

Hillcrest Newsletter

May 2022



Kyler Johnson, President

Upcoming Events

May 6
Spring Mixer

May 7
Women's Club Convention
Ewald Shower

May 8
Mother's Day Brunch

May 13
USD Outing

May 14
Chopper Johnson

May 20
Kampshoff/Schaefer Graduation

May 21
Haselhorst Graduation

May 23
Green & Blue Jacket Tourney

May 30
Memorial Day Tourney

Presidential News

With the start of May, Mother Nature gave us some much-needed rain this past weekend. Here's hoping this is a sign of more to come, and we have some more well-timed rains.

This is another friendly reminder that the Capital Campaign Committee is hosting the Spring Mixer this Friday night, May 6 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. We will provide an update on the clubhouse project as well as recognize up-to-date donor pledges. Complimentary appetizers and tap beer will be provided, and pledge cards will be available if you would like to make a pledge that evening. Please join us for the Mixer!

I would like to thank the Capital Campaign Committee and the donors who have contributed thus far. This fundraising campaign would not be possible without your time, effort, and generosity.

The new clubhouse project continues to move forward, and we are beginning to see timeline dates come into focus. Warren will provide an update in greater detail below.

With the 2022 Chopper Johnson Foundation Golf Championship just around the corner on Saturday, May 14, I included this neat photo from the 2021 Chopper at Hillcrest (Scott Larson, Matt Drake, Chris Schaefer, myself). After 18 holes and a very tight playoff with the reigning champions from

Watertown, our photographer captured this championship-sealing moment. We became the first Yankton team to win the tournament since its inception in 2017.



Although the 2022 Chopper is full, the CJF welcomes all Hillcrest members to attend the festivities and auction afterward.

For the time being, please continue to take advantage of the restaurant, lounge, and golf course. Enjoy the month and the warm days ahead!



Warren Muller, CGCS

Dining Hours

Tuesday - Friday
11am - Close

Saturday
5pm - Close

Lounge Hours

Tuesday – Friday
11am - Close

Saturday
11am - Close
Sunday 12pm - Close

Course News

Ok, so not a great winter for grass. I suppose it could be worse. That is one way to look at it.

If there is one thing I wish I had not done last fall it would be the decision to scalp out the greens and reclaim some of that rough height bentgrass as collar, or green as it should be. Normally, this isn't a problem, but it turned out to be a bad choice in 2021. We have aerified and seeded these mistakes. We could potentially sod some of these areas but we will try to get it to go from seed first.

What are we going to do about some of our other turf loss? In the short term we will wait until the weather warms up and see if something starts to come back from the crown and we will punch as many small holes as we can in the obvious areas and drop seed some bentgrass and fine fescue. All in all, it's a pretty painless and inexpensive process. Not surprisingly the worst spots are by big old silver maples where we have two plants using water that just isn't there.

When we prep for winter in the future there isn't a lot we can change. We were able to keep the greens and tees alive and some of that has to do with taking the time to winter water and some of has to do with top dressing late in the fall. And we can't do that on 25 acres of fairways. But the spots that died are seared in my memory so we may spot topdress these areas and consider watering some of these areas in the winter when conditions call for it. And a few trees might disappear too. Or, average weather conditions with average rainfall/snowfall might be an option.....?

Clubhouse Update

During the month of April RML Architects main goal was to get structural drawings of the clubhouse to Welfl Construction so they could start preparing and ordering materials. Those drawings have been completed and the time line looks a little something like this....

Demolition August 15th.

Hollow core concrete floor on in October. Framing, roof, sheeting November/December.

We are working closely with Envision Kitchen on the kitchen design and equipment list and progress has been good.

Interior design will begin this month and staff has been working on some small items like golf simulator pricing, a new property management system, and bar equipment layout.

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Scott Larson, Golf Pro

May Golf Shop

Hours:

Monday

12pm - 8pm

Tuesday – Sunday

8am – 8pm

The pro shop and
cart sheds will
close early if
weather is
inclement.

Golf News

All the events are listed under the calendar section at hillcrestyankton.com

Men's Day Mixer for May 12th. Please, sign up on Golf Genius App. GGID: HILLCRESTMEN22. 2:00 shotgun start.

Senior League starts on May 25th.

May 12th: Drawing for the Member Guest Practice Round
Tee times on June 12th after the regular draw.
Approximate time will be 7:00 p.m. on May 12th for the drawing.

May 13th: USD Howling Pack 1:00 Shotgun Start.

May 14th: Chopper Johnson Foundation 12:00 shotgun start

May 18th: Mount Marty University Classic. 10:00 tee time start

May 23rd: Pro/Am Blue and Green Jacket event 2:00 shotgun start.

May 30th: Memorial Day Couples. 1:00 shotgun start.

June 1st: SDSU outing. 1:00 shotgun start.

There is still time to sign up for PGA Jr league at Hillcrest. Register here:

<https://www.pgajrleague.com/junior-league-events/search?radius=100&type=facility&label=Hillcrest+Golf+%26+Country+Club%2C+Yankton%2C+SD&lat=42.895472&lng=-97.380355&programStatus=open>

