

The Tee Times

The official newsletter of the Stoughton Country Club

View From the Club House Office - General Manager Report



*by Brad Calaway,
SCC General Manager*

The fall season at Stoughton Country Club is beautiful with the lake view; and the golf course is in full recovery from the late August aerification. Last year we were golfing until December 10th with above average temperatures. Let's hope this fall is the same. The number of golf rounds are up, and our golf memberships continue to rise as we enter October. The staff and I here at the club are all looking forward to next season and working with and for the membership. It will be nice to not have a pandemic or a kitchen fire to deal with. A normal year would be appreciated by all. As the private

golf clubs in the Madison area are reaching capacity and with our club nearing capacity, we ask that if you know somebody wishing to join the club to please get them in touch with us sooner rather than later.

I'd really like to thank all our golf grounds crew staff for their hard work and efforts during this extremely hot summer. In addition, thank you to the cooks and staff for dealing with extreme heat working on an outside grill most of the season. Our members have been very understanding during these trying times and we look forward to giving you the dining experience you deserve.

I am excited to announce that the kitchen is complete and up and running! The newly renovated kitchen will serve the members of the club for many years to come. Many thanks to all the contractors that assisted with this project - Derek Westrum and GBR Corporation (Gary Brown Roofing), and Kurt Hedstrom with General Heating and Air.

From the Grounds Crew



*by Mark Livingston,
Golf Course Superintendent*

October is here and I will guarantee that we will see a big change in the weather. We have been spoiled by one of the warmest Septembers in recent history but that will no doubt come to an end. Soon we will have frost to contend with on almost a daily basis. It is important to check in at the clubhouse before heading out to make sure the frost has cleared. Driving and golfing on frost covered ground will leave a trail of damaged turf. Remember, there can be frost when it is above freezing so, please watch for

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it. The cold weather also causes the grass to slow down. The good thing is that we don't need to mow as often but on the flip side the turf doesn't heal itself nearly as fast. Divots and ball marks take much longer to heal this time of year so try to minimize and repair them.

A good portion of the fall is spent on leaf clean up. We have a wide assortment of trees on the course that drop their leaves at different times keeping us busy all the way until snow starts to fall. We blow the leaves off greens, tees, and fairways and mulch them in the rough. Our mowers all have mulching kits on them and do a decent job of mulching but there will still be some leaf debris on the course for the remainder of the year.

Two major maintenance jobs are also done this month. First, we will be blowing out the irrigation system on October 28th and 29th. Once this is done the restrooms on hole #13 will no longer be in service. The water for the toilets and the sink comes from the irrigation system. Secondly, we apply our snow mold fungicides to protect us from low temperature fungal outbreaks over the winter. This is a preventative application to help us get through the winter in as good as shape as possible.

The construction of hole #4 green went very well. The weather stayed dry, and the construction crew was in and out of here in 10 days. I really like the way the green turned out, it reminds me of the old green with a much more playable surface and better drainage. Once the turf is rooted, we will start to mow it and getting it to look more like a green. We plan on having the green ready to play when the course opens in the spring, until then please do not walk on the putting surface. Thanks for understanding and take advantage of the automatic two putt on the temporary green.

Welcome New Members

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

- Jean Clack and Bruce Butler
- Rob Gooze
- Michael and Linda Riordan
- Max Fuller

Welcome!

Meet the Staff featuring Melissa Judd

By Paul Pitas



Another important member of the Stoughton Country Club administrative staff is Melissa Judd. As office manager, Melissa is responsible for all accounting functions at the club including the point-of-sale (POS) system. When she's not sitting in front of a computer screen, she can be found conversing one-on-one with future brides and their families

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to plan a special and memorable event at the club. "I just enjoy getting to know and working with our members and helping our guests enjoy their special time at SCC," she says.

The Fort Atkinson native joined SCC two-and-a-half years ago as a bartender. She has lived in Stoughton for eight years with her husband and their four children ranging in age from four to fifteen. "After a busy day here at the club, I go right to family time and helping manage their busy schedules," she says.

Through her father's work, Melissa has been exposed to the restaurant business her entire life, along with her two older brothers. "I enjoy it here and the team atmosphere we're trying to create. The people I work with, and our members make it a wonderful place to work. I want everyone to know my door is always open to address any questions or concerns or just to say hello!"

Melissa says she has been golfing since the age of four, starting out at the small nine-hole Spring Creek course in Whitewater. She and her husband try to get out for a round once a week at SCC early Monday mornings.

To Keep You Laughing

Contributed by Darcy Kelly, Assistant Golf Pro



Why didn't the skeleton play golf?
Answer: His heart wasn't in it.

How many golfers does it take to change a light bulb?
Answer: FORE!



Golf Tip

by Darcy Kelly, Assistant Golf Pro

Ways To Lower Your Score Using Golf Course Management Strategies

The practice range is where a golfer works on set up or swing cues. The golf course is where we try to put them into action. Let's not forget about simple strategies of course management.

Golf course management? What is that? Is Mark Livingston, Green superintendent at SCC going to be watching over us? Well, not exactly!

Let's discuss a few strategies of golf course management:

1. Paying attention to the conditions. That could include wind, wet or dry conditions or the firmness of greens or fairways. Is the wind strong enough that it would affect the distance your ball goes? Are greens soft so you could hit your shot close to the pin? If so, adjust your club selection accordingly.
2. Have a backup club for your driver. The driver can be a very unforgiving and difficult club to control. No kidding you might say! Well, if you know that, then hit a club off the tee that will keep you in play!!
3. Know your yardages for all your clubs. What good are all those clubs to you if you don't know how far you can hit them! Some of them you may hardly ever use, but you will be a lot more confident if you have an idea of the average distance of each club.
4. Hit high percentage shots, don't attempt a miracle shot. If you are in the trees, get the golf ball back in play, in the fairway!

Your golf game is work in progress! Keep it real and have fun!!

What's Happening

- October 29** Halloween Party for members (music at 8:00 p.m.)
- October 30** Private Birthday Party

- November 4** Turkey Open
- November 6** Private Party
- November 9** FOLKS Meeting (5 pm – 7 pm)
- November 25** Club Closed
- November 26** Club Closed

- December 1** Shriners
- December 10** Amtelco (11 am – 2 pm)
- December 11** L.W. Allen (Private Party)
- December 14** Elizabeth Circle Luncheon
- December 14** FOLKS Meeting (5 pm – 7 pm)
- December 18** Gingerbread House making for members (watch for details)
- December 24** Club Closed
- December 25** Club Closed
- December 31** New Year's Eve Party for members

*Please note:
Events and dates subject to change.*



Remember... Daylight Saving time ends November 7th (at 2:00 a.m.) Set your clocks back one hour!



Recap of Club Outtings

Fall Frolic

Contributed by Darcy Kelly

It was a wonderful day for "Tee Times and Taco's"! Fun was had by all!

1st Place Team:
Lynn Wieser
Kim Wiesenberger
Donna Olson
Susan Olson

Men's "Serious" Golf Tournament

by Peter Foy

We had perfect weather for our 16th annual Serious Golf Tournament, and it was a fun day!

Tom Hendricks had both the low gross and low net score, with a 75 gross, 70 net. As you can't win both, after careful consideration, he decided to take the \$192 low net prize, instead of the \$40 low gross prize. The beautiful Serious Tournament

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Trophy will probably be placed on Tom's mantle after he installs the special light to illuminate it.

After a chip-off playoff, Wayne Weise won the second-place prize of \$96, and Dave Bisbee won third place prize of \$32; Paul Pitas was also in the playoff.

The \$40 Low Gross went to Mike Burie. The \$20 second Low Gross went to John Deininger

Now the really good news!

Thanks to everyone for their generosity towards the Stoughton Food pantry. We have bags and boxes of food to deliver to them. We don't know exactly how much we will donate, but it is a lot! We also have \$525.00 in cash to donate. This is phenomenal and they will be so appreciative!

2021 Women's Classic Match Play

Winners: Beth Murphy and Bonnie Bisbee
Runners-Up: Chris Peterson and Trina Keller
3rd Place: Susan Schultz and Janice Kellogg



Congratulations to Beth Murphy and Bonnie Bisbee for winning the Ladies Classic Match Play finals. Beth and Bonnie had to defeat Chris Peterson and Trina Keller twice, as they were the winners of the consolation bracket, and Chris and Trina were winners of the winners' bracket.

Thank you to all our lady members who participated!

2021 Men's Classic Match Play

Winners: Mark Keller and Mike Eversoll
Runners-Up: Tom Hendricks and Bruce Johnson



Mark and Mike celebrating!

Congratulations to Mark Keller and Mike Eversoll for winning the 2021 Classic Match Play event. Mark and Mike defeated Tom Hendricks and Bruce Johnson in the final match.

Thanks to all those that participated!

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2021 President's Cup Match

Winner: Tyler Nordness

Runner-Up: Rod Bakken



Tyler Nordness defeated Rod Bakken to win the President's Cup this year. Congratulations to Tyler!

Thank you to all who participated!



Please watch for the December/January edition of "Tee Times" newsletter to come to your inbox! Additional information will be emailed as needed. We encourage you to view the calendar on the website for updated scheduled events.