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Spring Meeting April 7th

Signup Now Online!!!

League Sign-Up

Register Online

- Registration Must be Submitted by March 30
- Online Signup only!
- Tee Times will be online and the link will be emailed weekly for next week's 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 7th 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 Monday, March 30, 2020. 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 14th 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 Dave Elfvin will again be presiding over the meeting, introducing our WGA board, the 2020 Waveland 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 2020 season.

LETTER FROM THE LEAGUE CHAIRMAN

Our new Golf League App had good results last year. Over 60% of our league members used the Golf League App to post their scores, check statistics and league results. We will continue to use this mobile app as the electronic scorecard to those members that wish to use it. Your League Chairman will continue to encourage that use vs paper score cards which will still be allowed this year.

WGA League Signup and your ability to use the Golf League application starts with an email we will send to you. The email address you input when you register and pay for the league will be the one the WGA uses. So please use your primary email address when you register and pay your league dues. Our league does not offer or distribute your email to

anyone and only WGA League member related information will be sent to your email address.

See you on the course.

Cory Schultes

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The WGA Club Championship Tournament

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

Our WGA champion in 2019 was Wade Corwin. Wade shot an even par 72 winning on the cardback. Wade represented the WGA at the three day Tournament of Champions in Atlantic, Iowa. The Committee would like to thank the membership for continued strong participation in our tournament. Doug Schweitzer won the other top prize as the WGA Net Champion for 2020. Our net flight winners for 2019 were:

**Mike Rooney (1st Flight)
Lenny Nelson (2nd Flight)
Steve Bass (3rd Flight)
Bill Fleishecker (4th Flight)
Doug Klemme (5th Flight)**

The annual WGA League Tournament has been scheduled for Sunday, July 26th. The tournament committee will apply the following local rules to 2020 participants:

- **The tournament will be pre-flighted**
- **Current league 9-hole handicap* as of tournament week (x 2)**
- **USGA GHIN handicap only if a 9-hole handicap has not been established**
- **No league or GHIN handicap plays as scratch**
- **Your handicap will still be applied within your flight**
- **The 4 low net scores (regardless of flight) will be selected to go to the state tournament and represent the WGA**
- **Number of flights and number of players per each flight will be determined by total number of entrants and their handicaps.**
- **Flights will be determined by the committee chairs.**
- **All ties will be determined by card count back.**
- **Will have a Scratch Champion**
- **Will have a Handicap Champion (regardless of flight)**
- **Will have great payouts with many flights.**
- **Will still have the same great day**

Reasons for Local Rules

- **You will be playing against other members with similar handicaps**
- **Rewards playing your best golf on tournament day**
- o **Eliminates the "luck of the draw" used in previous years**
- o **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**

2020 USGA Rules will be in effect for the tournament with the exception of playing your ball up in your own fairway. Additional exceptions may be instituted by the committee depending on course conditions at tournament time.

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

Sign Up for 2020 Match Play!

A \$10 entry fee with your League 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!) If you have a problem setting up your match, please call Terry or Dave; numbers are posted on the board. First round matches should be completed by the end of week 3; subsequent matches are expected to be played within two weeks of the prior match. The winner of each match is responsible for posting the win on the Match Play board.

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 questions before play starts 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.

All entry fees go back as prize money.

Match Play 2019 had a field of 50. Thanks to all who participated. Congratulations to Jeff Picken for winning the 2019 Match Play event; Bob Cochran was second; Chris Gunnare and Cory Schultes were runners-up.

The Match Play Committee and the WGA wish all 2020 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 Page

Welcome to the 2020 Waveland Golf League, I'm very excited to get things started this season. We've already been blessed with some good weather early which should provide many opportunities to play long before the 2020 league begins. Before things kick off I want to welcome everyone to the Spring meeting Tuesday April 7 at 6:30 PM. As always we like to discuss any new changes for the coming year as well as give away some nice prizes from the raffle. We'll also have beer and snacks so come on out to catch up with other league members and learn more about the 2020 season.

I also want to share some additional things the WGA has been doing over the winter months. As you may or may not know, the WGA board has a revenue generator in which we sell advertising on the tee markers throughout the 18 holes at Waveland. This along with the generous donations from league members gives us opportunities to make course improvements at Waveland. Over the years we have made improvements such as the landscape sign behind the 16th tee, the flag pole off of 15th green, and the clock behind the 10th tee. John Erickson, a long time WGA member, installed the stairs on hole 4 back in 2000. The WGA board has approved funding to remove the old staircase and install a new stone staircase this spring. In addition course improvements. The WGA has also given time and money to various charities such as the First Tee program and the Principal Charity Classic in the past. This year, to commemorate the WGA providing marshals to the local Champions Tour event for the last 20 years, the WGA board approved donating a bicycle to a child in need through the Variety Club of Iowa. The bicycle will be presented at the Principal Charity Classic Volunteers event on Friday, May 29.

I wish everyone well in the 2020 season. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to reach out to myself or to the WGA board at info@wavelandga.com. Stay healthy and we'll see you on the course.

Thanks,

Dave Elfvig

President

WGA League Information

LEAGUE IS SCORED with 2 divisions, 9 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, preferably through the smartphone app or via scorecard in the WGA box on league night (show-up points). The maximum points per that a team could receive on league night is 63 (51 for beating 17 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't win the second half.

HANDICAPS are based on the best 8 league scores posted. New player handicaps are established after the first nine hole score. We will use the World Handicap System (WHS) for Equitable Stroke Control. Maximum hole score allowed is a NET Double Bogey. Even though this is the max allowed on a hole for calculating your handicap, players must record their actual score for each hole. Our scoring and handicap system will automatically adjust to a NET Double Bogey max.

RAINOUTS - As long as the course allows play, there will be league. If you start your round and the course closes, be sure to report your scores via scorecard! We will handicap the holes not played so you and your team will get credit. A league round will be considered unviable if no more than 90 players participate on that given league day. Unviable rounds are the same as canceled rounds where points and skins will not be awarded. This determination will not be known until the next day when player attendance/scores have been calculated.

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WGA Local Rules

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

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 normally is to be played down in the rough. During wet and muddy conditions, the ball will be played up through the hole and a player may clean it before placing it. The waterway between 3 and 7 and the 6 tee box are Ground Under Repair providing a free drop at your nearest point of relief. As always, 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" or "mulligans". These are the rules most of us already play by, but the league gets new players every year.

Penalty Areas - Rule 17

Penalty areas are not always marked on the course. Forest areas where grass is cut higher than the rough cut is generally considered a penalty area. A proper drop must now be made from knee height into a relief area. You may exchange your ball at this time for any reason. See rules book on how to take complete relief.

Out of Bounds – Local Rule

For out of bounds (#1, left on #7, #9, #14, #15, #16), place the ball in the fairway adjacent to where the ball last crossed the OB line and take 2 shot penalty i.e. laying 3 hitting 4. This may save time versus going back and hitting third shot from the tee. If hitting a provisional, be prepared to identify it from the original ball in play. Also, a provisional may be hit and still be considered a provisional to speed play. Example - first shot with driver suspected OB, provisional hit shorter with 3-iron. Provisional can be hit, then 1st shot 3 minute search can begin. In all cases, intentions for a provisional must be communicated to fellow player(s)/competitor(s) or you will merely be placing a new ball in play and your suspected OB shot will be considered abandoned even if found in the general area of play later. Also out of bounds stakes are considered immovable objects, unlike red and yellow stakes that can be removed for a shot then returned to original locations.

Equipment touching in bunker and penalty areas

Your equipment can now touch bunkers and penalty areas with the exception of a club on a backswing in a bunker. You may not test the sand in a bunker. You can dig in to take a stance. Loose impediments may be moved in bunkers and penalty areas so long as your ball doesn't move. You may not move or damage attached growth. The rule of thumb is if your actions gain you an advantage it is penalty, no advantage gained - no penalty.

2020 WGA League Schedule

DATE	Date Event
April 7	Spring Meeting 6 p.m.
April 14	Draft Night 6 p.m.
April 21	League Play
April 28	League Play
May 5	League Play-(Steak Night!)
May 12	League Play
May 19	League Play
May 26	League Play-(Steak Night!)
June 2	League Play
June 9	League Play
June 16	League Play-(Steak Night!)
END OF FIRST HALF	
June 23	League Play
June 30	League Play
July 7	League Play-(Steak Night!)
July 14	League Play
July 21	League Play
July 26	***WGA Club Tournament***
July 28	League Play-(Steak Night!)
August 4	League Play
August 11	League Play
August 18	League Play -(Steak Night!)
August 25	Rain Date
END OF SECOND HALF	
September 1	Playoff/Fun Night
September 8	Fall Banquet and Elections



THE PRINCIPAL CHARITY CLASSIC

May 26th - May 31st

WAKONDA CLUB - DES MOINES



The Waveland Golf Association provides marshals on Hole #12 during the Principal Charity Classic, a premier local fund raising event on the Champions Tour. This year the event runs from May 26th through May 31st. Hole captains Joe Finn and Dave Spiering will continue to organize our volunteer effort for 2020. Volunteers are expected to work at least a minimum of two six-hour shifts.

An online registration is required again this year. The volunteer package can be shipped directly to the volunteer. Last year's uniform will be reused reducing the potential fee to just \$29.00. The Volunteer Package for 2020 will still include the following:

- 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 \$125)

This package has an estimated value of \$300 and can be yours for just \$29 dollars if you volunteered last year. Additional uniform items and tickets may be purchased at time of registration. Jackets from previous years (current logo preferred) may be worn. The application states that because the Classic operates as a 501(c)3, your volunteer fee is tax deductible.

Volunteers park in a designated area. Shuttles will transport volunteers to the entrance. 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>. If you have an ID and password from last year, it will not work! You will need to create an account to volunteer. The process has you select 3 unique volunteer assignments. Choose Marshals Hole 12, Marshals, and Marshals Hole 11. The last two are irrelevant, but are required to complete the signup process.

Help the WGA continue to support golf in Iowa -- Volunteer Today !!!