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Tentative Meeting April 6th

Signup Now Online!!!

League Sign-Up

Register Online

- Registration Must be Submitted by March 29
- Online Signup only!
- Tee Times will be online and the link will be emailed weekly for next week's league night
- Be an active member of the WGA! Play in the WGA tournament, sign up for match play, be a skins player, make use of the GHIN system.
- For a Hole-in-one shot on a league nine, the league and the course will provide a keg to help celebrate the event!

Our intention is to hold a spring meeting 6PM on April 6th at the Waveland clubhouse if COVID restrictions have been lifted by that time. League sign up will again be done online. The email containing this newsletter has your link allowing you to register and pay dues via the internet. This saves postage costs and many hours of work for the Treasurer and the League Chairman. Signup must be submitted by Monday, March 29, 2021. Due to the popularity of our league, in order to ensure your continued participation, you must have your signup submitted by the due date. Team captains need to get with Cory Schultes, WGA League Chairman, at the Spring meeting and attend draft night on April 13th at the clubhouse.

The goal of the WGA board is to

make our league experience enjoyable for all involved, so we hold a raffle at the Spring meeting. One free raffle ticket is given to attendees, and extra raffle tickets can be purchased at the meeting. Our new returning president, Max Sickles, will again be presiding over the meeting, introducing our WGA board, the 2021 Waveland 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 a 70th Anniversary attendance gift. If the meeting cannot be held due to COVID, those signing up will be notified.

LETTER FROM THE LEAGUE CHAIRMAN

We take improvement for our league experience one season at a time. Last year we went completely electronic in that scores were submitted via our golf league app or Txt/Pic submissions of your scorecards. This will again be the case as this year the scorecard box will be removed. An addition this year is the use of the White/Gold combo tees. This is for those players that would prefer a shorter course length but are not yet 65 years of age. The White/Gold combo

tees while recommended for players over 50 that may have higher handicaps or shorter overall length in their shots are available to any member to establish their league handicap. The goal of this decision is to improve speed of play. Declaring for these new tee sets occur during league signup. Once you declare your tees, you are expected to play from those same tees every week. Leading up to the start of the season we could see changes

to our tee time reservation method. Any changes from last year will be emailed to our league members so they are ready to reserve and PLAY! There is a wealth of information on our web page www.wavelandga.com/FAQ so check it out to get up to speed on our league.

See you on the course!

Cory Schultes
league.chairman@wavelandga.com

The WGA Club Championship Tournament

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

Our WGA champion for 2020 was Sam Pieczynski. Sam shot a one under par 71 which was the only red number posted in the open division. Sam again represented the WGA at the three day Tournament of Champions in Atlantic, Iowa. The Committee would like to thank the membership for continued strong participation in our tournament. Steve Bass won the other top prize as the WGA Net Champion for 2020 with a net 64. Our net flight winners for 2020 were:

**Chris Osborn (1st Flight)
Justin Quinn (2nd Flight)
Max Sickles (3rd Flight)
Vince Castillo (Gross Champion - Gold Tees)
Bob Cochran (Net Champion - Gold Tees)
KC Abbott (1st Flight - Gold Tees)
Bill Fleischacker (2nd Flight - Gold Tees)**

The annual WGA League Tournament has been scheduled for Sunday, July 25th. The tournament committee will apply the following local rules to 2021 participants:

- **The tournament will be pre-flighted**
- **Current league 9-hole handicap* as of tournament week (x 2)**
- **USGA GHIN handicap only if a 9-hole handicap has not been established**
- **No league or GHIN handicap plays as scratch**
- **Your handicap will still be applied within your flight**
- **The 4 low net scores (regardless of flight) will be selected to go to the IGA Team Club Championship**
- **Flights will be determined by the committee chairs according to number of entrants and handicaps.**
- **All ties will be determined by card count back.**
- **Will have a Scratch/Gross Champion**
- **Will have a Handicap/Net Champion (regardless of flight)**
- **Will have great payouts with many flights.**
- **Will still have the same great day**

Reasons for Local Rules

- **You will be playing against other members with similar handicaps**
- **Rewards playing your best golf on tournament day**
- o **Eliminates the "luck of the draw" used in previous years**
- o **A golfer with a lower handicap can't have a bad day and win money**
- **Will form the best team to represent the WGA in the State tournament**

2021 USGA Rules will be in effect for the tournament with the exception of playng your ball up in your own fairway. Additional exceptions may be instituted by the committee depending on course conditions at tournament time.

***Takes a minimum of 3 league rounds to establish 9-hole handicap. ??? see Greg Bentley or Clair Sumner.**

Sign Up for 2021 Match Play!

A \$10 entry fee with your League registration or at the Spring Banquet gets you in. Match play is limited to 64 players. The Match Play Committee pairs the first match at random. Players are expected to promptly arrange their own match times. (Matches do not have to be played on league night!) If you have a problem setting up your match, please call Dave Spiering or Cory Schultes. Their number will be posted on the board bracket sheet. First round matches should be completed by the end of week 3; subsequent matches are expected to be played within two weeks of the prior match. The winner of each match is responsible for posting the win on the Match Play bracket sheet. If matches are not played in a reasonable time, the Match Play Committee will contact both players to get the match played or will declare a forfeit as appropriate.

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 prize money.

Match Play 2020 had a field of 50. Thanks to all who participated. Dave Spiering was our 2020 winner, with Joe Pieczynski finishing second, and Max Sickles and Jake Dennis as runners-up.

The Match Play Committee and the WGA wish all 2021 participants good luck and look forward to the competition being completed before the league ends this year.

The Skins Game

In an ongoing effort to simplify and speed up the check in process on league nights, the Skins games will only be available on a Prepaid for the Season basis. This entry method has worked well the last few of years and allows the WGA to provide some much larger carryover payouts! If you want in for the 18 week season, the online signup option will be your **only** opportunity to get in on the Skins games. One dollar per week for Gross and Net Skins for a grand total of \$36 will give you the chance to get your name posted as a weekly winner on the board. Winnings are paid as clubhouse credit to be used by the end of the calendar year. Be sure your scores are posted via the cellphone software application the WGA now uses and watch your winnings grow on the money list our League Chairman and Website manager provide. Just like the lottery, you can't win if you don't play. It just takes one really good hole or a high handicap to win. Go low!

The President's Page

Welcome to any new members and welcome back to all returning members of the Waveland Golf Association. As one of the largest public links mens leagues playing Tuesday evenings for 18 weeks in the summer, I'd like to start by thanking all of our WGA Board members whose hard work allows the WGA to hopefully provide an enjoyable golf experience to our membership. As we all look forward to another season of golf, I would like to highlight some of the things we can expect for 2021.

- **ONLINE ENROLLMENT and SCORECARD SUBMISSION** - This newsletter is attached to an email you received inviting you to signup for our league. ***Please take advantage of the variety of signup options which allow the league to provide monetary prizes for you the members.*** The phone app for our league is through GolfSoftware.com. Please download it and get with League Chairman Cory Schultes to provide you with a user id and initial password. This phone app scorecard submission vastly reduces the man hours required to manage such a large league if for no other reason than eliminating illegible handwriting.

- **PACE of PLAY** - The WGA averages over 175 players per league night, so we must play ready golf!! The pace of play is a common complaint issue received by the board. Please be respectful of other and keep up with the group in front of you. Early and late in the season can be especially challenging for the late tee times to finish before dark. I know it can be difficult for our members still in the workforce, but please be ready to play at your tee time or you may have to be worked in at the starter's discretion, which could make you one of the late tee times!

- **TEE BOXES and HANDICAPS** - This year the Waveland should be getting rerated by the IGA for the USGA GHIN handicap system because of new tee boxes on 3 and 6. The WGA will request placement of the tee boxes for league to match the USGA rating for that color of tee i.e. white, white/gold, gold. Hopefully that will eliminate any perceived inconsistencies from last year.

- **COURSE IMPROVEMENTS** - Last year's big improvement provided by WGA donation dollars was the replacement of the staircase up to #4 tee box. We hope to add a plaque/sign indicating as much. The board has chosen to replace the safety mirror on 12 tee box in the offseason and again supply a donor recognition plaque.

Lastly, I would like to thank all the mebers of the Wavelend staff that work hard to provide our league with such a fabulous golf facility and all of its wonderful amenities. They did a great job of keeping us safe and keeping us playing in 2020 with COVID on the loose. Hopefully, we can all get our shots soon and get back to a regular season with steak nights!

Max Sichel
President

THE PRINCIPAL CHARITY CLASSIC

June 1st- June 6th

WAKONDA CLUB - DES MOINES



The Waveland Golf Association provides marshals on Hole #12 during the Principal Charity Classic, a premier local fund raising event on the Champions Tour. This year the event runs from June 1st through June 6th. Hole captains Joe Finn and Dave Spiering will continue to organize our volunteer effort for 2021. Volunteers are expected to work at least a minimum of two six-hour shifts.

An online registration is required again this year. The volunteer package will be shipped directly to the volunteer. New Cutter and Buck navy uniforms will require khaki pants or shorts. The fee for this year's volunteer package is \$59.00. The Volunteer Package for 2021 includes the following:

- (1) Polo and (1) Hat or Visor (Valued at \$59)
- Volunteer/Marshall Badge = FREE admission (Valued at \$35/day)
- Designated Volunteer Parking & Shuttle service
- Meals, snacks, and beverages on Workdays (Valued at \$15/day)
- Volunteer Party (Valued ???, beer and food usually in limited supply)
- Two Gallery Good-Any-One-Day tickets for family and friends (Valued at \$70)

This package has an estimated value of between \$235 to \$410 and can be yours for just \$59 dollars. Additional uniform items and tickets may be purchased at time of registration. Jackets from previous years (current logo preferred) may be worn. The application states that because the Classic operates as a 501(c)3, your volunteer fee is tax deductible.

Volunteers park in a designated area at the west side of Southridge Mall. Shuttles will transport volunteers to the entrance. Approximate Shuttle hours are:

- 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>. If you have an ID and password from last year, it will not work! You will need to recreate an account to volunteer. The process has you select 3 unique volunteer assignments. Choose Marshals Hole 12, Marshals, and Marshals Hole 11. The last two are irrelevant, but are required to complete the signup process.

Help the WGA continue to support golf in Iowa -- Volunteer Today !!!

WGA Local Rules

For 2021 the board voted to allow members to choose between the white tees or the white/gold combo as shown on regular Waveland scorecards, for those age 65 and over the gold tees are a third option.

Current USGA Rules are in effect with the following exceptions:

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 normally is to be played down in the rough. During wet and muddy conditions, the ball will be played up through the hole and a player may clean it before placing it. The waterway between 3 and 7 and the 6 tee box are Ground Under Repair providing a free drop at your nearest point of relief. As always, 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" or "mulligans". These are the rules most of us already play by, but the league gets new players every year.

Penalty Areas - Rule 17

Penalty areas are not always marked on the course. Forest areas where grass is cut higher than the rough cut is generally considered a penalty area. A proper drop must now be made from knee height into a relief area. You may exchange your ball at this time for any reason. See rules book on how to take complete relief.

Out of Bounds – Local Rule

For out of bounds (#1, left on #7, #9, #14, #15, #16), place the ball in the fairway adjacent to where the ball last crossed the OB line and take 2 shot penalty i.e. laying 3 hitting 4. This may save time versus going back and hitting third shot from the tee. If hitting a provisional, be prepared to identify it from the original ball in play. Also, a provisional may be hit and still be considered a provisional to speed play. Example - first shot with driver suspected OB, provisional hit shorter with 3-iron. Provisional can be hit, then 1st shot 3 minute search can begin. In all cases, intentions for a provisional must be communicated to fellow player(s)/competitor(s) or you will merely be placing a new ball in play and your suspected OB shot will be considered abandoned even if found in the general area of play later. Also out of bounds stakes are considered immovable objects, unlike red and yellow stakes that can be removed for a shot then returned to original locations.

Equipment touching in bunker and penalty areas

Your equipment can touch bunkers and penalty areas with the exception of a club on a backswing in a bunker. You may not test the sand in a bunker. You can dig in to take a stance. Loose impediments may be moved in bunkers and penalty areas so long as your ball doesn't move. You may not move or damage attached growth. The rule of thumb is if your actions gain you an advantage it is penalty, no advantage gained - no penalty.

2021 WGA League Schedule

DATE	EVENT
April 6	Spring Meeting 6 p.m.
April 13	Draft Night 6 p.m.
April 27	League Play
May 4	League Play-(Steak Night!)
May 11	League Play
May 18	League Play
May 25	League Play-(Steak Night!)
June 1	League Play
June 8	League Play
June 15	League Play-(Steak Night!)
June 22	League Play
END OF FIRST HALF	
June 29	League Play
July 6	League Play-(Steak Night!)
July 13	League Play
July 20	League Play
July 25	***WGA Club Tournament***
July 27	League Play-(Steak Night!)
August 3	League Play
August 10	League Play
August 17	League Play -(Steak Night!)
August 24	League Play
END OF SECOND HALF	
August 31	Playoff/Fun Night
September 14	Fall Banquet