank You to Many!

I could have mentioned a hundred or more names of folks who made all of this happen, but most of you would not recognize their names. If you drive through the little subdivision just south of the old nine holes, you will see Giehler Drive, named after the club professional; Scott Circle, the first club president; Duncan Drive, the second club president; and Lynch Circle, named after a longtime golfer and friend of the above. These are just a few of the folks who helped bring Stoughton Country Club to all of us. Written and contributed by Douglas Pfundheller and Paul Pitras.





## News From Behind the Bar

**JULY WINES OF THE MONTH!**



**Rodney Strong Cabernet Sauvignon**  
 Sonoma County ~ Aromas of blackberry, cocoa and currant lead to a rich, layered mouthfeel full of black cherry, cedar and cassis. Structured with lush, mature tannins.  
 Bottle Only: \$32

**Rombauer Vineyards Zinfandel**  
 California ~ Ripe boysenberry, clove, black pepper and raspberry aromas with velvety flavors of berry fruits and vanilla.  
 Bottle Only: \$44

**Butter Chardonnay**  
 California ~ Aromas of apple pie and a rich creaminess that surrounds you at each sip. Aged in oak, this wine sees brightness, complexity, and depth in the creaminess.  
 Glass: \$8



Couples 9 & Dine will take place once a month on Friday evenings. There will be a different format each month. Golf typically starts at 5:30 p.m. Please plan to join us for dinner!

We ask that you sign-up in the golf shop!

Please add these dates to your calendar:

- July 8
- August 12
- September 9

## Chips-N-Sip



- Session Three: July 5 – Pitching and Sand Play
- Session Four: July 19 – Irons
- Session Five: August 2 – Hybrids
- Session Six: August 16 – Drivers
- Session Seven: August 30 – End of Season Dinner

Cost: \$20 per session – includes the wine!

Chip-N-Sip sessions are available for women golf members only. Social members may participate in one session without becoming a golf member but are encouraged to join as golf members.

Please sign-up in the golf shop!



# thank you



**THANK YOU,**  
Hansen & Sons, for expertly installing the new gas insert and finishing the chimney repair. This bar fireplace will now serve us well for many years to come.

## Welcome New Members

- Drew Anderson
- Chase Kotlowski

# Welcome!

We want to extend a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to the following members for their generous donation toward new fire pits for the new patio expansion area. The project is scheduled to begin soon!

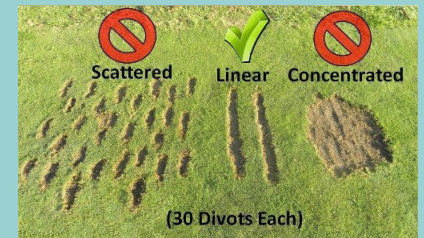
- Dave Mannis & Renee Yarcho
- Steve & Roxanne Peterson
- Pat & Pam LeMire
- Jim & Karen Nussle
- Mike & Nicole Moore
- Clyde & Debra Olson
- Eric & Heidi Smedal
- Scott & Riley Hoselton
- Mike & Kathleen O'Shea
- Brian & Kris Wagner
- Jon Feuling
- Thane & Krista Anderson
- Larry & Doris Schauff
- Mark & Katrina Keller
- Jay & Elizabeth Wolter
- Rich & Aimee Jo Castleberry
- Eric & Karen Gowing
- Scott & Tracy Bellefeuille
- Scott & Wendy Eccles
- Jim & Shannon Brandt
- Francis & Linda Balthazor
- Brent & Kristen Yeager
- Dan & Kari Hvam
- Bill & Jeanne Hehr
- Rick & Kathy Carl
- Tom & Pam Hendricks
- Jeff Schraml
- Skip & Sandy Patton

## Practice Area

Thanks to Mark Livingston for additional yardage markers on the practice area! The white marker is 150 yards from the flag. The two red markers are 100 yards from the flag.

Please do your part to keep the practice area in good condition!

1. Have a linear divot path, see picture.
2. Fill in your divots.



## To Keep You Laughing





# What's Happening

**JULY**

- 3 (Sun):** Firecracker Member Mixer
- 5 (Tue):** Chip and Sip
- 8 (Fri):** Couples Nine and Dine
- 9 (Sat):** Music on the Patio – featuring “3 Souls”
- 15 – 17 (F-S-S):** 100th Anniversary Event
- 19 (Tue):** Chip and Sip
- 26 (Tue):** Stoughton Chamber Golf Outing
- 31 (Sun):** Private Party

**AUGUST**

- 2 (Tue):** Chip and Sip
- 5 (Fri):** Private Party (LKR)
- 6 (Sat):** Private Party
- 7 (Sun):** Private Party (LKR)
- 12 (Fri):** Couples Nine and Dine
- 14 (Sun):** Family Carnival
- 16 (Tue):** Chip and Sip
- 20 (Sat):** Tailgate Party – 3:00 p.m. Wear your favorite team attire!
- 26 – 28 (F-S-S):** Club Championship
- 30 (Tue):** Chip and Sip

**SEPTEMBER**

- 3 (Sat):** Labor Day Weekend Scramble – End of Summer
- 5 (Mon):** Happy Labor Day
- 9 (Fri):** Couples Nine and Dine
- 9 (Fri):** Private Party (LKR)
- 10 (Sat):** Private Party
- 11 (Sun):** Shillelagh Open
- 13 (Tue):** Stoughton Hospital Golf Outing
- 14 (Wed):** Women’s Solheim Cup
- 16 (Fri):** Octoberfest – Beer Tasting
- 17 (Sat):** Private Party
- 24 (Sat):** Private Party
- 26 (Mon):** Fastenal Golf Outing
- 28 (Wed):** Women’s Fall Frolic
- 28 (Wed):** All Club Matches must be completed
- 30 (Fri):** Club Awards Banquet

**\*Please note:**  
**Events and dates are subject to change**

**Junior Lessons – Class Schedule**

- July 1            Putting – Bring your putter
- July 8            Chipping – Bring your irons
- July 15          Pitching and Sand Play
- July 22          Iron Play
- July 29          Woods
- August 5        Junior Club Championship  
 for all Junior Members. Lunch and  
 awards distributed.



**Music on the Patio – Featuring “3 Souls” – July 9, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

**Join us for an evening of fun, music, and dancing on the patio on July 9th.** Food will be available for purchase. The band is the “3 Souls”. “We are 3 guys that have been rockin’ for many years. We all take turns singing the lead and play tunes that were radio hits. We love to keep you out dancing!”

The band is fun and will play many of your favorites. Please let us know if you can join us.

