



FGCC's Member Newsletter

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The CLUB Connection

President's Corner



Happy 2023 All,

As we begin yet another year at the Club, I am truly honored to serve as your President of the Oldest Golf Club West of the Mississippi! When Nancy and I moved to Fairfield a few short years ago, the Club and its members were a big reason why we felt an immediate part of this community. We knew quite early that we were where we were meant to be. Thank you to all who have made us feel so welcome.

2023 has the early signs of being another significant year for the club as we continue the momentum created these past few years. The Club Board is in the early stages of the planning process, and you will be hearing much more in the coming weeks and months as it relates to our social events calendar, golf, the pool, new menu items from the kitchen, and the work of our new Kahgahgee Historical Golf Foundation. Buckle up, it's going to be a another great 'ride'

In the meantime, I encourage you to come out to the Club and enjoy the dining and social experiences it has to offer – even if we can't play a round of golf or swim in the pool. It's a great place to 'hang' with friends on those long winter days and nights!

I look forward to seeing many of you soon at 'The Club'.

Sincerely,

Jim Weaton

President, Fairfield Golf & Country Club



Shutdown

The first two weeks of the new year was spent doing major cleaning, repairs, and reorganization of the club facilities. This work has been ongoing the last several years in an effort to make the entire facility more functionable for all.

Special 'Atta Boys' to several of our own members who **volunteered** throughout the shutdown to lend manpower to the effort and fill yet another large dumpster full to the brim:

- Daryl Bowden
- Larry Peach
- Jim Steinbeck
- Ginny Hughes
- Rick Thompson
- Jim Weaton

Thanks!



Member Help Needed!

As we look to the immediate facility needs of our club, unfortunately we have identified a major issue related to our pool locker room building and upper patio deck. There is an **urgent need** this winter (before the next pool season starts) to demolish these structures due to **significant structural, safety, and liability concerns**.

As you may know, a portion of the front face to the building collapsed recently. Fortunately, this happened after the pool closed for the season. After discussions with local contractors, and our insurance company (our claim was denied under our current policy), we find it wise to bear the cost and remove the remaining structures before the next pool season and remedy a potential hazardous situation.

Initial cost estimate is \$40,000, although there are some unknowns associated with the demolition, relocation of utilities and sprinkler systems, and other found issues which could drive the cost a bit higher.

This is where we need your help. As this falls outside the scope of our current budget, we are seeking funds from our members to help defray the cost to this project. If you can, please contact **Ben Stone** (Board Member & Facilities Chair) at benjahip@gmail.com. Or phone Ben at (641) 980-8690 and let him know of your financial support to this effort. The Club Board appreciates the continued generosity of our members!

Attention Members-still needing info

We continue our effort to update our membership files, so we may have the most accurate information to serve you better. We have provided the link below that will take you to our data base and allow you to fill in your information. **If you haven't updated your information yet**, we would appreciate your help in making sure our information is accurate and current.

<https://forms.gle/chtw6D9jiSyeEmoq8>.

Thanks for your prompt attention to this request,



Members, are you looking for ways to attract and retain employees in your business?

The Club has a great plan to consider...

A stark reality in today's job market – 'We are hiring' signs are everywhere! The increasing demand and difficulty to find new employees that work and stay with your company continues to escalate in the business world we live in.

IF you CAN hire, you want to keep employees at your company. In a highly competitive labor market, you **MUST** get creative with your incentives! **The Fairfield Golf & Country Club is here to help!** We are offering you and your employees a great **BENEFIT** opportunity! Enjoy our Club's relaxing amenities for BOTH work and pleasure.

Keep your employees satisfied and give them a place to unwind after work. Entertain a client in town for the day. Why use a stuffy boardroom or hotel bar; bring your clients to the country club. This gives your clients an experience that puts them at ease while you talk business.

Got a difficult client? A trip to the country club is a wonderful way to loosen them up before chatting about their issues. It is also a terrific way to impress prospective clients. Enjoy time on our golf course before settling in for a delicious dinner at the Clubhouse, making their experience more than just a business meeting.

Business success often comes down to a strong social network. Ditch the awkward networking events at work for something different at the Fairfield Golf & Country Club. You will find a keen sense of camaraderie and connection in our relaxed environment.

Seeing your employees or employer in a different environment other than work oftentimes help deepen relationships and serve as a backdrop to enhanced company loyalty. This is more personal and fun than providing coffee and donuts occasionally where most work 8+ hours each day!

Our Club members span a diverse set of industries. Get insights on related industries, the economy, and more as you rub elbows with others in the business community. Walk away from the country club with fresher insights to make better decisions in your workplace.

The bottom line

With very few places to socialize in our community, the Fairfield Golf & Country Club is an ideal spot for single and family entertainment. It is also a grand setting to add a benefit that will increase your employee satisfaction. Whether you are offering your employees a place to belong at a reduced rate, entertaining your business clients, boosting your community connections, or looking for fresh ideas, you will find it all at the Fairfield Golf & Country Club!

And your ROI? We think your *employee gains* will compare favorably to your *corporate cost*!



So, Here's How It Works...

To participate, your company would, first, select one of three levels of Sponsorship of interest:

- **Bronze: \$5,000/year. 3-Year Company commitment required**
- **Silver: \$10,000/year. 3-Year Company commitment required**
- **Gold: \$20,000/year. 3-Year Company commitment required**

All companies participating at the GOLD level will also receive additional benefits of: One (1) complimentary club membership/year to be used at their discretion; a 10% discount on an established club corporate account for food/beverage purchases; and 10% off green/cart fees for any company outing.

Depending on which corporate membership plan your company selects, your full-time employees will be entitled to a **reduced member rate** of:

- **Bronze 20%**
- **Silver 30%**
- **Gold 50%**

Note: Memberships are non-transferable

CORPORATE BRONZE MEMBERSHIP RATE

Member Category	All-In Member Rate:
Single Social	\$392
Family Social	\$741
Hybrid	\$1831
Single Under 35	\$872
Single 35+	\$1,438
Family Under 35	\$1,308
Family 35+	\$2,746



CORPORATE SILVER MEMBERSHIP RATE

CORPORATE GOLD MEMBERSHIP RATE

Member Category	All-In Member Rate:	Member Category	All-In Member Rate:
Single Social	\$343	Single Social	\$245
Family Social	\$648	Family Social	\$463
Hybrid	\$1,602	Hybrid	\$1,145
Single Under 35	\$763	Single Under 35	\$545
Single 35+	\$1,259	Single 35+	\$899
Family Under 35	\$1,144	Family Under 35	\$818
Family 35+	\$2,403	Family 35+	\$1,717

Curious in getting more information or ready to sign up? Call Jim Weaton, President at (641) 451-1213 or email at j.weaton@lisco.com.



Last Call To Participate!



This Saturday (January 28) from **10AM-1PM**, the Board of Directors will host the 3rd annual Stakeholder retreat.

The purpose of this gathering is to provide a platform for members to engage in a frank discussion and provide valued input toward club operations in 2023. The outcome of the retreat will be an action plan the board will use to guide its work in '23.

If you are interested in attending, and have not called or emailed your participation, **YOU MUST RSVP IMMEDIATELY (required)** to participate. Contact Jim Weaton at j.weaton@lisco.com.

or Text Jim at (641) 451-1213

Complimentary lunch provided.



The Foundation is off to a great start heading into 2023. Thanks to the generosity of several of our member's year-end financial gifts, the Board has begun to raise significant funds to support the mission: Course Preservation/Maintenance, Programming, and Fund in Perpetuity.



As it readies for a major capital campaign, of which all club members will be asked to financially support, three course projects are already underway this winter. The board has contracted with a company to clean and restore the entire creek (from Park to D Street), remove all stumps on the course and some initial tree trimming. Several visual projects that will immediately impact the course aesthetics.

Over the next several months, you will be hearing more about this significant campaign to make this the oldest AND the best 9-Hole Golf Course West of the Mississippi and how you can become involved in our success! STAY TUNED.



We want to welcome Jeremy Kitchen to the Club as our new part-time maintenance staff. He will be a great asset and resource as our 'go to' person tackling some of the ongoing facility repair/replace issues. If you see Jeremy, help extend a warm welcome.



2023 New/Renewal Membership Fees

'ALL IN' MEMBERSHIP RATES (INCLUDING TAX)

Social Member:

Fee includes the use of the Clubhouse, Swimming Pool, Dining Room, 19th Hole, Social Events, and **reduced** rates to rent facilities. This category does not include golf.

Single: **\$490.00**

Family: **\$926.00**

Hybrid Member:

Includes full use of the golf course for one person and full social for family. Social includes use of the Clubhouse, Swimming Pool, Dining Room, 19th Hole, Social Events, and **reduced** rates to rent facilities.

\$2,289.00

Full Member:

Fee includes the full use of the Golf Course, Swimming Pool, Clubhouse, Dining Room, 19th Hole Social Events and **FREE** rental of facilities.

Single Full Under 35 **\$1,090.00**

Single Full 35+ **\$1,798.00**

Family Full Under 35 **\$1,635.00**

Family Full 35+ **\$3,433.00**

Junior Golf:

18 years and under have full use of the golf course during normal business hours. Social and pool are not included.

\$136.00

NOTE: MEMBERSHIP RATES
ARE PAID ON YOUR ANNIVERSARY
JOIN DATE

FAIRFIELD GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Jim Weaton, President & Membership; Lori Schaefer-Weaton, Past President & Membership; Ben Stone, Vice President & Pool/Facilities; Daryl Boden, Secretary; Tom Thompson, Treasurer; Christie Kessel, Kitchen/Front of House; Jason Davis, Golf; Melissa Mahon, Social; Cooper Rose, Pool/Facilities.

KAHGAHGEE HISTORICAL GOLF FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Chuck Espy, Chair; Jim Horras; Martha Rasmussen, Tim Kuiken, Nate Weaton.