

# Hillcrest Newsletter

August 2022



Kyler Johnson, President

## Upcoming Events

August 1-7

Pro Am

August 15<sup>th</sup>

Clubhouse Demolition

## Presidential News

Welcome to the 49th Annual Invitational Pro-Am! The Pro-Am would not be possible without all our members' support. In addition, a huge thank you to all those sponsoring, volunteering, working, and playing in this year's event.

It is sure to be a bittersweet weekend as we transition to an unprecedented time without our existing clubhouse. Demolition is scheduled for August 15. Next week (following the Pro-Am) likely will move quick as we prepare to remove the final items from the clubhouse. The Hillcrest Board of Directors will continue to update the membership as necessary throughout the entire demolition and construction process.

The Partnership ("Pod") Level of Membership is full for year 2022. What this means is Hillcrest will not accept any NEW partnerships in year 2022. This will not impact any previously established partnerships in 2022 or prior years. With that being said, Hillcrest will continue to accept applications for social and full golf memberships.

As we plan for construction of the new clubhouse, this is just a friendly reminder that monthly membership minimums will continue through the end of August. Beverages and snacks purchased while golfing will go towards minimums, and these items will be available all month.

By default, your monthly minimums will be suspended starting in September. Your minimums will not be charged or appear on your statements from September until completion of the clubhouse. During construction, members also have the option to pay their monthly minimums. These additional funds will help the clubhouse cause, should members choose to do so. If you wish to donate your minimums during construction, please contact the Hillcrest office. Thank you for your consideration here.



Warren Muller, CGCS

## Course News

I wrote this newsletter in the middle of May but it didn't make the newsletter by mistake. But managing traffic in heat extremes is pretty important and fuel prices are not as bad as they were, but prices are not exactly low either. So this is just as "good" in August as May.

It isn't a surprise that the approaches on more than half the holes have some thin areas coming out of winter. Some spots are worse than others. But when I look at where we park equipment to roll greens, change cups, and turn the mowers a lot of our traffic is concentrated on the approach in front of the green. We will make some requests from operators and I will make a slight change to my growth regulator program to reduce the problem.

Another thing I am noticing again is single riders in carts. Two walkers and one cart, not two walkers and two carts. Another nice thing to do for your course is to park your cart on the cart paths when you are at green and tee sites. Cart path rules should apply in the evening and when it is really hot too. If your hot the grass is hot. This fall I hope to add a new path either on 6 or 8 tee to get paths to the new tees. Traffic matters on any golf course and we try to manage it the best we can.

Fuel. It is expensive. I have been reducing fertilizer inputs for two years or better now trying to reduce our mowing frequency. I would have liked another year before we took a look at what would happen if we skipped two mowings a week on greens and one mowing a week on fairways, but with fuel prices I see some advantages to mowing on Monday and Thursday's instead of Monday, Wednesday, and Friday's now. The idea is that you don't notice.

## Clubhouse Update

No major news on the clubhouse except it won't be there for much longer.

The week following the Pro Am will be moving a storing everything we are going to keep. If there is something you want stop in sometime during the week. During Pro Am week we will be trying to get some more electricity in the North Cart barn so we can move so carts from the South barn to the North barn for more storage space.

Remember the pool will close when and if the electricity gets turned off and when the water gets turned off, or August 14th.

One last thing. I don't have an exact demo plan for the walls around the patio and scoreboard but I think we are going to save and reuse these walls if possible. I like to lift rocks and if you like to lift rocks I could use some help palletizing them and move them out of the construction zone.

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Scott Larson, Golf Pro

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This year golf shop credit will expire on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Please, try and spend your credit before pro/am. That way I have less items to move into the temporary trailer on August 8<sup>th</sup>.

Remember to regrip your clubs now. I will not have a workbench to do club repair after August 7<sup>th</sup>.

Make sure you clean out your lockers by August 7<sup>th</sup>.

The new POS system will be installed this fall. It will be easier for you to book tee times online and you will be able to look at your account online.

August 8<sup>th</sup>, the clubhouse will be closed until we are moved into the temporary trailer.

## Golf News

Upcoming events:

August 9<sup>th</sup> YHS Golf Quad 10:00 tee times

August 26<sup>th</sup> will be the Mount Mary Men's Invitational 10:00 shotgun start

September 2<sup>nd</sup> will be the Mount Marty Women's Invitational 10:00 shotgun start

September 12<sup>th</sup> KPI employee outing with a 9:00 shotgun start

September 18<sup>th</sup> Marchand Cup at Hillcrest

Thank you to Dan Semmler and the pro/am committee for all of their hard work. Thank you to all the volunteers for helping during the event. Thank you to all the sponsors of the pro/am and a thank you for everyone that had played in the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Hillcrest Invitational.

All of the tee sheets, results, and player statistics will be listed on [golfgenius.com](http://golfgenius.com). Go to the schedule of events page and click on the golf genius link and it will take you to the tee sheets and results.

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