



# Eastwood Men's Club

## Newsletter for September, 2018

### October Event – Shamble - Best 2 of 4 Net

**October 7th, 2018**

**9:00am Shotgun Start**

The final event of the 2018 Men's Club season is called a Shamble. The format is a little unique. As in a scramble, all four members of the team tee off, and the best of the four tee shots is selected. All players may **place** their ball within one club length of the chosen tee shot, no closer to the hole. The player whose tee shot is used may also lift, clean, and place their ball before playing. If the selected shot is in a hazard, the rough, the fairway, or the fringe, the ball must remain there. From this point, the hole is played out as stroke play, with all members of the team playing their own ball until it is holed. The team score for each hole will be the best 2 of 4 net scores.

**Reminder:** Each player must hole out, even on the par three's as we will be using the best 2 of 4 net scores. Each player must contribute a minimum of **four** tee shots in 18 holes; par threes count as tee shots. Please keep track of whose tee shot is used on the scorecard.

**Leaf Rule:** If the members of your foursome agree that a ball was lost in the leaves, it is up to the group to come to a consensus where the ball was lost. When that spot is determined, you may take a free drop in that spot.

Good luck and thanks for a great season!

**Golf Shop Credits**

Must Be Used By

**November 15, 2018**

## **A Message from Our Club President**

### **Eastwood Men's Club 2018**

We're on the tail end of another successful year for the Eastwood Men's Club season and many thanks are do.

A big shout out to Jeff Gorman and his pro shop staff as well as Dave Brudwick and his grounds crew. The events have all gone off without a hitch and the course has been great all year.

An additional thanks to Shorty Kinsley (and others) for the extra work around the course. I'm sure he's had his hands on a lot of projects, but most notably would have to be the impressive landscaping between the entrance and #12 tee boxes.

Now for the Eastwood Board. Given the aforementioned staffs, we the Board really don't have to do a whole lot, but I would still like to thank all of the board members for their commitment to the league...it is greatly appreciated. With that, we annually have 3 openings (revolving terms) so we are looking for interested members to consider giving a little bit of time to the league. No experience required, but an interest in golf and a passion to keep Eastwood moving forward is a plus.

Look for the sign-up sheet at the next event for those interested OR let a board member or golf shop staff member know. Thank you and enjoy the remainder of 2018.

And a reminder on the shout out to the Eastwood Members who participated in the MN Senior Golf events. From the website it looks like Kenny G took first in the Senior Gross Division & John Mozina tied with Keith Landhuis in the Master Gross Division. They qualified for the year-end shoot out and Kenny placed 5<sup>th</sup> in his divisions & John took 5<sup>th</sup> in his while Keith placed 10<sup>th</sup>.

Here are some interesting facts about our Men's Club. There are 179 members of the Eastwood Men's Club – a great group of players. The USGA notes that the average handicap in their system is 15. In our Men's Club 109 players have a handicap of 15 or less – that's 61% of the players in our club have a handicap less than the national average. It is terrific to be among so many good players.

## The “Funner” Side of Eastwood



**Greg Snider**

President of the Eastwood Men's Club

### **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).

## A Message from Our Club Professional

As we unfortunately move into October, I want to thank all of you for a wonderful 2018 golf season. I strongly believe we have one of the best Men's Clubs in the area.

One of the biggest reasons Eastwood Golf Course is what it is today is because of Dave Brudwick and his staff. Brudy, as we call him goes above and beyond when it comes to pride in his job and how great Eastwood looks and the attention to detail. When you have an opportunity lets thank Brudy for his efforts.

In his first season as assistant golf professional John Murphy has shown a passion for this business and Eastwood Golf Club. John has demonstrated his ability to learn and grow within the business of golf. John has done an excellent job with our Men's Club, Jr golf programs and developing himself as a very good teacher, player and master club fitter. I am excited about John Murphy's future in the golf business and becoming a member of the PGA of America.

My golf shop staff also deserves a pat on the back for a job well done, which includes; Ken Gerzsenyi, Ross Messick, Connor Lang, Gunnar Olson, Traci Reilly. I personally want to thank them for going out of their way to make all members and guests feel comfortable when they come to the course at Eastwood. The commitment to customer service is what I appreciate from this team so much, so thank you all for a great season.

In closing, it is an honor for me to serve as your PGA Professional for now and years to come. Thank you all for a wonderful 2018 season with hopefully a nice long fall.

Thanks to all,  
Your PGA Professional

**Jeff Gorman**

Save Now

Golf Passes for 2019 are still on Sale until October 15. Membership includes the rest of 2018 and all of 2019. Buy now, play now and next year at this year's price.

## A Golf Poem

In My Hand I Hold A Ball, White, and Dimpled, And Rather Small.  
Oh, How Bland It Does Appear, This Harmless Looking Little Sphere.

By Its Size I Could Not Guess, The Awesome Strength It Does Possess.  
But Since I Fell beneath Its Spell, I've Wandered through The Fires of Hell.

My Life Has Not Been Quite The Same, Since I Chose To Play This Stupid Game.  
It Rules My Mind For Hours On End; A Fortune It Has Made Me Spend.

It Has Made Me Curse And Made Me Cry, And Hate Myself And Want To Die.  
It Promises Me A Thing Called Par, If I Hit It Straight And Far.

To Master Such A Tiny Ball, Should Not Be Very Hard At All.  
But My Desires The Ball Refuses, And Does Exactly As It Chooses.

It Hooks and Slices, Dribbles and Dies, and Disappears Before My Eyes.  
Often It Will Have A Whim, To Hit A Tree Or Take A Swim.

With Miles Of Grass On Which To Land, It Finds A Tiny Patch Of Sand.  
Then Has Me Offering Up My Soul, If Only It Would Find The Hole.

It's Made Me Whimper Like A Pup, And Swear That I Will Give It Up.  
And Take To Drink To Ease My Sorrow, But the Ball Knows ... I'll Be Back Tomorrow.

By Carvall Down

## From the Desk of the Assistant Pro

Gentlemen,

Welcome to Fall Golf which to some is their favorite time to play due to the cooler weather, colors and the golf courses generally a little less packed, leading to some fun times. I personally think the course plays a little tougher due to the longer rough, firmer greens and trying to find the little white ball among all the colors of the leaves, but what a beautiful place to play golf this fall.

I would like to remind those who play early though to be courteous and prepared to wait for FROST delays. Please respect Eastwood staff signs and the grounds crew when the FROST does hit the Midwest and wait for the okay to play, this helps maintain the course for the following spring.

The Clash at the Wood VIII is full and filled up very quickly this year, within 30 minutes we had 30 of the 32 participants needed, which just shows the obligation to the Eastwood Men's Club. I would like to thank everyone who competed and are members of the Eastwood Club, because of your commitment and participation is why the club thrives. We are still waiting to hear back from those committed to the season long race to make the Eastwood shootout which will be the morning of October 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 am. It is the top money winners and the lower money winners competing for yet another chance to win some shop credit.

Golf Tip:

Keeping connected throughout the winter months: Use a towel and place it under each arm pit while standing in a good golf posture and grip on a club. Now, squeeze the towel and ROTATE the shoulders around the spine and maintaining that squeeze on the towel under your pits. Also, the shoulders during the rotation should point at the ball both on the back swing (lead shoulder) and at impact (trailing shoulder).

Winter Plans:

For me this winter I am going to take pride and time away from the workforce to be a stay at home father for my daughter and for our family. I look forward to everything about it, except for the snow flying, which I absolutely hate, but will get used to. Thank you all for an awesome first season at Eastwood Golf course, have a great fall season and a great winter.

Thank you all in the Men's Club

Sincerely,

**Johnathan Murphy**

**Driving Range**

Our Driving Range will close on November

1<sup>st</sup> for the 2018 season.

## The Dave Brudwick Update

Well we survived the two storms where we ended up getting 11 plus inches of rain at Eastwood Golf Course. Thank you for being patient with not being able to use carts right away.

Everyone is wondering when we are going to aerify. By the time you get this newsletter we will be done. We will not pull any cores from the front or back nine greens. The front nine greens will get deep tined and the back nine greens will be getting needled tined. All greens will get a small amount of sand put on them to help smooth them out. The difference between deep tinning and needle tinning is the size and length of the needles. Deep tinning we go down about 6 inches, needle tinning we go down about 2 to 3 inches. The thickness of the tines is also different. The holes should heal pretty fast; to speed up the process we will put down some fertilizer on the greens. This will give the greens an extra kick to help the holes fill in faster.

We did have some storm damage on holes 16 and 17. We lost a cherry tree on the right side of 16. The biggest loss of trees was on hole 17. We lost two big oak trees. You will notice a big change when you're teeing off the blue or black tees. We will get the trees cleaned up when that area dries up. The Park and Rec Forestry Division will do most of the clean-up. We don't have the tools to handle those big of trees.

I would like to thank the buckthorn busters for working on the left side of 13. It looks great. These 3 gentlemen worked in the rain and wind. They're a pretty quiet group so I will keep their identity private. Thanks again guys!!!

The seasonal budget is getting pretty thin. I'm guessing by the end of September or the first week of October I will be by myself or have someone helping if there is money available. I will save some money to have Justin come in and help me blow out irrigation lines. We will be doing that the last week of October. I'm just not sure what days yet.

Hard to believe we have one Men's Club event left, but we still have the Shootout and the Clash of the Woods to finish out the year. The mowing of greens usually will stop around the middle of October. We like the greens to grow a little longer to get a nice coat on them before the cold and snow comes.

Thank you for all the kind words on course conditions this year. Brudy



# The Evolution of the 2018 Eastwood Season

We started with winter



Then comes spring



Then comes summer



Then comes fall



## I Took Up Golf

My wife said to me: “Doc, it’s about time you took up golf and learned to play. That’s the game, you know, where you chase a ball all over hell when you’re too old to chase women.”

So I went to see the Pro at the country club and asked him if he would teach me to play golf. He said, “Sure, you’ve got the balls, haven’t you?” I replied, “Yes, but sometimes on cold mornings they are kinda hard to find.” “Bring them over to the club house in the morning and we’ll tee off.” “What’s tee off?” I asked. “It’s a golf term and we have to tee off in front of the club house.” “Not for me” I said, “You can tee off there if you want to, but I’ll tee off in the back of the barn somewhere.”

“No”, he explained, “A tee is a little thing about the size of your finger.” “Yeah”, I said, “I’ve got one of those.” “Well,” he said, “you stick it in the ground and put your ball on top of it.” “Do you play golf sitting down?” I asked. “I always thought you stood up and walked all over the place.” “You do” he replied, “You are standing up with your ball on the tee.” Well folks, I thought that was stretching it a bit too far.

He asked, “You have a bag haven’t you?” “Sure”, I replied. He continued, “Your balls are in it, aren’t they?” “Of course” I replied. “Well,” he said, “can’t you open the bag and take one out?” I said, “I suppose I could but damned if I’m going to.” He asked if I had a zipper on my bag, but I told him “No that I was the old-fashioned type.”

Then he asked if I knew how to hold my club. Well! After fifty years I should have some sort of an idea. He said, “Take your club in both hands.” ----- Folks, I knew right then and there that he didn’t know what he was talking about. Then he asked, “Swing it over your shoulder.” I said, “That’s my brother Carl you’re talking about.”

He asked me how I held my club and before I thought, I answered, “With two fingers.” He told me that that wasn’t right and told me to bend over and he would show me. HA! He wouldn’t catch me there, I didn’t spend four years in the Navy for nothing.

He said, “You hit the ball with your club and it will soar and soar.” I could damn well image - - It would be damn sore and the ball too. Then he asked, “When you’re on the Green - - “What’s the Green?” I asked. “That’s where the hole is” he said. “Sure you’re not color blind?” I asked. He said “No.” “Then you take your putter.” “What’s a putter?” That’s the smallest club made,” he explained. “yeah, that’s what I have, a putter.” “And with the putter,” he continued, “you put your ball in the hole.” “You mean the putter don’t you?” I asked. “No the ball,” he said, “The hole isn’t big enough for the ball and the putter too.” I explained, “I’ve seen holes big enough for a horse and wagon.”

“After you make the first hole you go on the next seventeen.” I knew he wasn’t talking about me, cause after two holes I’m all shot to hell. “You mean you can’t make 18 holes in one day?” “Hell no,” I said, “It takes me 18 days to make one hole, besides when would I know when I’m in the 18<sup>th</sup> hole?” He said, “The flag will go up.” That would just be my goddamn luck . . . . .

## One Final Rant

Play swiftly, play by the rules, repair your ball marks on the green, replace your divots, keep the fricken carts on the paths and away from the greens and post all your scores!. By following these suggestions you will be **RESPECTING** all the others who play golf at Eastwood!!

[The editor’s final shot for 2018. We are all privileged to live in the USA. There are some who want to make ‘America Great Again’ – a nice political slogan – however, politicians, not Hillary or Donnie, can make ‘America Great Again.’ Who can make America Great are **you** and **me** with one volunteer act at a time. Last week I was at the Peace Plaza downtown and observe a member of the City Council picking up some trash – no one was around, he just took the right step to pick up some litter and remove it. Volunteerism will make America Great Again - volunteerism is very visible at Eastwood – thank you Shorty, Joe, Jane, Donny and a string of names I’m sure I missed. Do the right thing – don’t expect someone else to do it for you!]

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