



Waukegan Golf Club

News

First of all, and again, we would like to thank all of our loyal members, local patrons, and vacationers for a great 2016 golf season! We had a great year filled with good people, THE best summer weather in recent memory, great leagues, another excellent turnout at the customer appreciation day and fun had by all! We hope to continue this positive streak as we enter the 2017 golf season and progress together as a team.

The weather this summer created many challenges for our grounds crew as the heat and lack of natural precipitation kept them busy managing our water resources effectively, but as usual, they met these challenges very well. Golfers near and far offered many praises all season long that highlighted our greenery and the quality of our putting surfaces. For those that flew south early this fall, please know that all greens, tees, and fairways have been aerated and are ready to spr ing to life when the time is right next season as the health of the greens and fairways after closing this fall were again, excellent. Over the last couple of years we had begun purchasing replacement covers for the greens to cycle out damaged covers and to help ensure adequate protection throughout the winter months. This year we hit some of our marks for upgrades of the course but we also missed some marks as well. Again, the hot dry summer drew us away from some of our planned projects to tend to irrigation and maintenance. To recap, we were able to purchase new flags, yardage markers, bunker rakes, and repair/replace ball washers. We also completed a new back tee on hole #4 which added 30-40 yards from that location, and improved the drainage around the 4th tee and cart path area to help reduce standing water, and rebuilt and sodded the forward tee box for hole #5. We were also able to cut back the hill behind the 16th green from rough height to approach height and made many repairs to our irrigation system. In addition, we were able to remove many rocks from fairways no's 5, 6, and 8. The misses that we experienced were not being able to finish the new back tee for hole #14, and not being able to bring new life to some of the old forward tees that have not been in use for many years. We will continue to pursue those goals as we enter the 2017 golf season.

We were fortunate enough this year to make more investments in equipment to help increase the efficiency of the grounds crew as well as consider replacements for some of our aging equipment. A new turbine blower was purchased that allows us to move debris such as cut grass and leaves from fairways and roughs in a fraction of the time required in the past.

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Additionally, we purchased a new fairway mower during the season's end to add to our fleet as it is becoming increasingly more difficult to source out parts for our current fairway mower.

Lastly, we had the top three golf car manufacturers provide us with demo units to evaluate. Based on our testing and customer feedback, we are proud to announce that we will be leasing a new fleet of Yamaha golf cars beginning with the 2017 golf season. Again, we are continuing to invest in the course to give you the best golfing experience possible.

The dates of tournaments and events currently booked are attached in the pages that follow for your planning purposes to the upcoming 2017 season. Please remember to check our Web Site's calendar on-line as additions and changes to scheduled events will be posted there as we progress throughout the year. We hope to reevaluate the club member and member guest tournaments to determine if we can increase member participation for internal tournaments. These are for your enjoyment, and we try to price them as fair as we can. Your ideas are welcome.

League play for 2017 will continue on the historical days of the week. Ladies league will be on Tuesdays, and couples league will be on Mondays. Men's league will continue to be on Thursday. These leagues are fun for all! If you wish to play in the men's or ladies league you must sign up early before the season begins. The couple's league is a week to week sign up with no long term commitment.

This coming year PGA Teaching Professional Chuck Yaeger will once again be available to provide lessons to those interested in improving their skills in the sport of Golf. For many years, Chuck was the primary teaching professional at Waukegan Golf Club and we welcome Chuck back as our Teaching Pro. Bob Santos will be moving into the role of tournament organizer and club repair specialist and we will continue to service your pro shop needs.

We would like to again thank all our members who commit to join early. This is important to all of us at Waukegan as much of the course improvement, maintenance, and planning is done for the year to come in the off season. These early membership's provide us with the capability to follow through and complete many projects. As a reminder, if you do wish to join as a member for the 2017 season, please take note of the discounts available to you for early signup by January 23rd and February 20th. After February 20th the discounts will no longer be available to you and pricing will revert to full list price for the remainder of the year. If you choose to continue your membership over the coming years we hope that you observe and enjoy the playing conditions and improvements that are being provided for you. We are committed to making Waukegan Golf Club the best golfing experience possible!

Yours Truly,

Tim, Craig, Arvid and the Waukegan Staff