



Eastwood Men's Club

Newsletter for May, 2018

2018 Calendar of Events

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

June Event – Seattle Slew

Date: Sunday, June 3rd

Time: 8:00 AM Shotgun Start

Format: Net best 3 of 4 tournament

Our second event, scheduled for Sunday, June 3rd is a Horse Race Tournament dedicated to Seattle Slew, arguably the greatest racehorse of all time. 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.

FIELD EVENTS:

Hole #3	Longest Putt	Handicap (20+)
Hole #8	Longest Putt	Handicap (15-19)
Hole #12	Longest Putt	Handicap (10-14)
Hole #18	Longest Putt	Handicap (0-9)

**** Para - Mutual Wagering 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 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 31st** to allow the golf staff time to make appropriate pairings.

A Message from Our Club President

Off & Running

The 2018 Eastwood Men's League Season is off and running. We've gotten one Sunday event under our belts as well as a couple Thursday Mini's. Keep getting out there and pushing the pace of play. Next up are the Match Play events. If you haven't seen the brackets yet or gotten in touch with your opponents, please do so. If you don't, the deadline will be upon you quicker than you think and we will be tracking these matches closer this year. If you can't get ahold of your partner, let someone know.

And it goes without saying but should be said more...Thank You. This great start (weather aside) is thanks to the awesome Pro Shop staff & grounds crew, so next time you see any of them be sure to thank them!

"Tee it Forward"

You may be familiar with the "tee it forward" initiative which encourages players to move forward a tee box or two in an attempt to speed up play. I bring it up because there is a great article on it in your Minnesota Golfer magazine (pg. 43) and it is something to read and consider.

The short story is that by playing a forward tee box you will hit it closer to the green, get on the putting surface sooner, and finish out faster than you would from a back tee box. Do that 18 times and you have a nice quick round. One thing that did pop into my head was that I've seen some of you putt and it doesn't matter how quickly you get to the green...it still takes too long to hole out. But, I think that can be solved with practice!

Anyway, this is something I used to do in High School and College and I am doing it with my kids. Par out from the 150 yard marker, then they can move back. Par out from 200, and so on....control your shots and stay out of trouble. Ultimately, this is a great initiative whether used for practice or to speed up play. Go try it and I promise you will have more birdie putts!!

A Message from our Club Professional

To All Men's Club Members,

Thank you to all who attended our first Sunday event on May 6th. What a nice turn out with the beautiful weather. The biggest change for our June 3rd Event, which is a food event, will be the **8:00 AM** shot-gun start. Also I want to thank everyone for their patience during our high school golf season. They are having a very difficult time this spring trying to get their entire season in with the shortened season due to the late snow fall and amount of rainfall.

As you may have noticed some of our Men's Club project monies are going to great golf course improvements. Thanks for your dollars and the help of Shorty Kinsley, Joe Jenkins and Dave Brudwick to finally make the exit of number twelve very professional looking. Also, a special thanks to "Shorty" and the Sargent's for spreading the reclaimed roads on our parking lot. Shorty Kinsley gives us a lot of his own time and equipment to make Eastwood a place we can be very proud of.

We will see sunshine, we will have some heat coming we know that. We will soon forget about the spring of 2018. Let's truly enjoy the rest of our 2018 golf season and all of the fun events we have coming up.

Your PGA Professional,

Jeff Gorman



Spring Is Special at Eastwood!



A Rant

Recently I learned that our longtime contributor to the Eastwood Men's Club Newsletter RedRuffenSore has given up the pen and will most likely no longer share humorous, albeit sometimes strong, personal views with our Men's Club. Perhaps the excessively long and cold winter hiding in the woods south of the 7th tee has done him in!! Maybe a long hot summer will end his hiatus.

So let me share a RANT of my own. A rant about the weather and late start of the golf season would be in order – unfortunately something out of our control. A rant about the abuse of the handicap process could be a topic – (I teamed with a player in the May event that actually said once his score no longer counted he was simply padding his handicap – so much for protecting the field.) Or a rant about slow play might be fun – but all the past messages about this topic have made NO impact.

So let's try a RANT about motorized carts and cart paths! This is something every member of the Eastwood Men's Club can actually do something about. Carts add enjoyment to the game and make golf less physically demanding, Carts also cause excessive wear and tear on the course. So cart paths are provided to minimize the damage to the course, but the damage is only prevented if the cart path is USED! Have you observed the damage on the sides of the cart paths were carts are parked two wheels on the path and two wheels on the ground. WHY!! Keep the carts 100% on the cart path. Here are some of my favorite scenes. Carts parked to the east of the 6th tee between the tree and the tee – park the carts to the west of the tee; the 8th tee is another good example, it seems all carts park to the right/west of the tee and the area is showing great wear, park the carts on the other side from time to time to reduce the excessive wear on the west side of the tee. Also on the 8th hole there is a cart path to the west of the green, how many times do you see a cart parked between the green and the cart path – do you do that? How many times have you seen carts around the 11th green NOT on the cart path?

The primary point of this RANT is that members of the Eastwood Men's Club should set the example for all golfers using the damn carts to us them properly – use the cart paths when they are present and keep all 4 wheels on the path!

If you have suggestions on how to keep carts where they belong and/or disagree with this RANT feel free to contact me at larry.mortensen@charter.net.

Yips

Mac is having serious trouble putting on the back nine, and complains: "I've got a case of the yips. I just can't putt anymore. I've lost my touch. It must be my nerves or maybe it's old age"

Jimmy, sarcastically replies, "Or maybe it's the six-pack that you demolished on the front nine"

The Dave Brudwick Update

I would like to thank everyone for doing there best to stay out of the wet spots and fairways with all this rain we had. The course is drying out nicely. I would like to apologize to anyone if I offended them with the pictures I put in my blog of the wrong doings on the golf course. My crew and I just want to give you the best playing conditions possible. I guess I will just need to choose my battles better.

If you noticed in the parking lot we had some millings delivered to us. They will be used for some cart paths that are worn out at the end and to fix some bad spots in the parking lot. As I write this article Shorty has already fixed the bad spots in the parking lot and the road to the driving range. He did an awesome job!!! So when you see him give him a big thank you... I'm hoping to get to the cart paths soon. The path on hole 12 is holding up nicely. We may have to repack it yearly to keep it firm but otherwise we shouldn't have to do anything else. Remember for course updates please follow my blog <https://eastwoodgolf.blogspot.com> that's all for now. See everyone soon. Brudy

Mulligan

An American went to Scotland and played golf with a newly acquainted Scottish golfer. After a bad tee shot, he played a "Mulligan" which was an extremely good shot. He then asked the Scottish, "What do you call a Mulligan in Scotland?" "We call it 3." he replied tersely.

From the Desk of the Assistant Pro

From the Assistant Corner:

Men's Club members, thank you for making a smooth transition to Eastwood Golf Course with the first Sunday event and the first couple Mini Events. These events are a great way to meet everyone and try and put names with faces for me since it is a new group of members for me. Also, if anyone is still interested in our Locker Room program it is \$25.00 for the season, you bring the lock and we provide the space. Stop into the golf shop to hear the details.

Upcoming Mini Events:

When calling in the golf shop for each Thursday Mini please state the names of the ENTIRE grouping when calling in, this helps prepare the scorecards appropriately for the event. Also, on nights of the partners (every other Thursday) please have your partner in mind and inform the golf shop who the partner is. Each week the tee sheet opens on Sunday's to make tee times for Thursdays; if we could have your tee time's scheduled by Tuesday each week that would help the event tremendously for preparation.

64-Man Event:

The bracket is up in the golf shop and we are trying to find a way to display it appropriately on the website. Feel free to stop in and check out your bracket and your opponent and to make sure your scheduling your matches on time, first match should be completed by 6.15.2018. When you are playing your matches PLEASE LET THE STAFF KNOW it is a match so we can have your scorecard ready to go.

4-Ball Event:

The bracket is posted in the golf shop below the stairs and is ready to start the team's matches, so please stop by and plan accordingly. The first match should be completed by 7.01.2018, which is just around the corner. Again, like the 64-man PLEASE LET THE STAFF KNOW you will be playing a match when making the tee time so we can have the scorecard prepared for the event.

On May 4th, 2018 I passed my Player's Ability Test (PAT) with a 69/73 for a 142 total and needed to shoot a 156. For my future in the PGA program I have already completed the background check, employment requirements and am now currently enrolled in the prequalifying courses to complete a prerequisite test which will allow for me to enroll as a PGA Apprentice/Assistant under Mr. Jeff Gorman on the path to a Class A PGA Professional.

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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