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The Official News Letter of the Sunflower Hills Patrons Club

The staff at Sunflower Hills looks forward to seeing all of our patron members as you begin to take advantage of the improving weather. We would appreciate any comments or suggestions that you may have regarding continuing improvements to the golf course. We would also like to remind those patrons who have not yet purchased their 2019 patron card that their 2018 card expired on March 1, 2019.

Wednesday March 27th-----Course closed until 1:00pm
Wednesday April 3rd -----Course closed until 1:00pm
Wednesday April 10th -----Course closed until 6:00pm
Wednesday April 17th -----Course closed until 1:00pm
Wednesday April 24th -----Course closed until 1:00pm
Wednesday May 1st -----Course closed until 1:00pm
Wednesday May 8th -----Course closed until 1:00pm
Friday May 10th -----Course closed until 1:00pm
Monday May 13th -----Course closed until 1:00pm
Wednesday May 15th -----Course closed until 1:00pm
Friday May 17th -----Course closed until 6:00pm

Congratulations to Jerry Reid for his hole in one on #4 (7th of his career) & to Rick Richardson for his hole in one on #4 (the first of his career).



Jerry Reid

Rick Richardson

Mark Your Calendar Now for the 9th Annual Wyandotte County Parks

Foundation Golf Tournament



Dedicated to Improving Our Quality of Life

Friday May 17, 2019

1:00pm Shotgun Start

Proceeds will support the Wyandotte County Parks Foundation Mission. Entry Fee \$75.00 Per Player Includes Green Fees & Golf Cart, Proximity Prizes & Dinner Following the Round

Marlowe's Mudders Results

Saturday March 16, 2019

Low Gross

1st	75	Tom Bachelor	\$60.00
2nd	77	Jerry Reid	\$45.00
3rd	79	Mike McNellis	\$35.00
4th	80	Reece Nigh	\$25.00

We would also like to remind all of our members to make a special effort this time of year to repair their ball marks, and one other ball mark on every green. A fresh ball mark on the green will heal within 24 hours if repaired immediately. A ball mark left unrepaired for 24 hours will take 2 weeks to heal. In addition, please replace your divots in the fairway and rake any bunkers that you might have been in. The small amount of time that a player invests in these things not only makes the course look better but will also make everyone's game more enjoyable.

Volunteers Needed for 6A Regionals

Todd Milberger, longtime Patron and Olathe North Head Golf Coach is looking for score keepers for Kansas 6A Regionals which will be held at Sunflower Hills on May 13th. If you are interested in being a volunteer let Todd know. puchman811@yahoo.com

Winter Rates Expire March 31st

The last day that the Sunflower Hills special "winter rates" will be in effect is Sunday March 31, 2019; Standard rates will go into effect after this date. Beginning April 1, 2019 Twilight will begin at 12:00pm Monday through Friday, 2:00pm Saturday and the Sunday Special will begin at 12:00pm. Come out and take advantage of the great rates and good weather before this offer disappears till next winter!

During the next few weeks Sunflower Hills has a busy tournament schedule. Please take the time to go over the following dates that the course will be closed.



Low Net

1st	72	Mike Yadrich	\$60.00
2nd	73	Bob McNellis	\$45.00
tie 3rd	76	Dan Crabtree	\$25.00
	76	Brett Ricky	\$25.00
	76	Jerry Lamb	\$25.00
	76	Charlie Maybrier	\$25.00
7th	77	Roger DeLong	\$10.00

Proximity Prizes - \$20 each

- Closest to Hole #4 – Bob Chatterton
- Longest Drive #10 – Jonathan Bennett
- Longest Putt #18 – Jerry Reid

We would also like to extend a special thanks to the Wertjes family for providing cookies & brownies for today's event.



Tom Bachelor – Low Gross Winner (left)
Mike Yadrich – Low Net Winner (right)



Upcoming Tournaments:



**Masters Pro-Am
Saturday April 13th**

Entry fee for this event is \$25.00 (plus green & cart fees). Entry includes prizes and dinner with beverages following your round. This

event is a two-man total score. Your score less handicap, plus the Saturday score of a professional competing in the Masters (you will draw your partner's name out of a hat). All tee times until 11:00am will be reserved for tournament players only! Tee times will be assigned for this event; any Sunflower Patron that wishes to participate must sign up no later than Wednesday, April 10th.



**Masters Pro-Am
Sunday April 14th**

Entry fee for this event is \$20.00 (plus green & cart fees). Entry fee includes prizes and dinner with

beverages following your round. This event is a two-

man total score. Your score less handicap, plus the Sunday score of a professional competing in the Masters (you will draw your partner's name out of a hat). All tee times until 11:00am will be reserved for tournament players only! Tee times will be assigned for this event; any Sunflower Patron that wishes to participate must sign up no later than Wednesday, April 10th. Players competing in both Saturday's and Sunday's events will be eligible for a two-day event.

Two Man Scramble - Saturday May 4th

Entry fee for this event is \$20.00 (plus green & cart fees). Entry fee includes prizes and dinner with beverages following your round. There will be both low gross and low net divisions. **Tee times will be assigned for this event!** Any Sunflower Patron that wishes to participate must sign up no later than Wednesday May 1st.

Memorial Stroke Play - Saturday May 26th

Entry fee for this event is \$20.00 (plus green & cart fees). Entry fee includes prizes and dinner with beverages following your round. This event is a Low Gross & Low Net event. If there are enough Senior participants (60 & over) there will be an additional Senior flight. Test your game against other players from our club. Tee times will be assigned for this event! Any patron who wishes to participate must sign up no later than Wednesday May 25th.

Looking to play in a golf league in 2019?

We have several options available:

The Danny's Bar & Grill



**Monday Evenings Beginning April 30th
Held at Sunflower Hills – 5:30pm Start**

One Time League Fee of \$45.00

Weekly Fee of \$23 per Player
(includes green fee & cart)

- Weekly Prizes & Proximity Contest.
- Sleeve of Titleist Balls with Each Paid League Fee.
- Take Monday's receipt back to Danny's on Monday for 1/2 price appetizers.



The Golf Status League



Two Person 9 Hole League

Wednesday Evenings Beginning
May 2nd Held at Sunflower Hills
5:30pm Shotgun Starts

One Time League Fee of \$45.00
Weekly Fee of \$23 per Player
(includes green fee & cart)

- Match Play format used to award cumulative points. Winning team each week awarded 5 points. In the event of a tie each team receives 2.5 points.
- Weekly Prizes & Proximity Contest.
- Men play the Yellow tees & Ladies play the Aqua tees.

Beginners 6 Hole League



Tuesday Evenings Beginning
May 29th Held at Sunflower Hills
6:00pm Shotgun Start

One Time League Fee of \$25.00
Weekly Fee of \$17 per Player
(includes green fee & cart)

- Six holes individual play from the forward tees each week.
- Track your scores and watch them improve from week to week!
- Perfect format for novices, beginners or short hitters.
- Open to both men and women.
- Weekly winners & proximity contest.
- Year end cumulative point prizes.

Couples 9 Hole Tournaments



Various Formats - Friday Evenings Monthly May to August

Four monthly events consisting of various two person team formats with a 6:00pm shotgun starts. More information coming soon.

Contact us today for more information!



Value Added To Your Membership!

Sunflower Hills has become a participating member of the Sunflower Golf Trail. Membership in the Sunflower Golf Trail is free to all MEMBERS of

participating golf courses. Every participating course offers a daily \$25 fee for **VISITING MEMBERS** that includes green fees and a golf cart. If Sunflower is closed for a tournament or you are just traveling across Kansas, check out one of participating Sunflower Golf Trail Courses: (Call ahead for tee times)

- Carey Park in Hutchinson
- Cherry Oaks in Cheney
- Emporia Municipal in Emporia
- The Fort in Hays
- Hesston Golf Park in Hesston
- Hidden Lakes Golf Course in Derby
- Mariah Hills in Dodge City
- Prairie Trails in El Dorado
- Quail Ridge in Winfield
- Rolling Meadows in Junction City
- Salina Municipal in Salina
- Stagg Hill in Manhattan
- Sunflower Hills in Bonner Springs
- Turkey Creek in McPherson
- Wellington Golf Club in Wellington



First Tee Junior Golf Program

Do you have children or grandchildren with an interest in golf? With one of the largest Junior Programs in the Midwest, Sunflower Hills offers lessons, leagues, and tournaments throughout the golfing season for all ages and skill levels of Junior golfers. These programs are held at the Sunflower Hills Junior Golf Course Located in the Wyandotte County Park Adjacent to Sunflower Hills. Classes are limited to the first 20 entries. Leagues are limited to the first 24 entries.

Sunflower Hills is proud to be a programming facility for The First Tee of Greater Kansas City. We have one of the best junior facilities in the Kansas City area. Located in the Bonner Springs Park adjacent to Sunflower Hills, the Sunflower Hills Junior Course features six holes with three sets of tees, driving range, putting green and practice bunker. The Sunflower Hills Junior Golf Course has been a programming site since 2003 for The First Tee of Greater Kansas City.

Junior Golf Volunteers Needed!!!!

We need Junior golf volunteers to assist with various Junior classes and leagues. If you are interested please contact Jeff Johnson for more information.

Group Lessons

For those of you who have a novice or beginner interested in golf, Sunflower Hills is offering Beginning Group Lessons. Our programs allow the student with little or no golf experience to learn the basics of the game of golf. These classes will give the student the basic knowledge of the swing, terminology and etiquette giving the golfer more confidence to move from the range to the first tee.

Please Don't Feed the Geese!



Canada geese will claim any comfortable safe spot to nest; geese do better today in urban areas than they do in the wild. A Mature pair of geese will produce an average of 5 eggs per year. In rural areas that have predators and allow hunting, a pair of geese could be responsible for 450

offspring at the end of their 20-year life span. However, if all the offspring survived and nested the pair would be responsible for a population increase of nearly 900,000! Golf course dwelling geese while feeding will defecate every 7 minutes, which adds up to about ¼ pound a day of slick green piles on



greens and fairways. Multiply that by the number of geese on the course and you can see why they are considered a major nuisance. Please Don't Feed The Geese!

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Golf's New Rules: Major Changes

New Rule: 7.4 Ball Accidentally Moved in Trying to Find or Identify It

There is no penalty if the player's ball is accidentally moved by the player, opponent or anyone else while trying to find or identify it.



If this happens, the ball must be replaced on its original spot (which if not known must be estimated) (see Rule 14.2). In doing so:

- If the ball was on, under or against any immovable obstruction, integral object, boundary object or growing or attached natural object, the ball must be replaced on its original spot on, under or against such object (see Rule 14.2c).
- If the ball was covered by sand, the original lie must be re-created and the ball must be replaced in that lie (see Rule 14.2d(1)). But the player may leave a small part of the ball visible when doing so.

Reasons for Change:

A fundamental principle of golf is to play the ball as it lies; so the Rules should help the player to find his or her ball and play it from the spot where it was at rest.

Players often need to probe in grass, bushes, leaves and other conditions to look for a hidden ball, and such reasonable acts create an inherent risk of moving the ball.

The previous Rules allowed both an opponent in match play, and other players in stroke play, to help search for the player's ball without risk of penalty if they accidentally moved the player's ball. Outside persons such as spectators were allowed to help search as well.

It was inconsistent to encourage everyone but the player or his or her caddie (or partner) to look for the ball, and this created an odd incentive for the player to hold back and let others search.

Have a Great April!

We hope to see you soon!

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