

# THE WAVE

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## League Sign-Up

### Register by Mail

- Pre-Registration Must be Postmarked by March 31
- Sign-up for Match Play
- Tee Times will continue via signup sheets at the Pro Shop for the following weeks league night.
- Be an active member of the WGA! Please choose a volunteer opportunity on this year's signup sheet.
- Hole-in-one during league play still worth \$100.00 (Traditionally used to buy a keg to celebrate the event!)
- Signup sheet .pdf now available on website. Get

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## Spring Meeting Tuesday, April 5th

President Mark Rooney will open his first meeting promptly at 7:00 PM.

We again will be registering for the league by mail. This process has proven to be an efficient and fair way to manage the membership.

Your application must be postmarked by Thursday, March 31 and is included in this newsletter. Remember the league has a limit of 212 active playing memberships. Team captains will be selected at the meeting.

The agenda will address many issues that occurred during the offseason as well as the WGA Board's decisions concerning the upcoming year.

One free raffle ticket will be issued the night of the meeting, and as always, extra raffle tickets can be purchased before the meeting for the infamous raffle.

## 2010 WGA Tournament Results

Congratulations to Vince Castillo for winning the 2010 WGA Club Tournament with a par 72 and a playoff sudden death victory over Lucas Scott. Last year's champion Bruce Grenier took 3<sup>rd</sup> with a 73. Our First flight winner was Jim Jeffries with a net 63, edging out Geoff Schumann and Gary Epstein who also had net 63s. Our second flight winner was Brent Stroud who took a cardback from Doug Busta, Darrell Allen, and Dale Cherry all of whom shot net 68s. The 3<sup>rd</sup> flight went to Rodd Bullard in a 5-way cardback at net 71. And with increased participation we had a fourth flight winner this year. Larry Olson took a first with a net 74.

As always the WGA provided for the winner's attendance at the State Tournament of Champions in Atlantic, IA. Our first four flight winners represent our WGA league in the annual IGA Club Team Championships with the team entry fee covered by the league.

Register on the sign-up sheet for your chance to earn a spot on this year's WGA Team. More on this year's tournament on page 2...

## Sign Up for 2011 Match Play

A \$10 entry fee by the Spring Banquet gets you in. Match play is limited to 64 players.

The Match Play Committee pairs the first matches at random. Players are expected to promptly arrange their own match times. (Matches do not have to be played on league night). First round matches should be completed by the end of week 3.

Subsequent matches are expected to be played within 2 weeks of the prior match.

If matches are not played in a reasonable time, the Match Play Committee will contact both players to get the match played or will declare forfeits as appropriate.

Your WGA handicap at the time the match is played is used.

Players should address any questions before play starts and come to an agreement, e.g. handicaps, which 9 is to be played, extended play in the event of a tie at the end of the match, etc.

All entry fees go back as winner trophy and prize money.

Match play 2010 had a full field of 64. Thanks to all who participated.

Congratulations to Jeff Frame for winning the 2010 Match Play event; Kevin McIlhon was second; Tim McCabe and Michael Fox were runners-up.

The Match Play Committee and the WGA wish all 2011 participants good luck.

### The Board

Your board is proud be overseeing another exciting year of golf for one of the largest nine-hole leagues in the nation.

For 2011 our President is Mark Rooney, his Vice-President is Jeff Crabtree and Chuck Hensley has graciously agreed to be league chairman again this year.

All board members are listed on the WGA website which is:

<http://www.wavelandga.com>

Email links to your board have been posted there, as well as when a board member's term expires.

Mike Rooney has been actively updating our website. Check it out!

### SCRATCH / HANDICAP TOURNAMENT SUNDAY JULY 24TH

This years WGA Scratch/Handicap tournament will be held on Sunday July 24<sup>th</sup>. This will be a one day event for all registered members of the WGA.

To establish an 18-hole handicap for this tournament, we will double the member's league handicap as of Tuesday July 19<sup>th</sup>. That number (rounded up) will be handicap used for this tournament.

This 18-hole handicap will be applied to the golfer's gross score giving a net score that will be used prior to determining flights. The number of flights will be based on number of entries. **Please note – we will also pay an equal number of places based on the gross score, equal to the number of places paid out in the handicap flights.**

Plaques will be awarded to the low scratch champion and the handicap champion. Awards will be presented immediately after the event.

Keep July 24<sup>th</sup> open

## Chip In By Chuck

Welcome fellow golfers to another great season at The Wave. This year's "Chip In" will be dedicated to the workings of the league and perhaps be a standard in the WGA news letter.

### HOW LEAGUE IS SCORED

The league consists of \*16 teams with 12 players per team.

There are two eight team groups (divisions) A & B. The league has two seasons, first half and second half.

Winning teams in both groups (A&B) after the first half of league play will play the winners of the second half on playoff night to determine the league champions. (winners of the 1<sup>st</sup> half cannot win in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half).

Each team plays against the field (15 teams) by using the low 7 net scores per team.

Teams get 3 points for each team beat and 1 point for ties.

Each player gets 1 show up point per week played. Maximum points possible per team per week is (57).

45 points for beating the other 15 teams plus 12 player show up points.

Subs are used but do not count toward player points. \*(last year there were only 14 teams)

## Charity Classic Info

The Waveland Golf Association will provide Hole #8 marshals during the Principal Charity Classic held at the Glen Oaks Country Club course.

The Tournament runs from June 1<sup>st</sup> thru the 6<sup>th</sup> this year. Joe Finn and Dave Spiering will again be organizing our volunteer effort as the 2011 captains.

The Volunteer Package includes:

- 1 - Logo Shirt
- 1 - Logo Jacket
- 1 - Logo Golf Cap/Visor
- Marshall's Badge (admits all week)
- Free parking and Shuttle to course
- 5 - Passes (good by anyone any day)
- Lunch on volunteer days
- Admission to the Volunteer Party

The value of this package is now over \$400 and can be yours for just \$75 dollars. Signup can be done online, or hardcopy forms will be available at the WGA Spring Banquet.

### HANDICAPS

Handicaps are based on 90% of our last three nine hole league scores using the lowest two.

New player handicaps are established after the first nine hole score.

We will continue to use the USGA Equitable Stroke Control System, which means:

Nine Hole League Handicap — Maximum Strokes on any Hole

4 or less	Double Bogey
5 thru 9	7
10 thru 14	8
15 thru 19	9
20 or more	10

### RAINOUTS

As long as the course allows play there will be league. If you start your round and the course closes be sure to turn in your cards, we will handicap the holes not played so you and your team will get credit.

## *The President's Page*

Welcome to one of the longest running and best men's league in the Des Moines area! This will be our 60<sup>th</sup> year of the Waveland Golf Association and my first year serving as President. It has been another long winter and I am very excited to kick the season off on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Here is some league information I felt should be known by the members:

League dues are unchanged from last year. The \$60.00 registration fee gets you both memberships in the Waveland Golf Association and the Iowa Golf Association (IGA). Your IGA membership includes:

- Full access to the IGA Member Advantage Program
- The ability to post scores and lookup Handicap Indexes™ online
- eRevisions (a personalized email sent on revision days with your updated index and IGA news)
- IGA Championship eligibility
- Eligibility to earn Player of the Year and Senior Player of the Year Points from sanctioned point events (i.e. Iowa Masters, Lake Creek Amateur, the Herman Sani, Ottumwa Amateur, etc) as well as IGA Championships, USGA Qualifiers etc.
- IGA eNewsletters
- Hole-in-One Recognition
- Discounts to Hole-in-One U.S.A. for all individual members who wish to offer Hole-in-One prizes for events, outings, tournaments, etc. For more information, see the Iowa Golf Association website at [www.iowagolf.org](http://www.iowagolf.org)

You will notice that we have retained the option for monetary donations to fund league and course improvements.

- This year we are handling some necessary maintenance of our Waveland sign on number 16 and continued support of the flags and flagpole behind 15 green. Past WGA sponsored improvements have included yardage distances on sprinkler heads, the retaining wall on number 10 tee, the stairs on number 4, and several martin houses. If anyone has ideas on league or course improvements, please let us know.
- I strongly recommend entering the WGA club championship and Match play tournament. It is through these tournaments that the WGA is able to return money back to its members via prizes and pro shop credit. The Match play tournament pays out 100% of the entry fees in winnings. The WGA adds to the prize fund of the WGA club championship as well as sponsoring entries to the Tournament of Champions in Atlantic and the IGA Team championship for our flight winners. Congratulations to last year's Match Play champion, Jeff Frame, for his stellar play down the stretch and Vince Castillo for winning the WGA club championship.
- The WGA will once again be hosting a Ryder Cup format tournament this fall. Get a partner and plan to play in this very fun event. Keep an eye on the WGA league board for more information.
- As always, we will have steak nights. It is a great time to meet other members and enjoy a good meal, along with a couple of beers provided by the WGA.
- Our website manager, Mike Rooney has made it his priority to keep our website updated. I would like to thank him for his efforts posting the weekly team scores and standings, the league schedule and results of prior events. The website can be found at [www.wavelandga.com](http://www.wavelandga.com)

I would also like to thank our board members for their invaluable help in the offseason as I transition into my new role. I would especially like to thank Chuck Hensley for again serving as league chairman. Chuck does an outstanding job of keeping track of our league scoring, handicaps and skin events. I would also like to thank Mark Leachman for once again taking up his role as league secretary/treasurer. I would also like to thank Rocky and the other C-Corp members that do such a great job in helping to keep the league running smoothly. To all others who take their time to help and be part of our 60-year tradition at Waveland Golf Course, thank you.

Hope to see everyone at the spring banquet.

Mark Rooney, President

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Ed and Dorothy met on a singles cruise and for Ed it was love at first sight. They discovered they lived in the same city only 15 minutes apart. They started dating and went dancing, took in movies, attended events together...Ed was convinced Dorothy was his soul mate and true love. On the one month anniversary of their cruise, Ed took Dorothy to the best restaurant in town. While in the lounge waiting for their table, Ed said, "I guess you can tell I'm very much in love with you, but we need to talk seriously before our relationship continues to the next stage. So before I get a little box out of my jacket and ask you a life changing question, it is only fair to warn you I am a total golf nut. I play golf, I read about golf, I watch golf on TV, I eat, sleep, and breathe golf. If that's going to be a problem for us, you had better say so now!" Dorothy took a deep breath and responded, "Ed, golf won't be a problem. I love you as you are and I love golf too! But since we're being totally honest, you need to know that for the last 5 years I've been a hooker."

"I see," Ed replied thoughtfully. He looked down at the table and was quiet for a moment, deep in serious thought. He then responded, "You know, it's probably because you're not keeping your wrists straight when you hit the ball,"

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*C. CORP WELCOMES BACK WGA IN 2011*

On behalf of the staff of C Corp., I would like to thank you all for making 2010 golf season a great experience. Our staff is looking forward to the start of 2011 season, and working with the Waveland Golf Association on another successful year. I appreciate the invitation to provide the WGA members with an update on some improvements that we will be making to the course.

We have spent some time and money cleaning up around the golf course. This included two controlled burns around the oak trees last fall. Additionally you will find the cart paths filled in and sodded on number 13. The reconstruction of 17 tee box is scheduled for the spring with cooperation of Mother Nature. Some other ideas on the drawing board are underground cart storage with a pavilion on top, adding more outside seating and grilling space. We are also looking at reconstructing number 9 green to make a more playable surface. Last but not least we are in negotiations with a company on trying to add GPS to our facility for 2011.

Mark O'Meara and Pat Doocy are excited to be returning to Waveland as Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent. The fall weather was great for the course giving them a great opportunity to prepare the course for winter. Moving forward this spring they will continue over seeding the greens, collars, and tees along with using sound horticultural practices to reduce the poa annua.

Joe Chiodo will be returning to the kitchen, with his Tuesday night homemade pizza and beer special. Freshly made sandwiches will be packaged every morning for your convenience. We will also offer breakfast pizza and some other lunch options on the weekend.

Rocky Sposato will be returning as the Director of Operations. He will be handling the golf operations, league events, tournaments, outings, and banquets. We will have two new faces working this year in the pro shop. Chris Tillinghast who has been with C Corp for 5 years, is now at (The Wave) and will be assisting with the golf operations management.

John McClellan is coming to (The Wave) from the Harvester, he will be the new head professional. John brings five years experience as a professional to the facility. He's looking forward to meeting and working with WGA this year.

Mark McMahon is now the head professional and the head of golf operations at A.H. Blank Golf Course. Mark will also be giving lessons at the range by appointment.

Our staff is excited to kick off the start of the season and working hard on making your experience the best it can be.

*Sincerely,*  
*Ned Chiodo, C Corp.*