

THE WAVE

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League Sign-Up Register by Mail

- Pre-Registration Must be Postmarked April 1st
- Sign-up for Match Play 6:30 p.m. Meeting to start at 7:00 p.m.
- Tee Times will again be taken at the pro shop for league nights.
- Cost \$50.00 for full membership \$35.00 for association only.
- Hole-in-one during league play worth \$100.00 (you will be shamed into buying a keg of beer with the cash)

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Waveland Golf Association Spring Meeting April 5

The 2005 WGA Spring Meeting will be Tuesday April 5th at 6:30 p.m.

As in the past we will be registering for the league by mail. This process has proven to be an effective and fair way to manage the number of members.

Applications must be postmarked by Friday, April 1st and are included in this newsletter.

Association and league dues are \$50.00 and for the association only is \$35.00.

The Spring Meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. As usual, the agenda will

be the introduction of Board Members, the Waveland Staff and the up coming league schedule.

Full league membership includes a USGA handicap, league play on Tuesday night, WGA Club Tournament, and a gift. One free ticket will be issued the night of the meeting but as always, extra raffle tickets can be purchased before the meeting for the infamous raffle. Refreshments and snacks will be provided.

This year besides being able to sign up for match play we will have a table

set up with clothing apparel on display which you can order anything with the WGA logo on it.

Make sure you mark your calendars for the 5th and we will see you at the Meeting.

Des Moines City Tournament June 16th – 19th

Dating back to the early 1900's Waveland has been the site of the Des Moines Men's City Golf Championship. Des Moines area golfers from Country Club members to the Public players try to match their skills against the best competition in town as well as the treacherous hills of Waveland. But it doesn't

stop there. Changes over the years have allowed the best and not-so best to come out and enjoy the largest golf tournament held in the state of Iowa. Past years have seen entries for this event creep near the 400 participation level and all are guaranteed 36 holes of competition. As always the staff at Waveland led by Bob Vanscoy, have

done an outstanding job of running this event. Our association, The WGA has played a big part in the operations end of this event by spotting balls and marshaling holes. Volunteers are needed and again, the team captains and the league members will be asked to support this event. More to come at the spring meeting.

Around the Course with Joe

The Wave is welcoming us all back for yet another great year. Hopefully the wildlife that we admired from last year will be as anxious and spunky as 2004. The fox, the deer (very visible for at least the last month of league), red tailed hawks, and the rest of the critters, including the shittin geese and ducks. They are all a part of nature as long as we don't step on some of it! Those animals are another scenic part of Mother Wave. The Wave must be a tranquil place for them to live and wander. As we wander from hole to hole this season during league, pleasure, and/or tournaments; take a deep breath, stop and look around for a moment, admire what Mother Wave has to offer. It's wonderful. Listen to nature, relax, and let things go aside for the time being. Listen to the birds as you take a leak in the trees, it's relaxing. Enjoy the season! Hopefully, the winter (as we put this letter together in early March) hasn't done any major damage to the course. The tarps are on as I write, but no snow. The 56th Street bridge is scheduled to close. So anyone carrying a few range balls on a regular basis for hecklers driving on 56th Street along the #7 tee can leave them at home because there won't be much traffic on a 56th once it gets closed. I have been approached with a few suggestions on 16th fairway left side to redo mounds, leave as is, add to them, trim growth there etc. Whatever you want as a majority, I will rearrange. Just remember, whatever I do will be ground under in a limited area. Might be good to wait till fall. Whatever we do or don't do, the water drains obviously to the fence (south) and the areas in between the mounds are spaces needed for water to drain. There is a lot of water that flows south on #16. Your input is always appreciated. I guess we will see. Personally, I would like to see more ball washers on tee boxes. That might have to be a W.G.A./Parks Board effort. First of all the course improvements over the last 2 years are enhancing. Cart paths are enjoyable by a majority of golfers. There are always pros/cons on anything of major construction. Golfers want to play whenever they can!! Exclamation point! Some walk some ride. When adverse weather (rain) comes and goes both benefit with cart paths; without paths some benefit. I realize the whole complexity of a golf course has no concrete, asphalt, to spoil the beauty of what engineers, designers and developers have accomplished. We have fortunately/and unfortunately progressed ahead to an extent. Lets live the moment and if you are focused in your game the cart paths will never be a hindrance or in eye level in your round. Just listen to the birds. The super enhancement and beauty of the area around #1 tee area is a showcase of what the staff has done for Mother Wave. My hat is off to them and all their previous improvements. Those areas throughout the course are an achievement and a reflection of their hard work and devotion back to the golf course and to the WGA to show their appreciation back to us to thank us for what we do for them too! Hey we can all go on and on just like Mother Wave wants us to. Have a healthy, happy, and legitimate scoring season. Mother Wave is always watching. Joe

League Results and Recognition

Once again the Waveland golf association had a very successful year due to the great participation of our league players. As in past years we have tried to limit the participation to 192 players but because of popularity of the WGA we accommodated 215. Chuck Hensley was heard saying that he will take all

the credit for a second year of no rain outs. The season was full of strong competition from the 16 teams. The four teams qualifying for the championship night were the "Linksman", "Rollers", "Masters" and "Smokers". The results had the Masters winning by one point over the rest of the field.

Chip In By Chuck

Welcome everyone to another year of great league golf at "The Wave". I hope the winter wasn't too harsh for anyone and I know some of you were able to get out of town for some winter golf. This year we are looking at making a couple of changes on how league play is scored. First is how our handicap (for league only) is figured. We will use 3 out of 5 scores by dropping the high and low score. The second change is this year, we are going to use the USGA-Equitable Stroke Control for scoring.

HANDICAP	MAX. ON ANY HOLE
4 or less	double bogey
5 through 9	7
10 through 14	8
15 through 19	9
20 or more	10

We'll talk more on these changes at the spring tee off. Until then, remember to, tee it high, grip it, rip it and let it fly---- you'll find it.

Just joking

Two golfers are at the first tee.

Golfer One: "Hey, guess what? I got a new set of golf clubs for my wife.

Golfer Two: Great trade!

2004 WGA Club Tournament

Congratulations to Larry Larson who won the 2004 WGA Club Tournament held the weekend of July 31st and August 1st. Larry shot 72 and 69 for a 141 total, 3 under par. It was the fourth WGA club tournament win for Larry.

Phil Hodges was the runner-up shooting 75 and 71 for a 146 total. Phil represented Waveland at the Tournament of Champions in Atlantic. This was especially nice for Phil as his dad was also playing, representing Grandview for winning their club tournament. Kirk Grier was third in the championship flight with a 147 total.

Dick Helverson won the 1st flight and Jim Rasley won the 2nd flight. The handicap flight was won by Gary Epstein and John Erickson was the runner-up.

The 2005 WGA tournament will be held in mid to late July, with a lot of prizes and beer and food for all on Sunday.

The Board

Welcome to The 2005 WGA season.

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

2004-2005 President is Jeff Frame. Vice-President is Larry Larson. Secretary and Treasurer is Mark Leachman. League Chairman is Chuck Hensley. Match Play Committee, Dave Spiering and Terry Melton. Tournament Committee is Mark Leachman and Larry Larson. Allianz Committee is Kevin McIlhon and Dave Spiering.

Additional board members are Max Sickles, Clair Sumner, Joe Finn, Jim Calvert, Jon Turner, Greg Bentley, and Ryan Bircher.

Remember to check the WGA Web Site for upcoming events

Remember to check us out at www.wavelandga.com. 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 PGA, IGA, channel 8 Super Doppler Radar and www.Igolftheworld.com. Thanks to Fred Hanna for maintaining our website.

Match Play Title for 2004

Jeff Klopfenstein defeated Steve Walters for the title. Kevin McIlhon and Dick Halverson were the runners-up.

Match Play for the 2005 Season

Last year we ended up with more than 64 players, so we tried to accommodate everyone who wanted to play. While we made it work, it's much too difficult and unwieldy to take more than 64 players. As a result, if you want to play match play this season, remember, the first 64 players to sign up will play; this year we will not go over that number. We start the list at the Spring Meeting.

Rules for 2005 are the same: we sign up the first 64 players; you have two weeks to play your match (it is not necessary to play on League night). Players are paired at random and contact each other to arrange matches. The WGA handicap at the time of the match is used. The winner posts the results on the board. There is a \$10 entry fee which is used to pay the top four players prize money.

Allianz Champions Tour at the Tournament Club of Iowa May 30th through June 5th, 2005

This year, the WGA has again been selected to marshal hole # 8. As in the past, the WGA has accepted this honor. All of the past participants can attest to our membership body how fun and exciting it is to be involved with this undertaking.

We are seeking 20 to 30 volunteers to work this event. Being a volunteer requires no other monetary cost than the volunteer fee. It gives our group significant visibility among an extensive, golf oriented audience. Marshaling duties include crowd control and noise control around tees and greens as well as in high traffic areas around hole # 8.

We will be inside the ropes and clearing paths to make easy access for players, their caddies and scorers. Due to this role, marshals come into the closest contact with the golf greats as well as an inside the ropes, front row seats to the weeks action.

Marshals will pay the standard volunteer price of \$75.00 a person and will receive:

- Ping Volunteer Shirt and Wind Shirt
- Volunteer Hat
- Badge that will give you entrance all week
- One (1) Weeks credentials for guest
- Meals during work shifts
- Volunteer parking all week and Appreciation Party

Typical work shifts are 4 to 6 hours. We encourage all interested WGA members to be a part of this exciting opportunity. Sign up sheets will be available at the clubhouse. If you have any questions, Kevin McIlhon and Dave Spiering will gladly be available to answer.

Come join us for a terrific golfing experience!