



The Tee Times

The official newsletter of the Stoughton Country Club

View from the Club House

by Brad Calaway, General Manager

Why we join.

I ask you to remember back to how, and when you were introduced to the game of golf. If you were lucky enough to be introduced to the game at an early age or discovered it later in life, this game offers us so much. Lifelong friendships have been formed, families become closer, and sometimes business relationships are started on the golf course. This wonderful golf club of ours has been the catalyst to many solid relationships formed on the links. Golf is a game of honor and teaches us so many life lessons. Good people play the game and if you have kids or grandkids, you can't ask for a better sport to get them involved with. As I talked with our members on Easter Sunday, I was introduced to grandparents, parents, children, and grandchildren. The Club provided a gathering place for generations of family members. I was lucky to take family pictures of many of our Easter brunch guests outside, in front of the beautiful backdrop of hole 9 green.

As we celebrate 100 years, wouldn't it be great to see all the Easter family photos taken at the Club over the years? In my short tenure here, I've heard so many of our members tell me of their wedding receptions held at the Club. Those photos would be great to see as well.

If you're reading this, you are part of the lucky ones that have been introduced to the great game of golf or the Club activities through family or friends. I ask you, as we celebrate 100 years, and the career of Steve Hlavacek, that you remember all the good times held at this historic golfer's club.

Look at our social calendar and find the time to participate in these events, or better yet, contact a social committee member and get involved to grow participation and improve the event experience. It's your golf club and we all make it better through participating and enjoying the good times.

Take the time to thank whoever introduced you to Stoughton Country Club. I'll take this opportunity to thank each of you for your current, past, and future membership.

The next 100 years start today.

~Brad

From the Grounds Crew

*by Mark Livingston,
Golf Course Superintendent*

The calendar tells me it's spring, but this weather makes me think it's still winter. It seems in the last few years we have gone from the cold and snow of winter straight to the heat of summer, skipping spring all together. This abrupt shift in weather is not only uncomfortable, but it also disrupts a few things around the course. A nice spring helps us grow a robust root structure that helps the turf survive the harsh summer weather. Spring is when many of our trees and perennials flower and if the weather goes from cold to hot and back to cold during that time, it can negatively impact them. Also, I was hoping for a nice warm spring to jumpstart the sod on 4 green and that has not happened. Originally, I had planned to open the green in early May, but I think Memorial Day is a more realistic opening date.

I would like to address the cart traffic as we head into the busy season. Please pair up with another player,

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when possible, in order to minimize the wear and tear on the course due to the golf carts. With the increase in members and the single riders in carts, the course is taking a beating. This, much like filling divots and repairing ball marks, will go a long way to keeping the course in good shape while play increases. Also, please do your best to keep all four tires on the path near tees and greens. Do not take short cuts, such as not staying on the path between 3 green and 4 tee or cutting across 18 fairway on your way to 1 tee. The areas on 18 fairway where carts tend to cut across is very difficult to maintain without the additional traffic so, please don't add to the problem.

The course did come through the winter in good condition, and I expect it to only get better as the season progresses. We lost some trees and there are lots of small sticks and twigs that we will continue to pick and mulch up once the grass is being mowed regularly.

Enjoy the upcoming season and I hope to see you on the course.

Chef Shares

by Chef Tim Gale, Executive Chef

We hope you have had an opportunity to dine in and experience the new lunch and dinner menu.

Along with the new menu, we will prepare nightly specials that will be advertised in advance. Wednesday night dining begins mid-May and will offer a "theme night" (one Wednesday per month). You can look forward to Mexican cuisine, Italian night, Asian specialties, etc., and anything that I think the membership would enjoy.

Please visit the Country Club website to view the lunch, dinner, and Friday night dinner menus.

With our limited number of servers, we still ask that you make reservations when dining at the Club.

Enjoy!

Lunch Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday: 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Dinner Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday*, Thursday: 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Friday will offer a separate Friday Dinner Menu: 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

*Wednesday dinner hours will begin again on May 11.

Welcome New Members

by Melissa Judd, Office Manager

Join us in welcoming the following new members. Please take a moment to introduce yourself and share a story or two!

- Holly and David Adams
- Thor and Bethany Anderson
- Sebastian Atwood
- Kathleen Doran
- Robert Forler
- Brad and Dawn Garcia
- Ryan Moore
- David and Abigail Starks
- Andrea Tipple
- Sue Tipple
- Suzanne (Sue) Walls

Welcome!

News from Behind the Bar

by Tim Gille, Bar Manager

Stop in and enjoy the wine of the month ~

May Wine of the Month



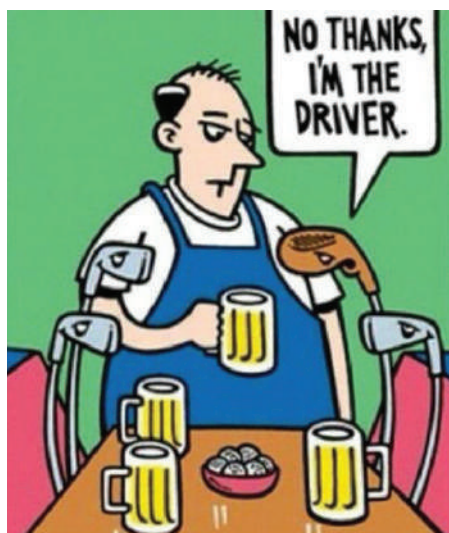
Cotes de Provence, France- This is full of mouthwatering flavor with a lovely texture. Lots of light fruit flavors with a clean finish, this wine does well to demonstrate the power of its grape.

CÔTES DE PROVENCE ROSÉ
Whispering Angel

Made from Grenache, Cinsault and Rolle (Vermentino), its pale color is pleasing to the eye and draws one in. The rewarding taste profile is full and lush while being bone dry with a smooth finish.

Highly approachable and enjoyable with a broad range of cuisine, Whispering Angel is a premium rose that you can drink from mid-day to midnight.

Pair Whispering Angel Rose with warm weather and a leafy green salad with goat cheese and grilled pears. Or just sip it on its own and see if you can identify all the different elements this wine embodies.



Meet the Staff – Featuring Willie Morgan

by Paul Pitas, SCC Member Writer

How many times have you thought to yourself “the course looks great” while in your golf cart or just driving by on Country Club Rd?

The next time that crosses your mind think of Willie Morgan. As course assistant superintendent Willie is the club’s irrigation guy. Anyone who plays golf leisurely or for serious competition, it is widely known that one of the keys to a great golf course & great round of golf is proper golf course irrigation.

For the last six years, Willie has been managing the club’s water source, pump station, control lines and valves and sprinkler heads. Both the greens and the fairways rely on moist, healthy blades of grass, which provide resistance to the golf ball. Without proper irrigation, even the most determined golfer wouldn’t enjoy their game.

Originally from the south Chicago suburbs, Willie got his start working at a golf course. Before coming to Wisconsin, he worked 25 years for a Chicago based sprinkler company. When he’s not managing irrigation, he is part of the team that does mechanical work on all the course equipment. “I enjoy working with my great crew here in Stoughton and making it the best course it can be,” says Willie.

Willie will also be overseeing the new sprinkler system in the clubhouse once the patio project is complete.

Willie has been married 39 years; has three daughters, five grandchildren and one great grandchild. Outside of work he enjoys fishing and loves to play bluegrass guitar. Hmmmm... maybe another talent for clubhouse entertainment?





Ideas – Suggestions – Comments Welcome!

We are always striving to make your experience at the Stoughton Country Club the most enjoyable it can be. We welcome your constructive suggestions, comments, and ideas! You will find a suggestion box located in the bar area by the sun porch. Your suggestions can focus on the golf course, the bar area, or the restaurant. When leaving your ideas, suggestions, or comments, we encourage you to include your name, or you may remain anonymous.

The Board of Directors and committee members are very interested in how we can make this a better place for all of us to enjoy together!



To Keep You Laughing

What do you call a really friendly golfer?

- A social putterfly.



Golf Tip

by Darcy Kelly, Assistant Golf Pro

Spring is a time of transition and change. Golf is a game of transition and change. If you want to make a change in your golf game, it is important to realize your areas of strength (plural), and an area you want to be stronger! (singular). For example, if your putting needs improvement, narrow down where your struggle is. Is it long or short putts? So, figuring out distance control. Or is it figuring out the direction? From there, put together a practice plan.

Remember to embrace positivity! Each practice session or round of golf is a new opportunity to learn!

“An optimist is the human personification of spring.”— Susan J Bissonette

PROGRESS report

We hope you have noticed some wonderful changes around the Clubhouse!

- Thank you to the 18 Hole Ladies League for the substantial monetary donation towards the painting of the Founders Room and the addition of blinds in the bar area.
- Thank you to Hanson Electronics – Dan and Justin Hanson for installing the new TVs in the Lake Kegonsa; and for the generous price given.
- Thank you to Epic Painting and the painting crew for the fantastic job completed in the Founders Room, The Lake Kegonsa room, and the office.



Just a reminder to join the Hole-In-One Club! Hole-in-one insurance is available for \$5.00 and is offered to any golf member.

If you would like further information about, or to enroll in, the Hole-In-One Club, please contact the Club office at (608) 873-7861.

NCAA Bracket Winners

Thank you to all who participated in the NCAA Basketball bracket member pool. It was a fun way to stay involved in the games as they were being played. Congratulations to the top four winners!

- Justin Spaulding (99 points)
- Dave Mannis (96 points)
- Katrina Keller (90 points)
- Tim Kotlowski (83 points)



Easter Sunday Fun!

Over 125 members, family and friends enjoyed the delicious brunch!

The Easter bunny made an appearance! Children appreciated the sunny day and searched for over 500 treat filled eggs. A wonderful time was had by all!



Memories to Share...

In preparation for the 100th Centennial celebration, we are wondering if any members have memories you are willing to share with us. Maybe you have pictures of construction of the golf course, the clubhouse, events and outings, written stories, messages... Anything that we can put together to celebrate Steve and the 100th celebration of the club is welcome!

We will have a weekend of events planned, so mark your calendar for July 15th-17th... more information to come!

Please place your pictures (include your name on the back so they can be returned to you), stories, messages, etc. in the suggestion box located in the bar area by the sun porch.

What's Happening

MAY

- 7 (Sat):** Kentucky Derby Party
8 (Sun): Mother's Day Brunch
14 (Sat): Private Party
15 (Sun): U13 SCC vs Nakoma @ 4 p.m.
16 (Mon): Classic Matches Start
17 (Tue): McFarland Chamber Golf Outing
18 (Wed): Women's Spring Fling
22 (Sun): U13 SCC vs Door Creek @ 4 p.m.
24 (Tue): IKI Golf Outing
25 (Wed): Poker Tournament
29 (Sun): Couples Kick Off Golf Event with DJ
30 (Mon): Memorial Day

JUNE

- 4 (Sat):** (Private Party)
7 (Tue): Chip and Sip
10 (Fri): Couples Nine and Dine
11 (Sat): Private Party
18 (Sat): Private Party
19 (Sun): U13 SCC vs Oaks @ 4 p.m.
20 (Mon): ASHRAE Golf Outing
21 (Tue): Chip and Sip
24 - 25 (F-S): Men's Invitational
25 (Sat): Private Party
29 (Wed): SCC Golf for Women's Health

JULY

- 4 (Mon):** Golf Event Scramble w/ picnic lunch
5 (Tue): Chip and Sip
8 (Fri): Couples Nine and Dine
9 (Sat): Music Night
10 (Sun): U13 SCC vs Lake Ripley @ 4 p.m.
15 - 17 (F-S-S): 100th Anniversary Event
19 (Tue): Chip and Sip
26 (Tue): Stoughton Chamber Golf Outing
31 (Sun): Private Party

**Please note:*

Events and dates are subject to change

