



Newsletter

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Highland Country Club 2009

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2009 Important Dates Remaining

Couples Tournament-Sept. 12 & 13th
Men's Club Championship-Sept. 19 & 20th
Friday Night Couples Events-To Be Announced

Several Fall events which will include golf, good food, football, & wine are being planed. Stay tuned or if you have any ideas, see Jeff Foehner or Donna Howard.

Junior Golf League Recycling Program

Don't forget we recycle aluminum cans to help fund the junior golf program. Specially marked trashcans are placed by the clubhouse and the cart shed. If you have cans at home, bring them out to support our programs for the kids. We also have recycling containers on holes 3, 6, and 7. Our youth program develops the future leadership of our club and any help would be appreciated. Any questions please see Jan or Denny Trobaugh.

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The Junior Club championship results as follows:

Senior Boys Division: 1st Brendan Bargetzi, 2nd Tyler Klosterman
Senior Girls Division: 1st Megan Jakel, 2nd Ashley Wellen
Junior Boys Division: 1st Brock Portell, 2nd Brenden Kauh
Junior Girls Division: 1st Shanna Welz, 2nd Emily Vonder Haar

The Jr./Adult results as follows:

Senior Girls Division: 1st Megan Jakel, 2nd Tara Fisher, 3rd Hayley Welz, Long Drive Megan Jakel
Senior Boys Division: 1st Brendan Bargetzi, 2nd Alex Young, 3rd Jay Hargis, L.D. Brendan Bargetzi
Jr. Girls Division: 1st Morgan Bargetzi, 2nd Lexis Sandifer, 3rd Jen Gerwell, L.D. Shanna Welz
Jr. Boys Division: 1st Brock Portell, 2nd Jared Bargetzi, 3rd Cam Loyet, L.D. Brenden Kauh
5/6 Grade Girls: 1st Allison Young, 2nd n/a, 3rd n/a, L.D. Allison Young
5/6 Grade Boys: 1st Brode Portell, 2nd Brett Korte, 3rd Zach Korte, L.D. Trent Langhauser
2/3/4 Grade Girls: 1st Rece Portell, 2nd Audrey Wilke, 3rd n/a, L.D. Rece Portell
2/3/4 Grade Boys: 1st Michael Riffel, 2nd Dylan Bargetzi, 3rd Stephen Schniers, L.D. Dylan Bargetzi.

2009 Men's Club Championship

At long last, congratulations to Gary Bargetzi as he is our 2008 Men's Club Champion. Additionally, Kevin Foederer won A Flight, Jeff Croak won B flight and Mike Korte won C flight. Each of these 2008 contests were recently completed. As they say, better late than never...

This year, we have decided to try a new format for our Club Championship tournament. As in years past, we will still have 6 brackets: Championship, A, B, C, D and Seniors. However, a couple of major changes are as follows:

1) Those wishing to be included in this year's event will be asked to sign up to participate. Whereas previously all were included, this year you must request to participate. This is done in effort to reduce the number of byes as well as prevent long delays between matches, as often times the participants are not committed to playing or their opponent is unaware of their intentions. Sign up information will be posted in the club house and notices will be forwarded soon.

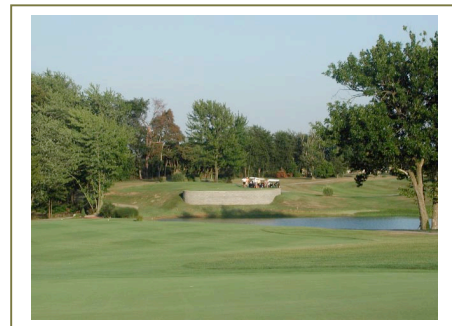
2) The actual Championship play will begin in Tournament format on September 19th and 20th. Once sign ups are complete, we will again create Match Play brackets for each flight based on the handicaps entered into the system as in past years. First round matches for all flights will be completed on Saturday 9/19 and second round matches on Sunday 9/20. The remaining matches will have deadlines which must be adhered to in order to complete play this year. It is our anticipation that this should take approximately two weeks maximum, depending on the number of players signed up.

*****We really believe that this type of format will be beneficial from a couple of different perspectives. First, this format should be a lot of fun and get a large number of members out to the club together. First round matches will be played on one day using a scheduled tee-time format. For example, matches will be paired with another group in their respective flights and assigned a tee time. Bruce is excited about putting together a top notch lunch and dinner menu. We anticipate a number of players will make a day of it and stick around to eat, drink and be merry as the other matches are completed. It could really be a neat weekend for our members; watching the groups come in from the deck or creating small galleries, who knows? Secondly, by playing the first two matches this quickly and requiring subsequent matches to be completed in a timely fashion, we virtually eliminate the possibility of the event dragging on too long....or into next year, for that matter.

*****We hope you will make every effort to participate in this year's event and that you are as excited as we are about the changes. As they say, "you never know until you try" ...so let's give it a shot. Additionally, your suggestions are welcome, as it's your club. Feel free to contact Brent Portell in this regard.

SAVE THE DATES: 9/19 and 9/20. Sign up sheets will be posted in the Clubhouse soon.

Thanks to Kevin Hemann, Gary Bargetzi, Bruce Bellm, and all the HCC members who made the rain shortened 3-Man Scramble a success!!!



9th Hole Tee Box

Golf Course Usage

We ask that all golfing guests sign in and pay their fees before using the golf course. This can only be managed if the members encourage this practice. Your cooperation is appreciated.

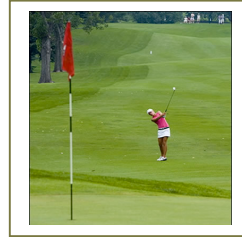
Guideline Reminders

Children under ten years of age are prohibited from being on the golf course at any time unless accompanied by a person 18 years of age or older. **Junior Restrictions:** Anyone under 16 years of age may not use the golf course between 7:00 am and 11:00 am on Saturday, Sunday and Holidays. **No person under the age of 16** is allowed to operate a golf cart on the club premises. You must be 18 years of age to rent a cart from the Country Club. **Appropriate golf attire is required.** Men's shirts must have sleeves and collars. Women's shirts must not be spaghetti straps or strapless on the premises excluding the swimming pool. Soft spike golf shoes are required. **Only groups of 4 or less** are allowed to play during the golf season from April 1 to September 30th. No 5's or 6's please. **Please pay your guests greens fees** in the clubhouse before you play. 9 holes \$12.00; 18 holes \$18.00 cart fees: 9 holes \$8.00; 18 holes \$15.00. A Guest can only play 3 times per year. **All beverages consumed** on the property are to be purchased in the Clubhouse (Counting toward your \$30 monthly minimum). **Be Aware of your Pace of Play on the golf course.** If you don't have to wait for anyone in front of you, but there are groups behind you, you are playing too slow. Let the groups behind you play through or pick up the pace.

Open Golf Course Summer Hours

*Mon.-Open all day **Tues.-Open until 4:30 pm.
 ***Wed.- Open before 8 am & 2 pm- 4:30
 ****Thursday-Open until 12 pm*Friday-Open
 before 8 am and after 12 pm *Saturday – Open All
 Day (Juniors under 16 can play after 11:00 am)
 *Sunday– Morning tee times required and open
 after 11:30 am (Juniors under 18 can play after
 11:30 am)

*All other times during the week are given to Men's, Women's and Junior Leagues. Any exceptions to these hours will be announced in the newsletter. Clubhouse is open to all members at all times during hours of operation.



The HHS Golf Teams compete at the HCC course starting August 12, 2009

Pavilion & Dining Room

We now have two pavilions to use. The club house pavilion and the campground pavilion. Make sure you contact Bruce Bellm at the clubhouse to secure these areas. He can also let you know the costs and rules. There is an agreement that must be signed by the person responsible. Please do your best to manage these areas when you have guests on the property. They are your responsibility and all club rules apply. The dining room is also available for parties and special events. Again, please contact Bruce on costs associated with this room. Thank you!

News Letter

If you have information you would like to include in future news letters, please email Steve Lanxon at slanxon@highlandcusd5.org. We plan on having at least 3 mailers per year. Current updated information can always be obtained by going to our web page at www.hccgolf.net.

HCC Thank you's:

- Matt & Missy Loyet for another successful Junior Program Schedule.
- Ladies Committee for the Ladies Scramble-Great job!
- Virgil Wilke's fabrication of some new shelves for the kitchen.

Not receiving HCC E-mails (see below):

We have tried to update member information into our e-mail accounts. Many members still don't receive the e-mails. Please ensure that any filters or spam blockers do not restrict the following addresses: mailer@emailcounts.com; on behalf of, Highland Country Club [hcc@wisperhome.com]. You can register your own e-mail account by using the steps below:

HCC Email Registration Instructions:

- 1) Go to www.hccgolf.net
- 2) At this site, on the bottom left hand corner, enter your email address and click the button labeled "register now!"
- 3) Note, if you wish to have HCC emails sent to multiple email addresses, you can follow the instruction listed in Item#2 above for as many email addresses as you want.
- 4) Before receiving HCC emails, you **MUST** confirm your email address. After submitting your email address as described in Item #2 above, the system will automatically send an email to the address that you submitted. You **MUST** open and respond to this email when received. Within the body of the email that you receive, click on "Yes I want to join!" Upon completion of this step, you will be enrolled and active and will receive HCC emails when issued.

Cart Use Update:

Only members with a valid driver's licenses may operate golf carts on HCC property. The board has not granted any special privileges for members children under 16 years old to drive a golf cart.

HCC is not responsible for any damage to your cart while stored in the cart shed or operated on the golf course. Members should contact their own insurance company for the most economical way to insure their carts.

How to Repair a Golf Ball Divot on the Putting Green

We have been noticing more golf ball divots on the greens. If a **divot is not repaired correctly everyone suffers** from the bad conditions on the green afterwards. But if done correctly every golfer can help ensure that greens stay in better shape, and that's just good [golf etiquette](#).



Golf is so popular simply because it is the best game in the world at which to be bad. ~A.A. Milne

A lot of people think that you **need to push up the ground** that is at the bottom of the divot, and **that is incorrect**. To fix it the right way you have to **close the gap and push the sides** of the divot together.

To use a divot repair tool the right way :

- 1.) Place it in the ground just outside the ball mark it self.
- 2.) Push down and forward to push the ground closer together.
- 3.) Then move the tool to either side to close the divot.
- 4.) Finish it off by tapping lightly on the ball mark to level it out with your putter.

Pool News: addition

When school starts next week the pool will be going back to weekend hours only. The last day for the pool to be open will be Labor Day Monday September 7th, 2009.

Golf Course Update:

Mark wanted to update the membership regarding the dead spots they are seeing in the fairways. They are seeing what are called Spring dead spot which is, without question, the most severe disease of bermudagrass. The disease appears in circular patches or rings that remain dormant as the bermudagrass comes out of winter dormancy (see below). The turf in these patches eventually collapses to the ground, leaving sunken areas in the turf that severely detract from its uniformity and playability. Injury from spring dead spot often lingers well into the summer, and in some cases, the turf may not fully recover before fall dormancy.

Please observe all HCC course rules to improve the speed of play for all.



Many golf course superintendents and athletic field managers have tried to manage SDS, only to obtain mediocre results. This has led many to conclude that the disease cannot be controlled. ***It is possible to manage SDS***, but effective management requires an integrated approach, as well as a significant amount of patience and persistence.

To manage spring dead spot, your goal is to re-establish the below-ground structure of the Bermuda grass turf. This is not something that can be accomplished in a single growing season, so SDS management is a multi-year venture. You will probably not achieve 100% control in the first year, but you will notice a gradual reduction in the disease over a period of years.

***This fall Mark will be filling in the many of these dead spot areas with rye grass. This will allow some growth of grass in these dead spot areas. Mark and his staff will continue use all measures to fight this disease. He asks for the membership's patience with the hope that the disease severity will begin to decrease to the point where the disease no longer occurs

