

THE WAVE

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Spikeless in 98

Time to join the 90's

When was the last time you missed a three-foot putt due to the clod in front of you dragging his feet and leaving spike gouges deeper than the Grand Canyon. Those days are soon to be history for the Des Moines area golf courses.

At the end of the 1996 golf season a three-year plan was established to implement the spikeless golf shoe rule. "All Des Moines area golf courses would be spikeless by the start of the 1999 golf season". During the 1997 golf season an impressive educational push by all area courses was introduced on spikeless shoes. By the end of the 97 season a study was conducted to determine the acceptance and to the astonishment of the area professional, a whopping 64% of the players were wearing spikeless shoes.

Starting with the opening of the 1998 golf season many of the area public courses will

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Changes at The Wave

Just when you thought it was safe!!!

The clubhouse has received extensive remodeling over the winter with the addition of a new men's and lady's restrooms on the first floor. The kitchen has been enlarged and updated. Central air conditioning will be installed and working for the new season, in the entire club house, no more hanging out in the pro shop to cool off.

Several other projects have been scheduled for the golf course this year. Two greens, the ninth and the second are going to be rebuilt beginning in the middle of August. Both the greens will be closed and totally rebuilt. The practice green will become the ninth green. A temporary par three will be placed to the left and down the hill from the fifth green. Look for more details to follow in upcoming editions.

Fall Storm Take's Its Toll

In case you spent the winter in a cave or perhaps Florida you might not be aware of the damage from an October ice storm. The landmark oak tree next to number 9 green was the worst of the damage. The old oak estimated at 175-225 years old lost approximately thirty percent of its mass. The large branch overhanging the top of the green was lost, as was the large branch that extends down the hill.

The steel cable that was installed several years ago to stabilize these two branches broke, causing the loss of both branches. Experts from Iowa State University have

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implement the total spikeless shoe rule and by June 1 all Des Moines area courses will follow suit. This new rule, as most of you have already realized, will make a great improvement to the condition of the greens. Please join me in applauding the area professionals for their efforts in implementing new measures to improve the condition of our playgrounds.

Recognition Continues

Many years ago the Waveland Golf Association started recognizing some of the efforts people put forward to make Waveland the best it can be. That recognition still continues today and these people can be on display at the Waveland clubhouse in the Waveland Golf Association Builders Board. There are many people that give up their spare time to make life easier for all and that recognition will not be overlooked at Waveland.

If you know of any WGA member or individual who has exerted super human efforts to increase the betterment of Waveland golf course, that person should be nominated to join the elite group of the WGA Builder Board. To nominate an individual you must submit to the president of the WGA an explanation of why you feel this person should be eligible. Each year all nominations are reviewed and four people are elected to join this elite group.

In review the following people have been elected to the Builders Board:

1996	Jon Turner
1997	Kirk Grier, Dick Helverson Mark Leachman, Brad Wright
1998	Jim Rasley Let's keep this recognition alive and nominate, nominate, nominate

Prices Stay The Same

This January on my usual winter golfing excursion to sunny southern California I found myself running low on cash. After many years of coming to California in the winter I have scoped out what I consider the best courses at the best value (cheapest). After a quick review I found myself playing those same courses however paying forty- percent higher greens fee prices. What the HELL is going on !!! The popularity of this game has increased and so have the prices. Not to worry ! The Des Moines City golf courses, Waveland, Grand View, and Blank will keep the same prices as in 1997. We are blessed with quality courses at a low cost. The following is a partial review of prices:

9 hole weekday	\$11.00
18 hole weekday	\$14.50
9 hole weekend	\$12.00
18 hole weekend	\$17.00
Discount Card 25 – 30% off	\$150.00
Restricted Badge	\$425.00

These are not the only values Waveland has to offer. They have senior badges, junior badges, husband and wife badges, twilight rates and many more specials to offer.

Meet Your 98 WGA Board

Just as in any organization, quality leadership is needed. That is not an exception with the Waveland Golf Association. Meet your board:

Jim Rasley	President
Mark Leachman	Vice President
Joe Finn	Sec./Tres.
Jim Calvert	League Chairman
Jeff Frame	Don Greenlee
Kirk Grier	Dick Helverson
Scott Helverson	Tim Johnston
Jim Jeffries	Larry Larson
Dave Spiering	Clair Sumner

When your driver isn't
working, your putter can
still save you.

When your irons aren't
working, your putter can
Still save you.

When your putter isn't
Working, your sense
of humor better save you.

Author, Anonymous

Cart Path Completed

Over the years the WGA has volunteered many hours of time and energy to Waveland. Each year we have had a Spring and Fall clean up day in which Trees are trimmed, Weeds are whacked, Bushes are pruned, and Cart Paths are built. Yes, you are reading this right. Cart Paths are built! The cart path on #3 was a project started by the WGA in 1996 and will have the finishing touches put on this year with the completion of concrete. With the addition of this path we have seen a noticeable difference in the condition of the fairway which previously, used to be DIRT. Let's all take pride in these efforts and keep to the path!

Volunteers Needed

Throughout the year the WGA helps sponsor many different events. Please help by volunteering some of your spare time to make the events successful.

evaluated the tree and said that once the tree starts to leaf, they will look at it again. Lets all hope the old oak lays on a heavy and hearty spring growth.

In addition to the tree on nine, the large tree next to seventeen green and adjacent to eleven fairway was destroyed, a combination of dutch elm disease and the ice storm. In addition numerous branches were lost throughout the course. The City of Des Moines received \$13,000.00 from FEMA to help pay for the clean up costs, but the loss will be felt by us all.

Spring Fling Set for April 7th

The 1998 Waveland Golf Association Spring Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 7th at the Waveland Golf Course Club House. Sign up will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting will begin promptly at 7:30. Or to quote our president Jim Rasley "Rock at six, talk at 7:30". Take that as a hint to arrive early, as the board members are sure to sample the beer to make sure it is up to the discriminating tastes of our members.

The cutoff for league play will again be 192 players or all who sign-up at the meeting. Two memberships as always will be available, the playing membership at a cost of \$40.00 and the association membership available at \$25.00.

The agenda for the meeting will follow those of past years with introduction of the Board Members, the Waveland Staff and the infamous raffle. Five raffle tickets will be given out with your membership dues, but as always many more will be ready for purchase.

Joke of the Month

What does masturbation and three-putting have in common? —————Your' not proud of either one but you know its only a matter of time before it happens again.



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