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The Official News Letter of the Sunflower Hills Patrons Club

The Staff at Sunflower Hills would like to congratulate the following:



**Men's Club Champion
Richard Laing**



**Women's Club Champion
Donna Reid**



**Men's WyCo Open Champ
Parker Miller**



**Women's WyCo Open Champ
Nichole Wiehe-Hankins**



**WyCo Sr Low Gross Champ
Tom Bachelor**



**WyCo Sr Low Net Champ
Joe Dercher**



**Most Improved Golfer
Todd Milberger**



**Distinguished Service
Dave Palcher**



**Player of the Year
Jerry Reid**

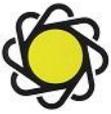
As the 2017 golf season draws to a close, The Sunflower Hills staff would like to extend our thanks to all of our patron members for their support of the golf course! Without our members support, positive comments, and ideas our jobs just would not be the same! Sunflower Hills continues to strive to bring our patrons a great golf facility with outstanding service at the best value possible. We have plans to continue improvements to the course this winter, any ideas or suggestions that you may have please let us know.



Finally, congratulations to Jorge Prieto for his hole in one on #13.

For the dedicated golfer the winter season offers some of the best opportunities for golf. When you are dressed for the cooler temperatures, golf can be more enjoyable than during the spring and summer. The course as a general rule is less crowded when temps range from 40 to 50 degrees. Rounds tend to be played faster, 3 ½ hours for 18 holes is not uncommon, for some reason people play faster when it is cold. However, there are some special rules to be aware of during the winter months:

1. Frost delays. Sunflower Hills will not compromise on frost delays. Frost coated grass blades are very fragile and susceptible to injury. We cannot allow foot traffic on frosted grass.
2. User friendly footwear. No metal spikes and no hunting boots! Soft spikes or other soft soled shoes only.
3. It is especially important that all ball marks be repaired on the greens.
4. Take special care to keep golf carts on the path whenever possible. During the winter months grass is continually thinned and cannot be replaced until warmer weather returns. Thinned turf can leave openings for Poa Annua and other weeds next spring. Keep golf carts on the path whenever possible.



Starting on November 1st, Sunflower Hills began offering discounted "winter rates". Twilite begins at 12:00pm six days a week and the Sunday Special (\$27 which includes green fee & cart) now begins at 11:00am. These rates are in effect until March 31, 2018. The winter rates are:

Weekday Rates ----- Standard-----Winter Rate
Patron ----- \$21.00----- \$14.00
WyCo Resident ----- \$22.00----- \$15.00
Standard ----- \$27.00----- \$16.00
Weekend Rates ----- Standard-----Winter Rate
Patron ----- \$29.00----- \$21.00
WyCo Resident ----- \$31.00----- \$22.00
Standard ----- \$34.00----- \$27.00

Weather permitting, Sunflower Hills will be taking both Weekday and Weekend tee times until December 31, 2017. If you plan on playing it is always a good idea to call ahead and make a tee time whenever possible.

Changes Coming in 2018 to your GHIN Handicap

Beginning in 2018, golfers will be required to have a unique email address in their GHIN golfer profile to ensure data security and privacy. This will impact golfers who currently do not have an email address in their golfer profile, golfers who share an email address, and junior golf parents who may have themselves and their children utilizing the same email address. You began to see prompts through our handicap kiosk, on GHIN.com and via the mobile encouraging golfers to update their profile last summer. Remember to fill in your email addresses and birthdates when you renew you memberships for the 2018 season.

The last day to post scores for 2017 was November 14th. Scores may continue to be posted all year long **ONLY** for courses still observing an active season (just about any course south of the Kansas/Missouri borders remain active all year long). If you attempt to post a score at a course that is not in an active season, you will receive a message indicating that and the score will not be accepted. Handicaps continue to revise on the 1st and 15th on each month, so scores posted at courses observing an active season will impact your handicap index between November 15th and March 1st.

Finally, due to the billing practices of the KCGA, we will be forced to drop those patrons from the handicap roster who have not purchased their 2018 patron card by February 1, 2018. If you have not purchased your new membership by this date never fear, none of your handicap information will be lost and your scores and Ghin number can be reinstated as soon as you purchase your 2018 membership.

Memberships Available December 1, 2017

2018 Patron Cards & Season Passes will be available December 1st, there will no increase in membership fees for the 2018 season. Please take a moment to review the rates listed below. Remember membership has its privileges. Our membership rates are very competitive and give you the following advantages:

1. The #1 advantage for Sunflower Hills patrons is tee times. Patrons can make tee times up to ten days in advance. The general public can make tee times up to seven days in advance. Standing Weekend tee times can be made for the entire season if the entire fivesome are patron members (restrictions apply, ask for details)
2. Patron members receive up to \$6.00 off on Weekend fees and \$3.00 off on Twilite fees.
3. The Single Season pass includes all green fees.
4. A Senior Season pass includes all green fees Monday - Friday, excluding Holidays. Up to \$6.00 off on Weekends & Holidays.
5. Maintenance of a recognized USGA Handicap.
6. Sunflower Hills is a member of these golf organizations: Kansas City Golf Assn., Kansas Golf Assn., Greater Kansas City Public Links Golf Assn., Greater Kansas City Women's Public Links Golf Assn., & United States Golf Assn.
7. Members are eligible to play in all Patrons Club events, including the Wyandotte County Open.

A Sunflower Hills Season pass is one of the cheapest in town. If you are a frequent player, 40 or more rounds per year, you still receive all advantages of a Patron card but never have to pay a greens fee again. Once again for this year Sunflower Hills will offer the options of adding a range pass and or golf carts allowing you to customize your season pass to fit you individual needs. Check with the ProShop for more information or for details on an Installment plan.



2018 Green Fees *

	Weekday Mon. - Fri.	Weekend Sat. & Sun.	Twilite
Patron	\$21.00	\$29.00	\$15.00
WyCo Resident	\$22.00	\$31.00	\$16.00
Standard	\$27.00	\$35.00	\$18.00
Sr./Jr. Patron	\$15.00	\$30.00	\$15.00
Sr/Jr WyCo Res	\$16.00	\$32.00	\$16.00
Sr./Jr. Standard	\$18.00	\$35.00	\$18.00

* Walking fees. Golf carts an additional \$14 per rider.

Sunflower Hills Tee Time Policy

Weekday tee times may be made up to ten days in advance. Holiday tee times can also be made ten days in advance. Weekend tee times may be made under one of the four following procedures:

1. Participate in the phone lottery. Patrons may call up to ten days in advance to reserve times.
2. Come out in person on the day of play and put your name in with the starter as a walk-on.
3. Make a standing time for the season if everyone in the foursome has a patron card or season pass. All groups interested in making a standing time for the season must fill out an application form and return in to Sunflower Hills no later than December 31, 2017. At least one person must purchase their patron card at this time and will then become the group captain.

The privilege of having an opportunity to make reservations for Weekends and Holidays **does not guarantee that the time requested will be available.**

The Staff at Sunflower Hills would like to ask all of our Patrons to embrace the USGA's initiative to help speed up play by adhering to the 20 second rule. When it's your turn to play hit your shot within 20 seconds. Count your fellow players down and let them know how long it took them to hit. If they are over 20 seconds let them know and encourage them to be ready to play within the 20 second time frame. Also, try to avoid fivesomes. Even the fastest players at Sunflower take two hours to play nine holes when they are in a fivesome.

2018 Membership Rates & Information Sunflower Hills Patron Cards

Single Patron Card	\$110.00
Senior Patron Card	\$85.00
Junior Patron Card	\$85.00
Family Patron Card	\$135.00

Sunflower Hills Season Passes

	Walking Season Pass	† Including Golf Cart
Single Pass	\$1,320.00	\$2,195.00
Senior Pass	\$620.00	\$1,395.00
Family Pass	\$1,700.00	\$3,130.00
Twilite Pass	n/a	\$1,145.00
	Single	Family
Range Pass	\$450.00	\$595.00

† Valid driver's license is required to operate a golf cart.

2018 Patron Tournaments

Saturday March 10th	Mudders Tournament
Saturday & Sunday April 7th & 8th	Masters Pro-Am
Saturday May 12th	Two Man Scramble
Saturday May 26th	Memorial Stroke Play
Saturday June 16th	Two Man Best Ball
Saturday July 7th	Club Championship
Saturday & Sunday August 11th & 12th	42nd Annual WyCo Open
Saturday September 8th	Two Man Tri-Play
Friday October 5th	35th Annual WyCo Senior Championship
Saturday October 6th	Red, White & Blue
Saturday November 10th	Down & Dirty



Down & Dirty Tournament
Saturday November 4, 2017

Low Gross Winners

1st	79	Micah Morris	\$60.00
2nd	81	Kevin Rome	\$50.00
3rd	82	Jerry Reid	\$40.00
tie 4th	83	Parker Miller	\$25.00
	83	Reece Nigh	\$25.00

Low Net Winners

tie 1st	72	Jim Long	\$55.00
	72	Terry Maskil	\$55.00
tie 3rd	74	Doug Winkelbauer	\$35.00
	74	Jess Levin	\$35.00
tie 5th	75	Chris Sirridge	\$17.50
	75	Dick Ball	\$17.50
7th	76	Roger DeLong	\$15.00
8th	78	Steve Sirridge	\$10.00

Proximity Prizes - \$20 each

- Closest to #4 – Jerry Lamb
- Long Putt #9 – Steve Sirridge
- Long Drive #10 – Tom Bachelor

Best Sob Story

Dan Crabtree - A Beer of Choice

Biggest Whiner

Entire Field - "Too Many 3 Putts"

**If You're Not Playing By The Rules...
You're Not Playing Golf!**

Is the Down & Dirty Fair? Yes!!!!

The annual Down & Dirty Tournament is historically the toughest tournament we have at Sunflower Hills. The average scores tend to be the highest of any tournament we have, even with the additional two strokes added to everyone's handicap. Is this tournament fair? Yes. American Heritage Dictionary defines one of the meanings of fair as "free of favoritism or bias, impartial, just to all parties". In that respect the Down & Dirty was fair because the conditions were the same for everybody! The intent of the Down & Dirty is not only to test the physical side of the entrants but more so to test the mental stability of the individual when misfortune strikes. In that respect the Down & Dirty was a fair and huge success

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



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