

Clear Lake Golf Course

THE “HOLE” SCOOP

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Special points of interest:

- *Awards night—May 5th*
- *Annual meeting—May 8th at 2:00*
- *May 12th—Men's first league night*
- *Late May/Early June—mixed league starts*
- *June 4th—Good Sam tournament*

Membership Incentive Proposed by Board

Dear Member:

Although it may not look it when you look out your window, it is again that time of year to start thinking about golf. As many of you remember, the last couple years the early spring months have not been very kind to our local course. We had late starts to the golfing season for the past couple years and wet conditions caused problems a good part of the entire summer. These conditions, which caused reduced green fee revenues plus increased costs of labor, utilities, fuel, fertilizer and other items have prompted the golf board to examine ways to decrease costs and add additional revenues. We have looked at several means to curtail our expenditures and add additional revenues so that membership fees can remain at affordable levels. This being said, we are still in the unenviable position that we are forced to adjust some of our membership

rates. A chart below shows the rate adjustments for 2011.

There is some good news to report however. You still may be able to lock in last year's rates or get a reduced rate for this summer's golfing season. The late winter and early spring months are always tough months to find the revenues to pay the monthly bills that continue to add up through the winter. Some of our labor costs are spread out over 12 months; utility bills still must be paid and other costs like taxes and insurance seem to come due before the golfing season begins. It is normal procedure to borrow operating funds this time of year and pay them back as revenues come in during the summer golfing season. Due to the additional costs mentioned earlier in this letter, additional credit for the golf club has been harder and harder to get. It has been decided by the board to send

you this letter and offer you the option to pay your memberships at a discounted rate. To receive the full discount, you must pay your entire membership by April 1, 2011. You may also pay only your first half by April 1st and receive a smaller discount. Only the membership fee needs to be paid by April 1st to qualify for the discount. All other fees (cart shed, trail fees, league dues....) will be at full cost and can be paid later if you wish.

If you would like to pay your membership early and receive the discounted rate, helping your golf course in the process, please drop off your payment with Lisa Lundberg at Anderson Insurance, 410 3rd Ave, Clear Lake or mail to CLGC, PO Box 491, Clear Lake.

Thank you and THINK SPRING!

Randy Petrick, President
CLGC Board

Member-ship Type	2010 Rate	2011 Rate	4/1/11 Full Disc.	You Save	Half Early Pmt. Rate	You Save
SINGLE	\$286.20	\$307.40	\$286.20	\$21.20	\$143.10	\$10.60
FAMILY	\$397.50	\$418.70	\$397.50	\$21.20	\$198.75	\$10.60

2011 Tournament Schedule Set

The 2011 Clear Lake Golf Course tournament schedule has been set. This year the golf course has added an additional tournament—a two-day tournament in September utilizing both the Clear Lake golf course and the Castlewood golf course.

Listed below are the tournament dates for 2011:

- June 4th—Good Samaritan Center best-ball tournament
- July 16th—Ducks Unlimited best-ball

tournament

- August 13th—Pheasants Forever best-ball tournament
- August 20-21—Club Tournament
- September 3rd—Fritz Tournament
- September 10-11—2-day Tournament (Castlewood-Clear Lake)

Watch future newsletters for details on each of these tournaments.

Breakfast Best-balls will also return this summer. These are normally held on a Saturday morning with breakfast served and a casual game of best-ball played amongst those that wish to participate. Dates for these will be advertised as they are scheduled.

Additional tournaments/events may be added to this schedule and will also be advertised as soon as they are known.



Mike Donahue, Larry Molitor and Nick Donahue unloading drain tile

Golf is deceptively simple and endlessly complicated.



Tom Lundberg trenching in drain tile.

Awards Night/Men's League Dates Set

The annual awards night has been set for Thursday, May 5th at the clubhouse. League and club tournament awards will be presented to last season's winners on this evening. A short men's league organizational meeting will be held that evening also.

The first night of men's league has been set for Thursday, May 12th.

Watch for sign up sheets in the clubhouse next month.

Leagues will once again be set up with a 2:00, 3:00, 4:00 and 5:00 league. Each league will consist of a maximum number of 16 two-man teams.

Gale Lundberg continues to volunteer his time as league coordinator, setting up the league schedule and posting scores each week at the club-

house. Any questions regarding men's league can be directed to him at 881-4265.

A September Match Play league will also be started this year with more details coming.

Get your partners ready and encourage your friends/co-workers to join a league!

Golf Course Trenches in Drain Tile

Due to the extreme wet conditions last year and prior years, the golf course trenched in drain tile on holes 1, 2, 8 and 9 last October. Volunteers included Mike and Nick Donahue, Tom Lundberg and Larry Molitor. Approximately 1000 feet of drain tile was trenched

into the low areas of these fairways, providing a speedier waterway to the creek and stock dam.

Additional work on this project will continue this spring with rocks being hauled away and the trench being leveled out and grass replanted

Hopefully this will alleviate wet conditions on these fairways, improving the condition of our course.

Employees Sought for Clubhouse

In preparation of opening the clubhouse next month, the golf course is currently seeking additional employees to help work in the clubhouse for the 2011 season. Members are encouraged to either apply or spread the word to potential applicants.

Since the clubhouse is open from dusk to dawn or later, various shifts

are available.

Applications can either be picked up at Anderson Agency, Main Street in Clear Lake or contact Lisa Lundberg by email at lundberg@itctel.com.

A golfer's diet:
live on greens as
much as possible

Outdoor Advertising Improves Grounds

Last summer, the golf course replaced their entrance sign with a more permanent structure that improved the looks of the golf course. Dan Gates, board member, chaired this project by contacting advertisers to help defray costs of this project and arranging contractors to install this sign. Budahl Construction poured the concrete base and Elite Signs and Graphics designed and

built the sign.

Thank you to the following businesses for helping support this project:

- Gates Heating and Air
- Budahl Construction
- Cody Krause Construction
- Deuel County Pharmacy
- Lakewood Inn

- Gunderson Law Offices
- Maynard's Food Center
- Ardy's Bakery
- DNB National Bank
- Wells Fargo
- Clear Lake Building and Rental Center

A portable sign was also purchased to advertise special events.

Mixed League To Begin Summer 2011

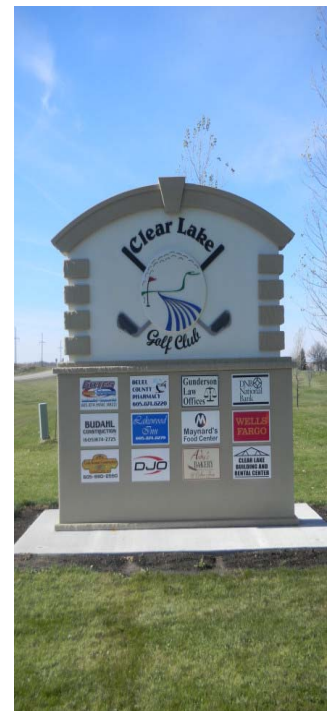
Plans are currently underway to start a new mixed league this season. Pastor Hans and Joan Sacrison have offered to coordinate this league and are currently looking for participants and/or subs. Partners must be male/female and handicap cards will be required (handicap

cards are obtained through the golf course).

Details are still being worked on by the Sacrisons but tentative plans are to start the league in late May/early June. League play will be on Monday nights. League play will use the modified Chapman format (both

partners tee off and then alternate shot play).

A sign up sheet will be placed in the clubhouse in April. If you have any questions or would like additional information on this league, please contact Pastor Hans or Joan at 874-2500.



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The trench through hole 2 and hole 8.

The Clear Lake Golf Club is a non-profit organization with a lot to offer. The course is fun for all ages and skill levels. The pro shop carries Clear Lake Golf Club merchandise that would make perfect gifts for the golfer in your life. The clubhouse is open for lunch, private parties and is a great place to go to relax with friends!



Nick Donahue helps drag drain tile through trench .

Volunteer Opportunities Available

Have you ever wondered how you could help support your golf course other than through your membership? The golf course has many volunteer opportunities available and the board realizes there are many talents available from its membership.

Maybe you are willing to help with grounds improvement (for example landscaping)? Maybe you are willing to co-

ordinate a specific project? Maybe you have an idea to pass on that would benefit the course and its members? Our members are vital to the success of this course and the board would appreciate any help that is available.

Future projects that have been discussed include an Adopt-A-Hole program, Facebook advertising.

But, like any other project implemented in the past, it takes

volunteers to make these projects take off and succeed. Please contact any board member or course superintendent Larry Molitor with your suggestions or offer to help with future projects. You may also send an email to clgolf@itctel.com or lundberg@itctel.com and your emails will be forwarded.

The future of your course relies on you!!