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The Tee Times

The official newsletter of the Stoughton Country Club

Golf Tips

by Brad Calaway, PGA
General Manager & Head Golf Professional

The state of the Club is doing well. The different committees made up of social members, golf members, board members, and staff are meeting now. They are working on the concerns that members have regarding everything from the dining experience, menu options, and clubhouse building, to marking the golf course for events and competitive play. These committees meet as often as needed to meet the concerns and needs of the membership. The board of directors receives a report monthly from each of the committee chairpersons. We are adding two new locations to our suggestion boxes. The newly renovated golf shop and inside the main clubhouse entrance will be added to the bar/sunroom location.

In my fourth year at Stoughton Country Club, I have never felt better that all the things we do well will continue as status quo, and the concerns and ideas of our members are being heard, discussed and when warranted, changes are being made.

We are in a good place with our membership numbers and we're looking forward to continuing to improve your member experience in all the areas you enjoy. We have added many new social and golf members this year. I enjoy introducing new members to other members when I see them dining, enjoying the bar, or getting ready to go golfing. I would ask you to introduce yourself to someone you may not recognize as a long-time member as we've all experienced the feeling of being the new kid on the block. The more people you know the better the experience here at Stoughton Country Club. Please come out and enjoy the new patio expansion, and the new patio furniture as we all know you can't find a better view anywhere around the area. The golf course came through the winter well.

Get out there, practice up, and look to sign up for Women's Classic Match Play, Men's Classic Match Play, President's Cup Match Play, and the upcoming "ice breaker/member mixer" golf event.

This should be your "happy place" and our job is to make sure that when you're on property it stays that way. If you arrive in a good mood and leave happy or satisfied, we have done our job.

Thank you to all of you reading this for being active, informed, and caring members. We truly appreciate each and every one of you.

Brad Calaway, PGA

From the Grounds Crew

by Mark Livingston, Golf Course Superintendent

This spring started out beautifully with record temperatures and a quick green-up of the golf course. Since that early boost of warm weather, we have struggled to put together a decent stretch of weather. The growth of the turf and plants has slowed down to a crawl, and it has been downright miserable working outside. I think it is safe to say that we are all looking forward to nicer weather.

This season we will not be painting blue lines around the greens. I have noticed that most people drive right next to the line causing wear and tear to the turf. I would like to ask everyone to keep carts at least 40 feet from the greens and use cart paths whenever possible.

I would also like to address the rakes in the sand traps. Each day we rake the traps and place the rakes back in them parallel to the edge. We have found this to be the most maintenance friendly way to place them along with providing a clean look. If everyone could place the rakes back like that it would provide a much better looking course and allow us to be more efficient with our mowers.

The new roller we purchased last year has been used quite a bit this spring, especially with the lack of turf growth. I can see that it is a much better roller than we had in the past. Unfortunately, the roller will need to be sent in for some warranty work. The dates the roller will be gone for service are still to be determined but I just wanted to communicate with everyone ahead of time in case you notice a slight difference in the greens while it is gone.

I look forward to a great season on the course.

Mark



Membership Directory



Have you checked out the newly redesigned Stoughton Country Club website? If not, we encourage you to do so. One area we'd like to feature is the "Members Directory". You will find the names and phone numbers of other SCC members. It is found under the "Members" tab ~ Member Login. Once on your dashboard navigate to "Memberships" (left side) ~ "Members Directory" (right side). Names are listed alphabetically, or you may use the search box and search by first or last name.





Check-In Policy

Please make every effort to check in before your tee times. This will help us ensure that everything runs smoothly and that everyone gets their fair share of playing time.

Making Tee Times

Additionally, we've noticed that some of our members have been making tee times with just a guest or member placeholder. We kindly ask that you update your reservation to reflect the actual number of players in your group. This will help us avoid any confusion or delays when it comes to assigning tee times. Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us make our course a great place to play. We look forward to seeing you out on the greens soon.

Railing Work

We will be updating and fixing the railings as you come down the steps outside the front of the building. Work will begin on the left side of the railing. The installation of the right side of the railing will be delayed due to the need to repair the cinder block wall.

The patio railing, and steps railing to the lake, will be completed in mid-May. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, and we appreciate your patience and understanding. We will keep you updated on the progress of the repairs.

Executive Summaries

As of January 1, 2023, we will no longer be posting executive summaries on the SCC website. This revision is due to the recent software change that we have implemented. Effective July 1, 2023, executive summaries will be available for review in

the office. We understand the importance of these summaries and want to ensure that members still have access to them. Please feel free to stop by the office to view the summaries.

Strategic Planning Process

The SCC Board of Directors and management staff will begin meeting this summer to develop a strategic plan for the future of Stoughton Country Club. If you have thoughts and suggestions regarding goals for the Club, please share them. You may place them in the suggestion box currently located in the handicap room off the golf shop or send an email to sccboardsecretary@stoughtoncountryclub.com.

"Comments and Suggestion" Boxes

Watch for additional suggestion boxes to be placed within the Club. As we continue to work towards providing the best possible experience for our members, we always welcome your suggestions, questions, and feedback.

One Bench Available

Have you noticed the lovely benches placed throughout the golf course? There is one bench available for purchase. A wonderful way to honor someone special in your life. The cost is \$1,000. Please contact the office if you are interested.

**LATE FEE
POLICY UPDATE**

MEMBERS,

WE WANT TO INFORM YOU ABOUT SOME IMPORTANT CHANGES TO OUR LATE PAYMENT FEE POLICY, WHICH WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON THE NEXT BILLING CYCLE.

MOVING FORWARD, ANY BALANCE PAST 60 DAYS, UNDER \$500 WILL BE SUBJECT TO A LATE FEE OF \$25 PER MONTH. IF YOUR BALANCE IS 60 DAYS OR MORE PAST DUE AND EXCEEDS \$500, THE LATE FEE WILL BE \$50 PER MONTH.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT UNEXPECTED CIRCUMSTANCES CAN ARISE, AND WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO REACH OUT TO US IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING ANY DIFFICULTIES WITH MAKING PAYMENTS. WE ARE HERE TO HELP AND WILL WORK WITH YOU TO FIND A SOLUTION THAT WORKS FOR EVERYONE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT, AND PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT US IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

An “EGG-CEPTIONAL” time was had by all!

What a beautiful day it was! Thank you to all the families that spent Easter with us. We were delighted to serve 170 members, family members, and guests, this year for the delicious brunch. More than 25 children were excited and successful in their search for the hundreds of eggs hidden around the Clubhouse grounds. The Easter bunny even hopped into town for this event!

Enjoy a few of the many photos that were taken in a short amount of time.



News From Behind the Bar

by Tim Gille, Bar Manager

HELLO BAR FEATURES

May

DECOY Cabernet Sauvignon
Sonoma County, California
Rich flavors of raspberry and ripe plum with hints of oak and sweet baking spices lead to a luxurious finish.
12 glass 40 bottle

DECOY Chardonnay
Sonoma County, California
Bright citrus and tropical flavors with a silky and rounded mouthfeel
10 glass 38 bottle

Transfusions



Tuesday Special
Enjoy a 1/2 priced bottle of wine with dinner.
This applies to any wine.
Dine in only.

#TRANSFUSION #CANFUSION
#ENJOYLIFE #GOLFCOCKTAIL
\$5.25




We extend our condolences and deepest sympathy to Carol Borgen on the passing of her husband, Dave. Also, to Mike Gehrke, whose wife, Bev, passed away on April 21st.

Please know you are held closely in our thoughts and our hearts during this difficult time.

Welcome New Members!

- George Benson (golf)
- Colin McClure (golf)
- Ryan Frederich (golf)
- Jake Rusch (golf)
- Kyle Dziak (golf)
- Jake Evans (golf)
- Colin Frey (golf)
- Ryan Stolcpart (golf)

Welcome!

In Memory

In memory of Rita Jeffrey's, the women golfers of Stoughton Country Club have made a donation to the Stoughton Senior Center in her name.

Golf Drill – “The Shadow Knows”

by Brad Calaway, PGA
General Manager & Head Golf Professional

Many amateurs get their swing off to a poor start and have to make mid-swing adjustments so that they can make reasonable contact with the golf ball. It's a recipe for inconsistency. Lateral movement as you start your backswing can be stopped/fixed with the help of your shadow. Simply face away from the sun to cast a proper shadow at address.

To get to the top of the swing the way the pros do, drop an aiming rod down so that it vertically dissects the shadow image. Now make a backswing, paying attention to how your shadow moves in relation to the rod. When you turn back with your body, your shadow should remain fairly still in relation to the rod (above). It shouldn't drift noticeably in either direction.

Remember that feeling when you're back out on the golf course about to hit a shot.



CONGRATULATIONS

to the following members on their recent Hole-in-Ones:



Dustin Oler - April 20th
4-Iron | Hole 10 | 212 Yards



Jim Peterson - April 13th
6-Hybrid | Hole 3 | 160 Yards

To Keep You Laughing

Golf Swindler:

While sitting at a table in the clubhouse after a game, Jonathon remarked to a fellow club member, I'm not going to play golf with Jim Lawler anymore. He cheats.

"Why do you say that?" asked his friend.

"Well, he found his lost ball two feet from the green", replied Jonathon indignantly.

"That's entirely possible", commented his friend.

"Not when I had his golf ball in my pocket", retorted Jonathon with finality.

Golf Tip

by Darcy Kelly, Teaching Pro

Recovery shot from the trees.



You are in the trees, you hit your shot and it hits a tree branch and drops straight down leaving you in the woods! Does this situation sound familiar? Those darn branches must have grown while you were attempting your escape!

Let's brush up on tree recovery shot basics!

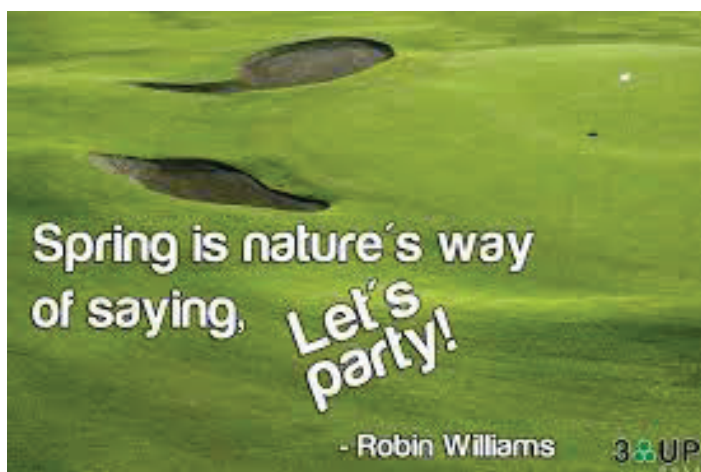
1. Get yourself out to the fairway in one shot, which is a safe, realistic landing area for your next shot!
2. Use a low lofted club. This depends on the length of the grass and if there are low branches or not. Try a 6-iron.
3. Narrow your stance, slightly less than hip-width.
4. Position the golf ball slightly back of center.
5. Take a shorter swing, this will depend on how far you need the ball to travel. It's more of an arm swing shot, similar to a chip shot.

Practicing this shot is essential!! You need to get comfortable and confident.

Next month we will expound on other tree shot techniques so get out there and work on these basics!!

I look forward to seeing you all soon!!  

Darcy



Meet the **STAFF**



Darcy (Madden) Kelly was born and raised in Appleton Wisconsin, along with her three brothers. She started participating in golf at the age of eight and began working at the golf course when she was twelve. The golf pro said she was there so much he might as well put her to work!

She graduated from Appleton high school West, where she was a member of the girls' basketball team and girls' golf team. In 1978 the golf team tied for first place at the Wisconsin State high school golf championship but lost in the playoffs. Darcy was the state medalist that year. Participation in competitive golf continued at the University of Minnesota where she earned a degree in public health and psychology.

Darcy & husband Pat have been married for 36 years and have two children, Keelin & Ian. Their daughter Keelin is married to Connor Mellom. They have a son Porter who will be 3 years old on the 4th of July and are expecting their second child in May! Their son Ian is currently working in Spain.

Darcy was an assistant golf pro at Cherokee Country Club but decided golf instruction was what she really wanted to do. She taught for 20 years at UW-Madison in the Department of Kinesiology in their activities program. She's currently in her 18th year instructing for The First Tee of South-Central WI. She coached the Women's Golf team at Edgewood College and was both an assistant coach and volunteer coach for the McFarland High School Girls' Golf team. Darcy began working at Stoughton Country Club in March 2020 as a golf instructor.

Her hobbies include swimming, biking, kayaking, SUP (stand-up paddleboarding), gardening, and just about any other outdoor activity, along with yoga, and cooking.

A couple of fun facts: Pat & Darcy were SCC members in the early 1990s, before having kids and then again as a family. Their kids had the privilege of participating in Steve Hlavacek's junior golf program and in later years they both worked under Steve's watchful eyes!

"Being a golf instructor is rewarding in so many ways! Thank you all for the opportunity to assist you with your golf game and get to know you and your story!!" ~Darcy Kelly

What's Happening

MAY

- 6 (Sat):** Kentucky Derby Party – Member Representative Needed
13 (Sat): Bourbon & Wine Tasting Event – Sign up today!
14 (Sun): Mother's Day Brunch – Reservations required
15 (Mon): Private Event
16 (Tue): McFarland Chamber Golf Outing
17 (Wed): Women's Spring Fling – "A Night at The Oscars" theme
17 – 18 (Wed-Thurs): Private Meeting LKR
20 (Sat): Ice Breaker/Member Mixer Golf Event with evening music. Featuring The Blue Smoothies (playing pop, rock, country & more...)
28 (Sun): Memorial Day Golf Outing
29 (Mon): Classic Matches & Presidents Cup Start

JUNE

- 5 (Mon):** Pints & Pitches
6 (Tue): Chip and Sip
9 (Fri): Couples Nine and Dine
9 (Fri): Dining Musical Entertainment – Bryan Piper (Country)
10 (Sat): Private Party
12 (Mon): Private Golf Outing
19 (Mon): Pints & Pitches
19 (Mon): ASHRAE Golf Outing
20 (Tue): Chip and Sip
23 – 24 (F-S): Men's Invite
28 (Wed): SCC Golf for Women's Health

**Please note: Events and dates are subject to change or cancellation if not enough member interest, etc.*



**Member
DISCOUNT
15%**

Thank you
for being a member of the
Stoughton Country Club.
As a member, you'll receive a 15%*
discount on your golf shop purchase.

*some exclusions apply: already sale priced merchandise,
special orders, and accessories
(e.g.: tees, repair tools, hat clips, ball markers, etc.)

Please remember, we are looking for assistance with planning and successfully carrying out the events. If you are interested in working with us on any of the events throughout the year, please reach out to the office.

