

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 state of the Club as we begin the 2022 golf season is as strong as ever.

We have a record number of memberships, the kitchen has been updated to serve us for many years to come, and the number 4 green project went better than expected.

We have a full calendar of member events for this, our centennial, season. Steve Hlavacek has been given a healthy sized budget to plan the centennial party this summer. Steve is putting together a 100-year celebration committee. They would love to see any photos you may have of people enjoying the Club going back many decades.

With the long golf season allowing our members to play through Christmas this year, the winter break will fly by. We hope to have a repeat of last year as the Spring golf season started earlier than normal.

I have it on good authority that many members surpassed 150 golf rounds this past season.

As Spring approaches, we look forward to the start of

our patio expansion, painting the Founders room, and we're planning a light makeover of the Kegonsa room.

As members, we hope that you take full advantage of all that Club provides.

We look forward to serving you soon.

Brad

Annual Meeting

**Monday, January 31,
2022, at 6:00 p.m.**

We want to encourage you to attend the Annual Meeting on Monday, January 31st, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

A dinner buffet of roast beef, vegetable, salad, mashed potatoes, and rolls will be available from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Cost for dinner is \$20.00 (includes tax and tip). We ask that you **please RSVP by Thursday, January 27th**, so we can adequately prepare for dinner. Call (608) 873-7861 to make your reservation.

Chef Shares - Chef Tim



by Chef Tim Gale,
SCC Chef

Hello Everyone,

My name is Tim Gale. I will be taking over as the Chef at SCC on January 17th. I have lived in Madison for a little over 10 years now. I grew up moving around a lot, as my father was in the Air Force. Luckily for everyone I married a Wisconsin girl so hence now I am here to be able to help out with the needs of the country club community.

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I have been cooking for just under 30 years and have worked in just about every aspect of the service industry over the years. I am very accustomed to ala carte restaurant and banquet style service so the vast variety of service styles will be well with-in my grasp of the industry. I went to culinary school in my earlier years at the New England Culinary Institute in Essex Vermont finishing in 2000.

I am looking forward to getting to know everyone and the restaurant up and running smoothly after Covid and the bumps in the road over the last few years. Thank you for the opportunity; I am looking forward to it.

Timothy Gale



Valentine's Dinner - Bring Your Special Someone

Please join us for a special evening on Friday, February 11th, 2022.

Dinner will be served from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

A special Valentine's Dinner menu will be available along with Valentine drink specials.

RSVP by Monday, February 7th by calling (608) 873-7861.

The Friday dinner menu will also be available.

What's New in the Bar?

by Tim Gille, Bar Manager



We are excited to let you know that Busch Light is now available! Stop in and enjoy a cold one!

Have you seen the Stoughton Country Club wine list?

Please request the wine list the next time you are in the Clubhouse. We think you will be pleased with the selection of red and white wine available.

Enjoy!



From the Grounds Crew

by Mark Livingston, Golf Course Superintendent

This winter has been a little colder than normal and without a lot of snow. Fortunately, we have had enough snow cover since right after Christmas helping to protect the turf from the cold dry air. Uncovered turf is susceptible to desiccation and damage from animals digging or running on it. It is, however, much better than having ice on the greens, which could damage or even kill the turf in a short period of time.

The maintenance staff has been busy this winter working on equipment. We go through each machine and repair anything that is not working properly as well as performing routine preventative maintenance. All the blades and reels are sharpened and new bedknives are ground and installed. We also paint tee blocks and wash up all the equipment. I use this slower time to order supplies for the upcoming season, as well as taking the occasional ice fishing trip.

I would like to remind everyone that when the course is closed there should be no one out there snowshoeing, sledding, cross country skiing or even walking their dogs. The grass on the course is very sensitive to traffic. When someone walks or skis across the snow it compacts it forming ice, like when you drive on your driveway before shoveling it. This layer of ice can easily damage the grass, especially the Poa Annua that makes up a high percentage of the tees, greens, and fairways. Please use the dog park or Lake Kegonsa state park for your outdoor hiking and skiing activities.

The course will be open before you know it! See you then!

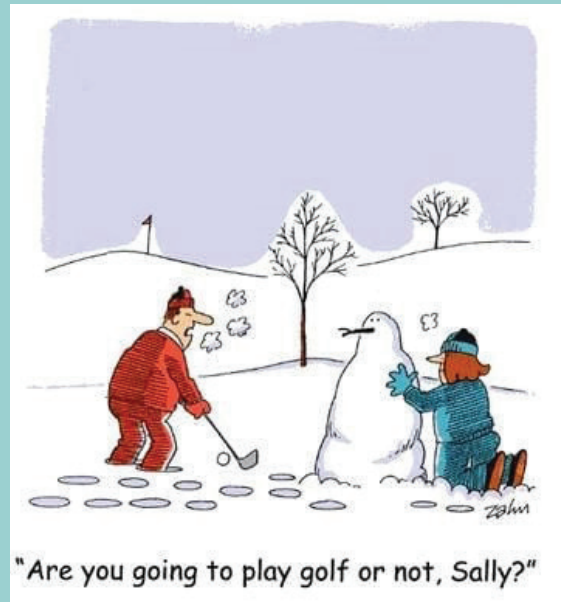
Welcome New Members

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

- Jennifer Pagels
- Tim Harms
- Kevin Kudla

Welcome!

To Keep You Laughing



What's Happening

JANUARY

31: Annual Meeting

FEBRUARY

11: Valentine's Dinner

16: Ladies Valentines Bingo Bash
(Sponsored by the Ladies Euchre Club)

MARCH

1: Fat Tuesday

15-17: St. Patrick's Day Celebrations
- Corn Beef & Cabbage

16: Brackets Due for NCAA
Tournaments

24-25: Sweet Sixteen NCAA Games

26: Golf Event with Basketball Picks

APRIL

5: Great Dice Shake Off

9: Euchre Tournament

17: Easter Brunch

23: Poker Tournament

29: Callaway Fitting (noon - 5 p.m.)

MAY

7: Kentucky Derby Party

8: Mother's Day Brunch

16: Classic Matches Start

17: McFarland Chamber Golf Outing

18: Spring Fling

29: Couples Kick Off Golf Event
with DJ

JUNE

7: Chip and Sip

9: Couples Nine and Dine

21: Chip and Sip

24-25: Men's Invite

29: SCC Golf for Women's Health

Please note:

Events and dates subject to change.

Golf Tip

by Darcy Kelly, Assistant Golf Pro

Just because the golf course is frozen and covered with snow doesn't mean you can't continue keeping your game warm!

There are many options which will keep it fun, engaging and have you ready for spring!

Stretching. Honestly, this should be a year-round activity! Focus on shoulders, arms, and neck.

Yoga. Great for us in so many aspects! Flexibility, which reduces the chance of injuries. It can also help with the mental aspects of golf. Giving you the ability to calm your mind and body and increase focus.

Golf swings. With or without a club. Practice preset routine. Progression of slow swings - 1/4, 1/2, 3/4 & then full swing. If using a club, go with a short iron. Also, try doing this with your eyes closed; this is great for balance and feel.

Putting. Practice 3-, 6- & 9-foot putts. Don't change distance until you make three in a row! Try putting with your eyes closed for an added challenge!

Strength. Lunges and squats for leg strength. Be very careful that your knee doesn't bend past your toes, keeping your weight towards your heels. Please try different leg exercises if this causes any knee pain!

Keep yourself accountable by making a tee time for practice! Mix it up. Try to practice yoga and stretching daily; or a minimum of four times per week. Swing & putt 2 - 3 times per week. This can be accomplished in a 10 - 15-minute session.

It is great to hear about, and see, so many members keeping active throughout the year! Walking, downhill, or cross-country skiing, snow shoeing, pickle ball and various exercise classes are great ways to keep active during these colder months.



A few of Santa's helpers were able to enjoy a round of golf on December 23!



Left to right: Kyle Holverson, Brad Murphy, Tom Hendricks, Peter Foy, Jim Schmahl, John Neal, Al Christensen, Ted Waskowski, Wayne Weis, Tom Ellefson, Steve Swanson.

Thank you, Tom Ellefson, for pulling the group together for this photo opportunity!