

# Kahgahgee Historical Golf Foundation

## 1892 Legacy Campaign

**FOR PRESERVATION - FOR PROGRAMS - FOR PERPETUITY**

# Launching A Legacy



### “A message from our honorary Co-Chairs of the Campaign”

“We are very excited to be able to serve as Honorary Chairs of the Kahgahgee Historical Golf Foundation’s Inaugural 1892 Legacy Campaign. Long time members (John since birth and Deb since making the mistake of marrying John), we have seen and experienced what the Club has had to offer over the years. In that time, we have made many new, lifelong friends. The Club has been a big part of our lives and we are excited to help with this initiative to assure it will be part of many more people’s lives over the years.

As a result of very hard work by a dedicated group of members, we have the benefit of a 501(c)(3) Charitable Foundation which allows all contributions to be tax deductible – a huge step. This will serve as a foundation for the preservation of and future success of our Club.

The benefits of this Foundation will go beyond golf and will impact not only this generation but many future ones. Our Club has been a great asset to members and our community for 131 years and will be assured of being so for many more with your participation in this important project.

The Club has been important and a big part of our lives for many years and we want to see it provide the same fun, social and recreational opportunities we have experienced for many others for years to come. Your generosity will make a long-lasting difference as we provide for a stronger and better Club for all members and the Fairfield Community. ”

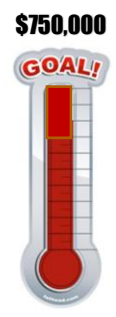
### “STARTING TODAY, WE WILL BE

looking to all Club Members as well as our Fairfield Community to help us in our multi-year program to raise \$750,000 to endow this new Foundation to improve and perpetuate our historic golf club – the oldest Club West of the Mississippi!”

### Legacy Campaign Honorary Co-Chairs



*John & Deb Martin*





# Maximizing Our Potential



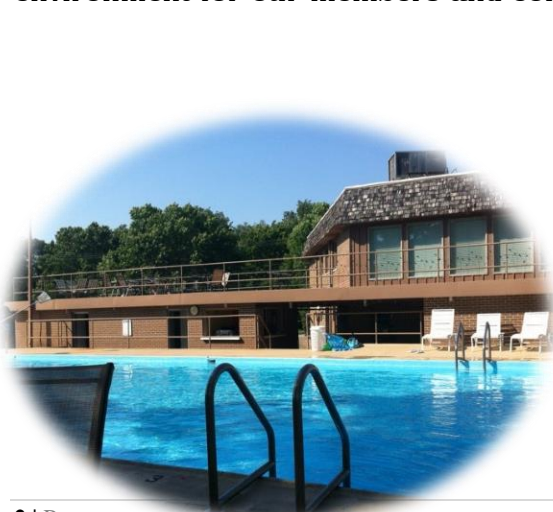
While our Fairfield Golf and Country club is a non-profit Organization, 501(C)(7), members cannot deduct their membership dues or special event activities as a charitable donation for income tax purposes. IRS Pub 526, (2013).

The newly created Foundation, however, **CAN** accept *tax-deductible donations* (deductible on both federal/state tax returns) for the purpose of golf course preservation, restoration, and program expansion. The Foundation has been granted an IRC Section 501(c)(3) organizational Designation. This option is available because preserving our course heritage, promoting amateur golf through programs and events, and growing the game furthers a charitable purpose. IRC Section 170(c)(2)(B).

## Did You Know...

That approximately 33% of the Country Club's current operational budget is used for normal operations of the course – excluding any one-time capital expenditures to make improvements to the course.

With this new foundation, a significant portion of these operating expenses will be absorbed by the Foundation, freeing up these funds to be redirected to much needed capital projects for the Club such as the roof, heating/cooling systems, kitchen, and bar equipment - preserving and making your Club a better environment for our members and community.



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# Frequently Asked *Questions*

## **WHY IS FAIRFIELD GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB CONDUCTING A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN?**

This project will provide the Foundation with funding to preserve and improve our course. It will also provide funding to help broaden the local golfing community by introducing and promoting the game to people in the community that have not traditionally done so. Lastly, these resources will help create an endowment that will continue to impact the quality of life, education, and economic development of our community for generations.

## **WHY NOW?**

The creation of our 501(c)(3) tax-exempt Historic Golf Foundation (only one other such instance known in the country West of the Mississippi – Portland OR!) and the improvements needed to the course that have been increasing over the years, make this a perfect opportunity.

## **WHAT NEW PROGRAMS WILL THE FOUNDATION PROVIDE?**

The Foundation will provide opportunities (lessons, camps, tournaments, scholarships, and equipment) to grow the game of golf and expose the game to a broader section of our community's youth.

## **WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THIS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN AND THE CLUB'S TRADITIONAL FUNDRAISING EVENTS?**

This capital campaign is designed to fund the new Foundation to accomplish its stated goals over a long period of time while the Club's traditional fundraising events are to support the Club's normal, overall operational needs. To be truly successful, a Club needs the generosity of its members' support in both instances.

## **WHAT IS TOTAL COST?**

As noted, the total goal of this campaign is to raise \$750,000 over a three-year-period to restore, improve, and maintain our historic golf course and develop opportunities for our community to become more involved with the sport of golf. A portion of these funds will allow the establishment of an endowment to permit the Foundation to have funding for many years to come. We are excited to share that we have significant momentum with the campaign already receiving financial commitments. We are asking the Club Community to help ensure that we complete our goal and continue to serve the Club and Fairfield Community's needs.

## **WHO HAS OVERSIGHT?**

The Board of Directors for the Club and the Foundation Trustees have approved and will monitor and control the budgeting and implementation of all initiatives. Our Club Board's Golf and Finance Committees as well as the Golf Course Superintendent will also have an active role in directing and monitoring the activities of the Foundation. The Board of the Foundation will have ultimate responsibility for all Foundation activities. Proposed projects for the golf course are detailed in a report which may be found on the Club's website under the "Legacy Campaign" tab. The Foundation Board obtained recommendations from independent, expert consultants for much of the proposed work.

## **HOW CAN I DONATE?**

The most convenient way to make your pledge to this campaign is to go to the Club's website where you can find the necessary information and forms. Pledge cards can also be picked up at the Clubhouse and returned there when completed either in person or via mail to 905 East Harrison Avenue, Fairfield 52556.



### **CAN I MAKE MY GIFT OVER A PERIOD OF TIME?**

Absolutely. For many, a pledge is the preferred way to make a generous gift. It allows you to pay later or spread out your payments over multiple months or years, which may allow you to donate more than if you were making a one-time gift and better accommodate your tax planning needs. As the donor, you can specify the time period and payment schedule you wish. Note: See campaign pledge card for details.

### **ARE DONATIONS TO THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TAX-DEDUCTIBLE?**

Yes. The Kahgahgee Historical Golf Foundation is a charitable non-profit with a 501(c)(3) designation by the IRS. Donors can feel secure if they choose to incorporate a gift with their tax planning goals. All donors will receive documentation from the Foundation as required by the IRS.

### **WILL DONORS BE PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGED?**

Yes, unless the donor chooses otherwise. Public acknowledgment is the choice of the donor. The Foundation has a planned donor recognition program, including attractive naming opportunities for spaces in the Clubhouse and on the Golf Course as well as a donor recognition plaque in our Clubhouse and on our website. We completely respect donor wishes and understand if public recognition is not desired. Gifts can remain anonymous if requested by the donor.

### **MAY I DESIGNATE MY GIFT TO BE A MEMORIAL OR TO COMMEMORATE SOMEONE?**

Yes. If you wish to commemorate a family member or friend, you can specify your gift be recognized in that way. You can leave a lasting legacy and further our mission through the naming opportunities we have (Note: see page 5 for details). Please indicate your wishes on your campaign pledge card. You can also contact Chuck Espy, Foundation Chair at (641) 919-7771 or [cespy4@gmail.com](mailto:cespy4@gmail.com) or Jim Weaton, Club President at (641) 451-1213 or [j.weaton@lisco.com](mailto:j.weaton@lisco.com) for questions or more information.

### **WHAT IS THE TIMELINE?**

**We have already started!** Tree and brush removal and trimming is currently underway along Crow Creek. Our plan is to have significant projects continue over the three-year term of this campaign with endowment funds available for future project or program allocations. Watch the FGCC website for updates on the progress of these and other projects and programs.

### **HOW WILL THE RENOVATIONS IMPACT GOLF COURSE ACCESS OR PROGRAMS?**

Our plan is to keep disruptions to the golf course and programs as minimal as possible. During the course of the restoration project, we may re-route holes to accommodate players. We ask for your patience and support as we enhance and improve the playing conditions. We anticipate little to no disruptions to programs and events throughout the project period. We will notify members in advance of any facility or schedule changes.

## **Ways To Give to the 1892 Kahgahgee Legacy Campaign**

#### **1. Donate Money (Individual, Corporate, or Organization Donors)**

**If you have discretionary money available to you, this is the easiest way to contribute to the Foundation.**

#### **2. Payroll Deductions Through Your Employer (Individual)**

**Your employer may offer a payroll giving opportunity, give as you earn. They may also have a matching grant program for employees donating to charitable causes. You can donate your pre-tax salary and benefit from the full income tax relief. See a qualified tax advisor for details.**

#### **3. Leave a gift (Honor or Memorial) to the Kahgahgee Historical Golf Foundation in your Will or Estate Plan (Individual).**

**A way that your Will or Estate Plan will live on after you have passed.**

#### **4. Gift Your Financial Assets. Give Stock, Real Estate or Planned Gift (Individual)**

**Foundation Legacy is a tax-effective way to give and allows you peace of mind that your giving strategy considers putting these assets to good use through the Foundation's work.**

#### **5. Designate the Foundation to receive memorial gifts in your honor when you pass on.**



# Legacy Naming Opportunities

During the Legacy Capital Campaign, Fairfield Golf & Country Club and its Foundation is offering interested parties the opportunity to recognize donor generosity. Consider leaving a lasting legacy and further our Foundation's mission by giving a gift to recognize your business or honor or remember a friend or loved one.

**Naming Rights begin at \$25,000.**  
**Naming Rights are awarded on a first-come basis.**

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## Golf Course

**#2 Bridge \$150,000**

**#4 Bridge \$150,000**

**#9 Bridge \$150,000**

**Tee Box 1 \$25,000**

**Tee Box 2 \$25,000 **Funded!****

**Tee Box 3 \$25,000**

**Tee Box 4 \$25,000**

**Tee Box 5 \$25,000**

**Tee Box 6 \$25,000**

**Tee Box 7 \$25,000 **Funded!****

**Tee Box 8 \$25,000**

**Tee Box 9 \$25,000**

## Club Facilities

**Swimming Pool \$500,000**

**Formal Dining Room \$250,000**

**Great Hall \$250,000**

**19th Hole \$250,000**

**Youth/Family Game Room \$150,000**



**Kahgahgee (Crow) Creek Clearing Project Underway!**

# Legacy Campaign Recognition



## Friends of Kahgahgee

### Giving Recognition Levels

Based on Pledges Paid Over 3-Year Period

<b>James Clarke:</b>	<b>\$150,000 +</b>
<b>Charles Sampson:</b>	<b>\$75,000 - \$149,999</b>
<b>Robert Louden:</b>	<b>\$25,000 - \$74,999</b>
<b>Charles Fulton:</b>	<b>\$10,000 - \$24,999</b>
<b>Wilbur Dole:</b>	<b>\$2,500 - \$9,999</b>
<b>Sustainer:</b>	<b>\$600 - \$2,400</b>

**Gifts received focused  
on the following areas:  
Preservation, Programs, Perpetuity**

**Note: Our giving levels have been  
named after the original five  
golfers who played the historic  
first round on the course – May, 1892.**



The Legacy Campaign seeks contributions from all Fairfield Golf and Country Club Members as well as many in the Fairfield Community. There are giving levels to fit all budgets and we are grateful for the consideration each will give to support this effort.

A formal visual recognition plaque will be displayed, at the conclusion of the Campaign in the Country Club Clubhouse based upon the identified gifting levels.

# Why We Support The Legacy Campaign

TESTIMONIALS

"This campaign and Foundation will be an asset to attract future members within the Fairfield Community. It will be a joy to see the smiling faces of new people at the Country Club."



**Martha Rasmussen**

"Jan & I have been proud to be members of our unique Club for almost 50 years. We have been honored to be asked to take a leadership role in our new historic golf foundation & its renovation of our beautiful 130-year-old course. We challenge all of our fellow members to enthusiastically participate in the campaign."



**Chuck & Jan Espy**

"The Kahgahgee Historical Golf Foundation provides our community with the opportunity to provide tax deductible contributions to the maintenance and preservation of our historic golf course, to foster the development of a wide range of both youth and adult participation and involvement in the sport, and at the same time lessen the burden to the Fairfield Golf and Country Club. I see it as a win-win for the community and the club!"



**Jim Horras**

"The Kahgahgee Golf Foundation is vital to the long-term success of the Fairfield Golf and Country Club. Foundation investments will strengthen our Club, and open pathways to greater support from our Community."



**Nate Weaton**

***"It always seems impossible until it is done."***

- Nelson Mandela

"The Fairfield Golf and Country Club is an integral part of this community; a place for youth to learn athletic and social skills and for adults to interact in a social/business setting. It provides a venue for community organizations to raise funds for their programs and, best of all, it is a retreat for all from the hectic pace of our everyday lives as we enjoy the beauty of the natural world."



**Tim Kuiken**

# Legacy Leadership

“LEADERSHIP  
IS THE CAPACITY  
TO translate  
VISION INTO  
reality.”

Walter Dill Scott

## Fairfield Golf & Country Club Board of Directors

Jim Weaton, President; Ben Stone, Vice President; Lori Schaefer-Weaton, Past President; Daryl Boden, Secretary; Tom Thompson, Treasurer; Christie Kessel, At-Large; Jason Davis, At-Large; Melissa Mahon, At-Large; Cooper Rose, At-Large

## Honorary Co-Chairs:

John & Deb Martin

## Chair, Lead Gifts:

Chuck Espy

## Hosts, Major Gifts:

- Nate/Lori Weaton
- Alex/Christie Kessel
- John/Deb Martin; Larry Bentler/ Wendy Marmion
- Chuck/Jan Espy

## Campaign Coordinator

Jim Weaton

## Kahgahgee Historical Golf Foundation Board of Trustees

Chuck Espy, Chair; Nate Weaton, Secretary; Tim Kuiken, Agent of Record; Martha Rasmussen, At-Large; Jim Horras, At-Large; Jim Weaton, Ex-Officio (Club President)

The oldest course West of the  
Mississippi, in Continuous  
Operation, in the same location

### VISION

A Golf Club renowned for its golfing heritage, with a golf course providing an enjoyable and challenging experience for golfers of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities.

### MISSION

To support inclusive player participation by preserving, maintaining, and enhancing its historic course that provides recreational, economic, social, and environmental benefits to the Fairfield Community.

### VALUES

Committed to achieving results in pursuit of our vision and mission.

Collaborative because we are better together.

Accountable to the community, our constituents and each other.