

THE WAVE

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League Sign-Up

Register Online

- Registration Must be Submitted by March 28
- Online Signup only!
- Tee Times will be online and hosted be the Waveland website.
- Be an active member of the WGA! Play the WGA tournament, sign up for match play and the skins games, make use of the many IGA benefits such as GHIN access and the course GPS phone app.
- For a Hole-in-one shot on a league nine, the lucky WGA member will win the progressive jackpot which is currently at its maximum

Spring Meeting with Raffle April 5th

Signup Now Online!!!

Our spring meeting will start with social hour at 6PM on April 5th at the Waveland clubhouse. 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 28, 2022.

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 12th at the clubhouse.

The WGA board will return to holding our regular raffle at the Spring meeting. One free raffle ticket is given to attendees, and extra raffle tickets can be purchased at the meeting. Good Luck at our first post pandemic extravaganza!

Our returning president, Max Sickles, will be running his final meeting as Dave Spiering will be taking over at the fall elections meeting. The agenda includes introducing our WGA board, the 2022 Waveland staff, and conducting raffle drawings. The meeting portion of the banquet is to start promptly at 7:00PM. The league will again provide snacks, a keg of beer, and an attendance gift.

LETTER FROM THE LEAGUE CHAIRMAN

More improvements await our WGA members this league season. The Waveland management team have updated their public tee time reservation system to include our league tee times. This means that Waveland will be managing league tee times for us ongoing. This will prevent overriding tee times that accidentally occurred in the past. Each WGA member will be configured with a tee-time login account which will be separate from our scoring app

account. More information will be released as the season start draws near.

An additional change will be made to hole handicaps. For years, our hole handicap (difficulty) was based on the Waveland course scorecard which was based on white tees only. In order to be more fair and equitable, we will have front and back 9 handicap holes that are based on our league average scores-per-hole from last year. This will have an effect

on net skins and match play that use these hole handicaps. Look for newly printed league scorecards for reference.

There is a wealth of information on our web page. Check it out to get up to speed on our league.

<http://www.wavelandga.com>

See you on the course!

Cory Schultes
league.chairman@wavelandga.com

Our WGA repeat champion for 2021 was Sam Pieczynski. Sam shot a 4 under par 68 beating Derek Schultz by two strokes. 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. Ryan Osborn won the other top prize as the WGA Net Champion for 2021 with a net 65. Our net flight winners for 2021 were:

**Chris Osborn (1st Flight)
Larry Hodges (2nd Flight)
Nick Lucs (3rd Flight)
Vince Castillo (Gross Champion - Gold Tees)
James Sutherland (Net Champion - Gold Tees)
John McDonald (1st Flight - Gold Tees)
Chuck Backstrom (2nd Flight - Gold Tees)**

The annual WGA League Tournament has been scheduled for Sunday, July 31st. The tournament committee will apply the following local rules to 2022 participants:

- The tournament will be pre-flighted**
- Current league 9-hole handicaps as of tournament week**
- IF 9-hole handicaps have not been established entrant plays as scratch**
- Your handicaps will still be applied within your flight**
- The low scorers from gross and net 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 be eligible for Hole-in-one progressive jackpot (sitting at \$400 at season start).**
- 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**
- Eliminates the "luck of the draw" used in previous years**
- 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**

2022 USGA Rules will be in effect for the tournament with the exception of playing your ball up in your own fairway. Additional exceptions may be instituted by the committee depending on course conditions at tournament time.

Any questions can be directed to either Greg Bentley or Clair Sumner.

Sign Up for 2022 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 to the top four finishers as prize money.

****Editor's Note**** Match Play 2021 was complete by season's end for the first time in years. Way to go everybody!

Joe Finn was our 2021 champion, with Tom Weaver finishing second, and Ryan Osborn and Thomas Jennings as runners-up.

The Match Play Committee would like to wish all 2022 participants good luck and to look for emails from the League Chairman on reminders and handicap updates for upcoming matches. Let's finish on time 2 years in a row!

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 2022.

- ONLINE ENROLLMENT - 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.*** A new feature of the signup will be if you paid IGA dues through another member course, provide your GHIN number for that course, and the WGA will work with you to reimburse you that portion of the registration fee. Ex: Clubhouse credit/gift card

- SCORECARD SUBMISSION - The phone application 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 others 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, making you one of the late tee times!

- LEGENDS WEEKEND - look for a special email announcement of a new tournament coming to the Wave.

- COURSE IMPROVEMENTS - After years of lobbying, I finally will have a bag stand to place my clubs on while going to check in at the pro shop.

Lastly, I would like to note the passing of longtime league member, Allan Knudsen. I was on the the same team with Al on the infamous, Lawyers and Defendants. Al was one of our lawyers and will be sorely missed by the WGA. His family has requested donations be directed to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. My wish is for the rest of us to have another great season at the Wave.

Max Sickles

President



THE PRINCIPAL CHARITY CLASSIC

June 1st - June 5th

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 5th. Hole captains Joe Finn and Dave Spiering will continue to organize our volunteer effort for 2022. 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 uniforms will require khaki pants or shorts. The fee for this year's volunteer package is \$59.00. The Volunteer Package for 2022 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 !!!

2022 WGA League Schedule

DATE	EVENT
April 5	Spring Meeting 6 p.m.
April 12	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-(Steak Night!)
June 21	League Play
END OF FIRST HALF	
June 28	League Play
July 5	League Play-(Steak Night!)
July 12	League Play
July 19	League Play
July 26	League Play-(Steak Night!)
July 31	***WGA Club Tournament***
August 2	League Play
August 9	League Play
August 16	League Play -(Steak Night!)
August 19-21	City Tournament
August 23	League Play
END OF SECOND HALF	
August 30	Playoff/Fun Night
September 13	Fall Banquet/Elections