

THE WAVE

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League Sign-Up

Register by Mail

- Pre-Registration Must be Postmarked by March 27
- Sign-up for Match Play on now by mail
- Tee Times will continue via signup sheets at the Pro Shop for the following weeks league night.
- Please answer survey questions so your board may better serve you!
- Hole-in-one during league play still worth \$100.00 (Traditionally used to buy a keg to celebrate the event!)

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WGA Men's League Spring Meeting set for Tuesday, April 7th

President Dave Spiering will call the business meeting to order promptly at 7:00 PM.

We again will be registering for the league by mail. This process has proven to be an efficient and fair way to manage the membership.

Your application must be post-marked by Friday, March 27th and is included in this newsletter. Remember the league has a limit of 192 active playing memberships (16 teams with a dozen players per team). Team captains will be selected at the meeting.

League Association dues are again \$55 per year. This provides a USGA handicap to

members and many opportunities to win Pro Shop credit.

The agenda will address many issues that occurred during the offseason as well as the WGA Board efforts to prepare for the upcoming year. One free raffle ticket will be issued the night of the meeting, and as always, extra raffle tickets can be purchased before the meeting for the infamous raffle.

No one goes home empty-handed as the board again has voted to provide a gift for attending as well as refreshments and snacks.

Sign Up for 2009 Match Play

Match Play is intended to be FUN! The WGA offers an opportunity to compete in a format that gives you a chance to win even if you have that "one bad hole" in a round, and to meet and play against other league players. Like regular league play, Match Play uses the handicap established during league play. A \$10 entry fee gets you a chance to win \$340.

The Match Play committee pairs the first matches at random. Players are expected to arrange their own match times (matches do not have to be played on league night). First round matches should be completed by the end of week 3. Subsequent matches should be played within 2 weeks. If matches are not played in a reasonable time, the Committee will decide which player advances.

Players need to address any questions about side played, handicaps, or extended play in the event of a tie before play begins. All entry fees are paid out in Pro Shop credit to the top 4 finishers.

No Congratulations to a 2008 champion as match play did not complete in 2008. The board regrets to inform the finalists that we will announce the winner during the Spring Banquet.

2008 WGA Tournament

Congratulations to Dave Carlson for winning the 2008 WGA Club Tournament. Kevin Vollestedt represented the WGA at the Tournament of Champions and earned a return trip to next year's tournament with some excellent play. First flight winner was Doug Schweitzer closely followed by Jack Huff.

Our second flight winner was David Spiering and the third flight winner was Joe Finn. (Editor's thanks to Sean Kane and Mark McMahon for tracking this bit of info down on their computer system.)

As always the WGA provided for the winner's attendance at the State Tournament of Champions in Atlantic, IA. And this past fall, our four flight winners participated in the 3rd Annual IGA Club Team Championships at Sunnyside Country Club in Waterloo, IA.

The Board

We look forward to another exciting year of golf in one of the largest nine-hole leagues in the nation.

For 2009 our President is Dave Spiering, Vice-President is Mark Rooney, and League Chairman is Chuck Hensley. All board members are listed on the WGA website which is:

<http://www.wavelandga.com>

Email links to your board have been posted there, as well as when a board member's term expires. To schedule an online tee time at the Wave, go to the course website which currently is:

<http://www.golfwavelandgc.com>

Chip In By Chuck

Welcome all to another golf season at "The Wave". This year brings some changes and transitions to not only our league but also to our Waveland, some good and, well, you can be the judge. One thing we are going to try this year is to get more league information on the Waveland web site. Hopefully everything that gets posted weekly on the board will also be available on our web page. We will have more on this at the spring banquet. Another change (actually we tried this last year) is instead of having a Division One and a Division Two we have one division with odd and even teams. This really changes nothing for the players but it makes it easier to calculate the weekly scoring and payouts. This is not new, but an ongoing problem, after this year's league draft any player that wants to change teams will have to contact his team captain so we can make the trade. More on this at the league draft and spring "Tee Off" banquet. Have fun this year and remember—Never Up, Never In.

Thank You,
Chuck Hensley (your friendly league chairman)

2009 WGA Scratch/Handicap - July 26

This years WGA Scratch/Handicap tournament will be held on Sunday July 26th. This will be a one day event for all registered members of the WGA.

To establish an 18-hole handicap for this tournament, we will double the member's league handicap as of Tuesday July 21st. That number (rounded up) will be handicap used for this tournament.

This 18-hole handicap will be applied to the golfer's gross score giving a net score that will be used prior to determining flights. The number of flights will be based on number of entries. **Please note – we will also pay an equal number of places based on the gross score, equal to the number of places paid out in the handicap flights.**

As in the past, the golfer (or alternate) with the low gross score will represent the WGA in the Tournament of Champions in Atlantic, IA. Our WGA 2008 Titlelist was Dave Carlson. Dave was unable to attend the Tournament of Champions, so runner-up Kevin Vollstedt represented Waveland. Kevin, Thank You and Congratulations again!!

Plaques will be awarded to the low scratch champion and the handicap champion. Awards will be presented immediately after the event along with burgers and beer. Keep July 26th open .

Volunteers Needed !

The Waveland Golf Association will once again be responsible for marshalling Hole #8 at the Principal Charity Classic held at Glen Oaks Country Club. The Tournament will be held May 26th thru May 31st this year. Joe Finn and Mark Rooney will be organizing our volunteer effort for hole captain Dave Spiering

The Volunteer Package includes :

- 1 - Logo shirt
- 1 - Logo Windshirt
- 1 - Logo Golf Cap
- Marshall's Badge (admits all week)
- Free parking and Shuttle to course
- 5 Good any day passes to give to whomever you choose
- Lunch on volunteer days
- Admission to the Volunteer Party

The value of this package is over \$300 and can be yours for just \$75 dollars. Volunteers have been known to find a few lost ball souvenirs out on number 8, while spotting for players during the Pro-Am and Tournament. Signup can be done now online, or forms will be available at the WGA Spring Banquet.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Welcome to a new year at the Waveland Golf Course. We have a lot to look forward to this year. As you can all see, we have changed the sign-up sheet to lesson our work at the Spring Banquet. First, our sign-up sheet allows you to sign up for Match Play. All Match Play monies are given back to the top four competitors and the Match Play committee—Terry Melton and Jeff Schrader—have pledged to keep up on contestants and make sure it is complete by our Fall Banquet.

- The second change allows you to sign up for our Handicap Tournament. Besides sending the winner on the scratch side to Atlantic, the winners in the other flights will receive a round of golf in the club championship held at a great course somewhere in Iowa. The WGA kicks in money for this tournament which makes it a must for our members.
- For your \$55 registration fee, you will receive membership in the Iowa Golf Association. The Association holds sanctioned tournaments throughout Iowa and would like involvement. You will also receive your GHIN handicap figured through the Clubhouse. Next time you are in, thank Bob and his staff for keeping up on it. To avoid increasing the registration fee, we have added a column for monetary donations to fund our pet projects. Some ideas for this year's projects are solar lighting for our sign between the 15th green and the 16th tee box, and lighting our flagpole so we can fly Old Glory next to our WGA flag. We are also considering colored concrete for our Waveland sign to make it permanent. If anyone has any additional ideas for improvements, please let me or a Board member know, and we will discuss it at our next meeting. Please feel free to donate as little or as much as you would like—we love to make Waveland beautiful.
- The other thing WGA is trying out this year is a new tournament. The tournament would be 18-holes in Ryder Cup format; six-hole alternate, six-hole best shot and six-hole best ball. You will need a partner for this tournament. We are excited about it, and we would like to get our membership's interest. It would be scheduled late in the year in connection with the PGA Ryder Cup.
- This year we have a new website manager, Mike Rooney. Mike has made it his priority to keep the website updated. The site will include weekly scores, standings, league play events and event result. If you have suggestions or comments, please let Mike know. Thanks, Mike.
- If anyone is interested in volunteering at the Principal Charity Classic this spring, please contact either Joe Finn or Dave Spiering. We have a great time shagging balls and greeting the pros; this will be our ninth year. We always welcome new volunteers. It is a great way to get the WGA and Waveland's name out there.
- As always, we will have four steak nights. It is great time to meet the members and enjoy a good steak, along with free beer.

In closing, I would like to thank our board members for their outstanding participation during the offseason. Chairman Chuck Hensley has done a lot of work. Thank you from all of us, Chuck. Also, thanks to Mark Leachman for keeping our records up to date, and to our vice president and your next president, Mark Rooney, for his help in scheduling and for being the best note keeper in history. To all others who take their time to help out and be part of our 200+ member 50-year tradition at the Waveland Golf Course, thank you. If you get a moment, thank Dana Vanscoy and her wonderful staff for making our club enjoyable, including affordable beer and super food. We thank all the staff at Waveland and look forward to an awesome 2009 season.

See you all at the spring banquet

Sincerely, Dave Spiering

WGA League Rules

USGA Rules apply with these Local Rules:

Pace of play to be maintained with the group ahead.

Play will be from the WHITE TEES.

A hole is not complete until a shot/putt has been holed!

Play must be from the proper side and signed scorecard submitted to be counted towards league play.

A player may play his ball up in his OWN fairway, no closer to the hole and no more than one club length.

All balls will be played down in the rough.

All score cards shall have first and last player names and team name or number.

Only league cards in the WGA box will be counted.

Read the bulletin board weekly. That is the source for all league information. Visit the WGA website www.wavelandga.com for additional information.

REPAIR ALL BALL MARKS ON GREENS AND REPLACE/FILL ALL DIVOTS!

WAVELAND GOLF ASSOCIATION

Waveland Golf Association
4908 University Ave.
Des Moines, IA 50311

Waveland Golf Course

Home of the Des Moines Men's & Women's City Golf Championships
Notable Achievements: Oldest Public Golf Course West Of the Mississippi River
Celebrated 100 Years of Golf in 2001

Pro Shop Staff

Bob Vanscoy, Director of Golf and PGA member
Sean Kane, Assistant Golf Professional and PGA member
Mark McMahon, Assistant Golf Professional
Cory Brown, Assistant Golf Professional
Austin Leachman, Assistant Golf Professional

Snack Shop Staff

Dana Vanscoy, Food & Beverage Manager
Martha Reuter, Snack Shop Manager
Amy Vollstedt, Snack Shop Assistant

The Waveland golf course staff is committed to give you, our customers, the highest standard of customer service. The Golf Shop at Waveland offers you, quality merchandise at fair competitive prices. We carry a great selection of clothing and accessories for your golfing needs. We can set up your golf outing from start to finish, with the professional touches that you have come to expect. Give us a call to schedule your next outing.

The Snack Shop at Waveland offers you the best in quality food and beverages in the Des Moines area. We offer a wide variety of choices from sandwiches to steaks.

We can also host your companies Christmas party, employee appreciation parties and meetings for your company. Call Dana Vanscoy to set up your next company or social function.

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WGA 2009 League Schedule

APRIL 7	SPRING BANQUET 6:00 SIGN UP 7:00 MEETING
APRIL 14	DRAFT NIGHT – 6 PM
APRIL 28	LEAGUE NIGHT BEGINS
MAY 5	LEAGUE NIGHT
MAY 12	LEAGUE NIGHT
MAY 19	LEAGUE NIGHT – STEAK NIGHT
MAY 26	LEAGUE NIGHT
JUNE 2	LEAGUE NIGHT
JUNE 9	LEAGUE NIGHT
JUNE 16	LEAGUE NIGHT
JUNE 18, 19, 20 & 21 – DES MOINES MEN'S CITY TOURNAMENT	
JUNE 23	LEAGUE NIGHT
JUNE 30	LEAGUE NIGHT – STEAK NIGHT
END OF FIRST HALF/START OF 2 ND HALF	
JULY 7	LEAGUE NIGHT
JULY 14	LEAGUE NIGHT
JULY 21	LEAGUE NIGHT – STEAK NIGHT
JULY 26 WGA TOURNAMENT	
JULY 28	LEAGUE NIGHT
AUGUST 4	LEAGUE NIGHT
AUGUST 11	LEAGUE NIGHT
AUGUST 18	RAIN DATE ~ IF NECESSARY
AUGUST 25	PLAYOFF NIGHT
SEPTEMBER 14	FALL BANQUET – STEAK NIGHT ELECTION NIGHT