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Spring Meeting April 3rd

Signup Now Online!!!

League Sign-Up

Register Online

- Registration Must be Submitted by March 30
- Online Signup only!
- Tee Times will continue via signup sheets at the Pro Shop for the following weeks league night.
- Be an active member of the WGA! Play in the WGA tournament, sign up for match play, be a skins player, make use of the GHIN system.
- For a Hole-in-one shot on a league nine, the league and the course will provide a keg to help celebrate the event!

Mark your calendars or set your cellphone reminders for 6PM on April 3rd to attend the Spring Meeting at the Waveland clubhouse. League sign up will again be done online. The email containing this newsletter has your link allowing you to register and pay dues via the internet. This saves postage costs and many hours of work for the Treasurer and the League Chairman. Signup must be submitted by Friday, March 30, 2018. Due to the popularity of our league, in order to ensure your continued participation, you must have your signup submitted by the due date. If you are a team captain or wish to be a captain, get with Cory Schultes, our League Chairman, at the Spring meeting and attend draft night on April 10th at the clubhouse.

The goal of the WGA board 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. Our president Andrew Hudson will again be presiding over the banquet, introducing the current board, the 2018 WGA staff, and conducting raffle drawings.

The meeting portion of the banquet is to start promptly at 7:00PM. The social hour will be from 6:00PM to 7:00PM. The league will again provide snacks, a keg of beer, and annual attendance favors. We look forward to everyone returning for the 2018 season.

From the League Chairman:

Tee times for Tuesday league night are done by the signup sheet at the front desk for the following week. The first night of league will have a signup sheet available on Tuesday, April 17th. In person signups will have a priority over individuals calling in. Every week the clubhouse doors open approx. 6:35am – 6:50am. The clubhouse phones will be answered starting at 7:00am. A member

may make a tee time for only one tee slot. You cannot make tee times for other groups/tee slots. Signups for three-somes are allowed but four-some signups are encouraged. If your group is able to play earlier in the day, you will need to schedule that time through the clubhouse. Playing earlier in the day can ease the congestion as our Tuesday night busy time is from 4:15pm – 6:00pm. All

payouts (skins, lowest putts, most greens in regulation, most pars, each birdie, lowest gross and net scores per week) will be offered as clubhouse credit. Questions/ comments can be emailed to:

league.chairman@wavelandga.com

Cory Schultes, your league chairman, will take important topics to the WGA Board for review and decisions.

The WGA Club Championship Tournament

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

Our WGA champion in 2017 was again Sam Piesczynski. Sam again shot a 2 under par 70, but this time required a cardback against Lenny Nelson to repeat as WGA Champion. As is tradition, the WGA sends the champion to represent the WGA at the Tournament of Champions in Atlantic, Iowa. The Committee would like to thank the membership for continued strong participation in this tournament. Our 5 net flight winners for 2017 were:

**Matt Campbell (1st Flight)
Ryan Osweiler (2nd Flight)
Geoff Schumann (3rd Flight)
David Mills (4th Flight)
Justin Mescher (5th Flight)**

Our champion and Flight winners also earned the right to represent the WGA in the IGA's Club Team Championship. This year's WGA team will compete on The Ridge at Sioux Center on Monday, October 1st.

The WGA board has heard your feedback. For 2018 we are making some exciting changes to our annual WGA League Tournament scheduled for Sunday July 29, 2018. These changes will make for a more competitive tournament at all levels, yet still give everyone the same equal chance to participate in the payouts as in the past.

What's New:

- **The tournament will be pre-flighted**
- **Current league 9-hole handicap* as of tournament week will be doubled for 18-hole handicap**
- **No league handicap plays as scratch**
- **Your handicap will still be applied within your flight**
- **The 4 low net scores regardless of flight will represent the WGA at the IGA State Tournament**
- **Number of flights and number of players per flight will be determined by total number of entrants and their handicaps. Flights will be determined by the committee chairs.**
- **All ties will be done by card count back as determined by the committee.**

What's Not Changing:

- **Will still have a Scratch Champion**
- **Will still have a Handicap/Net Champion (regardless of flight)**
- **Will still have the same great payouts**
- **Will still have the same great day**

Why Change:

- **Your feedback**
- **You will be playing against other members with similar handicaps**
- **Rewards playing your best golf on tournament day**
- **Eliminates the "luck of the draw" used in previous years**
- **A golfer with a lower handicap can't have a bad day and win money**
- **Will form the best team to represent the WGA in the State tournament**

***Takes a minimum of 3 league rounds to establish 9-hole handicap. ??? see Greg Bentley or Clair Sumner.**

Sign Up for 2018 Match Play!

A \$10 entry fee with your League registration or at the Spring meeting gets you in. Match Play is limited to 64 players. The Match Play Committee pairs 1st round matches at random.

Players are expected to promptly arrange their own match times. (Matches do not have to be played on league night!). If you have a problem setting up your match, contact Match Play committee chairmen Terry Melton or Dave Spiering whose phone numbers will be posted on the pairings sheet.

For new players, the pairings sheet will be located on the league board just outside the clubhouse door by 10 tee. First Round matches should be completed by the end of week 3. Subsequent matches are to be played within two 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 will be used. Players should address any issues and come to agreement (e.g. handicaps, which 9 is to be played, extended play in the event of a tie at the end of a match, etc.) before play starts.

All entry fees go back as prize money !!!

Match Play 2017 had a field of 50. Thanks to all those who participated. Congratulations to Chris Aldinger for winning the 2017 Match Play event ! John Lopatkiewicz placed second. Bob Cochran and Steve Darcy were runners-up. The Match Play Committee wishes all 2018 participants good luck.

The Skins Game

In a continued effort to simplify and speed up the check in process on league nights, the Skins games will only be available on a Prepaid for the Season basis. This entry method has worked well the last couple of years and allows the WGA to provide some much larger carryover payouts! If you want in for the 18 week season, the online signup option will be your **only** opportunity to get in on the Skins games. One dollar per week for Gross and Net Skins for a grand total of \$36 will give you the chance to get your name posted as a weekly winner on the board. Winnings are paid as clubhouse credit to be used by the end of the calendar year. Be sure your birdies are circled, and scorecards with full name printed legibly are submitted into the WGA box on Tuesday. Just like the lottery, you can't win if you don't play. It just takes one really good hole to win. Go low!

The President's Corner

Hi and welcome to the WGA 2018 edition. I'd like to start by congratulating all of our 2017 winners. As we gear up for the season, there are a couple of things that will be a focus for the 2018 season.

- **ONLINE ENROLLMENT** - we have moved to an online enrollment process, this is the only way to enroll in the 2018 WGA league. If you don't do online processing find a team mate or buddy that will do it for you!! ***This saves the WGA money that we can then spend on gifts and prizes for you the members.***

- **PACE of PLAY** - We are averaging over 175 players per league night, we must play ready golf!! The pace of play is consistently the top complaint received by the board. Please be respectful of other members and keep up with the group in front of you. I know early and late seasons are especially challenging for the late tee times to finish. Be ready to play at your tee time!!!

- **GOLD TEES** - if you are over 65 and elect to play the gold tees, you must play the gold tees EVERY league round. If you establish a handicap from the White tee's you can NOT play the gold tee's for league rounds or the WGA Championship tournament. Please indicate your tee selection on the first night of league play if you are opting to play the Gold Tees.

- **UNIQUE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES !!!**

Thank you for all the volunteers last summer that made the Solheim Cup such a great success. You all represented the WGA so professionally. Special thank you to Jeff Frame for taking the point on organizing the volunteers and being on site all weekend.

The Principal Charity Classic is also a great way to get involved with other league members and see some of the legends of golf. This event has raised millions for local charities and the WGA has been a reliable supporter of this event since its inception. There are info sheets for both events included with the newsletter.

Again, welcome to the 2018 season, I hope you has have an enjoyable season. If you have questions, concerns or other items you would like to discuss please see me some Tuesday night or submit an email through the WGA website.

Thank you and best of luck in 2018!

Andrew Hudson
President



THE PRINCIPAL CHARITY CLASSIC

JUNE 5th-10th

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 5th thru June 10th. Hole captains Joe Finn and Dave Spiering continue to organize our volunteer effort for 2018. The Volunteer Package for 2018 will include the following:

- One PCC logo Golf Shirt (Valued at \$60)
- One PCC logo 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 on June 5th (Valued ???, 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. The application states that because the Classic operates as a 501(c)3 your volunteer fee is tax deductible. The Classic donated over 3.5 million dollars to Charity in 2017 !!!

Volunteers of The Principal Charity Classic will park in a designated area. 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). Help the WGA continue to support golf in Iowa -- Volunteer Today !!!

The early signups have opportunities to win incentive prizes. Deadlines are March 5th, April 2nd, and May 1st. Check the website for details.

2018 League Schedule

Date	Event
April 3	Spring Meeting 6 p.m.
April 10	Draft Night 6 p.m.
April 24	League Play
May 1	League Play-(Steak Night!)
May 8	League Play
May 15	League Play
May 22	League Play-(Steak Night!)
May 29	League Play
June 5	League Play
June 12	League Play
June 19	League Play-(Steak Night!)
End of First Half	
June 26	League Play
July 3	No League Play due to Holiday
July 10	League Play
July 17	League Play-(Steak Night!)
July 24	League Play
July 29	***WGA Club Tournament***
July 31	League Play
August 7	League Play-(Steak Night!)
August 14	League Play
August 21	League Play
August 28	League Play-(Steak Night!)
End of Second Half	
September 4	Playoff/Fun Night
September 11	Fall Banquet and Elections