

Hillcrest Newsletter

March 2022



Kyler Johnson, President

Upcoming Events

March 17
Frank Messner Memorial

March 22
Master Gardeners

March 23
Thrivent

March 25
Sertoma Stagette

Presidential News

Thank you to all those who were able to attend the Annual Meeting in February. Hillcrest's strong financial trend continued in 2021, and we carry a great deal of that momentum heading into 2022. As the membership is aware, we held a shareholder vote at the annual meeting regarding the projected \$5 million clubhouse project. Taking the results of the shareholder vote into consideration, Hillcrest will move forward with the new clubhouse construction process. I would like to thank everyone involved – the membership, the staff, Waren, Scott, Adessa, Chef Kasey, the Clubhouse and Fundraising Committees, the current and past Board of Directors, and outgoing President Tracey Grotenhuis – for the tireless work this past year on the entire clubhouse project. It truly has been a team effort all the way around.

When you have a chance, please thank Tracey for her outstanding leadership as President in 2021, as well as Justin Dietrich and Ryan Elwood, who recently completed their respective terms on the board, for their tremendous work in leading us to where we are today. Lisa Berry and Tyler Vogt come on as new board members in 2022 and are great additions to the board. Our 2022 board includes Jesse Kampshoff, Rob Ness (VP), Tom Reynolds, Lisa Berry, Tyler Vogt, and Past President, Tracey Grotenhuis. If you have any questions, concerns, and/or compliments, please feel free to reach out to me or any other board member.

Just a brief update on my background: I was born and raised in Yankton and attended the University of South Dakota while completing my undergraduate and masters in accounting. I then attended law school, also at USD, and graduated in May 2014. This year promises to be an exciting and busy year as my fiancé, Emily Miller, and I have a wedding coming up in September. We have one energetic puppy, Cooper, and he runs the show. So, what are my ties to Hillcrest? I first golfed at Hillcrest when I was in middle school. My parents, Marlene and Steve “Chopper” Johnson, joined as a family during that time essentially for me to golf, which I thoroughly enjoyed. Additionally, my grandma, Mae Crawford, was very generous to allow me to store our golf cart at her house just off #8 green. One of my parents would drive the golf cart while a couple friends and myself golfed. My buddies and I had the life. I took a hiatus from Hillcrest while completing my later years of school, but returned in 2015. Man, am I happy to be back!

Hillcrest will have no shortage of activity in 2022, to say the least. We will continue working toward the new clubhouse goal with demolition projected to begin following this year's Pro-Am. August feels like a ways off now, but it will be here before we know it. As Waren mentioned in a recent clubhouse update, we will aim to provide as much communication as necessary during the entire process. In the meantime, please continue to enjoy our restaurant and lounge (and golf course, as weather permits). Spring is just around the corner!

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your 2022 President of Hillcrest Golf & Country Club – it's an honor.



Warren Muller, CGCS

Course News

Golf is around the corner and we will start cleaning up the course from winter winds and get some water on the place sometime this month, but that is not what I want to talk about in this newsletter.

The efforts of the BOD's, Clubhouse Committee, and staff over the course of the last year produced a clubhouse reconstruction plan that has overwhelming member support. Lots of work and hurdles remain before its completion but the project is off to a great start.

Leaving behind a good product has always been a goal of mine and working on a golf course is an interesting career that offers that opportunity. Partly because something is always broken, or slowing dying because of weather, and partly because of this memberships eagerness to improve.

Projects like T-1 Alpha, pond reconstruction, maintenance facilities, pool renovations, investing in skilled staff, and clubhouse construction are made possible by member support, and in many cases members propel the projects further along by providing their professional services at a severely discounted rate.

I look forward to the challenge of the latest project and it has your staff's full attention, but I also understand that these projects and Hillcrest's success is because of the membership and the memberships attitude and support in numerous ways. So, thank you.

Next month I am going to try and remember to talk about my new bunker theory which I sorted out in my own head this winter. You are going to agree with all of it!

Dining Hours

Tuesday - Friday

11am-Close

Saturday

5pm-Close

Lounge Hours

Tuesday – Friday

11am-Close

Saturday

5pm-close