

Hooks and Slices

from the Minnewaska Golf Club



Minnewaska Golf Club

Glenwood, Minnesota

June 2009

Course came through winter in good shape

Our course came through the winter season in good shape with no major problems, according to course superintendent Doug Larson.

As scheduled, the steel piling reinforcement was installed to shore up our 8th green. All newly planted pine trees are now established and therefore the support stakes have been removed. This means USGA rules apply to all shots in and around these pine trees.

Future projects include reassessing the location of the Ladies #10 tee box to either move it to the right or upgrade its current location. If time permits work can continue on the men's new 17th tee box.

What members can do to keep our course beautiful?

1. On par 3's fill in divots by using the provided sand mix located in tee box containers
2. Repair ball marks on the greens
3. Rake traps
4. Driving on the paved cart path in and around the greens

MGC Summer Events

(As of mid-May)

- May 23-24 Memorial Day Tournament
- June 12 Glenwood & Beyond
- June 14 Mixed Ball Foursome
- June 26 Morris Football Team Event
- July 4 Starbuck Invitational
- July 10 American Business Solutions Event
- July 13 Laker Classic
- July 25 Waterama Tournament
- July 27 Beatles Baseball Tournament
- July 28 Junior PGA Event
- Aug 3 Glenwood State Bank Event



MGC Golf Professional Scott Dirck

Scott Dirck is Ping "Fitter of the Year"

Pro-Manager Scott Dirck has been awarded the "Ping Fitter of the Year" award by Ping. This regional award covers Minnesota and surrounding states.

MGC pro shop will match prices from all golf shops including the big Twin Cities shops on all STOCK merchandise. Ping and Titleist are exclusive lines at MGC.

In related Clubhouse employee news, Scott reports that all employees have returned from last year. Led by Veteran Dave Jenson, they include Dave Hausmann,, Mike Clary, Eddie Olson, and Matt Porwol.



Minnewaska Golf Club's new electric rental carts. In a decision thought to save the Club up to \$5,000.00 annually, MGC secured forty six (46) new Club Car electric golf carts. Quiet operation is the first thing golfers will notice. Each cart is also equipped with a windshield highly desirable in cold or rainy weather. The units come with a four year warranty. Warranty work will be done if required by Bobber's Marine and Sports Center thru NB Golf.

Noon Group Offers Fun and Camaraderie

You love golf and are a member @ MGC, and if the weather is good for golf, you prefer to play in the middle of the day, you can do your chores later, and you would rather not call to organize a foursome, the NOON GROUP is for you.

Tee off is 11:30 am sharp and you hurry up the hill and throw your ball into the bucket (a one gallon ice cream pail) You make note of its brand, number and identifying mark. You are now in the field.

Organized at least ten years ago it has been led by "Swede". Lately he has turned over some duties to Gary Maurstad and Jack Borowski. Anywhere from 6-40 golfers show up daily. The group ranges in handicap from the low single digits to the thirties.

You take your putter and get in some last minutes of practice; it never seems to help much. You wonder who you will be paired with today. Then you hear the cry "Balls, Balls, Balls" and turn toward the Clubhouse. This is the final notice to golfers to drop a ball into the bucket NOW or else you will not be included in the play.

You move toward the first tee box and see Gary take the bucket and drop the balls in groups of four. You move forward between the shoulders of players hoping to find your ball. Where is it? You move to another group, another, and then whoa.. there it is! You greet your foursome and exchange MGA handicaps. You are chosen to DRAW a card to determine playing order.

Each group totals the handicap of the group and subtracts that total from 216 (foursome total) and divide by two. This number is your objective for each nine holes. A birdie counts 5 points, par 3 pts, bogie 2 pts, and double bogie 1 pt. Therefore if you shoot a par on a hole you have just contributed 3 points toward your group's objective.

Each player contributes \$2.00 into the pot for each nine. There is a 50% payout meaning 50% of all golfers will get some money back. At the end of your round you hurry to the Clubhouse wondering if your group was the win-



"Noon group" matching foursomes for an 11:30 tee off. It is actually more organized that it might look in this picture!

ner. Taking first place may get you anywhere from \$4.00 to \$8.00 each. Most players enjoy staying after their round to collect their money, exchange greetings, and enjoy refreshments. After

you have played with the Noon Group awhile you will enjoy the company of different players and many become good friends.

Men's league begins spring play

Dave Hausmann reports all teams are formed with about the same number of players as last year. Twelve five player Early league teams schedule tee times each Thursday between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm. The twelve five Late league teams schedule their tee times between 3:30 pm and 5:00 pm. Dave reports six new players this year. New teams are formed each year and are chosen by the League Committee among the pool of A, B, C, and D players.

League play comprises a fourteen week schedule beginning on May 14th and concluding on Aug. 20th with a one week break 4th of July week. Nine hole league scoring averages are kept and maintained by the League committee. Dave is ably assisted by Jim Lepper, Dave Baukol, and Scott Dirck, MGC Pro-Manager.

Season play started May 7th with a team scramble event. Early League results found winner Scott Dirck's Pro Shop with a +1, followed by Pope County Tribune @ +3, Hausmann's

Wood Products @+3, and Fish On! Bait & Sports with a +4. Late League results found Eagle Bank dominating with an outstanding -12 followed by Schwieter's Chev/Olds @ -5. Hunt's Resort @ -4 and Tony Janu Painting @ -3.

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Women Launch 2009 Golf Season

The Minnewaska Ladies started the 2009 season with a banquet at the Minnewaska House on Tuesday evening, May 12th. Reports were given and we were reminded of upcoming events and responsibilities. The real fun was in catching up with friends that we hadn't seen over the long, long winter. Doug surprised us by popping in to share some of his ideas for improving some of the "problem" forward tees. He promised that he wanted to do something special for the women. I guess he has noticed us in the flower beds, up to our knees in mud and weeds all the while hauling buckets of water from the nearest (none are close) faucet.

Once again, we are working to improve the beauty of our course. More perennials, edging, and mulch should make the gardens more attractive, easier to care for and less expensive to fill. Many of the plants have been donated by members just for everyone to enjoy. We hope they brighten your days!

Our first day of play was one to behold. I had never played in hurricane winds before but many thought we did on Tuesday, May 19. Some wondered if we were demonstrating dedication or dementia! For sure it was a real test for our hairspray! Torgy's catered a delicious lunch which helped us come back to civilization.

A few golfers play nine holes on Tuesday's obtaining tee times which will put them in play half way through the women's league play. They are then able to join the eighteen holes group for lunch. We all enjoy friendships which span many years.

We continue to welcome new members to our group. More people have discovered our wonderful corner of the world! Golf is a great pastime but we have something special here that makes it truly wonderful. We all have bad rounds but we have a beautiful place to take the sting out of hooks, shanks, missed putts and all of the frustrations that are part of "the greatest game ever played" Keep swinging!!! MSR for the Ladies League.

MGC Women's League Officers for 2009 are: President: Judi Dalager; Vice President: Fern Head; Secretary: J a n Hamstad; Treasurer: Mary Beth Fox Member-at-Large: Bobbi Nicklasson



Steel piling reinforcement was installed during the off season to shore up the eighth green at the Minnewaska Gold Course.

High school golfers finish regular season

The Minnewaska High School Boys Team is led by top players Pierce Peters, Nick Molitor, Joe Buysse, and Dylan Buckingham. It recently scored its first victory of the year at Koronis Hills Golf topping eight other teams. Sub-Sections will be held May 19th at the Territory Golf Club St. Cloud followed by Sectional 6AA finals on May 26th. The State Tournament returns Thursday and Friday June 4th and 5th to the Ridges of Sand Creek Golf Club Jordan Minnesota. The team is coached by Ted Hill and Dale Hanson.

The Defending state champion Girls Team is led this year by returning letter winners Emily Roering, Sarah Roering, and Allie Ostrander and returning rookie Brianna Janu. Newcomers this year are Sam Falk and Alexis Guggisberg. The team is coached by Peggy Falk.

In a recent match at MGC on May 15th the Girls Team defeated a fourteen

team field to capture the victory. Medalists included Emily Roering and Allie Ostrander each with a 78.

6AA sectionals will be held on May 21st and May 26th at the Territory Golf Club St. Cloud. The State Tournament will be held again Wednesday and Thursday June 3th and 4th at the Ridges of Sand Creek, Jordan, Minnesota. Please consider driving to Jordan to support the team in its quest for a state title. For more information please contact Minnesota Golf Association web site: www.mngolf.org.



Minnewaska Golf Club Superintendent Doug Larson is pictured working on one of Minnewaska Golf Club's finely manicured greens.

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