

## From the President...



**Tracey Grotenhuis, President**

Happy Spring everyone and thank you to all that were able to attend the annual meeting in March. As you all know, 2020 was an interesting year, to say the least. Who could have ever imagined anything like what we experienced with COVID, as well as our Golf Superintendent being brave enough to replant all of our fairways with a new and highly improved playing surface and improving numerous tee boxes on the course in the midst of a pandemic? Thank you to Waren and his staff, as well as to members who volunteered to help with the project. Because of them and the sacrifice that the membership made having the course closed last fall, we will continue to have one of the premiere courses in the area. Through the challenges that 2020 brought, Hillcrest has continued to prosper, becoming debt-free and completing a major renovation of the course that we will all be able to enjoy for years to come. Although, I'm not sure what I will blame my bad drives on now that the tee boxes are laser cut-leveled?!?! This was made possible because of the terrific staff that we have in place and the leadership from Ryan Elwood, our past president, and the rest of the

board, who did a great job navigating the Club through such unique times. Please thank Ryan, as well as Linda Frick and Heath Larson, who completed their time on the board, and all current and past board members when you have a chance, as they have done an excellent job guiding Hillcrest into the strong position that it is in today. The 2021 board consists of Justin Dietrich, Kyler Johnson, Jesse Kampshoff, Rob Ness, Tom Reynolds, and outgoing President, Ryan Elwood.

A little about myself... I grew up in Homer, Nebraska, attended college at the University of Kansas and graduate school at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. How did I end up in Yankton? Yankton has always been a second home to me as my parents, Roger and Peggy Thompson, were raised in Yankton and both attended Yankton College. I have lived in Yankton since 2000 and am married to James and have two teenage boys, Cooper and Mac. We have been members at Hillcrest for 17 years starting on Mother's Day weekend in 2004. How do I remember this day so clearly? My parents, who had not retired to Yankton yet, came to visit and celebrate my first Mother's Day. In true Roger Thompson fashion, he had a very special day planned for my mother and I when he had arranged for he and James to go golfing at Hillcrest. It was a very thoughtful gesture and even more thoughtful when they returned and announced that my Dad had convinced James to buy a membership at Hillcrest, which was especially exciting for me since I didn't golf at the time. It was a Mother's Day gift I will never forget, but one that did turn out to be a wonderful investment for our family. That day my Dad told us that "if you live in Yankton, you have to be a member at Hillcrest – you'll never regret getting out to play some golf on one of the best courses, using the pool with your kids, making some new friends and having some fun along the way". Boy, was he right... although, I think he may have underestimated the amount of "fun" I would have on Tuesday nights on the patio and Sunday-Funday of the Pro-Am!

As you can hopefully tell, I love Hillcrest and take great pride in being a member. What I have learned over the years is that pretty much every member, as well as our staff, loves and takes a great deal of pride in Hillcrest as well. There are a lot of different viewpoints on the future of Hillcrest, how it should be managed, what food should be served, what trees should be removed, should we renovate or build a new clubhouse, can we cut Hole #17 in half (OK, that may be coming from me), and the list could go on and on. The main point is that we all want the same thing – the best for Hillcrest. It is my goal and hope that we can continue to flourish as a Club and that will happen with all of the different and unique perspectives from our members. Please feel free to reach out to me with any recommendations that we can do to keep our Club heading in the positive direction that it has been going since 1953. You can contact me at [foxstopyankton@gmail.com](mailto:foxstopyankton@gmail.com) with your constructive, helpful, and signed suggestions.

### Congratulations to Raffle winners:

Chris & Jamie Schaefer – Blackstone Grill  
W.D. Metheny – Moscow Mule Gift Basket  
Dean & Laura Washburn – Meat Bundle  
Brian & Jodie Strahl – Charcuterie & Cheese Waterfall Board  
Chris Marlow – Yeti Cooler  
Rick & Lori Anderson – Fernson Brewery Tour & Wine Gift Basket  
Lisa Berry - Theragun

Remember to take advantage of our lounge and restaurant while we wait for the weather to warm up. Chef Kasey has put together a delicious menu and Adessa has added some tasty new drinks for us to try. Don't forget to visit Scott in the Golf Shop to make sure you are set to hit the course when the time comes! Lastly, mark your calendar for the President's Party on Sunday, June 6 following the conclusion of the Member-Member Golf Tournament.

Looking forward to a happy and healthy year at Hillcrest!

## From the Course...



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This newsletter will be fun to read. It's about golf course etiquette. Not sportsmanship. I don't know much about sportsmanship.

For the most part Hillcrest Members are really pretty good about how and where they drive and park their carts. We use signs to control traffic and protect turf and sometimes the

signs are not noticed, or ignored. And for some reason during a scramble all cart rules are suspended for the afternoon. Not really.

In almost all cases at Hillcrest when you are putting on a green or teeing off your cart should be on a path with all four tires on the path. Your body, and your equipment, and your grass likes the cart paths and the road best. I know there are exceptions to all rules and some of the new forward tees don't have paths yet. The scorecard says something about being 30 feet from greens and tees and I think that number or more is a good distance from the new tees. And if you were born in the 1940's or something it might be a good idea to save yourself some steps.

Divot filling is another thing that Hillcrest Members take pretty seriously. The process is a little bit harder if you are walking, but less cart traffic is the trade off. And sometimes we make mistakes and run out divot mix and that makes it hard for players to fill divots. Maintenance staff fill the divots on the tees 3 to 4 times per week. The seed in the bottles can go on the fairways, on the tees, in the rough, and in your yard. It is not bentgrass. It is fine fescue. Turf loves sand, go ahead and be aggressive, but don't leave a big mound of sand. Mowers hate sand.

Here's the fun one. Bad habits are quick to pick up and hard to break, but single riders in carts, or a foursome with four carts is not sustainable. I know why it started and I know people like it because of speed of play, but there is no particular benefit to the property, or the game. I like change for the sake of improvement and sometimes I like "the way things used to be" and in this case two riders per cart was good rule and still is a good rule.

See, that was fun to read.

## From Kasey & Adessa...

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Supper Club over the winter months. It was fun to experiment with some new foods and plating ideas and table décor for those looking for a fine dining experience. We hope to see more of you next year!

Our spring menu change will occur in the next few weeks with a fresh new look for summer. Don't worry, your favs are still there along with a few new items! The "Feature Menu" will go away until Fall/Winter, but we will have Tuesday/Thursday specials available. In addition to the new dining menu, we've been working on improving the offerings available in the snack shop as well as a short menu of items available in the bar on Sundays.

Oh! And POPCORN IS BACK!

*Open Dining available Tuesday-Friday  
11am-Close  
Saturday 5pm-Close  
Open Lounge available Tuesday-Saturday  
11am-Close  
Sunday 12pm-6pm*

## New Member Spotlight

Austin & Meghan Anderson

Tyler Frick

John & Molly Thayer

Casey Weverstad & Kristin Kozak

Brian & Becky Rippe

Darrell & Deb Moore

Robert Braunesreither

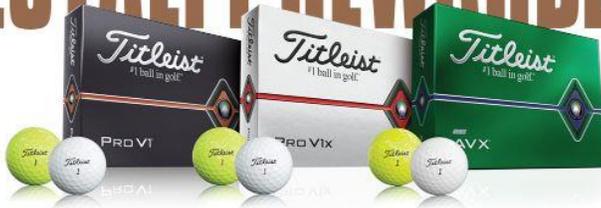
Nate Lien

Brett Ewald

# Hillcrest Newsletter

April pro shop hours are Mondays at noon, Tuesday-Friday at 9:00 a.m., Saturday & Sunday at 8:00 a.m.  
Pro Shop will close early if the weather is inclement!

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Ladies, if you would like to be on the committee for the Ladies Invitational, please contact Scott.

April 21<sup>st</sup>: Gayville/Volin High School Meet at 9:00 tee times

April 22<sup>nd</sup>: Callaway Demo Day. 1:00-5:00. Men's Day Mixer 2:00 Shotgun Start. Drawing for Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup> will take place after the Mixer.

May 7<sup>th</sup>: YHS Girls Invitational 10:00 a.m. shotgun start.

May 15<sup>th</sup>: Chopper Johnson Foundation 12:00 shotgun start

May 19<sup>th</sup>: Mount Marty University Classic. 10:00 tee time start

May 21<sup>st</sup>: USD Howling Pack. 1:00 shotgun start.



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## From the Golf Shop

Sign up opens on April 1<sup>st</sup> for the Member/Member that will be held on June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Presidents party will be at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> on the patio, after the shootout.

The sign up for the Member/Guest will begin on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Go to [golfgenius.com](http://golfgenius.com) and use the GGID: invite21 to register for the event that will be held on June 18,19,20. The tee time drawing for the practice round on June 18<sup>th</sup>. will be May 13<sup>th</sup>, after the regular Thursday draw of tee times.

Sign up for the Ladies Stagette on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Sign up for the Men's Mixer on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

GGID for Ladies Day: HILLCRESTLADIES21

GGID for Men's Day: HILLCRESTMEN21

Reminder: Please, only 2 golf cars per group!  
Thank you.

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