

#### MAY 2023 NEWSLETTER

## MEMBER GUEST TOURNAMENT SATURDAY MAY 6 - TEE OFF AT 9AM

OPENINGS AVAILABLE: 12 open spots, stop by or call the clubhouse (563-785-6328) to sign up today! Format, 2 person best shot. There will be a raffle for a NEW single membership (non-certificate golf membership) for a guest and a raffle for a \$100 gift card for a member.

#### COUPLES GOLF NIGHT - KICK OFF MONDAY MAY 8

Are you ready for some fun golf? Couples night takes place on Mondays at 5:00 pm starting in May and ending in August. This is a FUN night with many different skill levels and ages of golfers who enjoy playing and having fun. If you are new to Wahkonsa this is a great way to meet many Members. Couples are any combination of two people.

If you would like to have a fun night out to play golf with other couples, no sign up is required and we encourage you to come out on any Monday night that works for you! There will be a meal planned for dinner at a very reasonable cost. There is an end of year

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Maria Olsen President Communications Chair Committees: Finance, Golf, Social

Matt Sanders Vice President Membership Chair Committees: Communications, Finance, Grounds

Michelle Trede Secretary Committees: Golf, Grounds, House, Social

Vance Glaser Treasurer Finance Chair

**Dan Fratzke** House Chair Committees: Grounds

Greg Stender Grounds Chair Committees: House

Jake Lambrecht Golf Chair Committees: Communications, Social

**Keith Sanders** Social Chair Committees: Communications, Grounds, Golf, House, Membership

Brian Bane Committees: Membership

awards and dinner banquet that will include all league Members. The course is not closed, anyone is able to play a regular round on Monday nights.

## USGA - GOLF HANDICAP INFORMATION NETWORK (GHIN)

We are excited to announce that Wahkonsa will be joining the Iowa Golf Association (IGA) which offers our members the option to join the Golf Handicap & Information Network. (GHIN) is one of the largest handicap management tools in the world, serving more than 2 million golfers and 15,000 golf clubs and provides a Handicap Index for every golfer – regardless of age, gender or skill level – with a universal measure of playing ability under the World Handicap System. A Handicap Index allows you to play with any golfer on a fair and equitable basis and participate in events that require a GHIN handicap. We had our club rated on April 12, measurement and stroke index allocation (handicap holes) for NO cost, which was a minimum of \$1000 in years past. Cost is \$22 annually, provide the payment to clubhouse manager, provide your first name, last name and best email address. We will have the profile set up and a confirmation email will be sent to you. If you would like to learn a bit more, please visit their website; https://www.ghin.com

#### WELCOME NEW 2023 MEMBERS!

Todd & Julie Schwarz Jerry Seddon Rick & Leann Smith Chad Lofgren Stephanie Miene & Kyle Biddle Jeremy Lawlor Mark Peterson Josh Peterson Clint Kutcher Melissa Kelling Gary Gaskey Matt Liske Troy Andersen

## START UP OF ANOTHER SEASON - COURSE & MEMBER

**CART SIGNS & GREEN CARE** Please abide by all signs around the course which includes the no cart signs. No cart signs will clearly lead you in a specific direction, please do not drive through the middle of them. When driving your golf cart, you must be at least 35 feet away at all times. If traffic is heavy enough or weather conditions bad enough, carts can cause turf to wilt to the point of no return, leaving thin weak areas.

**PLAYING THROUGH** If a group behind you is playing faster please be courteous and allow them to play through.

**YOUNG GOLFERS** Young golfers are still learning the game, have patience and kindly share with them rules and golf etiquette.

**OUTSIDE DRINKS** Outside alcohol and beverages cannot be consumed on Wahkonsa property (course, clubhouse, cart sheds and parking lot). The only alcohol that can be consumed on Wahkonsa grounds has to be purchased at the clubhouse. If a golfer is found to have brought their beverages from outside, they will be told to dump them out or confiscated by the club, and they will be given a warning. If the golfer does not comply, they will be told to leave with no refunds issued. If anyone is a repeat offender, we will review on the grounds of suspension.

**LARGE GROUPS** Five is the maximum number of golfers allowed in one group. This rule does include Men's Day and Women's Day. If a group has more than five golfers, they will be requested to split up. If they do not comply, they will be requested to leave with no refunds issued.

**WOMEN'S DAY** Women's Day begins at 12:00pm CT, on every Wednesday. Only women 18 years and older are allowed to golf after 12:00pm CT. If you are not a woman 18 years or older and you tee off of hole 1 by 11:59am CT, you are allowed to finish your 9 holes. If you

are not a woman 18 years or older and tee off at 12:00pm CT or later, you will be requested to leave.

**MEN'S DAY** Men's Day begins at 12:00pm CT, on every Thursday. Only Men 18 years and older are allowed to golf on these days. If you are not a man 18 years or older and you tee off of hole 1 by 11:59am CT, you are allowed to finish your 9 holes. If you are not a man 18 years or older and tee off at 12:00pm CT or later, you will be requested to leave.

FINAL NOTES If you, as a member, see someone not following the rules, please use your right as a member and politely approach that member or golfer. We are all members who want to see this course continue to succeed and be around for many generations. This is only achieved by the entire body of the membership, following the rules, enforcing the rules and keeping the course a respectable and enjoyable place to be. Please view bylaws on our website <u>here</u>.

## WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

We would like to encourage all the Wahkonsa women to join the 2023 Wahkonsa Golf Course Ladies League. Our goal is to make league play as fun and stress free as possible. Food will be available each week from the snack bar, with some "specialty food" nights on the last Wednesday of the month. Ladies day will begin the last Wednesday in April (Kickoff with a Ladies Spring Banquet) and league play begins the second Wednesday in May and runs through the last Wednesday in August.

We have added fun days, which will be the last Wednesday of the month, unless we need to use that date for a rain date. Just to keep things interesting, there are a number of "fun things" that Members can participate in. We have a Ringer Board, which shows your personal improvement from week to week on each hole. You must use your league round (first nine holes) for this board. We also have two "pin prizes" every week along with other fun weekly contests. You do NOT have to be a Wahkonsa Member to participate in the fun day, invite your friends. A Fall Banquet will be held on the last Wednesday of August. All ladies are welcome at the Spring and Fall Banquets... you do not need to be a Ladies League member to attend.

Women's League Format: Our league's format is team play using handicap. This format allows golfers of all capabilities to play and contribute. Women wishing to play must be 18 years of age or older to join the league. Your league round may be played with whomever you wish, but your first 9 hole round on league day (Wednesday) must be counted as your league round. You may play prior to noon, though the 1st tee is open to men until noon. There is also a "Social Membership" for those who prefer not to keep track of their weekly score as in League play. You play with whomever you wish at the time that works best for you. Dues are only \$10, current rate for Handicap (please contact a Ladies League Committee member for current rate). Social memberships are not required to get a handicap.

Women's Eastern Iowa Golf Association: Wahkonsa is part of the eight Member Women's Eastern Iowa Golf Association (WEIGA). With over ten, 18-hole qualifying tournaments from May through July, it is a great opportunity to play other golf courses for a nominal fee while making new friends. WEIGA also has scholarship and Hall of Fame programs.

#### **MEN'S ASSOCIATION**

Men's night is every Thursday starting at noon from starting after May 1st through August 31. Although there is no formal league play, there is a Men's Association that offers several benefits to Members for a nominal fee of \$40.00, a polo can be included for a total of \$60.

Selection precedence for the Wah-Liberty tournament, a Ryder Cup format in late September against West Liberty Country Club. Free kick-off meal and end of season steak fry There are discounted or free Wahkonsa men's team shirts.

**Men's Eastern Iowa:** Wahkonsa belongs to the Eastern Iowa Golf Association, consisting of nine golf courses in the area. Monthly events are held between participating courses between May and July and Members compete to play in the finals, which are

typically held in August. There is an open division as well as a senior's division (50 years and over) finals for the Eastern Iowa Golf Association. You must be a Men's Association Member to participate.

**Scholarships**: Our participation in the Eastern Iowa Golf Association includes funds raised throughout the season that go toward a golf scholarship for a Member or Member's child who is currently enrolled or applying for college.

**Best-shots:** Each month of the season men are invited to participate in a blind draw best-shot tournament followed by a steak fry. These events start at 5:30 p.m. and dates are listed on the club calendar.

## CALENDAR 2023

2023 Golf calendar is posted on the <u>website</u>. If you wish to schedule an event, contact <u>wahkonsa@iowatelecom.net</u> with the requested date.

2023	May					
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	01 Durant Girls vs Tipton @ home 4 p.m Wilton Girls vs Regina @ home 4 p.m.	02	03 1st Ladies Day	<b>04</b> 1st Mens Day	05	06 Member-Guest 2 Person Best Shot @ 9:00am
07	08 Couples/Two Person League Sign Up Durant Boy's vs Mid/Prairie @ home 4 p.m Wilton Boys vs West Liberty @ home 4 p.m.	09	10	11	12	13
14	15 Couples League @ 5:30pm (Course Open)	16	17	18	19	20
21 WEIGA @ Monticello EIGA @ Home vs.Bellevue	22 Couples League @ 5:30pm (Course Open)	23	24	25 Men's Day Best Shot @ 5:30pm	26	27 8" Cup 4 Person Best Shot @ 9:00am
28 Memorial Day 8" Cup Couples Best Shot @ 9:00am	29 Memorial Day - 8" Cup 2 Person Best Shot @ 9:00am	30	31	01	02	03
04 EIGA @ Monticello	05 Couples League @ 5:30pm Junior Golf 8:30am-11:45am	Notes: *The course will be o **The course will be Clubhouse for detail	closed for any tourna	ednesday and Thursda aments or outings on	ay for Ladies and Mens the calendar, unless n	Day respectively. oted. Call the

2023	June					
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	<b>01</b> Junior Golf 8:30am-11:45am (Course Open)	<b>02</b> Junior Golf 8:30am-11:45am (Course Open) WEIGA @ West	03
04 EIGA @ Monticello	O5 Couples League @ 5:30pm Junior Golf 8:30am-11:45am	<b>06</b> Junior Golf 8:30am-11:45am (Course Open) WEIGA @ Lake	07	08	09	10 Todd Lenker Memorial Outing @ 9:00am
<b>11</b> WEIGA @ Wapsi	12 Couples League @ 5:30pm (Course Open)	13	14 WEIGA @ Fawn Creek	15	16 Wilfundy Outing @ 9:00am	17 Timmerman Golf Outing @ 12pm
18 EIGA @ Home vs West Liberty WEIGA @ West Liberty	19 Couples League @ 5:30pm (Course Open)	20 WEIGA @ Kernoustie	21	22 WEIGA @ Tipton	23	24 House Sponsored Cubs - Cardials Tournament 9 holes, 9:00a.m start
25 WEIGA @ Monticello	26 Couples League @ 5:30pm (Course Open)	27	28 WEIGA @ Wahkonsa	29 Men's Day Best Shot @ 5:30pm	30	01
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## **MEMBERSHIP DUES 2023**

There has been a \$25 late fee added to all dues that haven't paid half of dues by March 15<sup>th</sup>

Dues are delinquent if not paid by June 1st and an additional late fee is applied.

2023 Membership Rates			
Description	Amou	nt Due	
Single	\$	700	
Senior Single	\$	645	
Couples	\$	908	
Senior Couple	\$	873	
Family	\$	964	
Junior/College	\$	509	
High School/Junior High	\$	148	
Social	\$	161	
Century	\$	418	
Trail Fees	\$	91	

Gas Shed Rental	\$ 203
Electric Shed Rental	\$ 288
Individual Annual Cart Lease	\$ 492
Family Annual Cart Lease	\$ 737
1/2 Year Single	\$ 350
1/2 Year Senior Single	\$ 322.50
1/2 Year Couples	\$ 454
1/2 Year Senior Couples	\$ 436.50
1/2 Year Family	\$ 482
1/2 Year Junior/College	\$ 254.50
1/2 Year High School/Junior High	\$ 74
1/2 Year Social	\$ 80.50
1/2 Year Century	\$ 209

\*tax is included in prices shown Membership packets are available on our <u>website</u> and at the Clubhouse

## **UPSTAIRS RENTAL RATES**

We have increased our upstairs rental rates to \$125 an event for Members, \$75 for a bartender. Non-member rate \$250 and \$75 for a bartender. View the new contract on our <u>website</u>.

## WAHKONSA JUNIOR GOLF

#### Dear Parents,

This summer the Wahkonsa Country Club will host a summer junior golf clinic for students having completed grades 3-8. There will be two different age groups. The goal of the clinic is to teach an understanding of the game and equip golfers with the basic fundamentals needed to be successful in the sport. Instruction for each session will be based on a program created by U.S. Kids Golf.

All 3 levels focus on:

• Putting • Around the Green • Full Swing • Knowledge of Rules & Scoring

The lessons provided in the above areas are meant to be informal, informational, and enjoyable. Along with instruction, each golfer will be participating in various drills and skill challenges that must be completed in order to advance to the next level.

We will be hosting camp Thursday, June 1, Friday, June 2, Monday, June 5 and Tuesday, June 6. 3rd & 4th grade will run from 8:30-9:50, while 5th-8th will run from 10:00-11:20. This will cap us at 30 kids per session, with each session having 3 groups. This will put your child in a group of 10 or less during their respective time. If we have inclement weather, and have to cancel one of the days, we will make up that day on Wednesday, June 7. Each golfer will need a basic set (wood, iron, putter) of clubs.

The cost of the clinic is \$45 a child. If you have two or more children you would like to register, the price for each additional child is \$35. This would mean a family registering two children would pay \$80 (\$45 for 1st child, \$35 for second child). Please make checks payable to Wilton CSD and send the registration form to Ben Gast, 1002 Cypress Street, Wilton, IA 52778. Wilton students may drop their form off at the school office. Durant students should give their form to Mrs. Ahrens If you have any questions, please contact Ben Gast (bengast@wiltoncsd.org or 732-2035) or Denise Ahrens (denise.ahrens@durant.k12.ia.us or 785-4432).

Yours in golf, Ben Gast, Wilton Girls Golf Coach Denise Ahrens, Durant Girls Golf Coach Kent Bovenmyer, Wilton Boys Golf Coach

(Form below)

# Junior Golf Registration Form

Form is due May 19

Child's Name	M F
Grade Completed	
Guardian Name	
Guardian Phone Number	
Youth Golfer Shirt Size	YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL
Child's Name #2	M F
Grade Completed	
Youth Golfer Shirt Size	YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL

Child's Name #3 M F Grade Completed

Youth Golfer Shirt Size YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL

Please send this sheet, along with your payment (check made payable to Wilton CSD) to:

## Wilton CSD 1002 Cypress Street Wilton, IA 52778 % Ben Gast

Please register my child for Junior Golf. Enclosed is \$45.

Please register my <u>children for Junior Golf. Enclosed is \_\_\_\_\_.</u> 1st child \$45, each additional child is \$35...\$80 for two golfers, \$115 for three golfers, etc...

Additional information we need to be made aware of:

I hereby authorize the Directors of Wahkonsa Jr. Golf to act according to their best judgment in any situation requiring medical attention and waive and release the Directors and Wahkonsa from all claims from any injury which may be sustained while attending camp.

Guardian Signature:	Date:
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