



# OGC Newsletter

## October 2010



### *Green Side Up by Dustin*

There's something about the fresh fall air that perks up the golf course turf and rejuvenates the maintenance staff. I am by no means wishing an end to this season, but September definitely delivered a welcome change in nighttime temperatures and humidity. The golf course quickly responded and began its recovery processes. Fall is an extremely important period for turf. As the soil temperatures drop, the turf plants begin repairing and regenerating their root systems. A healthy root system is key to food storage leading into winter the following spring. To assist the turf in its root production, fertilizer will be applied and the mowing heights raised slightly. Daylight is becoming shorter and shorter and the slightly longer leaf blades can absorb more sunlight needed for photosynthesis and food production.

Fall is sometimes the best time for project work. The summer of 2010 was the type of summer that highlighted problem areas. As a result of the summer weather, we experienced some minor turf thinning on several greens' front edges. The thinning was caused by the accumulation of water and retention of summer soil temperatures. On Greens #1, 3, 4, 15, and 16, the front collars and approaches are crowned and are restricting surface drainage. Over the last 20+ years, the crowned areas were formed from the buildup of sand following topdressing and aerations. Although our soil drains very well, these crowned areas all forcing more water to remain and drain through the front areas of the greens. This extra moisture caused the turf to suffer and thin. To correct these areas, we will sod cut and remove the turf and re-grade the areas. After the soil surface has been re-graded to produce positive surface drainage, the sod will be replaced and allowed to heal. I am hoping to begin correcting the drowned collars and approaches later this month and through October.

Following our last member event in October, another repair will occur on #1 green. There is small depression (5-6 feet in diameter, 2-3" deep) forming on the putting surface. This depression is caused by a sinkhole. I have learned that this apparent sinkhole was a recurring problem many years ago. An attempt to fix it was performed in the mid-1990's. It has taken 12+ years for the depression to reform and become a concern. The exact cause of the depression is unknown and any investigation would require significant excavation and total green disruption. Since the prior repair prolonged or slowed the formation of this depression for a dozen years, we will repair the depression and monitor any changes. The turf in the area of the depression will be removed. A greens construction sand mix will be added to raise the depression and the sod replaced. It'll be important to accomplish earlier this fall to allow time for the cut sod to

regenerate its root system prior to the onset of winter. Although the summer of 2010 gave us a few bumps and bruises, the golf course truly handled it pretty well. I made some slight program changes in the greens turf management that helped provide good, healthy consistent putting surfaces. Greens were aerated on Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> and healed quickly. Tees performed very well and will be targeted for aeration in mid-October. The new fairways were young and stressed, but the playing surface survived and continues to get better each day. We have made significant gains on the percentage of Poa annua throughout the fairways and are continuing with Velocity applications and promotion of bentgrass. #4, 6 and 12 fairways will also be core aerated in October, as core aeration is needed for thatch management. We want a cushion on the fairway turf, but not too much. All other fairways will be slice aerated, which helps loosen any soil compaction and allow water and air to penetrate the ground. Slicing does not bring up soil and will heal very quickly. Well, fall is here. The leaves will be changing colors and falling. Frosty mornings will soon become an annoyance. And the season of 2010 will be winding down. But, not before I get a chance to carry out some revenge....**Come and accept the challenge of Dustin's Revenge – October 9<sup>th</sup>.**

*From the Golf Shop by Chuck*

### **Congratulations Club Champions!**

**Men's Club Champion – Rick Bauch**

Runner Up – Dave Johnson

First Flight Champion – Francis Mayhew Runner Up – Tom Packee

Second Flight Champion – John Vivian Runner Up – Jack McKenzie

Third Flight Champion – Kevin Ford Runner Up – Tom Schweda

**Ladies Club Champion – Nancy Simos**

Runner Up – Marilyn Godfrey

**Senior Overall Gross Champion – Charley Johnson**

**Senior Overall Net Champion – Joel Vrabel**

Age 55-59 Flight: Gross – Charley Johnson Net – Kris Holm

Age 60 – 69 Flight: Gross – Jim Bauer Net – Joel Vrabel

Age 70+ Flight: Larry Weiss

Gold Tee Open: Gross – George Simos Net – Jim Grimstad

**Men's July Cup Champions: Bob Boex and Frank Probst**

Runner Up: Francis Mayhew and John Godfrey

The Golf Committee and the Golf Shop Professional staff thank all the participants for respecting the stated match deadlines and completing said matches in a timely fashion!

All of your efforts are appreciated! Thank you.

## October Golf Operations Hours

### Golf Shop

Monday: Golf Shop Closed  
Bag room, range, and course open  
Tuesday – Friday: 8:00 am to dusk  
Saturday – Sunday: 7:00 am to 5:00 pm

### Golf Course

Monday: 2:00 pm to dusk  
Tuesday – Friday: 8:00 am to dusk  
Saturday – Sunday: 7:00 am to 5:00 pm

### Range

Monday: 2:00 pm. to dusk  
Tuesday – Friday: 8:00 am to dusk  
Saturday - 7:00 am to dusk  
Sunday – 7:00 am to 5:00 pm  
(Sunday is a pick clean night)

### **Golf Shop Services**

*Please note that Golf Shop services will continue through the fall and winter!  
Golf lessons, club fittings, special orders and golf club re-gripping will  
be available.*

#### **Private lessons**

Work one on one with PGA Head Professional Chuck Wood or OGC Assistant Professional, Chris Hoff to achieve your goals. Call to schedule your appointment.

Fees: Chuck: 1\2 hour \$40 1 hour \$70

Chris: 1\2 hour \$35 1 hour \$60

#### **Private group lessons**

Prefer to learn and work on your game with friends? Arrange for your group to take a private group lesson at your convenience. One hour minimum. Fee: \$50 per hour.

### **Last Event of the Year...**

It will be devilish... and perhaps ghoulish...and definitely a trick or two...its

*Dustin's Revenge!*

Men shotgun at 9:00 am

Women shotgun at 1:00 pm

A-B-C-D pairings made by golf shop staff

Gory specifics to be revealed upon arrival

## *Clubhouse News by Larry*

The season is winding down, but it's not over yet.

### **Mark these dates.....**

By popular demand - another **Pasta Buffet** night

**Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.**

**Serving time 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

Reservations for that evening are extremely important.

### **Seafood Buffet Night**

**Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Seating at 6:30 PM**

Chef Bob will dazzle you once again with a seafood experience that is hard to beat.

Reservations for this event are a must and the cost is \$50.00/person.

I realize the last thing anyone wants to think about right now is cold weather and the holiday season. Yet, with a little planning we can help take away the stress associated with entertaining. In the November newsletter we will publish our "holiday helpers" menus:

### **Thanksgiving**

- select from an **entire turkey dinner** with all the trimmings, including dessert.
- or **Thanksgiving select dinner items** such as: mashed potatoes and gravy, desserts, traditional sage stuffing, fresh vegetables, sweet potatoes, etc.

### **Christmas Season**

- Menu with **hors d'oeuvre suggestions**
- Wide variety of trays, hot and cold appetizers or desserts for entertaining at home

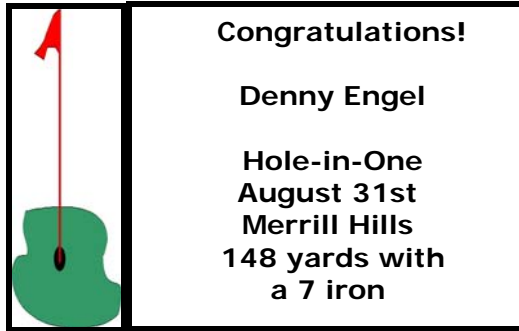
OGC is open in December only for holiday parties. We would love to **host your holiday party here**. If you plan on entertaining at home, let us help make the evening more enjoyable for you. Review our menus, call ahead, set the day and time and we will have it ready for your pick up. So keep us in mind as you begin to plan for your holiday entertaining... leave the prepping and cooking to us, which in turn leaves you more time to enjoy your guests.

There are still several prime dates available in December. If you would like to host your Holiday party at OGC give me a call for details!!! Thank you.

## *Membership Update by Jeanette*

*Directory Changes and additions:*

Add an email address: **Cheryl McKenzie**  
**cheryljmckenzie@sbcglobal.net**



### **Reciprocal Week**

**September 26, 2010 to October 3, 2010**  
**Participating Clubs at this time**

**Blackhawk Country Club**

**Fox Valley Golf Club**

**Kenosha Country Club**

**The Legend at Brandybrook**

**The Legend at Bristlecone**

**Maple Bluff Country Club**

**Meadowbrook Country Club**

**Nakoma Golf Club**

**Oconomowoc Golf Club**

**(restriction—no play on September 29th)**

**Pine Hills Country Club**

**(restriction—play allowed only on Tuesday, Friday  
and Saturday from 8 am to 12 noon)**

**South Hills Golf & Country Club**

**Tuckaway Country Club**

**Watertown Country Club**

**West Bend Country Club**

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
					Reciprocal Week	
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
Reciprocal Week			No Wednesday Night Dinner			Dustin's Revenge 9am Shotgun <u>Ladies</u> 1pm Shotgun <hr/> Club Closed 5:30 pm Private Party
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
			PASTA NIGHT 5 TO 8 PM			Private Party Club Closes at 6:00 pm
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
			No Wednesday Night Dinner			SEAFOOD BUFFET 6:30 SEATING
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
			No Wednesday Night Dinner			
<b>31</b>						