

# THE WAVE

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## League Sign-Up

### Register by Mail

- Pre-Registration Must be Postmarked by March 30
- 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.

## Spring Meeting Tuesday, April 3rd

President Mark Rooney will bring the meeting to order promptly at 7:00 PM.

Registration for the league will be done by mail. This process has proven to be an efficient and fair way to manage the membership. Please return the enclosed application by Friday, March 30. Remember the league has a limit of 212 active playing memberships. If you have a team you wish to be captain for, get with League Secretary Chuck Hensley at the Spring meeting and attend the following week's draft.

Our agenda will address the offseason issues that arose as well as the WGA Board's decisions concerning the upcoming year. The meeting is always a good time to bring up ideas and concerns you may have as well. A goal of the WGA is to make our league experience enjoyable for all involved, which is why we hold a raffle at the Spring meeting. One free raffle ticket is issued to those attending the meeting, and extra raffle tickets can be purchased before the meeting for fabulous prizes.

## 2011 WGA Tournament Results

Congratulations go out to Kirk Grier for winning the 2011 WGA Scratch/Handicap Tournament with a net 62. The Low Scratch Score of 71 was carded by Jim Grieve. Flight Winners were Dale Cherry - 1<sup>st</sup> Flight  
 Geoff Schumann - 2<sup>nd</sup> Flight  
 David Schlarmann - 3<sup>rd</sup> Flight  
 Dick Helverson - 4<sup>th</sup> Flight

### \$\$\$DONATION UPDATES\$\$\$

On behalf of the WGA Board, I would like to thank each and everyone who have generously donated to the fund to make Waveland beautiful. Let me highlight the improvements we should all enjoy this year.

In addition to the flagpole and maintaining flags, this year we are taking on a couple of new projects. First, we contracted to buy and plant perennial flowers and grasses around our Waveland sign on the 16th tee box. Second, stands for shoe cleaners and ball washers have been purchased and will be available on each tee box. This is something we have needed for some time.

We encourage all involved to provide ideas on ways to improve our little slice of heaven affectionately known as "the Wave". Sincerely, *Dave Spiering*

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## Sign Up for 2012 Match Play

A \$10 entry fee with your league mail-in registration or at the Spring Banquet gets you in. Match play is limited to 64 players. The Match Play Committee pairs the first match 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 a forfeit 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 2011 had a full field of 64. Thanks to all who participated.

Congratulations to John McDonald for winning the 2011 Match Play event. Merle Elbert was second; Mark Brandt and Cory Schultz were runners-up.

The Match Play Committee and the WGA wish all 2012 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 2012 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.

A big WGA thanks goes out to Mike Rooney who has been actively updating our website. Check it out!

## WGA CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT SUNDAY JULY 29<sup>TH</sup>

This years WGA Club Championship tournament will be held on Sunday July 29<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.

**\*\* 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.**

As in the past, the golfer (or alternate) with low gross score will represent the WGA in the Tournament of Champions in Atlantic, IA.

The flight winners will combine as a team to represent the WGA in the IGA Team Club Championship, this year on Monday Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> at Echo Valley.

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

Keep July 29<sup>th</sup> open !

## Charity Classic Info

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

This year the event runs from May 29<sup>th</sup> thru June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Joe Finn and Dave Spiering organize our volunteer effort as the 2012 hole captains. The Volunteer Package has changed this year. It includes:

- 2 - Logo Shirts
- 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

\*Black logoed jackets/windshirts may worn from prior year's volunteer package

The value of this package is still 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.

## 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

Two divisions (1& 2), eight teams per division, 12 players per team. On league night, teams play against all other teams. The low 7 net scores per team are used. Teams get 3 points for every team they beat and one point for a tie. Teams get 1 point for each team member that posts a score on a league scorecard that is received in the WGA box on league night (show-up points). The maximum points per that a team could receive on league night is 57 (45 for beating 15 teams plus 12 show-up points). Subs do not count for show-up points.

Winning teams in both divisions 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 first half can not win the second half.

## 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*

The golf season is just around the corner and I would like to welcome everyone back for what we hope is another great year for the Waveland Golf Association men's league.

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).

As in years past, 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 on these benefits, see the Iowa Golf Association website at [www.iowagolf.org](http://www.iowagolf.org)

Due to exceptionally strong participation in the league last year, the board has decided to **extend** the season an additional two weeks for the upcoming year. See the enclosed schedule for the dates. We have also decided to hold seven steak nights this year as they were well attended last season. The WGA still provides your first two beers on a steak night.

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

A good share of the collected funds will be used this year on several projects as described on page 1 by past president Dave Spiering. New projects are underway and we will continue to look for areas that we can improve not only the league, but the course as well.

Like in years past, I strongly recommend entering the WGA club championship and Match play tournaments. 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 and trophy. 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, John McDonald and to Jim Grieve for winning the WGA club championship.

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 all of the board members for their invaluable help in the offseason. 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 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 over 60-year tradition at Waveland Golf Course, Thank you.

Hope to see everyone at the spring banquet.

Mark Rooney  
President

### *THE RETURN OF THE JOKE a.k.a A LITTLE EXTRA SPACE ON THE PAGE*

*Jeff took his boss Phil to play 9 holes on an extended lunch break. Both men were playing excellent golf, and after two holes they began to be held up by two women in front of them moving at a very slow pace. Jeff offered to go talk to the women and see if they can speed it up a bit. He gets about half of the way there and suddenly stops and jogs back.*

*His boss asks what the problem is. "Well one of those women is my wife and the other my mistress," complained Jeff. Phil just shook his head at Jeff and started toward the women determined to finish his round of golf quickly. Preparing to ask the ladies to speed up their game, he too stopped short and turned around. Jeff asked, "What's wrong?" "It's a small, small world Jeff. Your mistress is my daughter... and you're fired!"*

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