

January 2016 Newsletter



Pro's Corner

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Greetings to the Membership,

The golf staff would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year. We would like to thank everyone for the support of all tournaments and the Golf Shop. We look forward to even a better year in 2016.

The golf schedule will be available to view on the website this month. If you have any questions about the schedule, feel free to contact me. I will be happy to schedule time to discuss the tournament and events for 2016.

Golf Lessons

January is a great time to work on your game. If you have any questions or would like to schedule some golf lessons, please contact me. Full swing and short game lessons available. Gift certificates available. Your goal may be to regain old form, win a local event, correct a slice, win a state championship, or simply hit the ball a little more solid so you may enjoy the game more. It's only a phone call away. When you purchase 5, you will receive a 6th lesson free.

January Golf Schedule

January 1st Igloo Scramble Noon Shotgun

Format: 2 scramble

If you do not have a handicap, please contact Kevin.

Golf Shop Hours of Operation

Monday -- Closed

Tuesday – Sunday 10-5 pm

We will be closed the first 2 weeks of January.

We will reopen beginning January 15 weather permitting.

If you need to exchange anything, please contact me by cell (270) 556-5470. We will make every effort to accommodate you.

As always it is a privilege serving the membership. We look forward to a fantastic 2016. Please don't hesitate to contact me for all of your golfing needs.

Swinging for excellence, Kevin E. Rhinehart, PGA

News from the Course

Happy New Year from the Turf Management Department. We look forward to a great 2016 golfing season.

Board of Directors' Meeting

The January meeting of the RHCC Board of Directors will be held on Monday, January 11th, at 6:00 PM at the Rolling Hills Clubhouse. All members are invited to attend.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Edwinna Lambert and Jeff Glisson for Most Improved Golfers in 2015. Nice job!!!

Men's Night - Every Thursday night in January

Men's Night will continue during the month of January on Thursday nights. Activities will vary from week to week. Make plans to attend! You won't want to miss a single night.



Pictured are: Butch Freels and Sherill Gunn

Incoming Senior Men's Golf Association President Sherrill Gunn presents the SMGA Player of the Year Award to Butch Freels. Butch carried the low scoring average, low putting average, top money winner and tied for most Closest to the Pin wins for the year.



Pictured are: Bill Dannenmueller, Butch Freels, Sherill Gunn, Bennie Brown and Don Korte

SMGA President Sherrill Gunn with year end award winners. Butch won Low Gross Average, Low Putts Average, Top Money winner, and tied for the most Closest to the Pin wins. Bill Dannenmueller won the most Skins for the year. Bennie Brown and Paul Holland (not shown) tied with Mr. Freels for Closest to the pin. Don Korte won the Most Improved Golfer based on GHIN Index.

"The Course of Many Names"

(Reprinted from July 1986)*

The course now known as Rolling Hills Country Club was opened in 1927 as Club Lakeview and offered 18 holes to its members. But hard economic times forced the closing of the course, and the clubhouse was turned into a nightclub.

The links quickly became rugged, bushy, hillsided and hollow again even though the night club thrived for a few years.

But in the 1930's, the fashionable place closed its doors and soon afterwards was converted into a dog kennel. Ruel Brummett, a wealthy McCracken Countian who dealt hunting dogs on a big scale, turned the clubhouse into his headquarters and used the area around it to pen his barking dogs.

Golf returned to the scene in the late '30s. The Noble Park Playground Association decided to lease the Lakeview course until Paxton Park could be completed. In 1937, the Irvin Cobb Golf Championships were staged at the course for the first time. But for the first three years, it was simply known as the Tri-State Amateur.

With the opening of Paxton Park, Lakeview returned to its wilderness state. The 400-tree covered acres, owned by the Guthrie estate, once again became bushy, shaggy and washed out.

In 1945, the club was ready for a new entry in its history books. This time it was the clubhouse that gained the notoriety. German prisoners of war were brought to Paducah to help keep the flooding Ohio River from running through the floodwall gate openings. They were lodged in the two-story clubhouse.

Sometime after the war years, an effort was made to revive the golf course and a new name emerged -- Forest Hills Country Club. But more bad luck followed, and the new club did not last very long.

Then, in 1953, the bush-grown ghost of a golf course returned to life with still another name -- Southwood Country Club. It was this effort that brought the club back for good, even though Southwood itself ran into difficulties and gave up the property in the fall of 1955.

On July 3, 1953, less than three months after the beginning of a concentrated effort by its membership to clean up the property, the new course and clubhouse was opened as Southwood.

Southwood Country Club chartered with 260 members and leased the property for 25 years on April 8, 1953. But disaster struck in 1955 when the country club corporation was evicted from the property.

That's when Rolling Hills Country Club, the fourth golf club movement, took a stake on the property. Through the guidance of the late Paul Friedlander, Rolling Hills flourished. As president and one of the first organizers of the club, the club reached sound financial footing. And it was through his direction the Rolling Hills Invitational Golf Tournament was born in 1957.

Through the efforts of Southwood, though, the front nine and clubhouse were restored before Rolling Hills came into existence. The back nine, though, had not been used since the Club Lakeview days; but Rolling Hills members worked to have it reopened.

After a massive renovation project of moving trees, landscaping and general hard work, Rolling Hills opened its back nine on Memorial Day of 1953. Sporting four new holes and five chopped out of the wilderness that had taken over since the Lakeview days, the new nine covered nearly 3,000 yards.

With 18 holes to play on, Rolling Hills worked hard to lay the groundwork for an invitational tournament. Finally, in the summer of 1957 it became a reality.

**This article was in the 1986 RHCC Men's Invitational tournament program. Thanks to RHCC Member Bob Day for giving his collection of tournament programs back to Rolling Hills.*



