



Waukewan Golf Club

News

First of all, and again, we at Waukewan would like to thank all of our loyal members, local patrons, and vacationers for a great 2017 golf season! We had another fantastic year filled with good people, 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 2018 golf season.

The weather this season was much different than the prior year's arid conditions which created many challenges for our grounds crew as the very wet spring transitioned to a normal summer and an excellent fall. As usual, they met these challenges very well and would like to extend their gratitude for your patience in working through the wet times during the spring. Golfers near and far offered many praises all season long that highlighted our greenery and the quality of our putting surfaces. A particular weather event around the 4th of July that brought up to twelve inches of rain overnight to courses north of us, drove players south to your course in hopes of getting some golf in that weekend as their courses were closed for the majority of the holiday. Many of those players were impressed with the conditions that awaited them and we are sure that some returned throughout the summer months to enjoy our scenery.

The last week of October and continuing through Thanksgiving have proven to be a challenge in shutting the course down. We were on track to put October to bed as one of the driest on record until... the last week delivered almost ten inches of rain, and closed the month out as the fifth wettest on record. Since then, many wind storms, snow showers, and cold temperatures have met us head on. We actually had to close a few days earlier than our schedule dictated due to frost, but the guys have worked hard and all chemicals have been applied and greens covered for the season. To that end, all greens, tees, and fairways after closing this fall were again, excellent. We have continued the purchasing of replacement covers for the greens to cycle out damaged covers and to help ensure adequate protection throughout the winter months.

This year we continued to make repairs to our irrigation system and were able to remove many rocks from fairways no's 1 and 9. We also were able to finish the new back tee for hole #14 and cleanup the wood lines between the 11th and 13th holes as well as between the 13th and 14th holes. The guys worked hard at this and the results created stunning views between the holes. We still have a great desire bring new life to some of the old forward tees that have not been in use for many years and add others where they do not currently exist. We will continue to pursue those goals as we enter the 2018 golf season.

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We hope that you all had a chance to enjoy a round of golf in our new fleet of Yamaha Golf Cars and experience the upgrades that were completed to the Bar'n Banquet hall. Both were major investments for the Golf Club and we hope to continue these investments as we move forward together. Although many golfers claimed that we had the best quality greens in The County, we did experience some difficulties with our greens mowers this past season and plan to source out a replacement unit for next season to ensure that we are able to continue to provide you with the best experience possible.

The dates of tournaments and events currently booked are attached in the pages that follow for your planning purposes to the upcoming 2018 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 continue to offer club tournaments to determine if we can increase member participation for internal tournaments. We did cancel the member-member tournament but went forward with the member-guest which turned out to be a great time for all that joined in. These tournaments are for your enjoyment, and we try to price them as fair as we can. Your ideas are welcome.

League play for 2018 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.

I would like to advise you at this time that Craig Hale has moved on to the Meredith Department of Public Works in a career change that we all support and wish all the best to. In brief, Craig and I worked well together after the transition from the Hale's to the Noe's and I will miss working with him on a daily basis. Much has been accomplished together in last four years and Craig will continue to work with us to ensure that Waukewan continues to achieve new heights.

We would like to again thank all our members who commit to join early. This is important to all of us at Waukewan 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 2018 season, please take note of the discounts available to you for early signup by January 22rd and February 19th. After February 19th 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 Waukewan Golf Club the best golfing experience possible!

Yours Truly,

Tim, Jill and the Entire Waukewan Staff