

HILLCREST NEWSLETTER



Dan Megard, President

Dining & Lounge Hours

Tuesday-Friday 11am-Close
Saturday 5pm-Close

Upcoming Events:
February 15th ~ Member Mixer

February 22nd ~ Sertoma Stagette

February 24th ~ Breakfast Buffet

March 15th ~ Member Mixer and Raffle Drawing

From the President.....

The Hillcrest annual meeting will be Thursday February 28th at 7:00 PM. For those that are new to the club or have never attended, it is held in the dining room at Hillcrest. It is a nice opportunity to see what is happening at your club. For those that play on Tuesdays or Thursdays, it is also usually the first opportunity to start filling out your pink or blue card for the season.

At the meeting, we will also be saying goodbye to Pat King and Aaron Ness on our board of Directors. Pat came on with me and served as a director for 3 years. Aaron has served 4 years and was past president this year. I would like to thank both of them for their expertise and commitment to making Hillcrest better.

I have heard that there has been some misinformation regarding our bent grass fairway project (operation T1 alpha). I would like to clarify our plans at this time. All 18 holes will be open for the entire 2019 golf season! We will kill and replant the three par three fairways after the 2019 Pro-am. All 18 holes will remain open during this process. After the 2020 Pro-am, we will kill and replant either the remaining 7 or 8 holes on the front or back nine. At that time, we will be a 9 hole course for the remainder of the fall and until no later than June 1, 2021 (likely a few weeks earlier). We then will be an 18 hole course throughout the 2021 season until we repeat the process after the 2022 Pro-am for the opposite side of the course. In May 2023, the process will be complete.

There will be some growing pains in this process. If you don't want to play the same 9 holes twice in a day, you might consider a trip to Norfolk, Columbus or Fremont to utilize our relationships with those three courses. You can play 18 holes for the cost of a cart rental. I have only played the Norfolk course and thought it was a very nice course for an even better price. The board and staff are exploring other options like this on the South Dakota side of the Missouri and hope to make an announcement soon.

I hope to see you all on the 28th.





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From the Golf Course.....

The winter drags on but we are headed into the home stretch now. I will give everyone a break from reading about turfgrass this month and identify a few things we accomplished at the shop, on the golf course, and remind you of some important dates and social opportunities coming up.

At the shop the majority of the equipment has received its winter service and we are pretty much ready for something to grow. I am always on the lookout for more space in the shop so we moved and removed some things and added some cabinets in the breakroom. All these things should make us a little more efficient with daily tasks and scheduling which will become even more important during a renovation. We made a plan to add, redo, and improve some tee sign areas and ordered the annual flowers.

Most of the trees we cut down at the end of 2018 are picked up and either chipped or moved off property by wood burners. I have hopes of getting out there to remove a half dozen or so more before the ground thaws.

Don't forget to attend this year's Annual Shareholders meeting the last Thursday in February starting at 7 P.M. It is an opportunity to see your complete financial report and hear firsthand from your staff and Board of Directors about successes and mistakes and what is coming up for 2019 and beyond. And before that Hillcrest is hosting a member mixer on February 15th and another even bigger mixer on March 15th where you can win some valuable prizes if you buy a ticket. Look for more information on this event in this newsletter or in the dining room or lounge.

Please join us February 15th for a Member Mixer!!
Complimentary Appetizers and Regular and Feature Menus will be available.

March 15th we are hosting a second Member Mixer with a Raffle!
Raffle tickets are \$50 each and are available in the Lounge.

Prizes are:
Benelli Vinci 12 Gauge, \$600 Meat Bundle, \$450 Wine Basket, \$500 Credit to your account, or Pro-Am entry. First drawn gets first choice!

Complimentary Appetizers and Bud Light Tap



*Just a reminder that Hillcrest has made an agreement with the Elks Club in Columbus, Fremont Golf Club in Fremont and Norfolk CC in Norfolk, NE concerning a reciprocal golf agreement. You have the opportunity to play the above clubs without paying green fees. This is a fantastic perk to all our golfing members. No out of town memberships qualify for the incentive. An out of town membership only gets to play on the course that they have joined as a member. Green fees will be waived. **Cart fees will be required at all clubs.** Tee Times are based upon availability at each club. Many people took advantage of this reciprocal agreement in 2018.*



I have just returned from the 2019 PGA Show. I will be bringing in the NEW Callaway Flash Epic drivers and fairway Woods; there will be Callaway demo clubs in stock to hit and I will have the Callaway Fitting System again this year, along with the Ping and Titleist Fitting systems. Also, we will be stocking the NEW Titleist T2 and T3 drivers.



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February 7th the SDGA will be holding a USGA 2019 rules seminar at 6:00 p.m. in the dining room. Ben Larson and Denny Fokken will be covering some of the new rules.

Follow the Vegas matches, March 3rd-6th, on your USGA Tournament Management app. The GGID is: VEGAS2019

The Member Guest Invitational will be signing up online through Golf Genius. The sign up will start on April 11th, at 8:00 a.m. The tee time drawing for the practice round on June 14th will take place after the last group is finished on Thursday, May 16th.

Mark your calendar for May 18th and 19th will be the 2nd Annual Member-Member tournament at Hillcrest. This 2-day event will consist of 2 members (men and ladies are encouraged to sign up. Any combination of men and ladies can play!) The format will be 2-person teams playing five 9 hole matches. New in 2019 there will be 2 wildcard teams for the shootout. This will be determined by the teams that have the most points, but did not win their flight. Sunday afternoon will be a shootout to see who will be the champions. This format will be fun and you will be playing against 7 other teams. More information will be coming on the Member-Member tournament.

