

AUGUST NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRESIDENT...



Todd Van Maanen, President

We are in the middle of the Pro-Am week as I write. The weather looks good and the clubhouse already has been active for over a week. Visiting with the pros and out of town guests is not only fun, I also keep hearing what we already know...Hillcrest Golf and Country Club is a great place. The course and the staff do not get much of a break with the SDGA Men's and Women's

Amateur tournament starting next Friday. A key part of these events is the strong volunteer force we have helping to make them successful. Thank you to everyone who is lending a hand.

With the SDGA event using the course next weekend, Dakota Dunes has offered the Hillcrest membership the opportunity to golf the dunes for a nice discount. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please call Dakota Dunes pro shop directly to make your arrangements.

Last month the Board planned to install new carpet on the patio and front steps, unfortunately the carpet was back ordered and we were not able to get it installed prior to the Pro-Am. Therefore, we have temporarily cancelled the plan and are considering other possible treatment options. The other Board project that I am very excited about is the Legacy Tree Farm Project. We hope to soon share details of the plan so that the membership can participate in a program that will shape Hillcrest for the next 50 years and beyond. We do love our trees. With that, get out and join in the many activities the club has to offer.



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FROM THE GOLF COURSE...

By the time Pro-Am starts the maintenance staff has prepped a fall renovation plan and ready for some cooler weather to aide in turf recovery. This year is a little different because the week after the Pro-Am your course will host the SDGA Men's and Women's Stroke Play Tournament. We will aerify, fertilize, and topdress the tees Monday following the Pro-Am. I think that our system leaves the turf in good condition and it won't be a play disruption by the weekend. After the SDGA leaves town we will move on to approaches. During the approach process we will do some seeding on #6 and #8 to try and introduce more disease resistant turf and compete against all the worm castings in the spring and fall.

Once the approaches are finished we will start aerifying and overseeding about half of the fairways. This process should help reduce the severity of some of our disease outbreaks in the summer. I plan to tackle the green surrounds on the putting green, #18, #3, and #13 too.

Sod additions are set for the fall. We need to adjust the bunker on #5 because maintenance equipment is ruining the face of the bunker and the same destruction is happening on the right bunker on hole #11. We will add sod around the bunkers during the renovations. I plan to remove the assortment of grasses on the back and left of #9 green and replace that with bluegrass sod.

I have a pretty good plan for #7 pond which includes digging some of it out and building some retaining walls. This project will not get underway until late fall and even then the project will require some capital that hasn't been built into any budget. However, the project size is not enormous, but visually this area is not an appealing section of the property and it should become a priority.



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This is a long list and heading into the fall and we might not get to every single project, but we are going to try!

Upcoming Events

August 1st-7th - Pro-Am
August 10th - New Teacher Luncheon
August 12-14 - SDGA Tournament
August 19th - Yonke Rehearsal Dinner
August 26th - Chamber Golf Outing
August 27th - Elwell Wedding
August 27th-28th - Yankton City Classic

Dining & Lounge Hours

Tuesday-Saturday 11am-Close
Sunday 1pm-6pm Lounge Only

Riverboat Days Hours

Friday 8/19 11am-5pm
Saturday 8/20 11am-5pm
Sunday 1pm-6pm Lounge Only

Pool Hours

1-9pm Daily
Once school starts the pool will only be open on weekends.

*Thank you to all of the
Pro-Am volunteers!
We couldn't do it
without you!*



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FROM THE GOLF SHOP...

Volunteers are needed for SDGA Championship that will be held August 13th and 14th.

Members of Hillcrest will be charged only a golf cart rate of \$20 per person to play those days. If you have never played Dakota Dunes, that would be a good weekend to experience golfing at The Dunes. Call Dakota Dunes at 605-232-3080 for your tee time for August 13 or 14.

Thank you to Barry O'Connell, Tom Reiners, and Ron Tappe for painting the railings on the all the bridges. They were out painting in the 100 degree heat! Thank you. Also, Ron Tappe painted the Men's locker room door going to the bagroom. Thank you Ron!

The Yankton City Classic, will be held on Saturday, August 27th at Fox Run and on Sunday, August 28th. This is a great tournament to showcase non-members what Hillcrest has to offer. Sign up sheets will be available the first part of August.

Tip of the month: Hit them straight!



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CUTE KID DOING SOMETHING NICE....



Thank you to Madison Ryken for the complimentary treats!!!

