

THE WAVE

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League Sign-Up

Register By Mail

- Registration Must be Postmarked by March 31
- Signup sheet .pdf also available on our website.
- 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! Choose a volunteer opportunity on this year's signup sheet.
- For a Hole-in-one shot on a league nine, the league and the course will provide a keg to help celebrate the event!

Spring Banquet Scheduled for April 7th at 6:00PM

Mark your calendars or set your cellphone reminders to attend the Spring Banquet at the Waveland clubhouse. League sign up will again be done by mail. The board looked into the possibility of registering and paying dues via the web, but for 2015 a postmarked signup sheet remains the most cost effective and fair way to manage the membership. Please fill out and return the enclosed signup by Tuesday, March 31, 2015. Due to the popularity of our league, in order to ensure your continued participation, you must have your signup sheet postmarked by the due date. If you have a team that you wish to be captain for, get with the League Chairman at the Spring meeting and attend the draft on the 21st.

The 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. New president Mike Rooney will be presiding over the banquet, introducing the current board, the 2015 staff, and conducting raffle drawings. The meeting portion of the banquet is to start promptly at 7:00PM. The social hour will be from 6PM to 7PM. The league will again provide snacks and a keg of beer. We look forward to everyone returning for the 2015 season.

Sign Up for 2015 Match Play

A \$10 entry fee with your reasonable time, the Match event of a tie at the end of a League mail-in registration or Play Committee will contact match, etc. All entry fees go at the Spring Banquet gets you both players to get the match back as winner trophy and in. Match play is limited to 64 played or will declare a forfeit prize money. Thanks to all in players. The Match Play as appropriate. Your WGA the field of 64 who Committee pairs the first match handicap at the time the participated. Congratulations at random. Players are match is played is used. to Cory Schultes for winning expected to promptly arrange Players should address the 2014 Match Play event; and play their matches questions before play starts Ben Miller-Coleman placed (Matches do not have to be and come to agreement, e.g., second; Todd Culver and Jim played on league night!). If handicaps, which 9 is to be Sutherland were runners-up. matches are not played in a played, extended play in the Good luck to all 2015 entrants.

The WGA Club Championship Tournament

*****The results are posted for a full year on the WGA website.*****

Our WGA champion and representative to Atlantic in 2014 was Sam Pieczynski. Sam shot an even par 72 and beat Chris Mugge by a single stroke. Mr. Pieczynski put forth his best effort in the Tournament of Champions.

Thanks to strong participation our 5 net flight winners for 2014 were:

***Richard Early (1st Flight Net 63)
Kirk Grier (2nd Flight Net 72)
Mike Kelly (3rd Flight Net 74)
Bruce Grenier (4th Flight Net 76)
Jim Grieve (5th Flight Net 79)***

Our champion and top 3 Flight winners also earn the right to represent the WGA as team in the IGA's Club Team Championships. Last year's IGA event was at Glen Oaks. This year's IGA event will be at Wakonda on September 21st.

The WGA tournament will be held Sunday, July 26th. See Greg Bentley or Clair Sumner if you have any questions.

The Skins Game

In an effort to simplify and speed up the check in process, the Skins games will only be available on a prepaid for the season basis. This will also give the skins game something we were unable to provide in the past - carryover payouts! If you want in for the 18 week season, the option on the signup sheet will be your **only** opportunity to get in.

Less work for the league chairman and check-in staff, potentially bigger payouts, and there's no accidentally forgetting to enter if your a little late to the course (heaven forbid!) and rushing to meet your foursome on the tee. Weekly winners are posted on the board. Winnings will still be a clubhouse credit.

Updates from the Off Season

League Chairman Chuck Hensley has informed the board of his desire to scale back from his current duties. The board will work to find a new person and would like to thank Chuck for his many years of service as our chairman. Chuck will assist with the transition. The chairmanship is a compensated position in our league as it does require a few hours of work each week during the season. By default, the league chairman becomes a member of the WGA board. Anyone interested in the position should contact President Mike Rooney.

Due to factors beyond the board's control, the costs to run the league and provide the IGA membership to our league members has increased. making it necessary to raise our dues \$10 this year. The last dues increase was in 2009 when we went from \$55 to \$60 dollars.

The board may limit membership as one method to try and address the tee time availability/speed of play issues that have tended to plague one of the largest 9-hole leagues in the country. Since you received this newsletter, you are guaranteed membership if your signup sheet is postmarked by March 31st.

C-Corp is planning on a new POS system for the coming year. Please use any club credit won by the end of 2015. The course has added and modified many bunkers since the end of league and is hoping to have the protection fence between 6 and 17 tees fixed for this season.

IGA member benefit Play days this year are:

DSM Golf & CC - May 18 (Mon.) \$120

Glen Oaks - June 8 (Mon.) \$105

Crow Valley(Davenport) - Oct. 5 (Mon.) \$85

Signup online at the IGA website.

The President's Page

Welcome back for another great year of the Waveland Golf Association men's league! Due to overwhelming participation, in order to ensure your participation in the league, **you must have your signup sheet postmarked by the due date.** The target membership limit for the league is 212 members. This is just one step we are taking as a board to help facilitate speed of play on league nights. We also strongly encourage playing "ready golf" on League Night!

You may notice some changes on this year's Signup Sheet. League dues are increasing to \$70 this year due to increased costs to run the league. This is the first fee increase we have incurred since 2009. Remember, your membership in the WGA also makes you a member of the Iowa Golf Association (IGA), see the enclosed flyer for all your IGA benefits. We have also decided to try and handle the Skins games on a prepaid basis this year. This will make league night check-in quicker for the membership, allow for carry-overs and streamline the process. In addition, the board has decided to continue with the extended season and 18-week format for the upcoming 2015 league. See the enclosed scheduled for the dates. We will also have many steak nights again this year, as they continue to be well attended.

Your donations continue to go back into the Waveland to help us improve the course. Our latest donation is the beautiful solar clock near the #10 tee box. The board always welcomes course improvement recommendations from the members for the members. So if you have an idea, be sure to share it with a board member for future consideration.

I would like to offer my congratulations to last year's League Champions, "Liars, Cheats and Thieves"; Match Play champion, Cory Schultes; and to Sam Pieczynski for winning the WGA club championship. Thanks to all the WGA board members for their service and time during the offseason. I would like to extend special thanks to Chuck Hensley for all his efforts as your friendly League Chairman. Chuck has done an outstanding job for many years keeping track of our league scoring, handicaps and skin events. Chuck has requested to scale back some of his duties, so please contact me if you would be interested in helping out. I would also like to thank Rocky and the C-Corp staff for helping to keep the league running smoothly. Hope to see you at the Spring Banquet and the beginning of the 64th year of the WGA!

Mike Rooney
President

Perspective

A fast playing foursome got behind a slow playing foursome. The fast playing group waved at each tee, but the group ahead never moved aside to let them through. After 5 frustrating hours, the fast group came into the clubhouse cussing up a storm. The clubhouse waitress stopped them, "That group you are cussing out are blind golfers and I think its great they can even play!"

The first fast player felt terrible. "Send them a round on me."

The second told the waitress to put their lunches on his tab.

The third sent a caddie to the pro shop to get each blind player a new sleeve of balls. Everyone now looked at the 4th guy who had cussed the loudest. He snorted, "Screw 'em! Tell those idiots to play at night!"

2015 League Schedule

Date	Event
April 7	Spring Meeting 6 p.m.
April 21	Draft Night 6 p.m.
April 28	League Play
May 5	League Play-(Steak Night!)
May 12	League Play
May 19	League Play
May 26	League Play
June 2	League Play-(Steak Night!)
June 9	League Play
June 16	League Play
June 23	League Play
End of First Half	
June 30	League Play-(Steak Night!)
July 7	League Play
July 14	League Play
July 21	League Play-(Steak Night!)
July 26	***WGA Club Tournament***
July 28	League Play
August 4	League Play
August 11	League Play-(Steak Night!)
August 18	League Play
August 21	Men's City Tournament
August 25	League Play
End of Second Half	
September 8	Playoff/Fun Night
September 15	Fall Banquet and Elections

LOCAL RULES AND INFORMATION HANDOUT

Starting in 2014, the board voted to allow members age 65 and over to play from the GOLD tees. Otherwise, USGA Rules are in effect with the following exceptions:

"Preferred Lies and Winter Rules for adverse conditions, including the poor condition of the course or the existence of mud, are sometimes so general, particularly during winter months, that the Committee may decide to grant relief by temporary Local Rule either to protect the course or to promote fair and pleasant play. The Local Rule should be withdrawn as soon as the conditions warrant."

The WGA plays a modified "Winter Rules" throughout the season. A player may move the ball within one club length no nearer the hole ONLY WHEN THE BALL IS IN THE PLAYER'S OWN FAIRWAY!!! The ball is to be played down in the rough. Also, a hole is completed when a putt is holed out. The Board understands the desire to facilitate pace of play, but has voted to retain this rule and not allow "gimmes". These are the rules most of us already play by, but we get new players every year.

LEAGUE IS SCORED with 2 divisions, 8 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 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 use the USGA Equitable Stroke Control System.

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

RAINOUPS - 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 PRINCIPAL CHARITY CLASSIC

JUNE 1 - JUNE 7

WAKONDA CLUB - DES MOINES



The Waveland Golf Association will provide marshals on Hole #12 during the Principal Charity Classic to be held at the Wakonda Country Club. This year the event runs from June 1st thru June 7th. Joe Finn and Dave Spiering continue to organize our volunteer effort as our 2015 hole captains. The Volunteer Package for 2015 is not currently posted on the Charity Classic website, but it was in the February 2015 newsletter and is shown on the application to include the following:

- One PCC logo PUMA Golf Shirt (Valued at \$60)
- One PCC logo PUMA Jacket/Windshirt (Valued at \$85)
- Choice of Golf Cap or Sport Visor (Valued at \$20)
- Volunteer/Marshall Badge = FREE admission (Valued at \$100)
- Designated Volunteer Parking & Shuttle service
- Meal Voucher on Workdays (Valued at \$10/day)
- Volunteer Party (Valued at \$0-???, beer and food in limited supply)
- Five (5) Good-Any-One-Day tickets for family and friends (Valued at \$75)

The value of this package is over \$350 and can be yours for just \$85 dollars.

Volunteers of The Principal Charity Classic will park in a designated area of Water Works Park(weather permitting). Dedicated (volunteer only) shuttles will transport volunteers to the volunteer only entrance conveniently located near Volunteer Headquarters and the driving range on the south side of the golf course. Volunteer shuttles will run on a continuous basis beginning at various times each day and ending approximately one hour after the final event of the day concludes. The volunteer shuttle hours will be determined to accommodate all early and late working shifts. Approximate Shuttle hours:

- Tuesday 6:45 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday 5:15 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
- Thursday 5:15 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
- Friday 6:15 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
- Saturday 6:15 a.m.-6:15 p.m.
- Sunday 6:15 a.m.-6:15 p.m.

The PCC prefers signup be done online at <http://principalcharityclassic.com> and in order to do so ALL volunteers must recreate a user account (last years's account and signon won't work). Hardcopy forms will be available from Joe Finn at the WGA Spring Banquet if you don't want to mess with the website.

Help the WGA continue to support golf in Iowa! Volunteer today!