



# The WGA Club Championship Tournament

The results of the 2012 tournament were posted after the tournament on the WGA website.

Congratulations go out to Larry Hodges, who shot a 72 and won against Phil Hodges, who also shot a 72. The league champion earns the right to represent the WGA in the Tournament of League Champions held in Atlantic, Iowa.

Our flight winners this past year were:

- Jeff Fleming (1st Flight)
- Ron Eads (2nd Flight)
- Cory Schultes (3rd Flight)
- Greg Bentley (4th Flight)

Flight winners also earn the right to represent the WGA as team in the Iowa Golf Association's Club Team Championships. Last year's event was at Echo Valley. This year's event will be at Hyperion on September 30th.

This year's WGA tournament will be held Sunday, July 28th. The championship division is determined by low gross score. The remaining flights are net scores using your league handicap. Enter on the signup sheet and prepare for a great day of golf!

# Revisiting the Rules of League Play

USGA Rules are in effect with the following exceptions:

"Preferred Lies and Winter Rules for adverse conditions, including the poor condition of the course or the existence of mud, are sometimes so general, particularly during winter months, that 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 The Local Rule should be withdrawn as soon as the conditions warrant."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 "gimmies".

If you have any questions, or need to report observed discrepancies, please contact me.

Your Friendly League Chairman, Chuck Hensley

## Chip in by Chuck

Hello fellow golfers! Another golf season is about to begin. In addition to explaining the workings of the league, I have also provided the above article concerning the Rules of Play. These are the rules most of us already play by, but we get new players every year. LEAGUE IS SCORED with 2 divisions, 8 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 not win the second half. HANDICAPS are based on 90% of our last three nine hole league scores using the lowest two. 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.

# Principal Charity Classic Update

The Waveland Golf Association will provide marshals on Hole #12 during the Principal Charity Classic to be held for the first time at Wakonda Country Club. This year the event runs from May 28th thru June 2nd. Joe Finn and Dave Spiering continue to organize our volunteer effort as our 2013 hole captains. The Volunteer Package will include:

Two Orange Adidas Climalite Tech Golf Shirt (Valued at \$120)

Choice of Sage 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 \$50)

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)

\*Black jackets/windshirts with PCC logo may worn from prior year's volunteer package

The value of this package is over \$350 and can be yours for just \$75 dollars.

Volunteers of The Principal Charity Classic will park in a designated area of water Works Park. 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.

Signup can be done online at <http://principalcharityclassic.com>, or hardcopy forms will be available from Joe Finn at the WGA Spring Banquet.

## Builders Board Improvements

Your donation dollars (as designated on the signup sheet) have gone towards, and continue to be spent on items to improve the course and promote the WGA. The WGA pays for flags and flag maintenance for the pole at 15 green. We will again provide financial support for the beautification project provided to the course by Kim and Jim Lightner.

This year, we are fixing and replacing yardage tags on the sprinkler heads that the WGA first provided to the course many years ago. And we may have WGA logo tee markers during league this year. DO NOT vent your poor shot anger out on these helpless markers!!! More improvements to be announced at the banquet...

## Man killed on Arizona course

A foursome of gentlemen were waiting at the senior teebox, while a foursome of women were hitting from the forward tee. The ladies were not rushing and took their time. When the final lady teed up, she said to her foursome, "I hope my lessons in the offseason payoff!" She hacked it ten feet. Then she went over and whiffed it completely. Then she hacked it another ten feet and finally hacked it another five feet. She went over to the patiently waiting men and said apologetically, "I guess all those f~cking lessons I took over the winter didn't help." One old man immediately responded, "Well, there you have it. You should have taken golf lessons instead!" He never had a chance to duck. He was only 66.

# A Golfer's Story...But A Real Life Lesson For Us All

\* an excerpt from a book called, "Extraordinary Golf" by Fred Shoemaker.\*

I can't play golf anymore. I tried to swing the club the other day, but my body wouldn't cooperate. The best I can do now is sometimes take walks on the course, but my eyes aren't as good as they used to be so I don't see much. I have a lot of time to sit and think now, and I often think about the game. It was my favorite game. I played most of my adult life. Thousands of rounds, thousands of hours practicing. As I look back, I guess I had a pretty good time at it. But now that I can't do it anymore, I wish I had done it differently.

It's funny, but with all the time I spent playing golf, I never thought I was a real golfer. I never felt good enough to really belong out there. It doesn't make much sense, since I scored better than average and a lot of people envied my game, but I always felt that if I was just a little better or a little more consistent, then I'd feel really good. I'd be satisfied with my game. But I never was. It was always "One of these days I'll get it" or "One day I'll get there" and now here I am. I can't play anymore, and I never got there.

I met a whole lot of different people out on the course. That was one of the best things about the game. But aside from my regular partners and a few others, I don't feel like I got to know many of those people very well. I know they didn't really get to know me. At times they probably didn't want to. I was pretty occupied with my own game most of the time and didn't have much time for anyone else, especially if I wasn't playing well.

So why am I writing you this letter anyway, just to complain? Not really. Like I said, my golfing experience wasn't that bad. But it could have been so much better, and I see that so clearly now. I want to tell you, so you can learn from it. I don't want you getting to my age and feeling the same regrets I'm feeling now.

I wish, I wish. Sad words, I suppose, but necessary. I wish I could have played the game with more joy, more freedom. I was always so concerned with "doing it right" that I never seemed to be able to enjoy just doing it at all. I was so hard on myself, never satisfied, always expecting more. Who was I trying to please? Certainly not myself, because I never did. If there were people whose opinions were important enough to justify all that self-criticism, I never met them.

I wish I could have been a better playing partner. I wasn't a bad person to be with, really, but I wish I had been friendlier and gotten to know people better. I wish I could have laughed and joked more and given people more encouragement. I probably would have gotten more from them, and I would have loved that. There were a few bad apples over the years, but most of the people I played with were friendly, polite, and sincere. They really just wanted to make friends and have a good time. I wish I could have made more friends and had a better time.

I'm inside a lot now and I miss the beauty of the outdoors. For years when I was golfing I walked through some of the most beautiful places on earth, and yet I don't feel I really saw them. Beautiful landscapes, trees, flowers, animals, the sky, and the ocean – how could I have missed so much? What was I thinking of that was so important – my grip, my back swing, my stance? Sure, I needed to think about those sometimes, but so often as to be oblivious to so much beauty? And all the green – the wonderful, deep, lush color of green! My eyes are starting to fail. I wish I had used them better so I would have more vivid memories now.

So what is it that I'm trying to say? I played the type of game that I thought I should play, to please the type of people that I thought I should please. But it didn't work. My game was mine to play, but I gave it away. It's a wonderful game. Please, don't lose yours. Play a game that you want to play. Play a game that gives you joy and satisfaction and makes you a better person to your family and friends. Play with enthusiasm, play with freedom. Appreciate the beauty of nature and the people around you. Realize how lucky you are to be able to do it. All too soon your time will be up, and you won't be able to play anymore. Play a game that enriches your life. Best wishes . . . don't waste a minute of golf . . . someday it will be gone!

## The President's Page

Another golf season is upon us! Welcome back for what will be another great year for the Waveland Golf Association men's league!

League dues remain the same as last season. The \$60.00 registration fee gets you membership in the Waveland Golf Association and the Iowa Golf Association (IGA). As in years past, your IGA membership includes the following:

- Full access to the IGA Member Advantage Program
- Ability to post scores and lookup USGA Handicap Indexes™ online
- eRevisions (a personalized email sent on revision days with your updated index and IGA news)
- IGA Championships eligibility (also USGA Qualifiers)
- Eligibility to earn Player of the Year and Senior Player of the Year Points from sanctioned point events (i.e. Iowa Masters, Lake Creek Amateur, the Herman Sani, Ottumwa Amateur, etc)
- IGA eNewsletters
- Hole-in-One Recognition
- Discounts to Hole-in-One U.S.A. (for any member who wishes to offer Hole-in-One prizes for events, outings,

tournaments, etc.) For more information on these benefits, see the IGA website at: [WWW.IOWAGOLF.ORG](http://WWW.IOWAGOLF.ORG)

With exceptionally strong participation in the league last year, the board has decided to continue with the extended season 18-week format for the upcoming 2013 season. See the enclosed scheduled for the dates. We have also decided to hold seven steak nights this year as they were well attended last season. The WGA still provides your first two beers on a steak night.

You will also notice that we retained the option for monetary donations to fund league and course improvements on the Signup sheet. All proceeds collected are put towards course improvements to benefit the league and golf course. New projects are underway, and we will continue to look for areas that we can improve both the league and the course. The board welcomes improvement recommendations from the members for the members. So if you have an idea, write it on the back of your signup sheet or share it with a board member for future consideration.

Like in past years, I highly recommend entering the WGA club championship and Match play tournaments. It is through these tournaments that the WGA is able to return money back to its members via prizes and pro shop credit. The Match play tournament pays out 100% of the entry fees in winnings and trophy. The WGA adds to the prize fund of the WGA club championship. In addition, the league will sponsor entries to the Tournament of Champions and the IGA Team championship for our flight winners. Congratulations to last year's league champions! The Fuzzy Smellers for winning the league, Larry Hodges for winning the WGA club championship, and Randy Gist for winning Match Play. Way to go!

Our Website Manager, Mike Rooney has made it a priority to keep our website updated. I would like to thank him and our League Chairman Chuck Hensley for their efforts in posting the weekly team scores and standings. Our website can be found at [www.wavelandga.com](http://www.wavelandga.com) and has the league schedule and results of prior events. I would also like to thank all of the board members for their invaluable help in the offseason. Special thanks to Chuck Hensley for again serving as league chairman. Chuck does an outstanding job of keeping track of our league scoring, handicaps and skin events. And extra special thanks to Jim Calvert for his efforts in finding advertisers for the teebox monuments last year.

I would also like to thank Rocky and the other C-Corp members that do such a great job in helping to keep the league running smoothly. To all others who take their time to help and be part of our 60+ year tradition at Waveland Golf Course, Thank you.

Hope to see everyone at the spring banquet.

Jeff Crabtree  
President