

THE WAVE

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League Sign-Up

Register by Mail

- Pre-Registration Must be Postmarked by March 28
- 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 (Traditionally used to buy a keg to celebrate the event!)

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No Fooling! WGA Men's League Spring Meeting on April Fool's Day

Doors open on the 2008 WGA Spring Meeting at 6:00 PM Tuesday, April 1st

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 postmarked by Friday, March 28th 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 Pro Shop credit.

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.

Sign Up for 2008 Match Play

Match Play is intended to be FUN! The WGA offers an opportunity to compete in a format that gives you a chance to win even if you have that "one bad hole" in a round, and to meet and play against other league players. Like regular league play, Match Play uses the handicap established during league play. A \$10 entry fee at the Spring Banquet gets you in.

The Match Play committee pairs the first matches at random. Players are expected to arrange their own match times (matches do not have to be played on league night). First round matches should be completed by the end of week 3. Subsequent matches should be played within 2 weeks. If matches are not played in a reasonable time, the Committee will decide which player advances.

Players need to address any questions about side played, handicaps, or extended play in the event of a tie before play begins. All entry fees are paid out in Pro Shop credit to the top 4 finishers. Congratulations to Jim Calvert, winner of the 2007 Match Play title. Jim defeated Steve Ballou in the final match. Thanks to all participants in Match Play 2007. Good Luck to everyone in 2008!

2007 WGA Tournament

Congratulations to Dave Carlson for winning the 2007 WGA Club Tournament with a one under par 71. Jeff Cleven was right behind carding a par round of 72.

First flight winner was Steve Ballou with an 82 closely followed by Mike Kelly. Our second flight winner was Tim Flanagan, who won a card back starting from the highest handicap hole against Paul Montgomery. The third flight winner was Tom Witosky, who also won in a card back against Denny Gass.

As always the WGA provided for the winner's attendance at the State Tournament of Champions in Atlantic, IA. And this past fall, our four flight winners participated in the 2nd Annual IGA Club Team Championships at Hyperion Field Club in Johnston, IA.

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. Congratulations to **THREE PUTT KINGS**, the 2007 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.

Volunteers Needed !

The Waveland Golf Association will once again be responsible for marshalling Hole #8 at the Principal Charity Classic held at Glen Oaks Country Club. The Tournament will be held May 28th thru June 1st this year. Dave Spiering, Joe Finn, and Mark Rooney will be organizing our volunteer effort this year

The Volunteer Package includes :

- 1 - Logo shirt
- 1 - Logo Windshirt
- 1 - Logo Golf Cap
- Marshall's Badge (admits all week)
- Free parking and Shuttle to course
- 5 Good any day passes to give to whomever you choose
- Lunch on volunteer days
- Admission to the Volunteer Party

The value of this package is over \$300 and can be yours for just \$75 dollars. Volunteers have been known to find a few lost ball souvenirs out on number 8, while spotting for players during the Pro-Am and Tournament. Signup can be done now online, or forms will be available at the WGA Spring Banquet.

The Board

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

For 2008 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:

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

Board members whose term expires at the end of the 2009 season include:

Max Sickles
Jeff Schrader
Marty Scott
Jim Calvert
Mark Rooney
Kirk Dabney

2008 WGA CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP Sunday July 27th

This year's WGA Club Championship will be held on Sunday, July 27th. This will again be a one day event open to all members of the WGA. The entry fee will remain at \$15 and a signup will be available on banquet night April 1st.

To establish an 18-hole handicap for this event, we will double the member's current league 9-hole handicap as of July 22nd and round up to the nearest whole number.

This handicap subtracted from participant's gross score will be the net score used to determine flight breaks.

The golfer with the low gross score will represent the WGA in Atlantic, IA. Plaques will be given to the low gross and net champions immediately following the tournament. Burgers and beer for everyone else.

Remember to mark July 27th on your golf calendar.

Prepare to Golf

by WGA League President Max Sickles

The WGA board has had a lot to deal with in the off-season and I would like to again take this opportunity to thank them for their time and hard work to help bring another season of fun organized golf to the Wave.

The WGA got rained out on last year's Spring Cleanup Day. We will try to help Bob and the grounds crew out on April 26th this year (weather permitting), and I would like to see as many WGA volunteers as possible out to help prepare the course for a new season.

When travelling to different regions of the country, I have been known to take the clubs along in order to get in a round of golf whenever possible. But it becomes very obvious that for the money, the Waveland staff provides one of the best golf experiences in the country.

And to maintain the great golf the Waveland has to offer means spending time and money with this 100+ year course. Volunteer for cleanup day if you can, remember to Adopt-a-Hole, buy thru the Pro Shop. If one of the staff makes your golf experience a little better, tell them thanks, if it's a beverage cart person-tip them. And by all means, be good stewards of the course. Fix your ball marks, fill your divots, and rake any bunkers you may have the misfortune of hitting into this year.

I hope everyone can get in as many rounds as they would like this season. Golf is a fun game meant to be savored and enjoyed. Even if the swing isn't perfect, your experience can be with a properly prepared attitude. See you on the Wave!

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 for additional information.

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

Wga 2008 league schedule

APRIL 1 ST	SPRING BANQUET 6:00 - ?
APRIL 15 TH	DRAFT NIGHT 6:00 - ?
MAY 6 TH	LEAGUE NIGHT
MAY 13 TH	LEAGUE NIGHT
MAY 20 TH	LEAGUE NIGHT
MAY 27 TH	LEAGUE NIGHT [STEAK NIGHT]
JUNE 3 RD	LEAGUE NIGHT
JUNE 10 TH	LEAGUE NIGHT
JUNE 17 TH	LEAGUE NIGHT
JUNE 24 TH	LEAGUE NIGHT [STEAK NIGHT]

END OF FIRST HALF/START OF 2ND HALF

JULY 1 ST	LEAGUE NIGHT
JULY 8 TH	LEAGUE NIGHT
JULY 15 TH	LEAGUE NIGHT
JULY 22 ST	LEAGUE NIGHT
JULY 29 TH	LEAGUE NIGHT [STEAK NIGHT]
AUGUST 5 TH	LEAGUE NIGHT
AUGUST 12 TH	LEAGUE NIGHT
AUGUST 19 TH	LEAGUE NIGHT
AUGUST 26 TH	RAIN DATE

END OF SECOND HALF

SEPTEMBER 9 TH	PLAYOFF NIGHT
SEPTEMBER 16 TH	FALL BANQUET AND ELECTION NIGHT [STEAK NIGHT]
MENS CITY TOURNAMENT JUNE 12 TH THRU 15 TH	
WGA TOURNAMENT SUNDAY JULY 27th	