WAHKONSA

MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER

KENTUCKY DERBY TOURNAMENT SATURDAY MAY 4 - TEE OFF AT 11AM

Derby Time! We are having a 9 hole 4-person best shot followed by a Horse race (something new to try). What's a horse race you ask? A Horse race starts with all golfers on the same hole. The worst score on the hole is eliminated from the competition and the remaining golfers move on to the next hole continuing until only 1 golfer is left. Best shot will start at 11am with the Horse race to follow. Then we will draw horse names for pools and root for our horses in the Kentucky Derby. Call or stop by the clubhouse to get signed up.

MEMBER GUEST TOURNAMENT SATURDAY MAY 11 - TEE OFF AT 9AM

OPENINGS AVAILABLE: 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.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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COUPLES GOLF NIGHT - KICK OFF MONDAY MAY 13

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 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.

COURSE UPDATE

A new walking bridge has been installed on hole #7 across the creek. We want to thank Rick Pierce for constructing the bridge. We would also like to thank Rick Pierce, Nick Gingerich, Cole Grings and Jeff Harper for setting and installing the bridge. Reminder, this is for walking only, no carts are allowed on the bridge.



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.

WELCOME NEW 2024 MEMBERS!

Jake Fratzke Austin & Hillary Henke Jackson Hull Jarrett Clasen Martin Ellison Caleb Kaufmann Bryan Hoon Von Glaser Brady Anderson **Russell Young** Mary Huesmann Lawson & Caylia Melvin Carpenter Tony Rocha Kenzie Paper Don & Melissa Roth Tim & Monica Rouse Darry Schwarz Colin Weih Sam & Krystal Wilson Curt & Monica Wulf Cole Miedema Mason & Lynsey Kruise Colin Moeller Rylan Perry Caden Meyer Kevin Custic Robert Elliot John Sawyer Marvin Danz Troy Kock Dick & Brenda Grunder Eric Furne Erik Grunder Daniel Meineke Austin Finnegan Rory & Kate Huston

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 Page **4** of **11**

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 2024 Wahkonsa Golf Course Ladies League. Our goal is to make league play as fun and stress free as possible. Please sign-up ASAP as teams are being set up, with the first night being May 8th. Please contact Amie Pierce (563-260-7139) if you would like to join the league.

There are a number of "fun things" that league 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 such as the Birdie and Chip-in contest which is optional... If you wish to participate in the Birdie and Chip-in contest, you just need to sign up and pay \$.25 into each can (weekly) for each contest. If you get a Birdie or Chip-in, then you split the pot with anyone else that achieved a birdie or chip-in for that week. If there are no winners, the pot carries over to the next week.

We also will periodically have a fun day event, which you do NOT have to be a league Member to participate in. 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 handicaps. 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. You may play with whomever you wish at the time that works best for you. Dues are only \$10 for league plus the current rate for Handicap. Two options are available for handicap...The GHIN system, (Golf Handicap and Information Network) is a service offered by the USGA to golf associations worldwide. GHIN is one of the largest handicap management tools in the world. This is a phone based app where you can enter your handicap conveniently from your phone. The GHIN system includes 15,000 golf clubs, so handicaps from most courses you play will be

included. This app also has a GPS function that you can use during your round that will assist in yardages while you golf, and has stats capabilities including hole by hole stats. The GHIN handicap is \$30. An alternative handicap can be generated through the ladies league for only those rounds played at Wahkonsa. This handicap will be based on any round played at Wahkonsa (not just the league rounds). You will need to turn those non league rounds into the basket in the ladies' restroom. Please include your name and the date this round was played so that we can differentiate league rounds from non-league rounds. The NON- GHIN handicap will be \$10 and that fee can be paid to Donna Kemph, Lynn Frett, or Amie Pierce.

There is also a "Social Membership" for those who prefer not to keep track of their weekly score as in League play. Social memberships are not required to get a handicap. Social Memberships are \$10. Social members can play in the periodic fun events. Social memberships will also go towards funding the special projects that support the club and or course, which will be determined at the fall meeting.

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. You do NOT have to be a Ladies League member to participate in WEIGA, and there is no age restriction. (This was previously reported as needing to be 16, but this has been clarified). Contact Jen Stover (563-299-6320) if you would like to Join WEIGA.

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 2024

2024 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.

2024	May							
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
28	29 Durant Girls vs Tipton @ home 4 p.m	30	01	02	03	04 Kentucky Derby Tournment @ 9:00 AM		
05	06 Couples/Two Person League Sign Up Durant Girl's vs Mid/Prairie @ home 4 p.m Wilton Girl's vs West Liberty @ Home	07 Wilton Girl's QUAD @ home 2:30 p.m.	08	09	10	11 Member-Guest 2 Person Best Shot @ 9:00am		
12	13 Couples League @ 5: 30pm (Course Open)	14	15	16	17	18		
19 EIGA @ Home vs. Solon	20 Couples League @ 5: 30pm (Course Open)	21	22	23 Men's Day Best Shot @ 5:30pm	24	25 8" Cup 4 Person Best Shot @ 9:00am		
26 Memorial Day 8" Cup Couples Best Shot @ 9:00am	27 Memorial Day - Open Golf All Day	28	29	30	31	01		
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2024	June					
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31 WEIGA @ West Liberty	01
02 EIGA @ Home VS Anamosa WEIGA @ Monticello	O3 Couples League @ 5:30pm	04 Junior Golf 8:30am-11:45am (Course Open)	05	06 Junior Golf 8:30am-11:45am (Course Open WEIGA @ Wapsi	07 Junior Golf 8:30am-11:45am (Course Open	08 Todd Lenker Memorial Outing @ 10:00am Weiga @ Tipton
09 Ryder Cup Member Only 9am Start	10 Junior Golf 8:30am-11:45am (COURSE CLOSED) Couples League @	11 Junior Golf 8:30am-11:45am (COURSE CLOSED rain date) WEIGA @	12 WEIGA @ Fawn Creek	13	14 Wilfundy Outing @ 9:00am	15 House Sponsored Cubs - Cardials Tournament 9 holes, 9:00a.m start
16 EIGA @ Tipton WEIGA @ Wahkonsa	17 Couples League @ 5:30pm (Course Open)	18	19	20 WEIGA @ Tipton	21	22
23	24 Couples League @ 5:30pm (Course Open)	25 WEIGA @ Kernoustie	26	27 Men's Day Best Shot @ 5:30pm	28	29
30 WEIGA @ Monticello	01		closed for any tour		ay for Ladies and Mens the calendar, unless n	

MEMBERSHIP DUES 2024

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

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

Description	Amou	int Due
Single	\$	735
Senior Single	\$	677
Couples	\$	953
Senior Couple	\$	917
Family	\$	1012
Junior/College	\$	250
High School/Junior High	\$	155
Social	\$	169
Century	\$	439
Trail Fees	\$	96
Gas Shed Rental	\$	213
Electric Shed Rental	\$	302
Individual Annual Cart Lease	\$	517
Family Annual Cart Lease	\$	774
1/2 Year Single	\$	367.50
1/2 Year Senior Single	\$	338.50
1/2 Year Couples	\$	476.50
1/2 Year Senior Couples	\$	458.50
1/2 Year Family	\$	506
1/2 Year Junior/College	\$	125
1/2 Year High School/Junior High	\$	77.5
1/2 Year Social	\$	84.50
1/2 Year Century	\$	219.50

2024 Membership Rates

*tax is included in prices shown

Membership packets are available on our $\underline{website}$ and at the Clubhouse

This year we are doing half price certificate holding memberships. This includes singles, senior singles, couples, senior couples, and family. You can't have been a previous member in the last five years and will still have to pay the full \$200 for the certificate. For example, a single

membership is \$735, cut that price in half and it's \$367.50 (+\$200 for certificate) for new members. Come on out, start making new friends and great golfing memories.

UPSTAIRS RENTAL RATES

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