

Monthly Newsletter

Cokato Town & Country Club

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The Cokato Town & Country Club Board meets the second Monday of the month, 6 pm, at the clubhouse.

Board Meetings are open to the membership.

Welcome

Bob Ortquist

The Cokato Town & Country Club would like to welcome Bob Ortquist, as our new Grounds Superintendent.

Bob is a lifelong resident of the Cokato area, and has also been a member of the Cokato Town & Country Club for many years. Bob has spent prior years as a General Contractor, and home builder.

Ball Comes To Rest in a Divot Hole

SITUATION: Is a player entitled to relief if his ball lands in a divot in the fairway?

SOLUTION: NO, a player must play his ball as he finds it, unless a rule allows otherwise. There is NO rule that allows relief for a player who's ball comes to rest in a divot.

A player is entitled to replace a divot if his ball comes to rest just in front of it. However, the player may not press down the replaced divot as that would improve his area of intended swing.

Reciprocal Discounts for Members

The Board of Directors at the Cokato Town & Country Club, are pleased to announce discounts at six area Golf Courses. Bob Woessner has been busy contacting area courses and working out the details. The discounts will only apply to Cokato Town & Country Club members. In turn, we have also offered a discount to the members of these courses, to be used at the Cokato Town & Country Club. Membership cards must be presented to receive the discounts. The membership cards are currently being printed and will soon be distributed. For more details on discounts at the various courses, and to get your membership cards, check with our clubhouse manager - Vicky Danielson.

Corporate Membership—Four Cards

Family Membership—Four Cards

Single Membership—One Card

Two Person Membership—Two Cards

Participating Courses

- Kimball Golf Club, Kimball
- Riverwood National Golf Course, Monticello
- Wild Marsh Golf Club, Buffalo
- Buffalo Heights Golf Course Buffalo
- Crow River Golf Club, Hutchinson
- Oakdale Golf Club, Buffalo Lake



Ten Punch Cards to be available this year

Ten punch cards for green fees will be available for purchase this year (2010) One punch will be good for green fee for nine holes of golf. If you wish to play eighteen holes you would use a punch, and pay the difference. Does not include a cart. Cost - Pay for nine green fees receive one free.

restrictions may apply

Golf Cart Safety

Like regular vehicles, golf cars have a maximum speed, but it is not expected that you always drive at the maximum speed. Learn the speed limits in the areas where you are driving and use your best judgment. Like regular cars, adverse conditions will affect your speed limit. If it is raining or the ground is icy, reducing your speed will give you better control and handling of your golf cart. Reducing your speed when making sharp turns or when carrying a heavy load is also a good golf cart safety habit.

Overview from the April Board meeting

- We will be having the punch cards again.
- We will be installing a fence and Bob will be ordering the materials for it.
- Corporate Members will get four passes for the organization to use at any one time, still have to rent carts.
- We have reciprocals (discounts) with area golf courses: Each paid member will get a card to show when visiting one of these courses.
- Prices have been set for club rental for tournaments and will work with Vicki to have it ready for everyone.
- Lowered the cost of cart rental for members.
- Took care of numerous housekeeping items.

Wanted

Have golf equipment for sale or want to buy?
This space is for you.
Send e-mail to
Lpoko@hutchtel.net or
call 320-286-2833

Services

Free advertising for your golf related services. Send e-mail to Lpoko@hutchtel.net or call 320-286-2833

Schedule of events May 2010

May 3rd - Jr High Golf vs. Waconia 4:00 pm Shotgun start.

May 6th - JV Golf 4:00 pm Shotgun start.

May 10th - Jr High Golf 4:00 pm Shotgun start.

- Board Meeting
6:00 pm @ Clubhouse

- **The school uses the course Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm. Golf at your discretion. The last practice date for the school is May 20, 2010.**
- **Wednesday is recognized as member/guest and league day. Women on course till 2:00, Men from 12:00 until close. No Minors-No exceptions.**

A Bit of History

I had the opportunity to visit with Art Ogaard, a long time member and pioneer of what is now the Cokato Town & Country Club. He has a bit of history that he would like to share. Art has been playing at Cokato since his high school days. He graduated in 1952. One thing I found very interesting is the fact that the greens were not grass- but sand. The make up of these sand greens were finely crushed granite coated with a thin layer of oil. After playing the green, a piece of carpet attached to a 2x4 was dragged around the green to make it smooth for the next players. *"The closest I ever came to a hole in one, was on a sand green. In the sand I could see the path of my ball straight for the cup. My ball bounced over the cup and sat on the very back edge of the cup."* states Art.

Around 1959 - 1960 a group of local men (about forty) formed what was called the Cokato Golf Association. Bamie Michalson, Gordy Forsberg, Pete Nelson, Bud Halsne, Art Oggard, Swanberg, and many others were part of this group. The association approached the owner of the course (Gene Borseth) to purchase the course. Art said, *We all bought stock and were able to make it work. There were about 30 to 40 of us. All the work done at the course was done by the membership. One of the first things we did was to convert the sand greens to grass greens.*
...To be continued ...

Geriatric Golf

"How was your golf game, dear?" asked Jack's wife Tracy.
"Well, I was hitting pretty well, but my eyesight's gotten so bad I couldn't see where the ball went."
"But you're seventy-five years old, Jack!" admonished his wife, "Why don't you take my brother Scott along?"
"But he's eighty-five and doesn't even play golf anymore," protested Jack.
"But he's got perfect eyesight. He could watch your ball," Tracy pointed out.
The next day Jack teed off with Scott looking on. Jack swung, and the ball disappeared down the middle of the fairway. "Do you see it?" asked Jack.
"Yup," Scott answered.
"Well, where is it?" yelled Jack, peering off into the distance.
"I forgot."