

THE WAVE

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League Sign-Up

Register By Mail

- Registration Must be Postmarked by March 31
- Signup sheet .pdf also available on our website.
- Sign-up for Match Play
- Tee Times will continue via signup sheets at the Pro Shop for the following weeks league night.
- Be an active member of the WGA! Choose a volunteer opportunity on this year's signup sheet.
- For a Hole-in-one shot on a league nine, the league and the course will provide a keg to help celebrate the event!

Spring Banquet for 65th Anniversary Season April 5th

Mark your calendars or set your cellphone reminders for 6PM to attend the Spring Banquet at the Waveland clubhouse. League sign up will again be done by mail. The board looked into the possibility of registering and paying dues via the web, but for 2016 a postmarked signup sheet remains the most cost effective and fair way to manage the membership. Please fill out and return the enclosed signup by Thursday, March 31, 2016. Due to the popularity of our league, in order to ensure your continued participation, you must have your signup sheet postmarked by the due date. If you have a team that you wish to be captain for, get with Rod Bullard, our League Chairman, at the Spring meeting and attend draft night on the 19th. The goal of the WGA is to

make our league experience enjoyable for all involved, which is why we hold a raffle at the Spring meeting. One free raffle ticket is issued to those attending the meeting, and extra raffle tickets can be purchased before the meeting. President Mike Rooney will again be presiding over the banquet, introducing the current board, the 2016 staff, and conducting raffle drawings. The meeting portion of the banquet is to start promptly at 7:00PM. The social hour will be from 6:00PM to 7:00PM. The league will again provide snacks, a keg of beer, and 65th Anniversary favors for all attendees. We look forward to everyone returning for the 2016 season.

Sign Up for 2016 Match Play!

A \$10 entry fee with your League mail-in registration at the Spring Banquet gets you in. Match play is limited to 64 players. Matches are paired at random for each side. Players arrange their own match times. (Matches do not have to be played on league night!). First round matches should be played by the end of week 3; subsequent matches are expected to be played within two weeks of the prior match. The Committee can declare forfeits for matches not played in a timely manner. Your WGA handicap at the time the match is played is used. Players should address questions before play starts and come to agreement, e.g., handicaps, which 9 is to be played, extended play in the event of a tie at the end of a match, etc. All entry fees go back as winner trophy and prize money. Match Play 2015 had a field of 60. Thanks to all participants. Congratulations to Jeff Crabtree for winning the 2015 Match Play event! Joe Finn placed second. Geoffrey Schumann and Steve Ballou were runners-up. Good luck to all 2016 match play entrants.

The WGA Club Championship Tournament

****Results are posted for a full year on the WGA website.****

Our WGA champion in 2015 was Ron Eads. Ron shot a 2 under par 70 and beat Charlie Triplett in a one hole playoff. Mr. Eads represented the WGA in Atlantic at the Tournament of Champions.

Thanks to strong participation our 5 net flight winners for 2015 were:

*Matt Cambell (1st Flight Net 59)
John Leahy (2nd Flight Net 67)
Derek Schultz (3rd Flight Net 69)
Jared Bane (4th Flight Net 72)
Joe Morris (5th Flight Net 75)*

Our champion and Flight winners also earned the right to represent the WGA in the IGA's Club Team Championships. Last year's IGA event was at Wakonda. This year's WGA team will be at Hyperion on October 3rd.

The WGA tournament will be held Sunday, July 31st.

Enter on the Signup sheet for \$20. See Greg Bentley or Clair Sumner if you have any questions.

The Skins Game

In an effort to simplify and speed up the check in process, the Skins games will only be available on a Prepaid for the Season basis. This worked well last year and we were able to provide carryover payouts! If you want in for the 18 week season, the option on the signup sheet will be your **only** opportunity to get in on the Skins games.

Less work for the league chairman and check-in staff, proven larger payouts, and there's no accidently forgetting to enter if you are a little late to the course. Gross and Net weekly winners are posted on the board. Winnings will still be a clubhouse credit to be used by the end of the calendar year.

Newsletter Information the Membership Needs to Know

Tee times for League night are done by signup sheet at the front desk for the following week. The first night of league has no tee times and is done on a first come first serve basis. After the first week, the sign up sheet will be available starting at 7AM Tuesday. In person signups will have priority over individuals calling in. A member may make a tee time for only one foursome. If you are trying to have your team play consecutive tee times, 3 individuals will need to be present to sign up. If your foursome is able to play earlier in the day, you will need to schedule that time through the front desk...and your fellow members appreciate your efforts to ease the congestion on Tuesday night!

There is a possibility that a 65th WGA Anniversary hat will be available thru the clubhouse. Paige was working out the details and rumor has it the hat will be \$27 and we will have to order a minimum of 75 hats. If there is enough interest, we may be taking orders for the hat at the spring banquet.

Please fill out the mini survey on the sign up sheet if you are interwsted in getting a hat, and answer to the best of your ability the questions, the league chairman has posed.

Rodd is going to try to split teams evenly on both sides with early golfers and league window golfers, again to try and eliminate the logjams at the starting tees that we have seen in the past. Thank you for your cooperation.

The President's Page

Welcome back the 65th edition of the Waveland Golf Association Men's League! Participation continues to exceed our target membership limit of 216 members for the league. To ensure your participation in the league, **you must have your signup sheet postmarked by the due date.** Remember, your membership in the WGA also makes you a member of the Iowa Golf Association (IGA) providing you many IGA benefits.

The board has decided handling the Skins games on a prepaid basis was an unmitigated success. This made league night check-in quicker for the membership, allowed for carry-overs (\$\$\$) and streamlined the process for the League Chairman and Treasurer. We will again try to squeeze in 18 weeks plus Fun Night for the upcoming 2016 season. See the enclosed schedule for the dates and which ones will be steak nights this year.

I would like to thank all the members who have made donations thru the signup sheet. Your donations continue to go back into the Waveland to help us improve your league night experience. The board decided to participate in the Des Moines Park and Rec bench program this year. We also continue to maintain the league flags for the flagpole and clock on number 10 Tee. The board always welcomes course improvement recommendations from the members for the members. So if you have an idea, be sure to share it with a board member for future consideration.

Harlan Watson, John (JB) Bircher, and Jan Post passed away in the off season. All were longtime WGA members. Harlan was on the Builders board and worked as a Waveland ranger after retiring, JB was the reason Sugar Creek now exists in Waukee, Jan was an active member and rightfully earned the "Event Planner" nickname from his golf buddies. All were great ambassadors for the game of golf and will be missed by their friends in the WGA.

I would like to offer my congratulations to last year's League Champions, "What Would Jack Do"; Match Play champion, Jeff Crabtree; and to Ron Eads for winning the WGA club championship. Thanks to all the WGA board members for their service and time during the offseason. I would like to thank Rod Bullard for his efforts last year and am please to announce his promotion from Junior Scorekeeper to League Chairman. I would also like to thank Rocky and the C-Corp staff for helping to keep the league running smoothly.

Hope to see everyone at the Spring Banquet and the beginning of the 65th year of the WGA!

Mike Rooney
President

2016 League Schedule

Date	Event
April 5	Spring Meeting 6 p.m.
April 19	Draft Night 6 p.m.
April 26	League Play
May 3	League Play-(Steak Night!)
May 10	League Play
May 17	League Play
May 24	League Play-(Steak Night!)
May 31	League Play
June 7	League Play
June 14	League Play
June 21	League Play-(Steak Night!)
End of First Half	
June 28	League Play
July 5	League Play
July 12	League Play-(Steak Night!)
July 19	League Play
July 26	League Play
July 31	***WGA Club Tournament***
August 2	League Play-(Steak Night!)
August 9	League Play
August 16	League Play
August 23	League Play-(Steak Night!)
August 30	Rain Date
End of Second Half	
September 6	Playoff/Fun Night
September 13	Fall Banquet and Elections

Local Rules and Information Handout

Starting in 2014, the board voted to allow members age 65 and over to play from the GOLD tees. Otherwise, USGA Rules are in effect with the following exceptions:

Preferred Lies and Winter Rules exist for adverse conditions, including the poor condition of the course or the existence of mud. The Committee may decide to grant relief by temporary Local Rule either to protect the course or to promote fair and pleasant play. The Local Rule should be withdrawn as soon as the conditions warrant.

The WGA plays a modified "Winter Rules" throughout the season. A player may move the ball within one club length no nearer the hole ONLY WHEN THE BALL IS IN THE PLAYER'S OWN FAIRWAY!!! The ball is to be played down in the rough. Also, a hole is completed when a putt is holed out. The Board understands the desire to facilitate pace of play, but has voted to retain this rule and not allow "gimmes". These are the rules most of us already play by, but we get new players every year.

LEAGUE IS SCORED with 2 divisions, 9 teams per division, 12 players per team. On league night, teams play against all other teams. The low 7 net scores per team are used. Teams get 3 points for every team they beat and one point for a tie. Teams get 1 point for each team member that posts a score on a league scorecard that is received in the WGA box on league night (show-up points). The maximum points per that a team could receive on league night is 57 (45 for beating 15 teams plus 12 show-up points). Subs do not count for show-up points. Winning teams in both divisions after the first half of league play will play the winners of the second half on Playoff night to determine the league champions. Winners of the first half can't win the second half. HANDICAPS are based on the best three nine hole league scores out of the last five posted. New player handicaps are established after the first nine hole score. We will use the USGA Equitable Stroke Control System.

Nine Hole League Handicap-----Maximum Strokes on any Hole

4 or less	Double Bogey
5 thru 9	7
10 thru 14	8
15 thru 19	9
20 or more	10

RAINOUPS - As long as the course allows play, there will be league. If you start your round and the course closes, be sure to turn in your cards! We will handicap the holes not played so you and your team will get credit.



THE PRINCIPAL CHARITY CLASSIC

MAY 31 - JUNE 5

WAKONDA CLUB - DES MOINES



The Waveland Golf Association will provide marshals on Hole #12 during the Principal Charity Classic to be held at the Wakonda Country Club. This year the event runs from May 31st thru June 5th. Joe Finn and Dave Spiering continue to organize our volunteer effort as our 2016 hole captains. The Volunteer Package for 2016 is to include the following:

- One PCC logo PUMA Golf Shirt (Valued at \$60)
- One PCC logo PUMA Jacket/Windshirt (Valued at \$85)
- Choice of Golf Cap or Sport Visor (Valued at \$20)
- Volunteer/Marshall Badge = FREE admission (Valued at \$100)
- Designated Volunteer Parking & Shuttle service
- Meal Voucher on Workdays (Valued at \$10/day)
- Volunteer Party (Valued at \$0-???, beer and food in limited supply)
- Five (5) Good-Any-One-Day tickets for family and friends (Valued at \$75)

The value of this package is over \$350 and can be yours for just \$85 dollars. The application states that because the Classic operates as a 501(c)3 your volunteer fee is tax deductible.

Volunteers of The Principal Charity Classic will park in a designated area of Water Works Park(weather permitting). Dedicated (volunteer only) shuttles will transport volunteers to the volunteer only entrance conveniently located near Volunteer Headquarters and the driving range on the south side of the golf course. Volunteer shuttles will run on a continuous basis beginning at various times each day and ending approximately one hour after the final event of the day concludes. The volunteer shuttle hours will be determined to accommodate all early and late working shifts. Approximate Shuttle hours:

- Tuesday 6:45 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday 5:15 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
- Thursday 5:15 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
- Friday 6:15 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
- Saturday 6:15 a.m.-6:15 p.m.
- Sunday 6:15 a.m.-6:15 p.m.

The PCC prefers signup be done online at <http://principalcharityclassic.com> and in order to do so ALL volunteers must recreate a user account (last years's account and signon won't work). Hardcopy forms will be available from Joe Finn at the WGA Spring Banquet if you don't want to mess with the website.

Help the WGA continue to support golf in Iowa! Volunteer today!