



Eastwood Men's Club

Newsletter for April, 2018

2018 Calendar of Events

May 6 - Monthly Event

June 3 - Monthly Event (includes a meal)

July 1 - Monthly Event

August 4 and 5 - Club Championship

September 2 - Monthly Event (includes a meal)

October 7 – Monthly Event

May Event – Best 2 of 4

Date: Sunday, May 6

Time: 9:00 AM Shotgun Start

Format: Net Best 2 of 4 Tournament

This event features four man teams where the two 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.

Add together the best 2 of 4 scores and write the total at the bottom of the card.

Team wagering available before the start of play.

You will 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.

Sign-up: Should be completed **by Thursday, May 3rd** to allow the golf staff time to make appropriate pairings.

Did You Know

The latest recorded snow fall in Olmsted County was May 3rd, 2013 when 5.2” of snow fell. That same snow fall caused significant turf damage on holes 15, 16 & 18. It took 2 years to repair this damage and 3 years for the scares to heal.



Thank goodness we are done with this stuff!!

A Message from our Club President

Gentlemen,

Following a long, long, long winter I wanted to start with a reminder of how lucky we are to have the Eastwood's Men's League.

The Eastwood Men's Club

Like family & indoor plumbing we may take a lot of things for granted...here a few we shouldn't:

- ✓ A club that has been around since the 60's
- ✓ A strong membership that has continued to flourish when others struggle
 - ✓ A pro staff that is engaged
 - ✓ A board that is involved
- ✓ A diverse and great group of members
- ✓ A great place to play that is cared for by people who care
 - ✓ A great value
 - ✓ A golf experience that is "fun"
- ✓ A place and group that you can be proud to be a member of.

“While We Are Young”

I haven't seen any “While We Are Young” commercials lately, but still know that long rounds are an issue and the USGA began tackling one of golf's most frustrating challenges - slow play! Everyone has theories as to why it's a problem and how best to solve it. I read one account that compared it to traffic. It's always the other guy's fault. Maybe every other car is at fault. Certainly not you (or me)!?!

As the season takes off it is the perfect time to remind you that it is YOUR responsibility to keep moving...AND keep your group moving. The remarkable staff at Eastwood is continuously working on ways to improve the pace of play (mowing areas, tee & pin placements, etc.), but each individual golfer needs to remember that they have the power to play faster. And seriously, if you hit into a hazard you probably don't have the skill required to play out of it anyway! So stop looking, take your penalty, and move on!

Guidelines for speeding up pace:

- Play READY golf; be ready to play when it is your turn.
- Be an athlete, walk fast.
- Read your putt while others are putting.
- Walk ahead as far as is safe. DO NOT move as a group from shot to shot.
- Play the set of tees that are appropriate for you, no matter what tees everyone else is playing.
- Limit your time at the turn to five minutes.
- Do all scorekeeping on the teeing ground of the next hole, NOT on the green of the current hole.

- If you are the first or second person to finish the hole, put your clubs away and be ready to go to the next hole, let the third person to finish put the flagstick back in.
- Set your clubs (or park your cart) between the flagstick and the next tee box to minimize time between holes.
- Golf is a social game, but limit socializing to times when it is appropriate such as the putting green and teeing ground (when the group is closer together), but do so in a manner so as to not slow down the progress of the group.
- When on carts, be willing to take many clubs and walk to your ball if your riding partner is not near you; do not wait for the partner to bring the cart to you.
- Remember that USGA handicapping allows you to pick up your ball if you are having a bad hole. You should never putt for more than an eight.
- Help others in your group...watch everyone's shots and track them so they can quickly be found.
- Remember that your place on the golf course is directly behind the group in front of you, NOT in front of the group behind you!

The message is clear...**PICK UP THE PACE!**

Greg Snider

President – Eastwood Men's Club

A big **THANK YOU** to Rick Turner who served as the editor and publisher of the Eastwood Men's Club Newsletter for the 2017 season. Rick your efforts and contribution to the Men's Club are greatly appreciated by all the members!!

Golf Shop:

Fully stocked golf shop with the finest in golf equipment at VERY competitive prices.

Titleist

Mizuno

Taylormade etc...

A Message from our Club Professional

To All Men's Clubs Members:

Welcome to the 2018 Golf Season, finally coming out of the winter that would never end. I hope all of you had the opportunity to get away somewhere warm this past winter to play some golf or just to relax in the warm sunshine, as for Julie and I we were able to get away to the warm sunshine for two trips this off season which was very necessary this year.

My past Assistant Golf Professional, Nate Musta has moved on to a new position with Somerby as their Second Assistant. We wish Nate the best in his new career move and hopefully we will see him at Eastwood playing often. My new Assistant Golf Professional John Murphy comes to us from Arizona and is entering back into the green grass side of the golf industry. If you didn't get the opportunity to meet John at the ice-breaker please stop in the golf shop and introduce yourself. While working with John the past six weeks, my feeling is John will fit into our staff very nicely. Also, returning to the Eastwood Golf Club staff this season will be veterans Ken Gerzsenyi, Ross Messick and Connor Lang once he is back from college in the middle of May. Tracy Reilly from the Lourdes Girls Golf Team will also be returning to the team with the ladies leagues.

For the 2018 Season the biggest change you will see in the season membership will be the addition to Hadley Creek being part of the City pass, thus being able to play 4 courses for the cost of one. Also, if you purchase a patron card for \$50.00 you will get the greens fees for 25% off the regular rate which is good for all 4 courses as well.

As far as the golf course goes, our great greens crew staff led by Dave Brudwick have taken out dozens of trees this past winter, infected with emerald ash borer. At some point this season you will see the bunker half way up the right side of hole -17 be filled in and grass covered. Dave and his staff do a wonderful job grooming and maintaining arguably the finest public golf course in the area.

In closing please get signed up for your Men's Club membership, 64-man and the 4-ball competition as soon as possible. Our first Men's Club event is Sunday, May 6th and is a 9:00 a.m. shotgun start. While the clubs first mini event starts Thursday, May 17th. See you all soon.

Your PGA Professional,
Jeff Gorman

Really!

A famous and successful professional golfer died and was up before God for judgment. He was met by St. Peter at the Gates of Heaven who greeted him.

“You were a great golfer, but before you meet God, I thought I should tell you that other than your great golf career, you really didn’t do anything for the common good or for the bad, so we’re not sure what to do with you,” St. Peter said. “We don’t have any golf courses in heaven, but what particularly did you do on earth that was good?”

The golfer pondered for a bit and said, “Once after playing a golf tournament in California, I was driving back to the hotel and there in the parking lot, I saw a young woman being tormented by a group of Hell’s Angels — you know, revving their engines, circling her and taunting her with obscenities.”

“Go on,” said St. Peter.

“So I stopped and got out of my car with my 5-iron and went up to the leader — the biggest guy there. He was much bigger than me, very muscular, had tattoos all over, a scar on his face and a ring in his nose. Well, I put my index finger in his nose ring and tore it out of his nose. Then I told him and the rest of them they’d better stop bothering this woman or they all would get more of the same!”

“Wow, that’s very impressive,” St. Peter replied. “When did this happen?”

“About two minutes ago,” the golfer replied.

The Eastwood Grill

The Eastwood Grill is open and providing food and beverage for golfers and the public. David Nogosek, who has been at Eastwood the last few years, will provide a menu with the All American Burgers, sandwiches and dinners on weekends. Dave is also offering a Friday Night Fish Fry from 5 to 8 p.m. and a Sunday morning brunch from 10:00 to 1:00 p.m. There is a Happy Hour Monday thru Friday from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. too! Dave is excited about being at Eastwood – he thinks the smells of fresh cut grass is the best! Stop by the Eastwood Grill and say HI to Dave and enjoy some food and beverages! The number for the Eastwood Grill is 507-282-1631.

From the Desk of the Assistant Pro

Gentlemen,

Welcome to the 2018 Golf Season, it didn't come soon enough with this never ending winter; thankfully I only saw the end of it since I moved here from Arizona at the beginning of March!

I am very excited to be working with all of you this summer and very honored to be the Assistant Golf Professional here at Eastwood Golf Club. My wife, daughter and I just moved back to Rochester from Fountain Hills, Arizona where I was the Assistant Manager and Master Club fitter for 2ndswing golf for the past 2 plus years. Previously before 2ndswing I was working for Desert Highlands and the PGA Superstore in Scottsdale as a Fitting Professional and Club Builder. As I stated we are moving back to Rochester and previously when I was in Rochester back in 2011-14 I was the Assistant Golf Professional at Mississippi National in Red Wing, Minnesota, worked as a fitter at Rochester Indoor Golf Center and I also assisted with managing The First Tee of Rochester, so I have had the privilege to be in all aspects of this beautiful industry for the last 7 years.

Thank you for a warm welcome to Eastwood and for those that do not know me feel free to stop in to meet and greet and as stated I look forward to a great 2018 season.

Quick reminder, the final date to sign up for both the 64-Man Tournament and Four-Ball is the first Men's Club Sunday Event, May 6th, 2018

Locker Room

The locker room is available for the season
Half Lockers (32)
Provide your own lock
\$25.00 for the season

Driving Range:

\$3.50-1 Token (30 balls) \$6.00-2 Tokens (60 balls)

\$50.00-Punch Card (10 large buckets)

Unlimited Season Passes:

\$150.00-Junior

\$200.00-Individual

\$350.00-Couple

The Dave Brudwick Update

As I sit here writing this article the sun is out and melting the snow. Boy do I got a smile on my face. It's been a long, long winter. Everyone is anxious to get outside and play some golf. The driving range opened this past Tuesday; the front nine opened Thursday and the back nine will open Saturday – the first few days will be walking only. Depending on the weather carts maybe in use by May3/4.

You will notice this year that we took about 20 trees down on the course. Looking down at nine green there is three trees missing behind the green. It looks different but we will put something in there place. The trees that came down were Ash trees. We will be treating more Ash trees this year. Hole three on the left you will notice six more Ash trees where taken out. With all these trees that were taken out there will be plenty of stump grinding to do. Hopefully that will be done in late spring or early summer. It all depends when we can get the stump grinder from the Park and Rec. Department. At the end of the fence on hole 12 we had a company put in a curb so water won't keep washing out the area where we exit the green from. We will be addressing that area in the spring. A few other things you will notice is that on the left side of hole 15 by the ladies tee we ground up some buckthorn so when teeing off, there will be a better sight line to the fairway. The new tee on 15 should be ready sometime in June. On the left side of 16 we also ground up some buckthorn to also get a better sight line to the green. Please do not take carts into these areas. There are a lot of sticks and stumps in there that can damage cart tires. One last thing, for course updates please follow my blog <https://eastwoodgolf.blogspot.com> that's all for now. See everyone soon. Brudy



Eastwood Men's Club Leadership

The Eastwood Men's Club Board Members are all volunteers who work hard to provide our membership with great events. Listed below are the members of our Board - feel free to contact any of them with your feedback & suggestions and a thank you too!
Greg Snider (President), (Vice-President) TBD, Ross Messick (Secretary), Tom Musta, (Treasurer), Mark Dripps, Don Hameister, Scott Przybelski, Brian Kotajarvi, Rick Lien, Dana Funk, Scott Stiving, Mike Zenner, & Joe Larson (Past President).



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