



FGCC's Member Newsletter

July 2023



The CLUB Connection

President's Corner

Greetings Members,

As we approach the 4th of July celebration at the Club, We also have reason to celebrate Our Club, its loyal members and the many improvements that have been made since my last 'Corner'.

If you haven't noticed, our swimming pool got a tremendous facelift and looks fantastic! My personal thanks to Larry Bentler, who spearheaded this effort to revitalize this area of the Club. We are already seeing increased activity here. The new pool deck tables, chairs and loungers are a welcome addition as well -Thank you Lori Schaefer-Weaton.

Take some time to notice the beautiful landscaping – not only at the pool but around the entire Clubhouse and on the golf course. Thank you, Chuck, and Jan Espy. And the Youth Game Room off the pool has a few new activities (Bumper Pool, Foosball, Ping-Pong) as well. Yes, we have very generous and committed members!

Throughout the remainder of this newsletter, you will read additional operational updates from our Board and Foundation updates from our Trustees. Take the time to read what has and will happen the remainder of our summer season. They have all been busy working behind the scenes to provide you the opportunity to enjoy our Club to the fullest. And take the time to thank our staff – they are doing a great job and would welcome your positive feedback.

I want to encourage you to invite a friend, colleague, or business to join our Club Family. We have a unique opportunity to provide members of our community with the best dining, social, and recreational experiences in the city!

I look forward to seeing you at 'The Club.'

Sincerely,

Jim Weaton - President, Fairfield Golf & Country Club



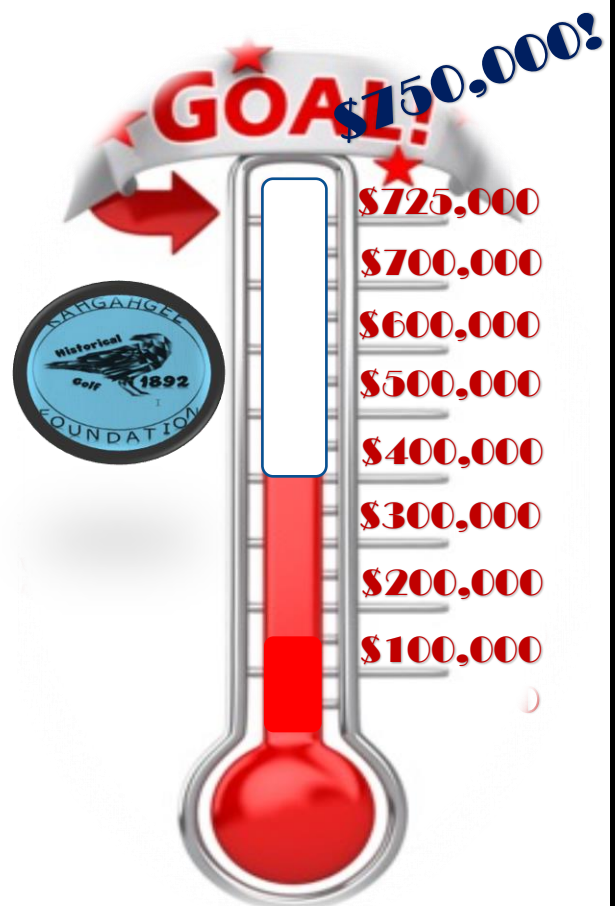
Kahgahgee

**LEGACY
CAPITAL
Campaign**

\$750,000 Goal

Campaign as of 06/16/2023

TOTAL RAISED TO-DATE



For Preservation

For Programs

For Perpetuity



UPCOMING

Mark Your Calendars

EVENTS



Come Celebrate with Us!

BEYOND THE 4TH

7/19
Family board game night with apps and finger food

7/22
Christmas in July Pool Party

7/25
Tapas and Sangria on Patio

August

Back to School Pool Party 8/26
Jr Chef Camp - Date TBA

Look for specific information in future emails, on our Facebook Page or our Website at fgacc.com.

- **9 Hole Co-Ed Golf Tournament 10AM Start**
- **Swimming at the Pool with contests**
- **New Kids games 3-5PM**
- **Family Buffet BBQ 6PM**
- **Awesome Fireworks**





Golf Chair: Jason Davis
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- Match Play Tournament: Began on June 1st – Bracket has been posted & play underway.
- Kids Golf League: Monday, July 3rd, July 10th & July 17th, 8:00am 4th-12th Grade
- Club Tournament: August 4, 5, & 6 – Qualifying Round Friday, August 4th or Saturday, August 5th.
- July 4th Co-Ed Tournament: Tuesday, July 4th @ 10:00am
- Farging (Pat Doyle's Boondoggle): Saturday, July 15th (Course will be Open)



Calcutta – Thursday, July 20th
First Round – Saturday, July 22nd @ 9:30am
Final Round – Sunday, July 23rd @ 9:30am

Note: To participate in the Calcutta, you must have established a current updated handicap within the last 12 months.

Don't Shoot The Messenger!

In recent weeks, our VOLUNTEER golf chair has received some negative criticism surrounding the current USGA handicap system used by our Club, as well as course maintenance issues to our historic course.

Although thoughts and concerns are always welcomed, it is how they are received that makes the difference. Confrontational feedback to those that are working in the Club's behalf and best interests doesn't help solve any issues presented.

As we continue to address the concerns of our golfing members, please present your thoughts and/or ideas in a way that would make your own mom proud. We guarantee that we will resolve more issues as a T.E.A.M. (Together Everyone Achieves More) Thank You.

- City Tournament: Sunday, July 30th @ Walton 9:30am, Qualifying Round @ FGCC On Friday, July 28th or Saturday, July 29th
- FEDA/Fairfield MFG Tournament: Friday, August 4th (Night Golf Only)
- Agri Golf Outing: Saturday, August 19th (Course Closed Until 5:30pm)
- Labor Day Co-Ed Tournament: Monday, September 4th @ 10:00am
- JCHC Golf Outing: Friday, September 15th (Course Closed Until 5:30pm)
- Braggarts: Sunday, September 17th @ Walton
- Laggards: Sunday, September 17th @ FGCC
- Member/Guest or Member/Member Tournament: Sunday, October 1st @ 10:00am

Advantages of our Club's USGA Handicap System

- Allows us to easily access our handicap information, post scores, and view our handicap index established BY the USGA (**NOT THE CLUB**).
- Provides access to golf course information, including tee times, course ratings, and slope ratings.
- Allows us to view our handicap history, track our progress, and compare our scores with other golfers.
- Provides access to golf news, tips, and other resources.
- Available on both iOS and Android devices.



The club pool is looking beautiful as we head into July, and there's no better way to beat the heat with family and friends! Come enjoy a snack or cold beverage and check out the new pool and patio furniture. Also, keep an eye out for the new outdoor shower for a quick rise before/after your swim coming soon.



As a reminder, the pool hours are currently:

Monday through Saturday open: 1pm - 8pm, Sunday open: 1pm - 5pm.

We're going to open an hour earlier in July, so the new schedule beginning July 1st will be:

Monday through Saturday open: 12pm - 8pm, Sunday open: 12pm - 5pm.





We wish to recognize Heidi Bowman for all she has and is doing at FGCC. Heidi serves as our summer Aquatics Manager and has been in that role since 2003 – **20 years!** In addition to her supervision of the pool and staff, you can see Heidi behind the bar, in the kitchen or helping with the many special events that go on in the summer. Heidi was also named 'Teacher of the Year' for the Fairfield Community School District 2020-21! Her dedication to the Club and in the classroom over the years has been greatly appreciated. We are proud to have Heidi on our staff. Thanks Heidi!



Mick Flattery

Besides being a proud Grampa, Mick has been the consummate coach both at FGCC and the Fairfield School District. His dedication to teaching golf skills to kids were on display, again, this past month as he directed the Kahgahgee Golf Foundation's 1st Annual Golf Camp and League. A member of our Club for **26 years**, Mick exemplifies the spirit of giving of one's time and talent to grow the sport of golf for more to enjoy! Thank you, Mick, and **Congratulations Grandpa!**



Golf Camp '23



Kahgahgee Foundation Youth Golf Camp '23



53 TUTIAL KIU'S AT CAMP
14 GIRLS/39 BOYS

A TYPICAL DAY AT CAMP:

- ✓ Work on Grip
- ✓ The Swing
- ✓ Putting
- ✓ Chipping
- ✓ Station Drills
- ✓ Golf Etiquette & Course Management

Thursday: Contest Day
Friday: Tournament & Awards Day
BBQ & Swimming

A HUGE Thank You to Golf Camp Director **MICK FLATTERY** for his organization, commitment and dedication to growing the game of golf



THE KAHGAHSEE HISTORICAL GOLF FOUNDATION ALSO WISHES TO THANK ALL THOSE INVOLVED IN MAKING OUR INAUGURAL YOUTH CAMP A ROUSING SUCCESS!

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING WHO VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME: ELLA BENTLER, CHUCK ESPY, AARON HAINES, TERRI KNESS, ARCHER KREUTER, TIM KUIKEN, AUSTIN LISK, WENDY MARMION, LANDON NODURFT, AIDY PHOMVISAY, RICK THOMPSON, JIM WEATON, MAX WEATON, AND SAM WEATON

TOURNEY WINNERS:

4th Girls--Linh Truong
5th Boys--Lucas Greco
5th Girls--Kennedy Mahon
6th Boys--Cooper Ring
6th Girls--Lydia Miller
7th Boys--Mason Crew
7th Girls--Katelyn Brecount
8th Boys--Chase Countryman

PUTTING CONTEST:

4th Girls--Avanley Mottet
5th Boys--Narayan Taft
5th Girls--Maddie Muntz
6th Boys--Ryder Kness
6th Girls--Delaney Ward
7th Boys--Ryan Greco
7th Girls--Surion Claussen
8th Boys--Kris Powell

LONG DRIVE:

4th Girls--Kenzley Allison
5th Boys--Cooper Perry
5th Girls--Kennedy Mahon
6th Boys--Kyler Atwood
6th Girls--Lydia Miller
7th Boys--Elizah Hamilton
7th Girls--Annabelle Hanks
8th Boys--Lucas Burgmeier

CLOSEST TO PIN:

4th Girls--Kenzley Allison
5th Boys--Graison Sexton
5th Girls--Brogan Mottet
6th Boys--Cooper Ring
6th Girls--Avery Wendland
7th Boys--Ryan Greco
7th Girls--Katelyn Brecount
8th Boys--Liucas Burgmeier

Congratulations to All Our Winners



Foundation News



In this newsletter, you have been witness to the positive initial results of the newly formed Kahgahgee Historical Golf Foundation. The immediate impact of course improvements made and, just as important, the tremendous success of the recent youth golf camp and league – teaching over 50 young kids how to play this wonderful lifelong sport.

This is all being made possible as a result of the 1892 Legacy Campaign going on **RIGHT NOW**. We are in the process of raising \$750,000 over the next 3 years to preserve, program and perpetuate our historical gem.

As a member of the Club, we encourage you to **INVEST** in the future of this significant endeavor. Pledge Cards and campaign brochures are available in the 19th hole. A campaign drop box is located at the register. For additional information, contact Jim Weaton at j.weaton@lisco.com or (641) 451-1213.

LET'S DO THIS!

2023 is a significant year of change for our historic course, the oldest continuously operated course West of Mississippi River!

We were able to achieve the unique status of a tax-exempt entity, having been granted a Section 501(c)(3) charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service. We are now able to attract tax deductible donations from members and go after grants from outside groups to renovate and improve our beloved course. We have Jim Weaton to thank for engineering this process and Tim Kuiken for his tireless paperwork pushing to approval.

Due to the early generosity of some of our members, we have already jump started some much-needed improvements, most noticeably the cleaning up of KAHGAHGEE Creek. To give you some idea of the huge effort, over 50 dead and diseased trees were removed from the creek area and 55 stumps from around the course have been ground up. Tree canopies around several tees have been thinned to improve the health, especially by #3 and #4.

The latest project completed is the contouring of the creek bank by #'s 8, 9, and 2 and reinforced with over 600 tons of erosion control rock. **That's right, over six hundred tons!** This assures that the beauty of our creek area will be maintained for the long term. We all need to thank Larry Padget, our long-time course superintendent, for his supervision of the vendors and contractors.

One other unique project completed this spring, thanks to the coordination between Morgan Tree Service and Larry Bentler, is the inoculation of over 50 of our magnificent oaks & other hard wood trees. Some of you sharp-eyed golfers may notice quarter size aluminum tags stuck in some tree trunks along #'s 2,3, and 4 fairways. Those tags mark the trees that have been treated for oak wilt.

Projects for this fall and winter will include cart path renovations, tee improvements & bunker enhancements. The Foundation board invites all golf members to offer suggestions on ways to improve our course. These are some of the major projects & enhancements that have been undertaken... The Foundation has also been able to give Larry Padget and the Golf Committee, headed by Jason Davis, some additional funding for course maintenance and from the comments I've heard, our course is in the best condition it's been in for a long time.

That's it for now.... Stay tuned

Chuck Espy, Golf Foundation Chair....



Member's To-Do Check List

If you know your membership is due but have yet to receive a bill, Please contact niki.pettit@weatoncompanies.com. You are more than welcome to pay it! Just drop your check off in the designated DROP BOX located in the 19th Hole. Thank You!

Recruit a new member to the Club

When contacted, please consider supporting the Kahgahgee Foundations's Legacy Campaign by pledging your donation over a three-year period. THANK YOU!

Check out the Club's updated website

www.fgacc.com. A work in progress. Ideas?

Contact j.weaton@lisco.com.

Join Women's Night on Tuesdays

Join Men's Stag on Thursday

Participate in our 4th of July activities

Other?

All-In

Member Rates

Social Member

Single: \$490

Family: \$926

Hybrid Member

\$2,289

Full Member

Single Under 35: \$1,090

Single 35+: \$1,798

Family Under 35: \$1,635

Family 35+: \$3,433

Junior Golf

\$136

FAIRFIELD GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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

KAHGAGHEE HISTORICAL GOLF FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

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