



December, 2019

**Holiday Buffet**  
On Thursday, December 12th at 5:00pm we will be serving a Holiday Buffet featuring hand carved Prime Rib by Chef Kasey. Our normal dining and feature menus will also be available.



**SANTA**  
will be joining us during the Holiday buffet from 5:00pm-7pm!!  
Reservations appreciated!



## Hillcrest Golf & Country Club



### From the President...

After a thoughtful discussion, the Hillcrest Board decided for 2020 to increase dues 2% across the board for membership in the upcoming season. This increase is in line with the cost of living adjustment (COLA) and Hillcrest's general business expenses. We are currently in a strong position this year financially, but we also have several large projects ahead of us and still have a large debt load that we are currently paying down.

We are waiting for a revised quote for the tee box renovations and additions, which will be part of our fairway project this upcoming season. This updated quote will be what we move forward with after the Hillcrest Pro-Am for these renovations.

We also purchased new equipment (a new tractor and a deep tine aerifier) already to be able to accomplish these projects in time and are also much needed upgrades to our equipment. Currently, we pay a contractor to do aerification on the greens. With us having access to one in house, we will be able aerify more frequently and in more areas. Today's equipment is larger and requires a larger tractor to handle it, the new tractor will be larger than the one we have currently and has more horsepower and lift capabilities for the future.



Heath Larson, President

The bridge on hole 13 has also been a point of discussion. We are also looking at options for what this project will need and how to address it going forward. As always, please let your board know of any issues you see and we will do our best to try and address them.

As the end of the year approaches, I hope all of you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

### Upcoming Clubhouse Events

December 6<sup>th</sup> – Williams & Company Holiday Party

December 12<sup>th</sup> – Holiday Buffet with Santa

December 13<sup>th</sup> – Solid Metals and Vishay Holiday Parties

*Seating limited – reservations requested*

December 14<sup>th</sup> – Heinie Farms and Guthmiller Holiday Parties

*Seating extremely limited – reservations required*

December 17<sup>th</sup> – Ladies White Elephant Holiday Party

December 21<sup>st</sup> – First National Bank Holiday Party

December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> - Closed

December 31<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Eve Party!



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## *Dining & Lounge Hours*

*Tuesday-Friday*

*11am-Close*

*Saturday*

*5pm-Close*

*Closed Sunday*

*and*

*Monday.*

*Closed*

*December 24<sup>th</sup>*

*and 25<sup>th</sup>.*

## **From the Golf Course...**

December is here and just like every other month of the year we have a lot going on outside and inside, and plenty of great opportunities to use your club.

On the outside we should be able to start some tree removal. This winter we will be opening up a corridor on 4 to encourage more aiming down the fairway and this works in concert with the upcoming tee renovation. I plan to remove a tree to the right of 10 green to allow for more light. That tree is pretty big and the stump can get graded out with the pending 11 tee renovation. The last tree is a huge ash tree on the left of 1. It has a big split in it and causes some turf health problems and has to land on the fairway and that seems best done on old grass not new grass.

Maintenance of your equipment is under way and we have managed to check a number of house keeping items off the list around the shop. An irrigation program update and some hardware replacement were “off-season” musts.

Santa magically appears at the clubhouse this week. We serve a prime rib buffet and you don’t need kids to come to this event.

Staff has been working on the big News Year’s Eve party for months now and if you have never attended the event I think you are missing out. This year we have a live band, a 5 course meal prepared by Kasey and his staff, the dining room and lounge will be skillfully decorated by Adessa, and of course we will have some surprises.

### **Ladies Holiday Party!**

**Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**

**Dinner off menu with White Elephant Gift Exchange to follow.**

**December 12<sup>th</sup>  
Pro Shop Sale –  
Starts at 5:00 p.m.**

Merchandise will be moved upstairs:

All clothing on rack \$20

Titlelist Pro V's \$40 dz.

**December 1<sup>st</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>  
Pro Shop Hours:  
Mon-Fri – 10:00 am –  
3:00 pm  
Closed Saturday and  
Sunday**

Scott will be in and out of the pro shop during the months of January and February. Feel free to contact me at 605-857-0100 or email

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**From the Pro Shop...**

WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM

USGA

**5 Things to Know About the World Handicap System**

*In January 2020, the new Rules of Handicapping will be introduced in the United States.*

**The Handicap Index calculation is changing**

Your number will be based off your 8 best scores out of the past 20. For most U.S. golfers, the change will be minor, but you may see that your Handicap Index is different in January, despite not having played!



**You will have a Playing Handicap**

Slope Rating and now Course Rating and Par will be used to determine your Playing Handicap, allowing players to compete from different tees more easily.



**Net Double Bogey will replace ESC**

The maximum hole score for handicap purposes will be limited to Net Double Bogey (Par + 2 + any handicap strokes you receive.)



**You will have more responsive Handicap Index updates**

Your Handicap Index will update the day after you post a score.

On days you don't submit a score, no update will take place.



**Safeguards have been added to protect your Handicap Index**

The system will account for abnormal playing conditions, limit extreme upward movement of a Handicap Index, and reduce a Handicap Index when an exceptional score is posted.



For more information on the World Handicap System, please visit [usga.org/whs](http://usga.org/whs)



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