

The Tee Times

The official newsletter of the Stoughton Country Club

Memorial Day Golf Outing



Dennis Wake, Donna Anderson, Brad Murphy and Don Tipple.

We had 37 participants that played in the Memorial Day golf outing May 30. The group consisted of long time members, a new this month member and a couple invited guests.

The format was a four person scramble with a team handicap. The 18 hole event played in less than 4 hours.

The scores ranged from 71 to 58. The winning team that carded that 58 consisted of Dennis Wake, Donna Anderson, Don Tipple, Brad Murphy and Josh Jiru.

The second place team that shot 60 consisted of Ron Wicks, Kay Alexander, Chris Peterson, and Jim Peterson.

Participants enjoyed a brat fest buffet after the golf. We'd like to thank all those that participated.

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Josh Jiru

From the Grounds Crew

I hope by the time you read this the weather has straightened itself out. As I write this it is 40 degrees and raining with 15 mph winds. I guess changing weather is one thing we can count on during a Wisconsin spring.

The weather always plays a big role in course conditions and it was very evident during a recent warm up. There was a lot of fertilizer applied to the course that seemed to all release once it got warm enough. This led to a flush of growth especially in the rough and the greens. The abrupt cool down along with an application of a growth regulator on the greens should have them back to normal in no time.

Now that most of the trees have all their leaves it is easy to spot the ash trees that are being killed by the emerald ash borer. We have treated the trees on Memory Lane but even some of those have been infected. We will be removing many of them all over the course throughout the summer. Most of the areas where we remove the trees from won't affect play much but there will be some that will leave a large open area where future plantings will be needed.

The green expansions we have been working on over the last couple seasons are nearing completion. Greens 1,4,8,9, and 18 are to the point that we will just continue to top-dress them with sand to

get them to fill in. The # 10 green has been a struggle as we continue to plug and top-dress it. We will be overseeding it once again and putting in drop areas so golfers can avoid the repaired area. It is my hope that by the end of spring it will have turned the corner. The new putting green also has an area that we will be working on. This area burned out during an irrigation malfunction last fall and will need to be reseeded.

The heat of summer is right around the corner. See you on the course!



Mark Livingston, Golf Course Superintendent

Golf Joke of the Month



IQ: You made an 11 on a par 3? How on earth did that happen?

A: I chipped in from the rough.

Heard any new family-acceptable golf jokes lately? Send to GM Brad Calaway baypro2@gmail.com or Paul Pitas at pmpitas@charter.net - or just recount them to golf pros Steve or Darcy as they try to help you correct your swing!

Golf Tip of the Month

Chipping is one of the more simple shots in golf -- that is if we don't make it so complex, says SCC assistant golf pro Darcy Kelly.

To keep it simple, think of it this way: Chip like you're putting.

Here's how to get this right every time you set up to chip: Grip the iron the same as your full-swing grip with your feet shoulder-width apart. The ball position should be in the middle of your stance.

But the swing? "It's the same as your putting

stroke," she says.

"A common mistake I see golfers make when they're chipping is they use their wrists during in their swing. It's the arms that work the shot. Your lower body should not be moving."

"Think of your arms and the shaft of the club forming the letter Y. That formation should stay together from set up to backswing to your forward swing."

Then, as always, practice, practice, practice.

"Fine-tune the basic chip shot," she says.

"From there, you can work on a fancier shot if the need arises."



SCC Ladies Welcome New Season!

Despite overcast and sometimes threatening skies, 109 members participated in SCC's annual Spring Fling Golf Tournament event on May 19th.

The field was one of the largest, if not THE largest, in the almost 50-year history of the lady's tournament!

"The Spring Fling really symbolizes the official start of the ladies' golf season," says Darcy Kelly, Assistant Pro and Golf Instructor at the club. "But even better, it's an opportunity to renew and make new friendships over a round of golf and some social time."

The winning foursome in the scramble-type format were Karen Griffin, Sue Olson, Lindsey Lenz, and Lori Riley carding an awesome 71 score. Kudos to Terri McNamara who holed her shot over the water on #9 in a "closest to the pin" contest.

Following golf, the ladies enjoyed a delicious dinner from salad to dessert, featuring beef and vegetarian options. A big thank you to the kitchen and wait staff for their hard work!

Special thanks to the Spring Fling Organizing Committee of Kay Alexander, Donna Anderson, Joy Bakken, Bonnie Bisbee, Linda Blake, Sandy Dzikoski, Jo Lien and Beth Lepine.

"It's wonderful working with the ladies who organize and participate in this event," adds Kelly. "They have a long tradition of supporting, not only our club, but the community as a whole."



Cindy Culham, Lori Powers, Andrea Klein, Megan Walker and Meyrl Gartzke



Deb Neal tees of hole #10 under the watchful eye of teammate Jo Lien

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 2nd: Bourbon Day

June 8th: Chip-N-Sip

June 25th-26th: Men's Invitational

June 29th: Chip-N-Sip

July 4th: Member Golf Event

July 13th: Chip-N-Sip

August 6th: Junior Club Championship

August 24th: Chip-N-Sip

August 27th-29th: Club Championship



Letter from the General Manager



Dear Loyal Members,

Our Stoughton Country Club has seen a spring opening like no other I've ever seen in nearly three decades in this business. First there was COVID, from which we are finally recovering. Then, a small Mothers' Day weekend kitchen fire dealt an enormous blow to our club's excellent dining service and the social culture around which that dining experience creates.

While the fire was small and put out immediately, it triggered the fire suppression system which coated the entire kitchen and its equipment with fire retardant. Thus, every piece of equipment will have to be professionally cleaned - and some of it replaced in order to bring the kitchen up to new state codes.

First, the bad news.

It now looks like it may be August before our kitchen can fully reopen and Troy, our terrific chef, can fully employ his skills to renew the dining experience of which we are so proud.

But the good news is, well, incredible!

First, we are fully insured. So, despite the loss of our kitchen, your club's financial health remains in excellent shape. More importantly, we expect our club - including our dining experience -- to emerge from this disaster even stronger.

Not only are we insured for "disruption of business," which enables us to maintain revenues, our equipment was also insured for damage as well as needed code updates as state codes change. The end result is that we'll be able to install new equipment (some of which had already been purchased), new range hoods and replace other equipment, some of which is 30 years old.

That means when our kitchen finally does reopen, we'll do so with a new high-tech kitchen that will serve our club well for the next 30 years!

An important shout out. Our excellent insurance wasn't an accident (pardon the pun). We were well-insured because past club leaders, and some members with insurance expertise, successfully insisted on full, comprehensive insurance

coverage after the tornado destroyed parts of the club in 2005.

We've been paying substantial premiums for that coverage for years. And in May, that leadership foresight and expertise paid off for us. Thank you for your vision!

I should also note that when it comes to dining, chef Troy and his team have not disappeared. As many of you have already seen, they're offering a "fire menu" for lunches and hosting creative ways to offer dinner experiences, including catered events, food carts, barbecues (a pig roast?) and a fairly extensive dinner grill menu from our remaining kitchen facilities in our basement.

Hungry after a round of golf or wish for an evening of dining overlooking Lake Kegonsa? You'll still be taken care of at the SCC!

Enjoy!

General Manager Brad Calaway

CELEBRATING

the wonderful life of
Don Law
September 6, 1957 - April 9, 2021

We will be gathering to share some of our favorite memories, our stories, to laugh, to cry and remember the guy who lit up the room and who will be greatly missed.

SATURDAY JULY 24 2021
Morning Golf Outing
Appetizers at 2:00
Dinner at 4:00
Band starting at 6:00
Stoughton Country Club
3165 Shadyside Dr, Stoughton, WI 53589

Please RSVP for Golf and/or Dinner by Friday, June 25
to admin@stoughtoncountryclub.com