



PURPLE HAWK
COUNTRY CLUB

Purple Hawk News

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Current Board Members: President, Chuck Osterud; Vice President, Rick Selz; Treasurer, Pete Carlson ; Secretary, Jeff Reichel; Mark Leaf, Todd Schoenecker, Diane Anlauf, Jason Schulz, and Jay Young.

PRO SHOP

By now everybody should have had a chance to meet our new PGA Professional – **Jim Carlson**. Jim brings a wealth of experience to the Purple Hawk. Most recently, Jim was the PGA Director of Golf at MN National in McGregor and prior to that he ran the show, as PGA General Manager, of Blueberry Pines in Menahga. Overall, Jim is bringing a new culture to the Hawk, including staff uniforms. Jim has already made many changes, including a new Point of Sale System, a new Website, increased control of cart usage & rotation, including range ball process, and a fresh new look in clothing in the Proshop. We continue to fight “supply chain issues” but the inventory is looking good and improving daily! We have had a full tournament schedule this year with several new tournaments playing at our course – the MGA Senior Tour, the US Kids Local Tour, and the MN PGA Junior Tour, etc.



bringing many new players and increasing our exposure to the golfing world! Also, **thanks to Gavin Lillemoen**, who has been so instrumental in many areas, Junior Golf Camp and Junior League. Plus, he is now virtually running all of our golf leagues. Thanks Gavin!

MAINTENANCE – GROUNDS CREW

Our new Superintendent (**Scott Melby**) and his crew have been working hard maintaining and improving our course. While there are still a few “spots” The Greens and Turf are in better shape than they have been in quite a while! As most of us remember, last year, Scott was in a serious accident coming to work one morning about a month after starting work here at The Hawk. He was laid up for most of the year after that, so this is really his first year on the job.

We have been able to support Scott by purchasing new and additional equipment, including a new lift mounted in the maintenance shed to help in maintaining the equipment, a new toro sprayer, a new John Deere zero turn Mower as well as several pieces of equipment that were purchased from Sanbrook G.C. when they closed their doors. This Spring, Scott took a greens mower that had been relegated to the Bone Yard and refurbished it, saving the course several thousand dollars a year in what would have been another piece of leased equipment – *Thank You Scott!*

This year has not been without its trials, as early in the year our rough mower broke and we had to wait for an extended period of time to get it fixed. The part had to come from Canada and there were supply chain issues. Several weeks ago, Scott took a census of the sprinkler heads on the course and there are 72 that do not work with the automatic controllers. This requires the maintenance crew to manually go out and turn these sprinklers on and off. We are hoping to increase the budget next year so Scott can hire somebody and dedicate him to fixing these sprinklers.

There is new sand in many of our bunkers and they are actually great to play out of. (The retired) Gary Tollifson has been a great help on special projects such as spreading and packing Crushed Granite on the cart paths. *Thank You Tolly!* We are hoping to bring in a Bobcat yet this year and tear out the broken-up tar leading down the hill on hole #16 and rebuild it with the crushed granite. New (100 yard) fairway markers are in place – Now if Scott can only find time to deal with the clover!

SPRING STORM HITS THE HAWK



This Spring a thunderstorm with strong winds hit the Hawk – The next morning and in the days that followed, crews of volunteers including Jeff Anlauf, Rick Selz, Jon Dunbar, and others, were out clearing trees and broken branches from critical areas so the Golf course remained playable.



Thank You to these members for their quick actions!

Clean up continues today with crews of volunteers and the goal is to get the major trees and branches removed before a professional crew comes in the fall to grind stumps etc. An insurance claim has been filed and we are awaiting the results from our Insurance Company. The final tally was 48 trees down or destroyed and 57 major branches broken.

We also lost some of the Cedar rail fence lining the parking lot and golf cart staging area (3) driving range Bag Stands were damaged, (2) circuit boards in our irrigation system and the flags on the new scoreboard took a beating as well.

FLOCK TO THE HAWK



2022 was our 5th anniversary for the fund raiser, Flock to the Hawk! There were a few challenges this year, but overall, everyone showed up and donated when possible, volunteered when needed and had fun, as required!

Below are some numbers for you to see – it's incredible how generous everyone is, trying to keep our course beautiful and equipment running smooth. Thank you all!

Teams: \$11,050

Silent Auction: \$2,260

Event Sponsors \$2,870

Overall Profit (after expenses) = \$19,930

| Hole Event Cash | Profit |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| Cash Raffle 50/50 | \$1,710 |
| General Raffle Tickets | \$1,030 |
| Beat the Kid | \$1,345 |
| Hit the Green #6 | \$205 |
| Power Drive | \$500 |
| Fast Pass | \$480 |
| Risk-Reward | \$445 |
| Chipping Contest | \$155 |
| Putting Contest | \$259 |
| Pitching Contest | \$120 |
| Skins Game | \$210 |
| Bottle Raffle | \$550 |
| | \$7,009 |

2022 Flock to the Hawk Winners!



2023 FLOCK TO THE HAWK . . .

As with anything worth doing, changes and updates need to take place to keep this event fun!

Possible and PROBABLE changes are: Live Band with drinks available outside, Large tent, Announcing of winners at the Jon Swanson Leaderboard, Event stats at the Leaderboard, Light food on the course while playing, Bottle and raffle drawings held at the Leaderboard, in phases to speed things up . . . as you can see, great ideas coming in for 2023!

Our goal for this event in 2023 is to CELEBRATE the Purple Hawk, enjoy each other's company, and raise some money to keep our course beautiful and equipment running.

See you in 2023!

PURPLE HAWK LADIES CONTINUE 5 STAR TRADITION



This fabulous group of women golfers has DONE IT AGAIN!
Congratulations to the 2022 5 Star Champions!

This is a scratch, rotating location, tournament. Purple Hawk, North Branch, Princeton, Milaca, and Mora all participating with their *best of the best* golfers!

Well done Ladies!

PURPLE HAWK JUNIOR CAMPS A HIT

Our Youth Summer Golf Camps and Junior League were a great success this summer. 66 kids participated in the June Camp, 54 kids participated in the July Camp and 30 participated in Junior League for a total of 150 area youth.



The kids that were in the July Camp really enjoyed the Snag Golf equipment, birdie balls and 3 large inflatables. These kids are the future of the great game of golf.

A great program starts with great instructors and staff, so a huge thank you goes out to PGA Head Golf Professional Jim

Carlson, Assistant Golf Professional Gavin Lillemoen, Cambridge-Isanti

Boys & Girls Golf Coaches Joel Lund and Steve Hanson, Braham Boys & Girls Golf Coach Lauren Kiesz. Plus, High School golfers Damian Natzel, Tucker Kolb, Trevor Hupert and his dad Brent Hupert, Emily & Allie Nystrom, and Elizabeth Fix.



2022 PURPLE HAWK "HOLE IN ONE" so far . . . is yours next?



Jay Young – 5th
#2 with 6 iron



Joe Kampmeyer – 1st
#2 with 9 iron



Scott Westman – 1st
#16 with 7 iron



Pete Carlson – 2nd
#16 with 7 iron



Dan VanSickle – 1st
#16 with 6 iron

EMAILS FROM THE PRO SHOP

Are you receiving the emails from the Pro Shop? These are regular emails, inviting your participation in upcoming events and posting winners with pictures! If you are not receiving them, email info@purplehawk.com to get added.

HAVE YOU SEEN US ON FACEBOOK? INSTAGRAM?

Purple Hawk now has a great presence on Facebook and Instagram! Follow us!

UPCOMING EVENTS

The **Men's, Women's and Senior Women's Club Championship** is scheduled for Saturday & Sunday, August 13 & 14. Please sign up at the Pro Shop counter or by calling us at 763-689-3800. Please see attached flier for more details.

Get ready and plan ahead for the **Bluejacket Hoop Booster Scholarship 4-Person Scramble** scheduled for Saturday, August 20. Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, August 10. Don't miss your chance to win a \$25,000 gift card at the Hole-in-One Challenge. Plus your opportunity to win great gift cards to Willow Bridge Spa, Fleet Farm, Isanti Retail Meats, Cub Foods and more! All proceeds from the tournament go to the Bluejacket Hoop Booster College Scholarship Fund. A great way to play some golf, win some great prizes and support our future athletes' education. Please see attached flier for more details or call or text Amanda Thoreson with any questions at 612-701-9326 to register or help sponsor this worthy cause. Sign up today!

Sun, Aug 21 35th - Annual Van-Ki 4-Person Scramble **Private** (28-40) 8:30 Shotgun

Sat, Aug 27 - Cambridge-Isanti Youth Hockey 4-Person Scramble Charity 12:00 Shotgun

September Events

Thursday, Sept 8 - Jack Palmer Cretin's Class of 65 Private (24) 9:30 Mini Shotgun

Saturday, Sept 10 - Mark Saasted Closed (20) 9:00 Mini Shotgun

Saturday, Sept 10 - Cambridge Wrestling – Double 9 Hole – 4-Per Scramble Charity 2:00 Shotgun

Tuesday, Sept 13 - Tuesday Night Ladies League Banquet Member 5:00 Shotgun/7:00 Banquet

Friday, Sept 16 - Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Open 12:00 Shotgun

Saturday-Sunday, Sept 17/18 - Member Men's & Women's Calcutta Member Tee times starting at 8 am

Tuesday, Sept 20 - Women's Proshop Players Championship Member 5:00 Shotgun

Thursday, Sept 22 - Blue Tee Open (All day) & Men's League Banquet Member All Day / 7:00 pm

Friday, Sept 23 2nd - Annual Semler Charity Golf Derby Charity (60-72) 12:00 Shotgun

Sunday, Sept 25 - Sunshine Fraternal lodge # 92 2-Scramble Private (24) 12:00 Shotgun or TT

Thursday, Sept 29 - Men's Proshop Players Championship Member 2:00 Shotgun

Thursday, Sept 29 - Red Tee Open (All Day) Member All Day