

NBGA May / June 2024 Newsletter

The weather has been outstanding for those of us who like to golf. Subsequently, the Clubhouse has seen a few record-breaking days. To ensure you get your preferred time of the day to play, it would be wise to call the Clubhouse and reserve a t-time. Many golfers are starting to make standing t-times, especially on weekends.

Our golf course wintered well and with the recent rains, our greens are soft, smooth, and fast. The fairways are being watered regularly and look great. Credit goes to our grounds crew of Greg, Jim, Joe, Jake, Tom, and Doug. Our newest member Terry, is doing a great job keeping all the equipment running, including our carts. They all know what a great golf course looks like and are ensuring our little course is "at par" with them.

Our clubhouse is looking better every day with the overall freshening of interior and exterior paint, lights, carpet, and new windows. Much of this work was spearheaded by Board Member Tony Watters. Clubhouse co-managers Dianne and Barb are working on the finishing touches, so expect to see more! As we head into the summer months, stop by the Clubhouse to see the updates AND to get to know our current staff: Gary, Kristi, Doug, and Bella.

In addition, the Clubhouse is adding to our various merchandise offerings. We now offer hats, visors, polos, golf towels and golf balls with the NBGC logo. As we like to keep our community growing, we are working with PRISM to provide us with much of our new merchandise. Please know that if you are looking for something golf specific, stop by and we will see if we can help you with all our golf related contacts.

We are preparing for our popular Midsummer Tournament which will be held on June 22nd, with a limit of 26 3-man teams. Entry fees are \$80 with a cart, \$65 without. Registration begins Monday, May 27th. Please contact the clubhouse for more details.

Men's and Women's Leagues are off and running. The weather has been pretty good for the men, not as good for the women. The Senior Men are showing up on Thursdays no matter what the weather is like. Board Member Dennis Hensch has done a good job of being on point for the Men's Leagues. We also appreciate Tim Melby's efforts to get the scores tabulated and posted in a timely manner, along with Gary from the Clubhouse. League members can help by putting first and last names and teams on scorecards. For a bit of trivia, the Men's League has been around since 1953!

Just announced: The NBAHS Viking Girls Golf Program (grades 7-12) will be offering weekly lessons and playing golf with their friends. The program starts on June 19th and runs through July 31st. The cost is \$100 (junior membership) or \$14 per session (normal green fee) paid directly to NBGC. Any questions, please contact Chad at ccarlson@isd138.org.

Long time volunteers Kathy Aho and Lea Dehn are doing their usual fantastic job of beautifying the #4 tee box. We are looking for more volunteers to continue the efforts of making our golf course look the best that it can. Areas include the floral landscaping around the Clubhouse. As Bill and Kathy Grace have recently moved, we want to thank them for their hard work/efforts in keeping the area around the Clubhouse looking great. Please let the Clubhouse know if you would be willing to adopt/volunteer to nurture a spot on our golf course.

As we are also "earth conscious", you can help us by simply throwing trash in the proper receptacle, cleaning up a tee box or raking a bunker after usage. Another way you could help is if you see inappropriate activity/behavior on the golf course, call the Clubhouse OR if you are comfortable, politely mention good golf etiquette. With that said, our NBGC golf carts now display Golf Etiquette signs.

As always, we end the newsletter with a reminder to voice suggestions and ideas that could make the golf experience at North Branch better for all of us. When you see something at another golf course that makes sense for North Branch, make a note of it and tell a Clubhouse employee or a Board Member. Thank you for being a Member of the North Branch Golf Association!

NBGA Board: Dan Fairbanks, Dennis Hensch, Tony Watters, Mike Nelson, Eddie Meier, Tony Beaver and Jason Lindstrom.

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