



MASON CITY COUNTRY CLUB

North Iowa's Premiere Family Club

CLUB NEWS

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The GM Corner

As we enter the fall season its important to remember that there are still plenty of ways to come out and enjoy the club. A reminder that the minimum spending is still in effect for the restaurant with the next billing cycle being over at the end of October. We will start to alter the restaurant hours to reflect club usage in an effort to try and do the balancing act of being available to the members while controlling costs. We will continue to monitor that very closely.

As you may or may not have noticed, a couple weeks ago the main drain to our building experienced a major blockage and caused sewer water to come back up through a drain in our bag room. It spread everywhere downstairs and ultimately caused a fair amount of contamination. Many of you have asked if it was covered by insurance and the answer is yes!! Mr. Tom Douglas is our insurance agent for Edwards-Brandt and a member of the club. We are getting all new carpet in the downstairs including men's and women's locker rooms, the Golf Shop, and the STEPS!!! With the help of Joan Gasaway, we hope to have something in place some time late fall, early December.

I would also like to acknowledge some special award winners that were recognized at our Semi-Annual Board Meeting held September 22 in the banquet room. The 2011 inductees to the MCCC Hall of Fame were Mr. Art Fischbeck and Leroy and Judy Butler. The 2011 Member of the Year, as voted by staff, was shared by Rollie Williamson & Anne Grady as well as Larry & Sandy Paulson.

Please mark your calendars for all of the fun events we have planned for the fall and I hope to see you at the Club.

Matt Messenger
General Manager



From the Pro

Hello Members:

October is upon us now which means we are officially in the Fall golf mode. Leaves are turning (and falling making it hard to find our golf ball), weather is cooling, and the days are getting shorter. I always love this time of year but it's always bittersweet because I know that winter is just around the corner. That doesn't have to end your golf season though.....not yet anyway. There are still some great days of golf ahead of us so get out here and enjoy while you can because it certainly isn't going to last forever.

Fairway Renovation

As you know, the Greens Committee voted to proceed with the fairway renovation on the back nine holes. A chemical application was put on the fairways in August that selectively kills POA and bent grass but leaves the bluegrass (the stuff that we want) untouched. After killing out the areas, we applied bluegrass seed and have been watching it come up nicely the last couple weeks.

Why do this project? A) We needed it. Bentgrass and POA (poa annua) are very susceptible to weather conditions. Bluegrass is a heartier turf. One consistent turf type in our fairways will make our golf course a lot more resilient, especially when we get those hot, hot days in the summer. B) It will make Stacey's job a lot easier in the long run. Right now, he has to try and manage multiple turf types (and they all require different things). That's a hard thing to do but he does it. By having fairways that are 100% Bluegrass, Stacey will be able to manage our turf with more consistency and efficiency.

In the short term, yes it is somewhat of a nuisance. In the long run, this project is in the best interests of the long term health of our golf course. We are so far ahead of where we were last year with this project. By late-May our fairways on the back nine will be awesome. That, along with the continual addition and improvement of our tee complexes, is really transforming our golf course. None of this could be done without the Course Improvement Fund and it's really neat to see that money help make our golf course as good as it can be.

Golf Shop Credit

Please don't forget the Golf Shop IS OPEN!!!! All golf shop credit needs to be spent by December 1st unless prior arrangements have been made with me. We still have a nice selection of stuff in the shop. Special orders will only be made through the end of October. After that, credit can only be used on in-stock merchandise.

Men's Cross Country Event

Sunday October 30 is our final event of the season. The Men's Cross Country Event will begin at 9:00 am (or later if we have frost). The format will be ABC Scramble (best shot) and we will be playing cross country!!! We'll make up new holes that should be fun. Following play, we'll come inside and warm up with chili and football. Contact the Golf Shop if you are interested in playing.



Matt Messenger, PGA
Head Golf Professional



TEE to GREEN

Golf Course Update

It was my goal that, by October, I would be able to tell you how well the seed project is coming along. And, I'm happy to say I'm very pleased with the progress so far, and I hope you are, too.

I'm also happy to say 15 tee is coming along very well. We'll be finishing up the 12 tee project in the upcoming week. We're doing some other minor sod projects around the course, as well as taking down some dead, dying, and unsightly trees.

Just to let you know, we will be spreading out the days between changing of cups and moving of tees. This is simply due to not as much play this time of year, and these jobs are not required as much. Of course, if there are days of high play, we will do these jobs as needed. In addition, our mowing schedule changes this time of year due to cooler weather, shorter days, and slower growth.

As always, your questions, concerns, and comments are always welcome.

Sincerely,

Stacey Shipman
Golf Course Superintendent



Just The Facts

Below you will find results from some of this months events.

Labor Day Event - September 4th

1st Place 76
David & Krys Sloan
Phil & Kathy Alscher

2nd Place 82
Matt & Robyn Anderson
Mike & Joan Dasaway

3rd Place 83
Al & Lori Kittleson
Laura Olander & Steve Nemmers

4th Place 86
Paul & Carolyn Gold
Kerry & Dee Stripling

5th Place 86
Bob & Judi Kessler
Denny & Sue Firsching

Pin Prizes
Longest Drive (#7 - Men) - Denny Firsching
Closest to Pin (#14 - Men) - Kerry Stripling
Longest Drive (#18 - Ladies) - Krys Sloan
Closest to Pin #5 - Ladies) - Marilyn Settle

Ladies Ryder Cup - September 11th

Blue retains with 4 points. Red wins with 4 1/2 points

Four Ball
Red - 2
Blue - 0

Foursome
Red - 1
Blue - 1

Singles
Red - 3
Blue - 1

Total: Red - 6 (Win Cup) Blue - 2

Tailgate Twilight - September 23rd

1st Flight - 1st Place (\$25/couple)
Matt & Robyn Anderson 30
Joel Lisa Yunek

2nd Flight - 1st Place (\$25/couple)
David & Krys Sloan 36
Randy & Kathy Ingram

Flag Events (\$5 each)
Longest Putt - Men (#1) Tony Brownlee
Closest to Pin - Ladies (#5) Amy Brownlee
Longest Drive - Men (#7) Joel Yunek
Lonest Drive - Ladies (#9) Jamie Hejlik

Just The Facts - cont.

Lichty Cup - September 25th

This years Men's Ryder Cup Event was renamed the Lichty Cup. The Mashies fought the good fight and gave the Niblicks a great battle. This year's match ended in a 14-14 tie allowing the Niblicks to once again retain the Cup.

Mashies

Carl Eckenrod
Matt Anderson
Bob Kopriva
LeRoy Miller
Mick Keyser
Rich Piscopo
Brian Berg
Scott Arends
Paul Gold
Dick Goerd
Bob Marshall
Wally Smeby
Fouad Daoud
Gary Benson

Niblicks

Mike Albrecht
Al Eckenrod
Brian Randall
Scott Bothwell
Guy Hewitt
Chris Menke
Steve Selligren
Kim Dwyer
CA Dean
Kim Pang
Paul Matthes
Steve Noto
Ray Lickty
Russ Patterson



Calendar of Events

October 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4 Presidents Club	5 Men's Fall Crisis	6 Pizza Night	7 Independent Insurance	8 Wedding
9 Breakfest Buffet	10 Mason City Clinic	11	12	13 Pizza Night	14	15
16	17	18 Iowa Pharm	19	20 Pizza Night	21	22
23 Breakfest Buffet	24	25 Birthday Club	26	27 Pizza Night	28 Fall Dinner/Dance	29
30 Men's Cross Country	31					

Staff

Matt Messenger
General Manager / Director of Golf

Josh Peiffer
Assistant Golf Professional

Stacey Shipman
Superintendent

Brenda Mills
Kitchen Manager

Sandy Pietig
Banquet Coordinator

Linda Spalla
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Golf Shop Hours

Monday: 8:00 AM - Dark
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