

THE WAVE

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League Sign-Up

Register by Mail

- Pre-Registration Must be Postmarked March 27th
- Sign-up at 6:00 p.m. until number reaches 192. Meeting to start at 7:00 p.m.
- Tee Times will again be taken at the pro shop for league nights.
- Cost \$45.00 for full membership \$30.00 for association only.
- Hole-in-one during league play worth \$100.00.

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Spring Meeting to begin 50th Anniversary of Waveland Golf Association

The 2001 WGA Spring Meeting beginning the celebration of our 50th year will be Tuesday April 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

Once again we will be registering for the league by mail. The process proved to be an effective and fair way to manage the number of members.

Applications must be postmarked by Tuesday March 27th and are included in this newsletter. See details to the left.

The Board voted this spring on a measure to raise association dues to \$45.00. Rising prices for

merchandise and trophies purchased for league events and the 192 player limit, were factors in the vote. The cost for association only will remain at \$30.00.

The Meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. As usual, the agenda will be the introduction of Board Members, the Waveland Staff and the world-famous raffle.

Membership will again include one free ticket but as always extra raffle tickets can be purchased before the meeting.

Refreshments and snacks will be provided.

League president Joe Finn is encouraging all members to attend the event. "Its always a lot of fun to see old friends, gather in anticipation of the coming golf season and remember the old ones" Finn said.

To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the WGA, special league gifts will be given this year commemorating the event.

See you at the Meeting.

Waveland Celebrates 100th Anniversary!!!

Waveland Golf Course is 100 years old this year. After our especially long, snowy, cold winter one can possibly relate to the excitement Des Moines residents were feeling 100 years ago. Spring would mark the opening of Waveland Park Golf Links. The Des Moines Park

Commission voted March 4, 1901 to consult with Warren Dickinson, civil engineer and expert golfer as to the cost of a golf links at Waveland Park.

The idea took off and quickly, by May 21, 1901 a number of golf leagues were being formed and several good "records" were being posted. The Park

Commission dedicated the course on June 30, 1901. They purchased two silver cups that were awarded at an individual and team tournament held that day. Des Moines became just the third city in the country to offer public golf. Detroit and Boston being the first and

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Around the Course with "Jim"

The Waveland Golf Association once again amazed all with their annual spring projects. We have over the years put forth huge efforts to give a little back to our beloved Mother Waveland. We have designed and built cart paths, removed dead trees and brush, installed bird houses, rerouted streams, raked, scraped, and sweated.

In 2000 I do believe we out did ourselves with the project we tackled. There were a lot of nay sayers but on a beautiful Saturday in May a small group banded together and began the annual project day. The projects on the agenda were to remove the asphalt from behind #5 tee, build stairs to the front of #4

tee, and construct a brick wall around #10 tee. The work began slow but with the assistance of expert craftsman we have in our association they took charge and these ideas began to take shape. At about 3 o'clock that afternoon I realized that we had bitten off more than we could chew and began to panic. We continued through out the day and into the evening hours realizing that our one day projects would turn into a 2 or 3 week headache. The only bright side of the day was we did remove the asphalt from behind #5 tee and leveled the ground out. One down, two to go. Over the next couple weeks we continued to chip away on the great Waveland wall and the stairway to heaven.

I don't believe I need to go any further with this story as by now you have all seen that we did complete these projects. Many thanks go out to that small band of WGA members that participated.

We will in 2001 have another project day with the hopes that who ever is in charge will lighten the load and not get overzealous in their project list.

Items to tackle are to shore up the walkway by #14 green, complete the hill side behind #16 tee with the Waveland sign and bushes.

As always everybody in the association is needed to participate and give a little back.

Tournament Results and Recognition

Congratulations to Vince Castillo for winning the Scratch Handicap Tournament in July. Due to prior engagements Vince could not attend the Tournament of Champion is Atlantic however Phil Hodges represented the WGA well.

Kirk Grier defeated somebody for the Match Play Championship. Congratulations GRRR!

The League Championship went to the Linksman. On the final night of league play there was a three way tie between the Linksman, the

Masters, and the Birdiemasters. It was a fight to the finish however the Linksman came out the victors. I do believe the beer had a lot to do with the outcome. Congratulations to the Linksman. Good luck in 2001.

100 years at Waveland

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second respectively. By 1903 three full-fledged golf clubs with membership of 350 names were in existence.

The Golf and Country Club a private organization, the University and Waveland Golf Club and the Grand View Golf Club both open to the public.

The University and Waveland Golf Club, a precursor to our league, set the standards we still follow today, planting trees and making improvements to the course a regular part of the groups activities. This first club also raised money to build a club house on the course and began helping with the city golf tournament.

That tradition of involvement continues today in the Waveland Golf Association. Once again this year we will host the Men's City Golf Tournament.

An event that began in 1903 and is one of the oldest city tournaments in the country.

The association contributes time and money annually to make improvements to the "Wave" and encourages all members to participate in these events. Tradition is a large part of the game of golf and we should do our part to make sure traditions such as this continue.

Another step in the improvement of the course has been made this year with the addition of a Waveland Golf Association Web page. See the related article in this newsletter.

Let's all join in making sure the future of our organization and the next 100 years of the golf course will be a bright one. Take an active interest in your Association and your course.

The Board

Welcome to The 2001 WGA season.

We look forward to another exciting year of golf in one of the largest nine-hole leagues in the nation.

2001-2002 President is Joe Finn. Vice-President is Jim Rasley. Secretary and Treasurer is Mark Leachman.

League Chairman is Jim Calvert. Match Play and Scratch Tournament Committee, Kirk Grier, Dick Helverson, and Dave Spiering.

Additional board members are Don Greenlee, Jim Jeffries, Jeff Frame, Russ Bitterman, Terry Melton, Larry Larson and Clair Sumner.

Thoughts from the Pres

Happy Anniversary W.G.A. and Waveland Golf course. The W.G.A. as well as Waveland Golf course are celebrating their 50th and 100th anniversary respectively. In 1951 the W.G.A. was founded and now in 2001 is going stronger than ever. In fact it is so strong, that we have to put a cap on the membership. The Waveland golf course itself is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year and also is busier than ever. It's the oldest public golf course west of the Mississippi.

Waveland Golf Association for the very first time with the help of Fred Hanna, Bob Vanscoy, and James Calvert have developed a Web site. The site is

WGA is on the World Wide Web

Check us out at wavelandga.com. New this year the WGA has our very own web site. Included in the web site are facts about Waveland, hole by hole description, and numerous other items to browse. Also we are linked to the channel 8 Doppler, IGA, PGA, and I golf the world. Come visit our site.

Waveland has a mentoring program

New this year Waveland will be offering a mentoring program for juniors. More details to follow as the season progresses. See the Pro shop for details.

Waveland Staff

Come see Jason, Sean, Tyler, and Bob in the Pro Shop. Dana, and Martha, are always happy to serve you a cold one in the Club House. Thanks

WGA Steak and Rib nights

Once again we will be offering steak or ribs through out the golfing season. Once a month you will be able to join your golfing buddies for food and libations. More information to follow. Watch the board or the web.

wavelandga.com. This site will have upcoming events and updates of tournaments at the Wave, as well as numerous other interesting things you will find. You will enjoy this new improvement and Hats off to the Founders!

I sincerely wish everyone involved in the W.G.A. as well as the Waveland Golf course staff an eventful and safe 2001 season. We want everyone to have a great time and meet and enjoy the camaraderie of the rest of the membership. Remember to mail your membership dues to the address on the separate insert before the deadline. If we don't get 192 in the mail by the deadline then we will take signups at the Spring

Signup gathering on April 3rd. Look at the outside bulletin board during the season and it will have league results and other postings if you aren't able to go to the Web site. By doing either one, you will have the inside track of what is going on and won't be left out of the activities. I am very pleased to have a very enthusiastic Board this year. Already with the two meetings we have had, there is a good sense of total involvement that has come from these. I am looking forward to being the President for the next two years. Think Pars and the Birdies will come!

Joe

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Waveland Golf Course

Home of the Des Moines Men's & Women's
City Golf Championships
Celebrating 100 years 1901-2001



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Dana Vanscoy, Food & Beverage Manager
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The Waveland golf course staff is committed to giving you, our customers, the highest standard of customer service.

The Golf Shop at Waveland offers you, quality merchandise at fair competitive prices. We carry a great selection of clothing and accessories for all your golfing needs.

We can set up your golf outing from start to finish, with the professional touches that you have come to expect. Give us a call to schedule your next golf outing.

The Snack Shop at Waveland offers you the best in quality food and beverages in the Des Moines area. We offer a wide variety of choices from sandwiches to steaks.

We can also host your companies Christmas party, employee appreciation parties, and meetings for your company. Call Dana Vanscoy to set up your next company or social function.

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