



Newsletter

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Highland Country Club 2009

WELCOME TO ALL OLD AND NEW MEMBERS! On behalf of the Highland Country Club Board of Directors and our club house manager, Bruce Bellm, we welcome all of you to the Highland Country Club. We hope that the 2009 season will be the best for all as we try to make our club the best that it can be. The members of our board will hopefully serve you in the best way that they can. They are here to be a voice for you the membership and we welcome all of you to let us know if there are any suggestions or ideas that you want to discuss.

Here is your Board of Directors:

Kevin Hemann-(President), Clubhouse/Budget/Golf Course
Matt Loyet-(Vice President), Junior Golf Program, Golf Course
Gary Bargetzi-(Treasurer) Golf Course/Budget/Roads/Trees
Donna Howard-(Secretary) Clubhouse/Social Events
Jeff Foehner-Clubhouse/Social Events, Dena Henricks-Pool
Bill Kealey-Cart Shed, Steve Lanxon- News Letter/Lake
Brent Portell-Tournaments/Club Championship/Golf Course
Mark Kraemer- Golf Course Superintendent

Junior Golf League Aluminum Cans

Don't forget we recycle aluminum cans to help fund the junior golf program. Specially marked trash cans 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. Our youth program develops the future leadership of our club and any help would be appreciated.

Sign up for the Junior/Adult Tournament in the Clubhouse on the Junior Bulletin Board. This will be Sunday, July 19th. Any questions concerning Junior golf, please contact Matt Loyet.

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2009 Key Dates

Summer Hours Start- April 1st
Semi-Annual Meeting-April 1st-7:00 pm
Women's Day League Starts- April 15th
Men's Night League Starts- April 28th
Breakfast Scramble-Sun. May 3rd-7:00 am
Women's Night League Starts- May 6th
Couples Tournament (one day)-May 16th
Memorial Day Tournament- May 23 & 24th
Optimist Junior Tournament-June 5th
Moose Fishing Derby-June 6th-9:00 am
Rotary Tournament-June 19th
HCC Independence Day Party-July 4th
Three Man Scramble-July 11 & 12th
Junior/Adult Tournament-July 19th
Three Lady Scramble-July 24 & 25th
Breakfast Scramble-August 2nd-7:00 am
Couples Tournament-Sept. 12 & 13th
Men's Club Championship-Sept. 19 & 20th
Friday Night Couples Events-To Be Announced

Semi-Annual meeting is Wed. April 1st
7:00 PM!!! Please try to attend.

New Members -Welcome!

Here is the list of new members as of March 15, 2009. Please go out of your way to welcome them:
Mike Sutton Family
Tim Hirsch Family
Greg Basler Family
Dennis Calvert Family
Mike Odorizzi Family
Rick Ringwald Family
Zach Thompson-Junior Golf
Nick Italiano-Junior Golf

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 Hours During the Summer

*Mon.-Open all day *Tues.-Open until 4:30 pm *Wed.-Open before 8 am & 2 pm-4:30 pm

*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.

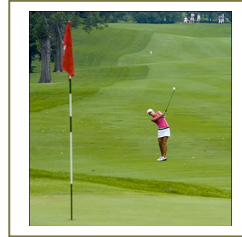
Eighteen holes of match or medal play will teach you more about your foe than will 18 years of dealing with him across a desk.
~Grantland Rice



9th Hole Tee Box

Pool News

- *Pool opens on Saturday May 23rd.
 - *Pool hours will be noon-8 pm Daily
 - *Pool Party hours will be from 8 pm-10 pm Daily. Parties are to be scheduled through the pool staff.
 - *Life Guards for pool parties will be scheduled through pool staff.
 - *Pool Parties cost \$60 for 2 hours. You may bring your own food but all drinks must be purchased at the clubhouse.
 - *Guests to the pool must pay \$2 and must sign in at the pool. Children under 10 years of age must be with an adult.
- Any questions or concerns, please call Dena Henricks at (618) 920-3962.



The HHS Golf Teams compete at the HCC course in the Fall.

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.

Pavilion & Dining Room

We now have two pavilions to use. The clubhouse 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!

Golf Course Update

- *Mark, Gary & their crew have been doing a lot of trimming around the golf course. The biggest change to effect play will be the demise of the tree on the right side of the fairway on #4. There was much rejoicing. The tree was removed because it was dying a slow death, much like my golf game. Also, the dead trees along the roadway between #7 and #8 have been removed. We plan to start planting trees in the near future. We have a tree donation/memorial program that is available. Information about this program can be picked up at the clubhouse or you can find it on our web site.
- *Mark asks that all of you to please follow the signage on the course when posted especially if it is a cart path only day. Your cooperation in this will help to keep the course in good shape for the long haul through the summer months.
- *Greens could not be punched in the fall because of the cold weather so this will be done in early spring.

- *The pump house is being replaced. We will try to keep everyone updated on this project.
- *Thanks goes out to all who have helped with various projects and events over the past fall and winter. Your contributions make this club a special place.
- ***We also want to say a special thank you to Brad Frank and Dave Schmidt who have left the Board. Thanks for your volunteer work over the past few years.

Congratulations! Hole-In-One

Congratulations goes out to Mr. Tom Korte for the first hole-in-one of the year. He hit it on hole #5. He was not in the hole-in-one pool so that money is still available!

Openings for 2009 Golf Memberships

There are still some openings for the 2009-2010 Golf Season. If you know of anyone who is interested in joining, please contact Bruce Bellm at the clubhouse at 654-GOLF or President Kevin Hemann at 654-5671.

3 man Scramble League

The men's night league will begin on Tuesday April 28th. Play starts at 5:00 pm. League competition is scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday nights. There are three flights in this league. If you are a member and would like to get a team for the league, sign up sheets are available at the clubhouse or you can contact Mike Riffle at 654-4687. Fee for each team is \$144 for the entire league season. If you don't have a team, sign up as a sub. We are always needing them during the busy summer season.

Wednesday Ladies League (18 hole league)

The HCC Wednesday morning league will start on Wed. April 15th at 9:00 am. All HCC ladies are invited to play. Coffee and donuts are served at 8:30 am. Players in this league consist of all ages and playing levels. It is a great social opportunity for women to play golf on a regular basis and develop a handicap. If you are interested contact Terri Menke at 654-6215.

Wednesday Night Ladies League (9 hole league)

This league is a more casual league with 9 holes of golf followed by a social hour (or two). If you don't have a team, come out and we will pair you up with a team or make a new team. Cost is \$25 to play on a team and \$10 to be a sub. Start date is May 6th at 5:00 pm. Contact Terri Menke at 654-6215 if interested.



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

Free Opportunities for Junior Golfers

As the weather starts to turn warm, many of us are thinking about how to get out to the course. The LPGA is also making plans for the State Farm Classic. The LPGA Caddy Master, Jane Rishel, is offering HS golfers the opportunity to serve as a caddy during the Women's Pro AM on Monday, June 1, and on Wednesday, June 3--Jane will work with the boys on tee times--morning or afternoon.

The Highland Optimist Club has also set a tentative date for the Annual Optimist Club Jr. Golf Trny at the HCC. This is a free event for all Highland Jr. golfers. The tentative date is set for Friday, June 5, 2009. The Jr. golfer earning first place will be invited to compete--for free-- in the Illinois qualifier on June 16 and June 17, at The Red Tail Golf Club, in Decatur. The practice round date is on Friday, June 15, 2009. The Jr. golfer winning at Red Tail earns a free trip to compete in the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships at PGA National Resort & Spa in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

Contact Coach Vince Hughes for information at (618)558-0129.



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

HHS Boys Golf Tryout Schedule

The tentative tryout dates for the Highland High School boys' golf team are set for Wednesday, August 12, Thursday, August 13, Friday, August 14, and Saturday, August 15, starting at 6:00 AM. Our goal is to be off of the front four holes by the time members start arriving. Saturday, August 15, will only be utilized as a tryout date if we have a large number of golfers wishing to tryout for the team. Thank you. Coach Hughes and Coach Houchins.

News Letter

If you have information you would like to include in future news letters, please email Steve Lanxon at slanxon@bulldogs.com. 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.

Golf is a game that is played on a five-inch course - the distance between your ears.
~Bobby Jones



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