



Dear Chisago Lakes Golf Course Member,

In my 30+ years working at golf courses I don't remember one golf season that was as short as 2018. We opened the end of April and closed the beginning of November. This can only mean we are due for a good golf season. At the course we are preparing as if we will open the middle of March. Optimistic? Perhaps. But we are sitting here the last week of January with little snow on the ground.

While the weather wasn't ideal it was still a fun year. As always, the course was in great shape. You won't find better greens on a public course within 100 miles of us (many private ones too). The Chisago Lakes Grill has become a great place to have something to eat or drink. The deck has a nice atmosphere, and our bathrooms are getting an update this winter. The new carts we got in the fall are a big improvement. If you haven't tried them, they are quieter, ride smoother, and have USB chargers for your mobile devices. We thank all of you for your business. Without you, there is no "us".

For the first time in a few years we are going to have an **"Open House/Kickoff Weekend" on March 15th and 16th**. This will be the weekend of the early bird payment for membership. You can pay your membership in person on the 16th and still receive the early bird discount. You also will be able to pick up your bag tags and the new Member Handbook, check out some of the new stuff already in stock, pick up a few items left on clearance from last year. In addition, on **Saturday the 16th at noon we will have a Rules Seminar** to introduce you to all the new rules in 2019.

If you haven't heard the USGA and R & A did their biggest revision of the rules in history. Many of the changes are aimed at simplifying the rules and increasing the pace of play. You can now putt with the flagstick in. You only have 3 minutes to look for a lost ball. You must hit the ball within 40 seconds of it being "your turn". My favorite change is that the USGA and R&A have "expanded the definition of an animal". It will be a good time with drinks and some video to explain how to take a drop and what your options are. I hope you can make it. If you can't make it, we will be having similar sessions in conjunction with some of the leagues before league play starts. You don't need to be part of the league to take part and there is no cost for any of these seminars.

The new membership options we came out with last year are still being offered. All our prices for membership and green fees have remained the same for 2019. The Bronze membership proved popular last year. It is unlimited golf every day after noon for only \$495 for a single and \$645 for a couple. You can't beat that! For those of you purchasing a Gold Membership we still offer the Monthly Membership Payment Plan. This allows you to spread your payments over the course of a year and locks in your rate for 3 years.

Brian has already started clearing out some of the dense treed areas on the course as well as a little project on hole #14 that will make it a more appealing hole. We will continue to keep the course in the condition you expect.

Our Bar Manager Terri Thurnbeck has left us for the woods and peace and quiet of Grand Rapids. We are going to miss her. Kitchen Manager Bryan Grimmer is now overseeing both the Kitchen and Bar as our Food and Beverage Manager. You can contact Bryan to schedule your next; Birthday Party, Wedding, Grooms Dinner, or friendly gathering. We can accommodate your every need.

In the Pro Shop, we have made a change in our Point of Sale system. Among other things, this new system has a much easier system to book tee times online. Including a free app. When you book online from a computer you will be able to see which other members are playing that day and when. Maybe you want to avoid playing behind a certain group? In addition, we can send an email to everyone in your group letting them know of the tee time you booked. So, make sure we have your correct email when you send in your membership. We also will be able to text anyone who's name is booked on the tee sheet to let them know of weather delays, cart restrictions etc. These are just a few things we will now be able to do. There is more to come.

If you have a junior or know of any who may be interested in trying golf, we have a great low-cost option for them. We have purchased several junior club sets for kids to rent for the season. This way you don't have to make the big investment in getting clubs when you aren't sure if your junior really wants to play golf or not. These are full sets of clubs. They include a stand bag, putter, and the appropriate number of clubs for their age. In addition, we have added more lockers so they can store the clubs here at the course. The cost for the season to use the junior set and a locker is \$100. Remember, if a parent has a membership all kids 17 and under are included in the membership for FREE! Or, if the parent(s) don't have a membership the Junior Membership is \$220 for the year. This a great low-cost way to get your junior interested in golf.

The tournament schedule is posted online and has been tweaked a little. A few events have been moved around. If you are only going to play in one event this year, make it the CLGC Ryder Cup. It is a fun two day event where Brian Brown and I each captain a team and we play Ryder Cup style matches. It is a lot of fun. Open to both Men and Women. We use handicaps in setting up teams with the goal of not having any shots in the match, but we do give shots to even out matches if necessary.

The 2019 fee schedule and membership application are enclosed. For Junior, League, and Event information go to www.chisagolakesgolf.com and you will the information posted there. Membership dues **MUST be received or postmarked by Friday, March 15th** to secure the early payment discount. There is a 3% surcharge for membership, season cart, and private cart payments made by credit card. Thank you for your understanding.

Be sure to sign up for Hole in One insurance by sending in \$20 with your membership. If you get a Hole in One at CLGC during the year you get a \$200 credit at Chisago Lakes Grill. In the fall we will have a party at the Grill with the remaining money. We have \$400 we are carrying over from last years party too! It will be a good time!

If you have any questions, please contact me at tkueppers@chisagolakesgolf.com. We are looking forward to serving you again in 2019. We all thank you for making Chisago Lakes Golf Course your golf home.

Sincerely,

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