

# THE WAVE

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## League Signup

- Registration must be submitted by March 27. Online signup only!
- See league schedule at [www.wavelandga.com/schedule](http://www.wavelandga.com/schedule)
- Tee Times will be online and hosted by 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, a lucky WGA member will win a progressive jackpot !!!

## Spring Meeting April 1st Sign Up Online via Emailed link !!!

Our spring meeting will start with social hour at 6PM on April 1st at the Waveland clubhouse. League sign-up continues to be done online. The email announcing that registration is open has the link allowing you to register and pay dues at a secured site using credit card or Paypal. Sign-ups are due by Thursday, March 27, 2025, to secure your spot in the league. Our waiting list will be given the opportunity to signup after that date.

Team captains need to get with Cory Schultes, WGA League Chairman, at the Spring meeting or contact Cory to fill any open spots on team rosters.

The WGA board will be holding our regular raffle at the Spring meeting. Attendees will receive one free

raffle ticket, and additional tickets can be purchased at the meeting. Good Luck! \*Note\* - the board adds money to the raffle prize fund as another way to give back to the members.

Our president, Greg Bentley, will be running the meeting. Vice President Cory Schultes will handle the duties if unforeseen circumstances occur. The agenda includes introducing our WGA board, the 2025 Waveland staff, a review of rules changes for 2025, and conducting raffle drawings. The meeting portion of the Tee Off will start promptly at 7:00pm. The league will again provide snacks, a keg of beer, and an attendance gift.

## From the League Chairman

Our team competition makes our league unique. The Birdie Juicers team of 12 players won our 2024 team championship in a nail-biter. This off season, the WGA board has voted to extend our teams by adding a 13th player to each team's roster.

Team Captains will be able to add a 13th player before our first week of league play. We still will take the best 7 net scores from every team to

determine weekly points for that team. Our league has a new phone number for texting the league chairman scorecards (required by non-team players) and any other important communication within our league. The old number of "515-282-5556" is being replaced with "231-WGA-GOLF" (or 231-942-4653).

To ensure continuity through this season and beyond, Alex Rooney, WGA Board Member, will be assisting with weekly League Chairman responsibilities.

See you on the course!

Cory Schultes  
League.Chairman@wavelandga.com

# WGA Club Championship

We had another great Club Tournament in 2024, with 126 participants competing in this exciting event. The competition couldn't have been tighter, as both the Open Division and Senior Division Champions were determined by a card back. Ryan Hala and Derek Nicholson both shot 75 for the day, with Ryan Hala crowned as our Open Division Club Champion. Our Senior Division Champion was Jerry Munn, who shot a 72 along with Vince Castillo. Other winners included:

- Steve Miller – Handicap Champion
- Jason Baum – 1st Flight Winner
- Thomas Jennings – 2nd Flight Winner
- Matt Friedrichsen – 3rd Flight Winner
- Dave Steffen – Senior Handicap Champion
- Kirk Dabney – 1st Flight Senior Champion
- Ron Brooks – 2nd Flight Senior Champion

The 2025 Club Tournament will take place on July 27th, and we are moving to an **8:00 AM shotgun** start instead of tee times. Appetizers will be provided after the round, while the clubhouse displays live scoring results. Our hope is that this new format will enhance the overall camaraderie of this great event. The tournament will continue to be a pre-flighted event based on league handicaps, and players will still be able to choose their group.

## **New for 2025:**

- The Top 8 scratch scores in the 1st Flight of both the Open and Senior Divisions will play an additional 9 holes to determine the Scratch Champions. Their 27-hole score will determine the Top 3 Payouts for the Scratch Division.
- Participants who don't qualify for the additional 9 holes can stay and watch the battle for our Club Champions.

## **Combo Tee Players:**

- If you qualify for the 1st Flight, you may choose to play from the Combo Tees and remain eligible for Net Division prizes.
- Alternatively, you can declare for the White Tees (with an adjusted handicap) and be eligible for both Net and Scratch prizes.

## **Other important reminders (unchanged from last year):**

- If you haven't established a 9-hole League Handicap, you will play as a Scratch player.
- All Flight Winners will be determined by Net Score.
- Flights will be assigned by the committee chairs based on the number of entrants and handicaps.
- All Net ties will be determined by a card countback.
- Participants will be eligible for the Hole-in-One progressive jackpot.

Please direct any questions to committee members Merle Elbert and Joe Schafer.

**\*\*Results are posted on the WGA website.\*\***

# Sign Up for 2025 Match Play!

Mark the \$10 entry fee checkbox during League registration to enter our exciting match play competition. Our 2 divisions/brackets of match play has a SCRATCH division (no handicaps/strokes given) and a HANDICAP bracket. A league member may register for one or both brackets if they choose to do so. Entering both would mean an additional \$10 to participate.

The Match Play Committee pairs the first-round matches at random. Players are expected to promptly arrange their own match times. Matches do not have to be played on league night.

The Match Play Committee will be sending email updates to each competitor to help coordinate matches and keep the tournament on schedule.

First-round matches should be completed by the end of league week 3 (April 29th). Subsequent matches are expected to be played within two weeks of the prior match. If matches are not

played in a reasonable time and throws the tournament off schedule, the Match Play Committee will determine a fair course of action that may result in one or both competitors forfeiting.

For the HANDICAP division, your WGA handicap at the time the match is contested will be used. Players should address questions before play starts and come to an agreement on strokes given, on which holes, and how an extended match will be played. All entry fees into the match play payout in full to the top four finishers. Payout percentages would be 50% (winner), 25% (runner-up), 12.5% (3rd place finishers). Payouts may vary depending on the number of entrants.

Geoff Schumann was the 2024 Handicap division winner. Derek Schultz was the Scratch division winner.

Take a shot at the crystal trophy and sign up today!

## 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, season-long basis. This entry method has worked well over the past few years and has allowed the WGA to offer larger carryover payouts. If you want to participate for the 18-week season, the online signup option will be your only opportunity to enter the Skins games. The cost is \$1 per week for both Gross and Net Skins, totaling \$36 for the season. This gives you a chance to have your name posted as a weekly winner on the website. Winnings are paid as clubhouse credit, which must be used by the end of the calendar year. Be sure to post your scores using the mobile app now used by the WGA, and track your winnings on the money list managed by the League Chairman and Website Manager.

Just like the lottery—you can't win if you don't play. It only takes one great hole to win. Go low!

# THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Let me begin by welcoming everyone to the 2025 Waveland Golf Association League. You have chosen to join the #1 golf league in America (as voted by your board).

Big changes are coming for our 2025 Club Championship to be held on Sunday July 27th. Read the article from your Tournament Chairmen, Joe Schafer and Merle Elbert, as they take our annual tournament to the next level. Save \$5 on the tournament entry fee by pre-registering for our Club Tournament when you complete your league sign-up. All entry fee money is paid back in prizes!

Next year, 2026, Waveland Golf Course will celebrate its 125th anniversary (1901) and along with that, our Waveland Golf Association will be celebrating its 75th anniversary (1951). To coincide with the WGA's 75th anniversary, we are going to offer a little design contest to our members. Using our existing WGA Logo, incorporate "75th Anniversary" into the logo maintaining the existing color scheme. Watch this space for details.

Don't forget to consider the following when completing your league signup:

- Sign up for Match Play - Handicap and/or Scratch
- Sign up to marshal Hole #12 at the Principal Charity Classic
- Donation to our Waveland Project Fund
- Sign up for our WGA Club Tournament (save \$5)
- Please visit our Tee-Marker sponsors: <https://www.wavelandga.com/index#advertisers>

And finally, I would be remiss if I did not give a huge shout out to our past president, Dave Spiering. Dave has been a longtime WGA member and has served as president for two different terms. Dave was responsible for starting the Waveland Project Fund, which resulted in several projects: Flag Pole on #15, "Waveland Golf Course" atomic clock, Stairs leading to #4 tee, Repairing "WAVELAND" on #16 tee, and others. Dave has been an active member and WGA Board member for many years. If you happen to run into Dave, please thank him for all he has done for the WGA.

"I was incredibly surprised when they moved the stationary store"

Greg Bentley

## The WGA League and Waveland Staff

Our league is very fortunate to have the support of the Waveland Staff.

The Pro shop staff keeps us organized on league night.

The Clubhouse staff keeps us well fed and “hydrated”. Best pizzas around, Burgers, and snacks are favorites every Tuesday, but for four Tuesdays during the year they up the ante and provide special dinners. Be sure to watch for signups to participate in these special dinners which just adds to an already great Tuesday experience.

Take time to thank (and TIP) the Waveland Staff.

If for a very unlikely reason you have a problem with Waveland staff, please report it to a WGA Board member and we will assist with resolution.

**The WGA does not tolerate rude, aggressive, or abusive behavior anytime.**

## The WGA League and Course Grounds Crew

The WGA is honored to be playing the “Oldest Municipal golf course west of the Mississippi river”. Waveland’s 124 year age provides unique challenges that other courses don’t have to deal with.

Waveland is very fortunate to have Aaron Sander and his grounds crew maintaining our golf course. Those of us that have been around for 30, 40,50 years can attest Waveland is in the best shape that it has ever been and we can thank Aaron and his staff for that.

The WGA can help the grounds crew by following a few simple rules:

- Replace your divots
- Repair ball marks on the green (not just yours)
- Be aware of where you drive your golf cart
- Obey the ropes. They are there for a reason
- Rake the sand traps
- Pick up trash
- Protect the Grounds Crew
- Don’t hit into them if they are mowing a green
- If they are mowing a fairway, let them finish the row they are on and then they will get out of the way
- Let them finish grooming the sand traps before hitting

If you get a chance, say “thanks” to grounds crew.



# THE PRINCIPAL CHARITY CLASSIC

May 28th - June 1st

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 May 28th through June 1st. Hole captains Joe Finn and Dave Spiering will continue to organize our volunteer effort for 2025. Volunteers are expected to work at least a minimum of two six-hour shifts.

An online registration is required. The volunteer info website is:

<https://www.principalcharityclassic.com/volunteer/>

Volunteer packages will be shipped directly to the volunteers. New Swannies uniforms will require black, gray, or khaki pants or shorts. The fee for this year's volunteer package is \$75.00. The Volunteer Package for 2024 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 \$75 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 Wells Fargo Arena North lot. Shuttles will transport volunteers to the entrance. Approximate Shuttle hours are:

- 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.

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 !!!