



December, 2018

**Holiday Buffet**  
On Thursday, December 13th at 5:30pm we will be serving a Holiday Buffet featuring hand carved Prime Rib by Chef Kasey. Our normal dining and feature menus will also be available.



**SANTA**  
will be joining us during the Holiday buffet from 5:30pm-7pm!!  
Reservations appreciated!



## Hillcrest Golf & Country Club



### From the President...

The Hillcrest Board of Directors set our dues schedule for 2019 at our November meeting. We will have a slight increase in dues in 2019 after having no adjustment in dues from the 2017 to 2018 seasons. This increase in dues over the two years is less than the cost of inflation. We are able to do this because of our efficient staff and good planning by the board over the years. If you own or run a business, you know the cost of everything continues to rise. Hillcrest is not immune to this inflation either.

The holiday season is upon us. Please remember Hillcrest in your holiday planning. Two years ago the Yankton Medical Clinic switched our Christmas celebration from a sit down meal to a more casual event. We moved it from Minervas to Hillcrest. We now serve "heavy hors devours" and give away dozens of great door prizes (TVs, Yeti coolers, other electronics, gift certificates etc...). The clinic saves money as compared to our previous sit down meal and our employees have never been happier with the event. It is never too late to schedule something if you are flexible on dates.



Dan Megard, President

It is a good time of the year to remember our employees. We switched to an automatic 15% tip on dining bills not signed in about 2010. Many members tip a higher percentage than 15%. If you would to increase your standard tip, please just mention that to Adessa and she will make it happen.

We have a very nice set of waitresses right now and if we treat them well, it may be harder for them to leave Hillcrest.

A huge thank you to Larry and Jane Rupiper, Gary and Arlene Heine and Wayne and Lori Ibarolle for their generous donations to the new sound system. We will have it up and running in 2019. There are still uncovered costs to this project. If you feel so inclined to give, please contact Adessa or myself.

Have a wonderful Christmas. If you can't think of what to get your adult children for the holidays, consider a full or partial Hillcrest membership if they are close enough to enjoy it. =

### Upcoming Clubhouse Events

December 7<sup>th</sup> – Williams & Company and Vishay Holiday Parties

*Seating in Lounge limited – reservations requested*

December 8<sup>th</sup> – Edward Jones Holiday Party

December 13<sup>th</sup> – Holiday Buffet with Santa

December 14<sup>th</sup> – Solid Metals Holiday Party

December 15<sup>th</sup> – First Chiropractic, Broadway Chrysler-Ford, Guthmiller Holiday Parties and Marlow Social

*Seating extremely limited – reservations required*

December 31<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Eve Party!



## From the Golf Course...



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### Dining & Lounge Hours

Tuesday-Friday

11am-Close

Saturday

5pm-Close

Closed Sunday  
and  
Monday.

The opportunity and long-term benefit to your property makes renovating the fairways and tees at Hillcrest an exciting project. The project, the plan, and the process give me something to type about monthly for the next 3 years. I was running out of material.

The first step in the project was to take some accurate field measurements and start to identify future fairway lines. The ability to move fairways and adjust landing areas will not be available without seeding once the fairways are transformed to bentgrass. Of course, fairways won't be able to shrink either, which they are sometimes prone to do. I think we have done a pretty good job of expanding fairways around greens and at landing areas the last 6 years and we still have some time to identify fairways that could use expansion or adjustments. One particular fairway is #6. The fairway curls around an Ash tree which is close enough to the green to cause some debris problems and some turf health problems and some playability problems. It is also an Ash tree, and no changes have been made to how we are handling the Ash tree population. We are handling them by cutting them down.

The second step was to contact companies that renovate or build golf courses to laser level, expand, and in some cases shorten tee grounds. Much of this work is straight forward and inexpensive. Scenarios are being worked on to address #4 and make the option of playing the hole as designed more appealing than hitting it to #3. This problem is not as straight forward and there is no agreed upon solution yet.

And finally, we needed to decide on a bentgrass cultivar to use in the fairways. These days there are many options compared to just 25 years ago when most courses were planting Penncross, and Penncross is still the most widely sold bentgrass worldwide. We didn't choose it though. We settled on a T-1 and Alpha blend for three important reasons. 1. These cultivars have been field tested to be competitive against Poa (T-1 and Alpha overtake Poa populations much the same way Poa overtakes bluegrass and ryegrass populations mowed under an inch). 2. Disease and drought resistance. 3. T-1 and Alpha were bred to be a low maintenance bentgrass. Bentgrass and especially aggressive bentgrasses (like Penncross) produce a lot of thatch which causes playability and plant health issues. Thatch is more easily controlled on the greens and tees because of the limited square footage involved but becomes a more difficult and disruptive task over the course of 30 acres of fairways. T-1 and Alpha produce about 1/3 the amount of thatch as other bentgrass cultivars.

If you liked reading this, next month I will talk about how I think some of our current inputs (water, fertilizer, fungicides) will be affected once the transition is complete.

### Ladies Holiday Party!

Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

Dinner off menu with White Elephant Gift Exchange to follow (\$15 Limit).

If you would like to bring a donation for the Contact Center, the items they are most in need of are:

Cereals - hot or cold  
Tuna

Chunky canned soups  
Spaghetti noodles and sauce

**December 13<sup>th</sup>  
Pro Shop Sale –  
Starts at 5:00 p.m.**

**Merchandise will be  
moved upstairs:**

50% off all clothing

In stock shoes 30% off

Titleist Pro V's \$40 dz.

Golf Bags 10% off

All Caps \$15

**December 1<sup>st</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>  
Pro Shop Hours:  
Mon-Fri – 10:00 am –  
3:00 pm  
Closed Saturday and  
Sunday**

Scott will be in and out of  
the pro shop during the  
months of January and  
February. Feel free to  
contact me at 605-857-0100  
or email

[golfpro@hillcrestyankton.com](mailto:golfpro@hillcrestyankton.com) if  
you need anything during  
that time.

From the Pro Shop...

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