

# THE WAVE

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## League Sign-Up

### Register by Mail

- Pre-Registration Must be Postmarked by March 30
- Sign-up for Match Play prior to meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- Tee Times will again be by signup sheets at the Pro Shop for the following weeks league night.
- Cost \$55.00 for full membership only.
- Hole-in-one during league play worth \$100.00 (Tradition ally used to buy a keg to celebrate the event!)

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## WGA Men's League Spring Meeting on April 3

The 2007 WGA Spring Meeting will be Tuesday April 3 at 6:30 p.m.

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 30th 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 money to spend in

the Pro Shop.

The Spring Meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. As usual, the agenda will be the introduction of Board Members, the Waveland Staff and the upcoming league schedule. 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.

This year in addition to having the match play sign-up prior to the meeting, there will also be a sign-up for marshalling Hole #8 at the new Principal Charity Classic at Glen Oaks June 4-10.

## Sign Up for 2007 Match Play

A \$10 entry fee at the Spring Banquet gets you in. Match Play is limited to 64 players. The Match Play Committee pairs 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!) First round matches need to be completed by week 3, subsequent matches are expected

to be played within 2 weeks of the prior match. If matches are not played in a reasonable amount of time, Committee will get involved. Your WGA league handicap at the time the match played is used. Players need to address questions before play starts concerning handicaps, 9 to be played, and how extended play is handled in the event of a tie at the end of a match. There is a 100% payout of entry fees in the prize money.

## 2006 WGA Tournament

Congratulations to Bruce Grenier for winning the 2006 WGA Club Tournament with a sparkling two-day total of 143. Competition was right on his heels with Phil Hodges carding a 144 and Kevin Vollstedt coming in at 145.

First flight winner was Clair Sumner, while the second flight had a 3-way tie between Doug Schweitzer, Mike Kelly, and Mark Leachman. Our third flight winner was Russ Parks.

As always the WGA provides for the winner's attendance at the State Tournament of Champions in Atlantic, IA.

This years tournament will be a single round event with the prize fund increased by the WGA to encourage participation by the membership.

Congratulations to Mark Leachman for winning the 2006 Match Play event. Mark defeated Kevin McIlhon in a very close final match. Kevin Jones and Tim Flanagan were the runners-up. Thanks to all who participated in the 2006 Match Play season and Good Luck to those who will take part in the 2007 Match Play event!

# WGA Adopt-a-HOLE

The Board has again decided to implement the Adopt-a-Hole program. While golfers should always try to keep the Wave looking neat and tidy every time they play, we would like all league players to make an extra effort on Tuesdays.

Each of the 16 teams will be responsible for one hole. (Yes there are 18 holes out there, but we will cover that shortly.)

What the board would like to see is that when you are playing your "adopted" hole, you take some time to pick up trash if there is any, fill a few extra divots on the tee box, and if you see a maintenance issue that

you make note of it and report it back to the clubhouse. Please remember to maintain a brisk pace of play as most members realize it is no fun finishing in the dark.

But should play be a little slow some night, please remember your adopted hole at that time. Which hole will you be adopting? Well this gets a little complicated, but pay attention here.

*Whatever your team number is, the same number golf hole will be your adopted hole during league play!*

If you only play 9 on league night, you only adopt every other week! But if you play 18 as many of us do, please adopt your hole even if it is your non-league nine.

Since there are only 16 teams, holes 17 and 18 will be adopted by **ALL** league players.

And, finally, if you see something on a hole that is not your adopted hole that you can take care of by all means do so. Let's keep Mother Waveland as beautiful as she can be for all who play.

THANK YOU from the WGA board and Waveland staff!

## Chip In By Chuck

Welcome back to the best Men's league in Des Moines, and quite possibly the world. Congratulations to What's Trump? the 2006 WGA League Team Champions! I would like to refresh everyone's memory on league scoring. Handicaps are based on 90% of our last three (nine-hole league) scores using the lowest two. For new players handicaps are established after the first nine-hole score. We will continue to use the USGA Equitable Stroke Control System, which means:

### Nine Hole League Handicap--Limitation on any hole

4 or less	Double Bogey
5 through 9	7
10 through 14	8
15 through 19	9
20 or more	10

Team scoring is based on low net scores and player participation. On league night, a team plays against all teams in their division. The lowest 7 net scores per team are used. Each team gets 3 points per win and 1 point per tie. Each regular player gets one show up point for participating that night, which is added to the team score. Maximum points for a night is 33 - 21 for beating the other 7 teams + all 12 team members participating. Subs do not count for show up points. I hope everyone has a great season. If you have any questions, just ask your friendly League Chairman.

## Sad but true for some of us...

It was a sunny morning, a little after 8:00AM, on the first hole of a busy course with several foursomes waiting to tee off. I was beginning my pre-shot routine, visualizing my upcoming shot when a piercing voice came over the clubhouse loudspeaker.

"Would the gentleman on the Women's tee backup to the Men's tee, Please!"

I could feel every eye on the course looking at me, and even heard a few snickers. Yet I was still deep in my routine, seemingly impervious to the interruption. Again the announcement,

"Would the MAN on the WOMEN's tee kindly backup to the MEN's tee?!"

At this point, I simply ignored the guy and kept concentrating while beginning my take away. The loudspeaker again erupted,

"WOULD THE MAN ON THE WOMEN'S TEE BACK UP TO THE MEN'S TEE NOW !!"

I finally stopped, turned, cupped my hands and shouted back..."WOULD THE ASSHOLE WITH THE MICROPHONE KINDLY KEEP QUIET AND LET ME PLAY MY SECOND SHOT!!!"

## The Board

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

For 2007 our President is Max Sickles, Vice-President is David Spiering, and League Chairman is Chuck Hensley.

Board members whose term expires at the end of this season include:

Jim Calvert  
Matt Oliver  
Marty Scott  
Jeff Schrader

Board members whose term expires at the end of the 2008 season include:

Joe Finn  
Greg Bentley  
Brian Bolick  
Jack Huff  
Mark Leachman  
Terry Melton  
Clair Sumner

## The Bored

A married couple decided to go to a sex therapist because the fire had gone out of their relationship. After listening for a half an hour, the counselor suggested there wasn't enough variety in the bedroom. He suggested each partner should try and surprise the other with something they hadn't tried, but perhaps fantasized about. So the wife bravely took the initiative and went to the local adult bookstore and purchased some mink bondage straps. The next morning, she brought them out and said to her husband, "Tie me up and do whatever you want!" So he tied her up and went golfing!

[www.wavelandga.com](http://www.wavelandga.com)

The board would like to thank Mike Lathrop for continuing to maintain the WGA website. Remember to checkout our website at the above address. Included in our web site are facts about our association and the Wave with hole by hole descriptions, and numerous other items to browse. Also we are linked to the channel 8 Doppler, IGA, PGA, and Igolft-heworld.com. If you have other sites or items you would like to see on the website, please email Mike. His address is: [lathrop.mike@principal.com](mailto:lathrop.mike@principal.com)

PS-It has to be golf related!

## A Season of Change

by WGA League President Max Sickles

Many good ideas have been discussed by the board in the off-season and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their time and work to help bring another season of organized play to the Waveland.

There are those in the league who have lost loved ones or are no longer with us this season and my personal condolences go out to Matt Campbell, whose wife passed away; Joe Finn, who lost a step daughter; and to the family and foursome of George McCutchen a long-time WGA member.

The board has discussed providing a memorial area on the course, possibly with engraved bricks, for members past and present. We will work with Bob and the City Parks Department to see if this can be accomplished this season.

This leads me to golf course improvements in general. The WGA Spring Cleanup Day is April 28<sup>th</sup> and I would like to see as many WGA volunteers as possible out to help prepare the course for a new season. Maybe the grounds crew will allow us to install some new ball washers, so every tee box has one.

Everyone will want a clean ball to tee up for the WGA Club Tournament. The board would like to see increased participation in the event, so we have voted to change to a single day format and increase the prize fund in order to payout more places.

We have traditionally sent the league champion to Atlantic to play against other state league champions. And we may still do that, but the IGA has a new tournament that is in its second year, the State Team Championship, which has a Gross and Net division. I would like to see the WGA send a team to this competition, consisting of the league champion as Captain, and three flight winners as teammates. The second place winners in the WGA tournament flights would be the four alternates if necessary. The tournament will be held at Hyperion this year. The WGA is only allowed one team into this tournament, and I think this method would give all members a chance of playing.

Rumors have it that one of our own is being inducted into the IGA Hall of Fame this year. Congratulations George Turner!

## 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](http://www.wavelandga.com) for additional information.

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

**WAVELAND GOLF ASSOCIATION**

Waveland Golf Association  
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**Waveland Golf Course**

**Home of the Des Moines Men's & Women's City Golf Championships**

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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 2007 League Schedule

### First Half of WGA League

3 April	Spring Meeting & Raffle 7pm
17 April	Draft Night 6pm
28 April	Spring Cleanup Day
8 May	League
15 May	League
22 May	League
29 May	League & Steak Night
5 June	League
12 June	League
19 June	League
26 June	League & Steak Night

### Second Half of WGA League

10 July	League
17 July	League
24 July	League
31 July	League
7 August	League & Steak Night
14 August	League
21 August	League
28 August	League
4 September	Playoffs/Fun night
18 September	Banquet/Elections 7 pm Steak night 5:30 pm

### Dates of Interest

4-6 May	Boom Invitational
4-10 June	Principal Charity Classic
14-17 June	DSM Men's City
21-22 July	Jester Amateur
28 July	WGA Tournament