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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 certainly hope the cold weather is finally over until next winter!



Congratulations to Bud Thurston for his hole in one on #13

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.

- 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
- Wednesday May 15th ----- Course closed until 1:00pm
- Friday May 17th ----- Course closed until 6:00pm
- Wednesday May 22nd ----- Course closed until 1:00pm
- Wednesday May 29th ----- Course closed until 1:00pm
- Wednesday June 5th ----- Course closed until 1:00pm

Upcoming Tournaments:

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 25th

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 22nd.

9 Hole Couples "Classic Rock n Roll Golf" Friday May 31st



Entry fee for this event is \$60 per couple. Entry includes green & cart fees, range balls, prizes, proximity contests & dinner & beverages following play. This event is a 6:00pm Shotgun Start. **Format:** At the start of each hole both players ("A" & "B") hit tee shots, then "A" hits "B's" tee shot and "B" hits "A's". At this time

players ("A" & "B") switch shots again so that "A" hits "B's" 2nd and "B" hits "A's" the team decides which is the best shot to play. Teams play a regular scramble from this point forward. Entry Deadline Thursday May 30th.

Two Man Best Ball - Saturday June 15th

Entry fee for this event is \$20 plus green & cart fees. Entry fee includes prizes and dinner with beverages following the round. There will be both Gross and Net winners. **Tee times will be assigned for this event!** Any patron that wishes to participate must sign up no later than Wednesday June 12th.

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. Contact us for more information or an entry form.



Looking to play in a golf league in 2019?
We still have options available:

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.
- Yearend cumulative point prizes.

Contact us today for more information!

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.

We also 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.

When You Hear Thunder, Lightning is Near!

As the spring storm season approaches the staff at Sunflower Hills would like to remind all patrons of the dangers of lightning. Raising golf clubs or umbrellas above the head increases the risk when lightning is near. Golf shoes do not increase the risk. When a lightning storm is in the area:

Avoid

- Open areas.



- Standing water.
- Wire fences, overhead wires and power lines.
- Isolated trees.
- Maintenance machinery and golf carts.

Seek

- Lightning shelters.
- The clubhouse or maintenance building.
- On-Course buildings.
- Automobiles.
- When one of the above is not available seek dense woods or a low lying area.

The USGA emphasizes that players should be made aware that they have the right to stop play if they think lightning threatens them, even though the Committee may not have specifically authorized it by signal. (Rules 6-8 and 33-2d)

Masters ProAm Results

Saturday April 13th & Sunday April 14th

Saturday

1st	139	Mike Yadrich & Koepka	\$60.00
2nd	141	Moe Ryan & Woods	\$45.00
3rd	142	Steve Serridge & Harding	\$40.00
4th	143	Zach Winkelbauer & Rahm	\$35.00
tie 5th	144	Tom Bachelor & McIlroy	\$25.00
	144	Les Damlo & Schauffele	\$25.00
tie 7th	145	Bob Chatterton & Spieth	\$15.00
	145	Stuart Hunt & Molinari	\$15.00

Sunday

1st	145	Dan Crabtree & Woods	\$50.00
tie 2nd	148	Stuart Hunt & Harding	\$35.00
	148	Mike McNellis & Harding	\$35.00
tie 4th	149	Bob Chatterton & Poulter	\$10.00
	149	Roger DeLong & Simpson	\$10.00
	149	Mike Yadrich & Finau	\$10.00

Two Day Event Winners

1st	288	Mike Yadrich	\$20.00
2nd	293	Stuart Hunt	\$15.00
3rd	294	Bob Chatterton	\$10.00

Saturday Proximity - Prizes \$15.00 each

- Closest 2nd Shot #12 – Roger DeLong
- Closest to Hole #13 – Moe Ryan
- Long Putt #14 – Doug Winkelbauer
- Long Drive #15 – Dave Hunt
- Closest to Hole #16 – Phil Hoffman

Sunday Proximity - Prizes \$10.00 each

- Closest 2nd Shot #12 – Dan Schmidt
- Closest to Hole #13 – Mike McNellis
- Long Putt #14 – Bob Chatterton
- Long Drive #15 – Dan Crabtree
- Closest to Hole #16 – Greg Schmidt

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 seven 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!



If you're not playing by the Rules... You're not playing Golf!

Golf's New Rules: Major Changes

New Rule: Dropping Procedure.

New Rule: Players continue to drop a ball when taking relief, but the dropping procedure is changed in several ways as detailed in Rule 14.3:

The focus of the dropping procedure is on a specific "relief area" set by the Rule under which relief is being taken and is either one or two club-lengths from a reference point (and may have certain other limitations).

The relief area is a fixed size for each player and is pre-determined based on the clubs the player has selected for play.

Reasons for Change:

The new procedure means that there is greater consistency across all relief procedures, making it simpler for players to know where and how to drop a ball:

For example, many times under the previous Rules, a player was required to drop a ball as near as possible to a certain spot (such as where the previous stroke was made or where a ball was embedded) and questions often came up about whether it had been dropped near enough to that spot. The new procedure when dropping with



reference to a spot is to drop a ball anywhere in a relief area measured one or two club-lengths from (but not nearer the hole than) that spot.

The definition of a club-length as the longest club other than a putter means that a player cannot choose which club to measure with based on the situation.

For example, players are no longer be able to make a strategic choice about the size of the relief area by choosing a longer club so that the player can reach a location that is farther from the nearest point of relief or other reference point.

Using the longest club for measuring minimizes the inconsistency in the size of a relief area between players (including eliminating the advantage for players who

In the market for new equipment in 2019?

As a Patron member, Sunflower Hills will guarantee you the lowest price possible. Let us know what you are in the market for and if we don't have it in stock we will order it for you! Take advantage of our pricing and service as we look to make your golf game the best that it can be.

Play more in 2019!!!!

We encourage everyone to vow to play more in 2019! Try to make plans to play eight more rounds this year. You will notice an improvement in your game. Golf is the one sport that allows you the satisfaction of competition with yourself or others and to take advantage of weather good to bad! Green grass, blue skies and fresh air have a cleansing effect on the mind and soul. Play more in 2019.

Have a Great May!

We hope to see you soon!

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