



PURPLE HAWK
COUNTRY CLUB

Purple Hawk News

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Current Board Members: President, Chuck Osterud; Vice President, Jason Schulz; Treasurer, Pete Carlson; Secretary, Jeff Reichel; Jeremie Reinhart; Jeanne Bradshaw; Todd Schoenecker; Diane Anlauf; & Jay Young.

ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

Our Annual Stockholders Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 17 at 6:30 pm. It is open to all Purple Hawk Stockholders and to all current Purple Hawk Members. We encourage you all to attend. You must be a Stockholder to vote at the meeting. Each Stockholder receives one vote, regardless of how many shares they own. A couple that owns one share of stock receives one vote, unless each person in that couple owns a share of stock, then each person in that couple receives one vote.

Social hour will begin at 5:30 pm along with meal options provided by the Hawk's Nest. By attending the meeting, you will be included in a drawing for \$100.00 in chits in the Proshop.

The **Purple Hawk Board of Directors will have 3 openings. The election will take place at the Annual Meeting.** The term for a volunteer Board Member is three years. **If you are interested in being on the Board, please email info@purplehawk.com ASAP and let us know. We encourage all Stockholders to take their turn.**

Our sincerest thank you goes out to Diane Anlauf, Jeff Reichel & Jay Young for their outstanding years of service and dedication to the Purple Hawk Country Club.

NEW CLUBHOUSE / BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Purple Hawk Board of Directors are currently reviewing the building committee's suggestions on the new building project for the golf course.

PRO SHOP

After a mild, warm winter with little snow, until recently, Jim Carlson, our PGA Head Golf Professional is looking forward to an early Spring and the start of the 2024 golf season. Jim is happy to announce that most of his staff will be returning in 2024.

- **Memberships** – Don't forget to get your Membership. With the golf season starting earlier & most likely ending later, a Golf Membership is a great value & helps support the club.
- **Platinum Club Membership** – Jim highly encourages those that can, to become Platinum Club Members, in addition to their golf Membership. The Platinum Club Membership form is attached to this email and all Platinum Club Memberships must be paid by May 24, so we can order the Premium Platinum Club clothing.



Look for the following at the Proshop:

- For those that like to walk, look for our 12 **new** rental push carts.
- We will again be carrying TaylorMade & Callaway golf equipment, golf balls & golf bags.
- New this season will be Bridgestone golf balls, Ping & Srixon golf equipment & Ping & OGIO golf bags.
- We currently have 3 golf club fitting events scheduled. We are working on setting up Ping & Srixon/ Cleveland fitting events. These Tour level fitting events allow you to test the latest & greatest golf equipment available. If you have not updated your equipment in the last 3+ years, you could gain 15+ yards in distance with new equipment. See you all soon on the first tee!

MAINTENANCE – GROUNDS CREW

Scott Melby, our Golf Course Superintendent, is also looking forward to an early Spring and to the start of the 2024 golf season. Scott is happy to report that the course came through the winter in great condition. Plus, the recent snow we received is much needed moisture, that will melt quickly & will add great nutrients to the soil.

Scott worked tirelessly the past 2 seasons on the repair & improvement of our irrigation systems. This past work will allow him more time to continue his focus on turf conditions & overall golf course improvement this season.

Improved income levels have allowed us to increase Scott's budget to aid him in these endeavors. There's still a lot of work to do. In the fall of 2022, a pair of Sand Hill Cranes as well as crows, other birds and critters damaged large sections of turf (especially on the tee boxes) foraging for Grubs. Scott tried "spot treating" the affected areas, but when the issue reappeared last year, he treated the entire course (Fairways and Tee Boxes) with chemicals to eliminate the grubs. Scott already has the material on hand to treat the course again this spring if necessary.

New improvements planned for 2024 season include, but are not limited to: the rebuilding or replacement of the existing fountains in our ponds on holes 13 & 16; the addition of a geese deterrent product called Away with Geese; addition of a ramp on the #3 tee side of the walking bridge on hole #2; extensive improvement, replacement and repair of our irrigation pumps, variable drives and systems on hole #5 and hole #15; sand trap tile work on holes #2, #8 & #18 and the practice chipping area; the use of hydra soil to change the soil structure of wet areas in fairways on holes #3, #5, #7, #8 and #11; the addition of new OB and hazard stake markers; the addition of new bunker rakes; vibratory plow rental to sever tree roots extending into fairways; continued repair of our cart paths; continued repair and improvement of our bunkers; plus doing whatever we can to improve the levelness and playing conditions of our tee boxes; and much, much more!

EMERALD ASH BORER

The emerald ash borer is now present at Purple Hawk Country Club. We have marked all ash trees that will inevitably be infected. This past winter, a group of volunteers took down 27 trees and burned what they could on site. We hired out the grinding of the stumps. And recently removed the wood chips.

There are still a lot of trees (**370+**) that need to be removed or saved. This is going to be a lot of work and we will need several volunteers, for multiple years. We now plan to form a reforestation committee that will work closely with Scott. We know, for some, fewer trees would be nice, but please recognize improved aesthetics make for a more picturesque and beautiful Purple Hawk Country Club.



2024 PURPLE HAWK GOLF LEAGUES

All of our Purple Hawk Golf Leagues are super fun, full of great people, scheduled to start the week of May 7th (weather permitting). With our low membership rates, we truly hope to see many new members and new league players in 2024. If you don't have a team, consider signing up as a sub.

All league entry fees will remain the same as last year. Rules defining how points are received, how subs can be used, and playoff rules will be clearly spelled out. All league schedules, results and standings will be updated weekly on our website.

We have set up a new and improved online store to enter and pay your league fees easily online, simply click the appropriate link below. Note - it's easiest to use the guest checkout feature. All league players must have a Ghin Handicap, a one-time fee. Also note, all Thursday Men's League players **must** be a Purple Hawk Member. Non-Members are welcome and encouraged to play in all other Leagues.

Tuesday morning Senior League - tee times 9 am until needed - Create a team name and list when enrolling. Click [here](#) to pay your League fees and Ghin handicap fee - total \$85.00. Click [here](#) to pay your League fees only (if in multiple leagues) - \$50.00.

Tuesday night Ladies League - 9 Holes - shotgun start at 5 pm - Please list your partners name when enrolling. Click [here](#) to pay your League fees and Ghin handicap fee - total \$85.00. Click [here](#) to pay your League fees only (if in multiple leagues) - \$50.00.

Thursday morning Ladies League – 18 Holes – tee times from 9 am until needed – This is an Individual League. Click [here](#) to pay your League fees and Ghin handicap fee – total \$85.00. Click [here](#) to pay your League fees only (if in multiple leagues) – \$50.00.

Thursday Men's Early 18 League - tee times from 11:50 until needed - List your partners name when enrolling. Click [here](#) to pay your League fees and Ghin handicap fee – total \$85.00. Click [here](#) to pay your League fees only (if in multiple leagues) – \$50.00.

Thursday Men's Late 18 League - tee times from 2:00 pm until needed - List your partners name when enrolling. Click [here](#) to pay your League fees and Ghin handicap fee – total \$85.00. Click [here](#) to pay your League fees only (if in multiple leagues) – \$50.00.

Thursday Men's Late 9 League - tee times from 4:30 pm until needed - List your partners name when enrolling. Click [here](#) to pay your League fees and Ghin handicap fee – total \$85.00. Click [here](#) to pay your League fees only (if in multiple leagues) – \$50.00.

Friday Night Couple's 9-Hole League – Shotgun at 6:00 – List your spouse/partners name when enrolling. Play is every other week & begins May 31. You may also choose to pay the weekly fee of \$15.00 each week of play. Click [here](#) to pay your Yearly League fees – No handicap required – total \$50.00 p/couple. **Starts Fri, May 31.**

2024 FLOCK TO THE HAWK – Saturday, June 22, 2024



2024 will be our 7th Annual **Flock to the Hawk!** Planning for this year's event is underway. Our goal this year will be the purchase of a new sand trap rake, at the cost of \$23,000+, plus a new sand trap edger.

Last year we added some very cool events and did our best to eliminate some of the on-course contests asking for additional monies. Everything will be streamlined and on schedule. The entry fee will remain the same as last year with all but 4 of the extra contests included in the entry fee. Please, plan ahead, to participate in this very important yearly fundraising event.

Find a business to sponsor your team or to be a hole sponsor, sign up your team, donate something, if possible, volunteer where needed and have fun, as required! The Flock to the Hawk flier with all the information for this year's event will be available very soon!

If you are **interested in volunteering prior to, during or after the Flock to the Hawk, please email info@purplehawk.com** as soon as possible to let us know. Thank you all for your past and future support and involvement in this very important yearly event helping us raise money for golf course improvements!

2023 Flock to the Hawk Winners!



Low Gross winners were as follows: Jon Pesicka, Larry Zurn, Pat Brogan and Jon Dunbar.



Low Net winners were as follows: Jordan Knutson, Ryan Lundeen, Mac Bahl and Drew Bahl.

PURPLE HAWK JUNIOR GOLF FOUNDATION JUNIOR CAMPS & LEAGUE

Our Youth Summer Golf Camps & Junior League flier is now available online, on our website. Plus, it will be included in the C-I Community Education flier. Last year, 162 kids participated in the Camps & Junior League.

Purple Hawk Junior Golf Foundation's Summer Golf Camps will be focused on educating our youth on the basic fundamentals of the golf swing, important etiquette to follow while on the golf course, etc. This program will be the perfect opportunity for your child to learn and love the game of golf - a game of a lifetime. These kids are the future of the great game of golf.

Our Junior Golf Foundation is a 501(c)(3) which means your donations are tax deductible. Please consider donating to this great program or purchasing a Hole Sponsorship which will be displayed in our 5 biggest golf events of the season. Our goal this year is continued improvement of a great program. We have great instructors in place: Jim Carlson, PGA Pro; Gavin Lillemoen, Asst Pro; Joel Lund, Jim Poppen, Steve Hanson & Lauren Kiesz, the C-I & Braham Head Golf Coaches.



**Congratulations go out to 2023 Purple Hawk Members & Staffers for their "On & Off Site" "Hole in One's"!
Will you be the First "Hole in One" Shooter this Year?**



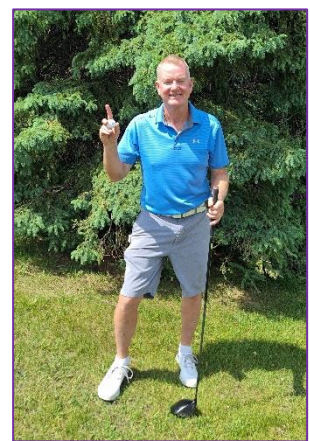
Nona Schoenecker – 1st
at Purple Hawk CC
Hole #6 with 3 wood



Fred Nolan – 2nd
at Purple Hawk CC
Hole #16 with 27 deg Hybrid



Gavin Lillemoen - 1st
at Pebble Creek GC
Hole #12 with PW



Larry Zurn – 1st
at Tianna CC
Hole #6 with Driver

EMAILS FROM THE PRO SHOP

Are you receiving the emails from the Pro Shop? Stay informed and up to date with all that's happening at the "Hawk"! If you are not receiving them, email info@purplehawk.com to get added to the list.

HAVE YOU SEEN US ON FACEBOOK? INSTAGRAM?

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, April 17 - The Annual Stockholders Meeting - 5:30 pm Social Hour, 6:30 Meeting.
Please email info@purplehawk.com ASAP if you have an interest in running for the Board.

Sunday, April 21 – TaylorMade Fitting Event – by appointment only – Open to Public – 11:00 – 3:00

Monday, April 22 – Braham JV 9-Hole Meet – High School event – One 9 shotgun at 4:00

Monday, April 29 – C-I High School Boys Invite – High School event – 18 Hole Shotgun at 12:00

Tuesday, April 30 – Braham High School Conference Meet – High School event – 18 Hole Shotgun at 12:00

Wednesday, May 1 – C-I High School Girls Invite – High School event – 18 Hole Shotgun at 12:00

Saturday, May 4 – Member A-B-C 3-Person Scramble – Open to Members only – Tee times starting at 9 am

Tuesday, May 7 – Senior League begins – Open to Members/Guests – Tee times starting at 9:00 am

Tuesday, May 7 – Ladies Night 9-Hole League Begins – Open to Members/Guests – 5:00 pm Shotgun

Thursday, May 9 – Women’s 18 Hole League Begins – Open to Members/Guests – 9:00 a.m. tee times

Thursday, May 9 – Men’s Early 18 Hole League Begins – Open to Members only – Tee times start at 11:50

Thursday, May 9 – Men’s Late 18 Hole League Begins – Open to Members only – Tee times start at 2:00

Thursday, May 9 – Men’s Late 9 Hole League Begins – Open to Members only – Tee times start at 4:30

Friday, May 10 – Braham JV 9-Hole Meet – High School event – One 9 shotgun at 4:00

Wednesday, May 15 – C-I High School Boys Conference Meet – High School event – 18 Hole Shotgun at 3 pm

Saturday, May 18 – Bluejacket Open 4-Person Scramble Football scholarship – Open to all – 12:00 Shotgun

Sunday, May 19 – Match Play Championships – Members only Men’s & Women’s Div. – Tee times @ 10:00 am

Monday, May 20 – Carson-Crandall Senior Golf League – Private event – 80-100 players – 10:00 Shotgun

Friday, May 31 – Couples League Begins – Open to Members/Guests – 9 Holes – 6:00 Shotgun

Sunday, June 2 – Ambassador 4-Person Scramble Tournament – Open to all – 11:00 Registration, 12:00 Shotgun

Saturday, June 8 – Member One Person Scramble – Open to Members only – Tee times starting at 9:00 am

Friday, June 14 – Callaway Golf Performance Day – by appointment only – Open to the Public – 2:00 – 6:00

Tuesday, June 18 – Women’s Guest Day & Raffle – Open to Ladies Night leaguer’s & guests – 5:00 Shotgun

Saturday, June 22 – Flock to the Hawk 4-Person Scramble – Open to Members/Guests – 10:00 Shotgun

Sunday, June 23 – Braham Area Committee for Kids (BACK) 4-Person Scramble – Open to all – 12:00 Shotgun

Sunday, June 23 – TaylorMade Fitting Event – by appointment only – Open to Public - 12:00 – 4:00

Thur-Sun, July 4-7 – Member’s only Red, White & Blue Tourney – Play any/multiple days – Make own tee time

Saturday, July 13 – Mid-Sumer Classic – 3-Person Scramble – Open to Members/Guests – Tee times start 9 am

Sunday, July 21 – US Kids Local Tour Championship – Closed event – Split tee times starting at 2:00 pm

Monday, July 22 – North 65 Chamber 4-Person Scramble – Chamber of Commerce event – 12:30 Shotgun