



Rochester City Golf News

Spring, 2019

Golf Talk

We're looking forward to the new clubhouse at **Northern Hills GC** opening in late June or early July, we believe it will be worth any hassle we have this spring. In the meantime, we're focused on taking good care of golfers and getting them out onto the golf course, which is in great shape for this time of year.... Some of the nice, new clubhouse features will include a better view from the restaurant, a much better patio, bigger and better restrooms, and smoother traffic flow. The restaurant will be able to host larger groups with ease and provide comfortable quarters for many a foursome after golf. The new golf shop, while certainly not large, will be very attractive and functional.

At **Eastwood GC**, we're happy to welcome Landon Dybing back into the golf business. Landon's an experienced teacher and player and has served as an assistant pro at Eastwood in the past. As a teacher with a really good eye and calm demeanor, he's helped many golfers. As a past head golf professional himself, he knows how to provide services for all types of golfers... Our fully stocked golf shop is ready to go, we believe our service and prices are as good as any you'll find... If you'd like to enjoy some time on the golf course with your golfing spouse or partner, check out our couples league held every 3rd Saturday from May-September.

Eastwood GC food concessionaire Dave Nogosek has expanded his food operation to **Soldiers Field GC** with the Soldiers Field Grill. Long-time Rochester area food service veteran Kurt Simon will head the staff at Soldiers and is excited about the menu and service operations that will be provided, look for a return of the popular Friday Night Fish Fry, among other changes... A new version of our Men's Club will be deputed this spring. Open to adults age 19 and older, it will feature monthly Sunday morning play along with season long match play events for teams and individuals included as a part of the league fee.

Volunteers are being sought for the 1st Tee Junior Golf Program at **Hadley Creek GCLC**. It's a fun, relaxed, opportunity for anyone who would like to share their love of the game with juniors age 5 and up. More information is available on the web site or by contacting the Golf Shop... We have some openings in our women's leagues this year, they're fun and popular leagues for players of all abilities.

Information provided by Rochester City Golf Professionals: Jeff Gorman, Mike Manahan, David Richardson, and Bill "Watty" Watson.

Turf Talk

Our cold and snowy winter took a toll on many golf courses across the Midwest this year, particularly on putting greens. Rochester City golf courses have been fortunate to have escaped with minimal damage, affected areas are expected to heal quickly during the growing season.

About 20 trees were removed at **Soldiers Field Golf Course** over the winter, the majority of them older ash trees near the end of their life cycle. We have a current inventory of 106 ash that have been treated for emerald ash bore. Ash, maple, oak, crab, buckeye, pine, spruce, and 10 beautiful elms are part of a very nice collection of trees on the golf course... The modernization of our irrigation system continues. This year we'll complete automatization on holes #5 -#8 and are four holes away from completing all 18 holes.

Controlling damage on the putting greens from silvery-thread moss remains a priority at **Hadley Creek Golf Course** this year. The course continues to improve as it matures, we hope to further protect areas around greens from cart damage - please follow all new signage and rope used to direct golf cart traffic... While the Golf Division's capital improvement budget has been focused on the new clubhouse at Northern Hills, we do have a spiffy new mower that will do a great job on the fairways.

The bunker on the hill on hole #17 at **Eastwood GC** will be filled with soil and sodded this spring, much to the delight of many golfers.... Work continues on hole #16 (right side) to make the area in the trees more playable for golfers seeking a recovery shot rather than a penalty drop... Stumps will be ground out soon and areas seeded for the 10 trees removed from the golf course over the winter.

The new 9th green at **Northern Hills GC** opened this spring. All newly constructed putting greens need time to mature, develop deep roots and thatch layers, and "Grow Up". We're confident this new green will be a great improvement for the golf course... The 10th hole will be playing 30 yards longer for the big hitters this year while the 17th hole will have a front tee 50 - 60 yards shorter as the golf course continues to evolve... New construction left of the fairway on hole #1 has us keeping a close eye on the flow of water and mud across the golf course.... Our plan for the wildlife habitat area near holes #15-#17 is to till, till, and till some more before planting native grasses and flowers this fall.

Information provided by Rochester City Golf Superintendents/Mechanics: Dave Brudwick, Joe Fischer, Mike Senjem, and Steve Theobald.

Clubs & Leagues You Can Join:



Eastwood GC

		<u>Approx. Time</u>
Men's Club	Thursday & Sundays	After 1:00
Women's 9 Hole League	Thursday a.m.	7:30 - 10:00
Women's 18 Hole League	Monday a.m.	7:30 - 9:30

Hadley Creek GCLC

Ladies Legends	Monday a.m.	8:00 - 10:00
Men's Senior	Tuesday a.m.	7:30 - 11:30
Fine 9 Ladies League	Wednesday p.m.	3:00 - 7:00

Northern Hills GC

Men's Club	Wednesday & Sundays	All Day
Ladies Club	Tuesday	All Day

Soldiers Field GC

Men's Club	Sundays	A.M. Shotgun
Women's Golf Association	Wednesday a.m.	8:00 - 10:00
Women's Nifty 9 League	Wednesday a.m.	8:00 - 9:30
Men's Senior League	Thursday a.m.	7:30 - 10:00
Middle School Golf League	Thursday p.m.	2:00 - 4:30



A First Tee Facility



*Soldiers Field
Golf Course*

Junior Golf Programs

Eastwood GC	Instructional	age 6 & Over	June & July
Northern Hills GC	Instructional	age 6 -12	June
Hadley Creek GC	Instructional	age 7 – 17	June, July, August
Soldiers Field GC	Playing	Middle School	June - August

Rates Around The State:

	<u>2019 City Golf Season Passes</u>				<u>Carts Per Person</u>	
	Adult	Senior	Junior age 15	Family	18 Cart	18 Senior
Duluth - 2 Courses	750	625	175	1,200	16	NA
Moorhead - 2 Courses	750	NA	225	1,150	16	NA
Owatonna - 1 Course	670	635	205	875	14	NA
Rochester - 4 Courses	725	630	165	1,075	14	12
St. Paul - 5 Courses	1,500	1,260	495	NA	17	16

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