

Hillcrest Newsletter

Presidential News...

It's with great pleasure I get the opportunity to serve as Hillcrest's President this year and I look forward to writing a newsletter each month to update you all on the wonderful things that are taking place at your club. Last night was the Annual Meeting and your incoming board of directors was appreciative of not only your attendance, but also your thoughts, comments and ideas on how to continue the success of past boards. Special thanks to Past President Bill Pierce and Mark Yonke for fulfilling their "tours of duty" and providing their time and insight over the years for the betterment of the club. Thanks also to Todd Van Maanen for his leadership this past year as President and willingness to serve a 4th year on the board as Past President. Lastly, I'd like to welcome incoming board members Devin Anderson and Heath Larson as they will be great additions to the board. As members you should be very excited about what we have going for us as a club! We are clicking on all cylinders and have excellent staff in key positions of the club which is vital for continuity and to further our enjoyment of the course and it's facilities.

From a financial standpoint, this past year was a success as we improved upon the previous year's net income with merchandise sales up 21%, food & beverage up 22% and rounds of golf up 7.5%. I'm glad to see you are using Hillcrest for your retail and dining needs as well as your golf and swimming enjoyment throughout the year! As a board we plan to reflect on the past year's success as well as also identify areas of expense we can improve upon to create better efficiencies and further improve the bottom line. Please continue to use Hillcrest's services this upcoming year and promote the club to your family and friends.

What are our plans for 2017 and beyond? One of our plans is to purchase new tables and chairs for the bar area. The old ones have gotten their fair share of use over the years and it's now time to provide an upgrade. Our "capital funds fee" will be put to good use in this area and is just one example of how the board wants to show you how those dollars are being spent! Warren has also purchased a new chipper that will aid him and his staff with tree removal. You'll see some nicely manicured trees this spring that will not only help the health of the trees and your enjoyment of the course, but also result in some cost savings over time as this service has been hired out in the past. Your board is also in the process of doing some forward thinking as it pertains to our overall tree inventory, the possible invasion of the emerald ash borer, as well as sedimentation issues of our ponds. All these topics and more will continue to be discussed and a plan will be put into place.

Thank you for your input on these subjects or any other you feel is important for the board to consider. I'm looking forward to another great year at Hillcrest!

Aaron Ness, President



Dining & Lounge Hours:
Tuesday-Friday 11am-Close
Saturday 5pm-Close

Clubhouse News...

Spring is almost here! I am looking forward to the golf season to start and some warmer weather.

We started the Lent Menu this week. We have many great seafood options available. Look forward to Fish and Chips, Fresh Rainbow Trout, Sea Scallops, and the popular Walleye Sliders are back. We also have a Ponzu Pork Chop, Shrimp Po Boy, and Tiramisu is the dessert feature.

Please mark your calendar for March 14th for the Yankton Chamber of Commerce meeting. We will talk about food and beverage, events, and golf to persuade some new members to join our family. The local Chamber members will be here for their monthly meeting and I am inviting all of you out to come and brag about our club to our local friends.

I am currently working on the Easter menu and we will send that out to RSVP later this month.



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Golf Course News...

The golf course should open this month and that means irrigation gets charged, early season applications go down on turf, and a lot of spring cleanup from the winter winds needs to get started and finished.

During the Annual Shareholders Meeting last week I updated attendees on our tree inventory. Since 2009 we have removed around 400 trees from your property and since last fall have added 58 new trees. 274 trees on the property are ash which make up 50% of your leaf trees.

We bought a chipper last week and it is our goal to continue removing ash trees in the shoulder and winter months. I would like to get our ash tree population under 100 trees before the Emerald Ash Borer arrives in Yankton County.

We still have the need to replenish the tree population and I encourage you to donate trees. You have plenty of property to plant new, quality trees. If you have a place you would like to see a tree planted and it fits the objectives of not interfering with a slightly off line golf shot and won't impair turf growth 40 years from now I will dig the hole.



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Visit www.hillcrestyankton.com to view our calendar of events and our menu!

Golf Shop News

We have had some very nice days in February. The streak of playing golf for 71 straight months for this group is still going! It looks like they will be able to get out in March and make it 72 months. The back nine is open to walkers only when the snow is gone. Please, repair your divots and ball marks when you are playing winter golf.



All of the events for the year are listed at: hillcrestyankton.com/event-calendar.html

Follow the Vegas trip scoring at golfgenius.com!
Sign into it by using the GGID of hillcrestvegas17.

This NEW scoring site will be used for all events at Hillcrest in 2017.



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LOCAL RULE: ACCIDENTAL MOVEMENT OF A BALL ON THE PUTTING GREEN

WHAT IT MEANS: The committee in charge of a competition or course now has the option to adopt a Local Rule that eliminates the penalty for all circumstances when a player, an opponent or either of their partners, caddies or equipment accidentally moves a ball or ball-marker on the putting green.

HOW IT WORKS | The following are examples where the Local Rule would apply:

IF: When preparing to make a stroke, a player accidentally causes the ball to move...



THEN: No penalty, and the ball must be replaced.

IF: A player accidentally drops his/her ball, which hits and moves the ball-marker...



THEN: No penalty, and the ball-marker must be replaced.

IF: A player accidentally drops his/her ball-marker, which hits and moves the ball...



THEN: No penalty, and the ball must be replaced.

IF: A player accidentally kicks and moves his/her ball...



THEN: No penalty, and the ball must be replaced.

HOW IT DOESN'T WORK | The following are examples where the Local Rule would not apply:

IF: A player intentionally moves or lifts his/her ball on the putting green without first marking its location...

THEN: One-stroke penalty, and the ball must be replaced.

IF: A player accidentally moves his/her ball that is lying on the fairway, in the rough or in a bunker...

THEN: One-stroke penalty, and the ball must be replaced.



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Hours for March 6th-31st will be Monday – Friday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 and once the golf course opens Saturday and Sunday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The pro shop will be closed March 9th, (due to a training seminar on the new scoring program) and March 12th-16th, due to the Las Vegas Trip. If you need anything during that time, please call or text me at 605-857-0100.