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The Tee Times

The official newsletter of the Stoughton Country Club

General Manager's Corner

Thank you to all our members that made the centennial celebration such a success this summer. I would also like to thank all the members that helped celebrate the over 48 years of service to the Club by Steve Hlavacek. From his retirement party, the Steve Hlavacek Foundation golf outing, and his generous retirement gift, thank you to all that attended or contributed.

It goes without saying that Steve was the rock at Stoughton Country Club as he served as Golf Professional, General Manager, Chef, Bartender, and even the Golf Course Superintendent over his tenure.

It is now the impossible task to fill his shoes. Steve has left the Club in good hands. We have an excellent golf course superintendent in Mark Livingston, a very talented assistant superintendent in William "Willy" Morgan, and many dedicated individuals that round out their staff. The golf shop is now owned by the Club and will be staffed this year with Ryan Milsap, assistant golf professional; Darcy Kelly, teaching professional; and Mark Sankbell will be back as our golf shop attendant. I feel very fortunate to be working with such a talented and dedicated group of individuals that truly do love working for Stoughton Country Club. Our sincere goal for the 2023 season is to make Steve proud and to continue the high level of guest service and professionalism that he has maintained for the members of the Club.

We are blessed to have an active and growing golf membership. The events and Club activities had record numbers this year with no signs of participation drop-off for the upcoming season. We can't do these successful events without you; our members being involved.

On behalf of the entire staff at SCC, I thank each and every one of you for your patronage and participation in the member events that make belonging to the Club so rewarding.

Hard to believe, but blessed to be true, this is the start of our next 100 years.

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday season!

Brad

Thinking about running for a SCC Board of Directors position?



For those that are interested The Board has three expiring positions that will be filled at the January 2023 annual meeting. If you would like to be considered for a board position, please submit your information to the Stoughton Country Club office in writing no later than December 20, 2022. (Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the annual meeting but will not be available for member proxy vote as proxies go out the week between Christmas and New Year's).

The current board will accumulate the list of those interested parties and choose three candidates as the board recommendation for the ballot, although all names will be included on the ballot.

We appreciate all interested members and will keep all in mind for future board member positions and committee invitees to assist the board in club decisions throughout the year.

Response to Winter Course Activities

We want to take a moment to thank those individuals that called in with questions regarding refraining from winter activities on the course. We want to explain our reasoning a bit further.

The golf course has a high percentage of annual bluegrass (poa annua) that is very susceptible to winter/ice damage. Every step taken on the snow will create ice under, like walking or driving on your driveway before you shovel it. This can lead to damage. Normal turf you see in a park or in your yard is made up mostly of Kentucky bluegrass, ryegrass, and fescue which is much hardier during the winter.

In addition, the reason we'd ask you refrain from activities such as walking, snowshoeing, skiing, or sledding on the golf course grounds this winter, is that it is private property and there is a liability that comes with these activities if someone were to be injured.

There will be a frozen winter playground soon enough as Lake Kegonsa will freeze eventually.



Course damaged due to snowshoes a few years ago.

Payment Reminder

If you thought you were set up with auto payment (credit card or ACH) we need you to look closely at your statement and account.

It was brought to our attention that the POS (point of service) program we use, experienced a company-wide program malfunction, and all saved/online credit card information was deleted from their entire system. This affected October, November, and December, payments.

Therefore, we are asking you to please submit payment by check or stop by the Clubhouse to pay with your credit card, for the remainder of the year. Please note, credit card payments are subject to a 3% surcharge.

Your monthly statement will be mailed or emailed to you using the information on file.

Beginning January 2023, we will be utilizing a new POS program and will gather credit card and ACH information as that time comes closer.

We are sorry for any inconvenience this causes.



Please Note:

SCC is no longer using the P.O. Box address. Please address any mailed correspondence to:
The Stoughton Country Club
3165 Shadyside Drive
Stoughton, WI 53589

News From Behind the Bar

by Tim Gille, Bar Manager

WINTER WINES

<p>Pinot Grigio, Delle Venezie (Italy) Refreshing, light and cool. An easy-to-drink wine bursting with notes of citrus, apple and pear. Ends well-balanced with a crisp and clean finish.</p>		<p>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.</p>
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Welcome New Members

Joe and Barb Freda (Golf)

Golf Tips

by Darcy Kelly, Teaching Pro

What's on your Christmas list? Perhaps a more consistent golf game?! Ho, Ho, Ho! Not a laughing matter you say!

Ok, well let's check out a couple of definitions of consistency:

- Agreement or harmony of parts.
- Carrying out something the same way.

That doesn't sound so difficult! So why aren't we more consistent with our golf game?

Let's start from the beginning, namely setup. Make sure you have good posture; this will allow you to be balanced. Another important component of the setup is the grip. Your grip impacts the club face, and the club face affects golf ball direction.

A routine of using the same balanced posture and correct grip can send you on your way to more consistency. In the next newsletter look for additional suggestions for consistency.

A very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year to all!!



Halloween Fun!

A great time was had by all who attended the Halloween/United Way Benefit Bash on October 29.

Thank you to all for participating and to all that had fun dressing up!



Ottfest Recap

Another successful event for the Club late in the season as fifty-four participants braved the mild temperature for this year's Ottfest event.



Eventual winners, Todd Bernhardt, Vince Wozney, and Ryan Smith (Not Pictured) reading the green on hole 9 during Ottfest.



Brian Wagner and teammate Nick Probst check the line of the putt on Hole 1. The team of Wagner, Probst and Erik Helland went on to take second place.

To Keep You Laughing





Comedy Night was a Belly Busting Event!

Comedian Jay Harris, from Chicago, did a fantastic job entertaining all in attendance. He had everyone involved, and "featured" a few of the members ("Marlboro man", "Sting", "The Matriarch", and others.... you know who you are!)

Thank you to all who spent the evening enjoying good food, smooth drinks, and lots of laughs.



Santa made it to Stoughton Country Club!

Children and adults shared their Christmas wishes with the jolly fella himself! A delicious holiday brunch was served to over seventy members and guests. Each child received a goodie bag from Santa!



Join Us for a Special Evening of Dining, Entertainment, and Friendship Ring in 2023 early!



December & January Happenings

Watch for additional details for these events!!

DECEMBER ~ 2022

4 (Sun) Christmas Brunch with Santa

7 (Wed) Private Party

10 (Sat) Gingerbread House Making Party

14 (Wed) Women's Christmas Carnival

24 & 25 (Sat & Sun) Clubhouse Closed

30 (Fri) *Pre* New Year's Eve Party

Formal event ~ please, dress to impress.

Dinner music provided by Camerata

String Quartet.

31 (Sat) Clubhouse Closed

JANUARY ~ 2023

1 (Sun) Clubhouse Closed

6 (Fri) Women's Euchre (dinner at 5 pm; cards to follow). \$5.00 to play.

30 (Mon) Annual Stockholder Meeting

SCC is pleased to have The Camerata String Quartet perform for you!

"The Camerata String Quartet is a Madison, WI, based string quartet specializing in exciting music for weddings, receptions, parties, dances, and special events in Wisconsin and surrounding states. We have performed in concert halls and art galleries, indoor galas, and natural settings.

In demand as performers and arrangers, we provide excellent string quartet arrangements of classical, contemporary pop/rock, jazz, and folk music.

We're committed to providing the music that speaks to you.

That's CSQ!"