



# Eastwood Newsletter



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## June Event – Seattle Slew Memorial

Our second event, scheduled for Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> is a Horse Race Tournament dedicated to Seattle Slew, arguably the greatest racehorse of all time. With an **8:30 a.m. Shotgun Start**, this event features four man teams where the three best net scores of the team on each hole count. Each player in the group plays his own ball. After the hole is completed, write your gross or actual score in the proper column. Subtract the handicap strokes (*designated by dots*) you are given to get your net score. The Horse Race point values are as follows –

Net Bogey 1 Point  
Net Par 2 Points  
Net Birdie 3 Points

Net Eagle 4 Points  
Net Double Eagle 5 Points

Add together the best 3 of 4 points and write the point total at the bottom of the card.

\*\*\*\*\* **Horse Race Betting Available Before the Start of Play** \*\*\*\*\*

The June event is a **FOOD Event**. A meal will be served after play provided by the staff of the Eastwood Grill. This meal is part of your Eastwood Men’s Club membership dues. You will also receive one drink ticket from your Team Captain. Your drink ticket can be redeemed at the Eastwood Grill **bar only** – drink tickets will **not** be accepted at the on course drink cart.

Event sign-up should be completed by Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> to allow the golf staff time to make appropriate pairings.

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## Eastwood Driving Range

*Open daily from Dawn to Dusk*

“A golf match is a test of your skill against your opponent’s luck..”

# Letter from our Superintendent

Hello to all! Hopefully you all have been able to get out and play at least once on one of the 5-6 sunshine filled days that we have had so far this year. This has really been a spring to forget. Good news is we are really saving money on our irrigation budget. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the ladies of Eastwood for their efforts on our flower gardens around the course, they have spruced up what we had and added a couple of more. Great job gals.

I think Mr. Gorman has touched on the subject of carts, cart paths and their use or lack of it, please, please use the new paths whenever they are available to you. This will help with turf wear around the greens and tees, (maybe your lie will be the next one affected?).

Still looking to schedule a men's club work day, just need input from you all as to what works for the majority of you. We have started to attack the spring mums (little yellow flowers) on the course, this seems to be an ongoing battle for us this year. Once again thank-you all for choosing Eastwood as your home course, we appreciate your patronage.

*Jeff*

## **A Foot of Concrete**

BREAKING NEWS....."CART PATH UPDATE".....The "buy a foot of concrete program" is moving along. To-date, \$1120 has been donated and will be matched by Park and Rec once we reach \$2500. This is good news and tells us that the concept of donating to "cart path improvement" has been well received. We continue to look for all donors regardless of the amount. If you happen to have an extra \$250 or more lying around, please consider becoming a major donor on a project that is "long term" in it's lasting qualities.....Cart Path development will help shape the future of Eastwood as it matures into the terrific layout it can become

# Letter from our Club Professional

Dear Men's Club Members,

Unfortunately we have fallen to the weather Gods. We will remain positive and pray for a wonderful June, July August, September, and October. Heck, one nice week would be a nice start. Our first Sunday event was interesting at best. Snow flurries, wind, with temps in the 30's. I want to thank all you brave souls who participated. Please remember if you signed up to play and can't make it please call and cancel. Jake and I put a lot of planning and preparation into these events to make them enjoyable for everyone. To be fair and reasonable, our staff and your teammates need to know if you're coming or not.

As we move into June all Match-Play brackets are posted. Please stay on schedule in completing your matches. Call to make a tee times and tell my employees it's a match so we can have your scorecard prepared for you in advance.

With the addition of our new cart paths and the especially wet spring we are really trying to get back to common golf course etiquette practices. Such as, stay on the paths where available. Keep your golf carts at least 30 feet from tees and greens. Replace divots and fix ball marks on all greens. Sounds simple but with a public golf course it quite a challenge to get everyone on the same page. We can start with the Men's club setting a good example. Your support is greatly appreciated. That's it!

Your PGA Professional

*Jeff Gorman*

**ALL PUTTERS:**

**30% OFF**

**Ping, Taylormade, Cleveland, Odyssey, etc.**

## **From the desk of the Assistant Pro**

Howdy Gentlemen, the spring hasn't brought us many nice days to enjoy all of Eastwood amenities, but those of you who I have seen it's a pleasure to know they're other "die hards" out there. Many of you have already verified the 64-Man bracket and have started to complete matches; all matches need to be completed by the approved date. The 4-Ball brackets will be posted early June.

As an apprentice in the PGA I have the opportunity to play in tournaments around Minnesota. So far this year I have donated to each one I have played in, and let's just say that the entry fee is slightly more than the \$3 mini events. All in all, it's a great experience and fun to meet new people who enjoy golf as much as I do. Throughout the season the Minnesota PGA hosts numerous Pro-Ams, the format changes from week to week but I would like to play in a few this season. The Pro-Ams consist of one Pro and 3 or 4 amateurs. It is a great chance for me and a couple Men's Club fellows to play some of Minnesota's nicest venues. The schedule can be found on the MNPGA website. If you are interested in playing please let me know so we can plan ahead.

With my busy schedule I haven't been out on the course with my sticks in a while but I have noticed that the course is filling in and looking great. The greens are in the best shape I have seen, a little more sun and a little less precipitation would go far this season. I look forward to getting out soon.

This year's junior camps are filling in quite nicely; if you or anybody you know is interested in signing a youngster up for some golf instruction please contact the pro shop.

Assistant Golf Professional

*Jake Dewitz*

# All in a Day's Work

You might think you have it tough, but consider these phone calls they get at Eastwood on a daily basis?

EW: Golf course, may I help you?

Caller: What are your green fees?

EW: 38 dollars.

Caller: Does that include golf?

EW: Golf course, may I help you?

Caller: Yes, we have a tee time for two weeks from Friday. What's the weather going to be like that day?

EW: Golf course, may I help you?

Caller: Yes, I had a tee time for this afternoon but I'm running late. Can you still get me out early?

EW: Golf course, may I help you?

Caller: Yes, do you have one of those areas where you can buy a bucket of golf balls and hit them for practice?

EW: You mean a driving range?

Caller: No, that's not it....,,

EW: Golf course, may I help you?

Caller: Yes, I'd like to get a tee time tomorrow between 12 O'clock and noon.

EW: Between 12 o'clock and noon?

Caller: Yes.

EW: We'll try to squeeze you in.

EW: Golf course, may I help you?

Caller: What do you have for tee times tomorrow?

EW: What time would you like?

Caller: What times do you have?

EW: What time of the day?

Caller: Any time.

EW: Morning or afternoon?

Caller: Whenever.

EW: We have 16 times open in the morning and 20 open in the afternoon. Would you like me to read the whole list?

Caller: No, I don't think any of those times will work for me.

EW: Golf course, may I help you?

Caller: Yes, do you have a driving range there?

EW: Yes.

Caller: How much for a bucket of large balls?

EW: Sorry, we're all out of large balls. But we can give you twice as many small balls for the same price.

EW: Golf course, may I help you?

Caller: My kids just came home with pockets full of range balls and said they stole them from your driving range. Would you like to buy them back?

(This actually came from the Golf Blog by the Orlando Golf Blogger, but you get the drift)

## We Aim to Please...

*We hope you aim too, please!*

A funny thing happened on the way to the restroom last week. And I stopped laughing. Paper streamers were stretched across the urinal and two stalls indicating malfunctions and unsuitable for use. It was disturbing that a facility like the Eastwood Club House would be reduced to the bare minimum in addressing the needs of our membership.

We pay our taxes and our annual patronage fees and expect to have facilities that are at the very least acceptable. And adequate for usage. Remember, you are reading this message from a writer who spends too much time languishing in the Eastwood Grill, who also has a prostate the size of a grapefruit. Trips to the Men's Room are a priority and cannot be impacted by toilet closings. The City of Rochester needs, above all things, to be sensitive to the special and important needs of its clientele. For God's sake, if we are spending enormous amounts of money drinking beer in city licensed facilities, we should, at a bare minimum, have an adequate place to release for the output of those dollars.

I understand, readers, that the city is under pressure financially and Park and Rec has priorities that differ from mine. The conservative legislature has rolled back the Aid To Cities that supported our important leisure programs and we need to adjust to accommodate fewer amenities at our public facilities. You, who are part of our esteemed Men's Club, have made steps above and beyond.

Mark Reider has led an initiative called Adopt-a-Hole which has made exemplary strides to upgrade the aesthetics of our Eastwood Golf Club experience. Rick Lien has opened the door to expand on the fine work the city has done to improve our Eastwood cart paths and manage traffic by inaugurating the Foot of Concrete program. We ask a lot of our membership, and now Ruffensore is going to ask for one more thing. Help us keep our toilets flowing.

And so, dear readers, I beg you to help maintain our exemplary rest facilities in a way that we should all expect from our fine city. I ask, no, *beg*, that you respect certain rules that will benefit all:

- If you are chewing, dipping, or disposing of cigarette butts, use the toilet, not the urinal. It is common sense that the toilet (designed by Sir Thomas Crapper) is better suited to the disposal of larger waste.
- Old guys, *please*, stand closer to the urinal. You can't build pressure like you used to. It's OK. It happens to everyone eventually. But I am sick of standing in a pool of urine. Stand closer.
- Think about how much you add to the solid waste that goes down the toilet when you use an excessive amount of toilet paper. You are consuming city tax dollars with every sheet. Less toilet paper can keep the lines flowing smoothly.
- Finally, when you are in a stall and use the last of the roll, for God's Sake please tell someone! It is easily replaced. And it is a disaster for the next occupant when it has not been replaced.

If you cannot bring yourself to support Adopt-a-Hole or Foot of Concrete, I implore you to make the commitment to keep our toilets flowing. It is a pretty easy commitment. Follow the rules listed above. And if you feel like attending a meeting, you can find Ruffensore presiding with a glass of Ruffensore Red Ale at gatherings whose chief purpose is to keep the lines open.

*Red Ruffensore*

# MPGA

## MINNESOTA PUBLIC GOLF ASSOCIATION

### *2011 MPGA Championship Schedule*

- Mid-Am/Individual Low Net • Delayed to Oct 1 & 2 • Sundance
- Four Ball • June 18 & 19 • Emerald Greens
- Senior Public Links • July 23 & 24 • Goodrich
- **New!** Match Play Championship • July 30 - Aug 1 • Bunker Hill
- Combination • September 17 & 18 • Bunker Hill

Applications available at [www.mpga.net](http://www.mpga.net)