

## From the President...



Dan Megard, President

In six weeks, we have gone from snow drifts to 100 degrees. To say the Spring has been trying would be an understatement. Waren and his crew continue to make progress with the new additions on the course. The #8 pond looks better every day. New grass is filling in the "highway" from Mulberry to the #8 pond, the #7 cart path is still gravel and getting packed prior to the cement being poured. It sure is nice to see the progress in our big project in the last year.

In March, I spoke about the Emerald Ash Borer in my letter. As a board, we have been aware of this for four or more years. If you have read the Press and Dakotan or the Argus Leader recently, you now know that the EAB is now in South Dakota. There is a quarantine placed by the USDA and the South Dakota Department of Agriculture on all of Minnehaha County, Lincoln County north of Highway 18 and Turner County north of Highway 18 and east of Highway 19. The closest towns included are: Hurley, Davis and Parker. The quarantine line is 4-5 miles north of Viborg. The quarantine means that no Ash lumber, logs, nursery stock or mulch can be moved out of the quarantined area without potential penalty.

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We started a tree drive almost 2 years ago. Thanks to all of you who have contributed to the fund. We have planted 100 new trees on the course. Our population of Ash trees on the course has gone from 475 down to 350 in the last 18 months. The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America has recommended removing Ash trees over about a 5 year period of time to spread out your costs as a course. We have been 18-24 months ahead of the pack for this EAB problem. With 350 Ash trees left on the course, we have an incredible amount of manpower, cost and tree needs in our future. It is no longer a question of if but when the EAB will hit Hillcrest. If you feel called to contribute to this need, please contact Adessa, Waren, any board member or myself.

On a lighter note, it is time to play golf. The Women's Invitational was a success this past weekend. The Men's Invitational is Father's Day weekend. If you are new to Hillcrest or if you aren't a great golfer, the invitational is a very fun event. If you have a horrible hole, just pick up your ball and go to the next hole without penalty. It is definitely the most fun tournament of the year for me.

One of our fixtures at Hillcrest has retired in the last few months. Maynard Justra mowed fairways for the last 25 years. He recently had a hip replaced and didn't feel he could get on and off the mower with ease any more. If you see Maynard around town, please extend your thanks for his many years of service.

### *Pool Reminders...*

- No outside food or beverage permitted.*
- Sign in sheets should only be marked with the number of guests you have brought, not the total number of people in your group.*

### *Father's Day Brunch*

*Don't forget to make your reservations!!!*

*Call 665-4522 or email*

*[hillcrestoffice@hillcrestyankton.com](mailto:hillcrestoffice@hillcrestyankton.com)!*

*Even if you are playing in the tournament a reservation is requested so a table can be reserved for you and your family!*



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## From the Course...

Progress continues on a number of projects around the golf course. The first areas we seeded in April around the pond and #1 rough just started getting normal mowing and within a week we will start weed control in those area too. 7 pond was seeded last week so with

reasonable weather that area is still 6 weeks from any kind of mowing or weed control. The low spots continue to be an issue we are just going to have to patiently deal with through the fall. Once the formed up cart path dries out we will finish that run.

I have plans to start repairing the stump holes around 7 green soon and the north putting green is open but some of it is being transferred to 7 green which is already in much better condition with all the extra sun.

In May we removed a handful of ash trees and crews will continue to remove select trees throughout the rest of the summer. In certain areas we will replace vacancies to diversify and maintain a healthy tree population. I would like to get the ash population down to around 250 trees by 2019.

***Open Dining available Tuesday-Saturday  
11am-Close  
Open Lounge available Tuesday-Saturday  
11am-Close  
Sunday 12pm-6pm***

## From the Chef...

Life is great in the Kitchen! A few maintenance things have been fixed and should be smooth sailing this summer! Our Pool Menu is outside, please be sure to ask for it! Hillcrest's Pizza is only on the Pool menu so look out for it!

Men's Invite is just around the corner and that also means another Brunch! Below is the Sunday Brunch Menu, as always call in advance for reservations!

Carved Roast Beef, Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Corn and Mixed Vegetables, Bacon/Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Breakfast Potatoes, Pancakes – Multiple syrups, Fresh Baked Cinnamon Rolls, Muffins, Pie and Fruit Pizza!



Congratulations to Kyle Repp who made a hole in one on hole #16 on May 10<sup>th</sup>. He aced the 132 yard hole with an 8 iron. Playing with Kyle was Roger Thompson, Gary Stevens, and Rod Wipf.



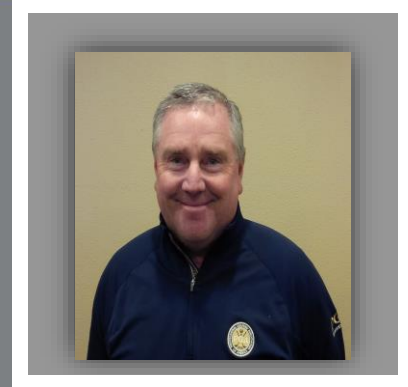
June pro shop hours are Monday's noon-8:00 p.m., Tuesday-Sunday 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Pro Shop will close early if the weather is inclement!

Below is a link to understanding slow play. Please, take a moment to watch this video.

<http://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/videos/2015/03/19/150317-pop-episode-1-why-traffic-jams-occur-4122528851001.html>



Photo courtesy of Stacy Schramm.



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## *From the Golf Shop*

There are still openings for the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Member Guest that will be held June 15,16,17. Sign up at the golf shop before June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Upcoming Events...

June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ladies Invitational

June 6<sup>th</sup> – SDSU Outing

June 8<sup>th</sup> and June 22<sup>nd</sup> – Couples Friday Night!

June 15-17 - 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Member Guest

June 29<sup>th</sup>- Shurco Outing

All the events are listed under the calendar section at hillcrestyankton.com

Congratulations to Kevin Becker and Jim Tramp on winning the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Member/Member at Hillcrest. Everyone loved the format of playing 5 9 hole matches. Look for this event to be held again next year, most likely the first weekend of June. All of the tee sheets, results, and player statistics will be listed on golfgenius.com. Each event will have a golf



genius ID with it. All of the events on Golf Genius are listed at the golf results page hillcrestyankton.com.

<http://hillcrestyankton.com/golf/mens-results.html>