

HAWK CREEK COUNTRY CLUB NEWSLETTER

When the weather would cooperate, 2011 was a very busy year at **Hawk Creek Country Club**. On the course, it was a constant battle with Mother Nature, but thanks to our grounds crew, it was a struggle we won. Despite the weather and the challenging economy, we remained committed to the satisfaction of our members and the quality of our course. We made some upgrades in the clubhouse as well, with modern new paint and coolers for both Coke and Pepsi products – something even McDonald's and Burger King can't offer! Our clubhouse staff and grounds crew worked hard throughout the year to keep our members happy – if only Mother Nature had that same commitment...

After an incredibly slow start due to the rainy weather in April and May, we started to make up for it in June. In fact, we played host to over **15 fun tournaments** throughout the course of the year, with something for everyone. In addition to our core tournaments and weekly scrambles, we added more fun and family-friendly tournaments than ever before! Thanks to sponsorships from **Heritage Bank & Pioneer Heritage Insurance**, we hosted our first-ever **Night Golf Event** on June 10. Though the weather was a little cool, the 18-hole tournament played in the dark with lighted golf balls was a blast. Shortly after that we welcomed the **Eagles Scrambles** and the **8th annual Josh Palke Memorial Tournament** – with proceeds going to scholarships at MACCRAY. Speaking of MACCRAY, we said congratulations to **Zach Hauser** (8th place) and **Bailee Hauser** (36th place) of the MACCRAY golf team for competing at the 2011 Class A state golf tournament! Way to go!



Our **CREEK CUP Match Play Competition** with Stoney Creek Golf Course in Renville ended in a tie this year, but we were able to keep the CREEK CUP in our clubhouse because of our dominating win last year. In July we hosted the **2nd Annual Doug Hultgren Memorial Golf Outing**, which started great but was also interrupted by bad weather. After getting postponed in May, we played the 2nd annual **Back 9 Scramble** on July 15. We also mixed in the **Prairie Fest Golf Scramble** which benefits MACCRAY Baseball/Softball and the **15th Annual Senior Tournament**. On August 8, the **American Legion** sponsored the first "**Step-Down**" **Scramble Tournament**, which included on-course prizes and a traveling trophy for the winners. Later in August, **Dave Hinrichs** won his third **Hawk Creek Country Club** men's championship by shooting 77-33-110. Three players tied for second at 112, including defending champion **Zach Gerdes**, as well as **Barry Rothwell** and **Zach Hauser**. **Becky Armstrong** won her fourth club title by shooting an 88, which was one stroke ahead of last year's champ **Deb Freiborg**. **Mike Boelter** won his first Seniors championship by winning a playoff with **Ron Ulferts** after each fired 82. **Randy Post** outpaced the field with a 79 in winning the A Flight championship, while **Ernie Jenkins** held off **Leon Aalderks** and **Gary Newman** in the B Flight.

In Men's League, **Steve** and **Andy Bristle** pulled away in the Titleist Division during the regular season, then fell to **Ted Taatjes** and **Brian Nelson** in the playoffs. The father-son team of **Steve** and **Philip Andresen** won the regular season in the Nike Division ahead of **Nate Hultgren** and **Cameron Macht**; then those two teams switched spots in the playoffs. **Chad Forkrud** and **Steve Condon** of **Citizens Alliance Bank** won the Callaway Division regular season title, but **Ron Ulferts** and **Ernie Jenkins** of our grounds crew won the playoffs. In the Senior Division, **Curt Slagter** and **Becky Armstrong** held on to win the regular season crown.



The **Raymond Fire Department** sponsored a **Night Golf Event** on August 26 to kick off the **Raymond Harvest Festival** in style. That same weekend the **Hultgren family** organized the **21st Annual Dewey Open** – a fun, family-friendly 5-person scramble with crazy rules and events. September brought the **Apol's Harley Davidson Raymond Harvest Festival Scramble** and the **Eagles Fall Scramble**, as well as the brand new **Crater Cup Classic**, which featured 8-inch cups! We closed out with a **Sponsor Scramble** to say thanks to all of our sponsors. That ended a busy tournament season. Of course, we also continued our long-standing and popular **Wednesday Morning** and **Thursday Night Scrambles**, drawing golfers from around the area.

We continue to work hard to make our course challenging and fun to play. Our **commitment to quality** despite the weather and the economy has helped us build a course that **you can be proud of**, and that you can enjoy playing. A special thanks goes out to our grounds crew and clubhouse staff for the work they put in this year to make **Hawk Creek Country Club** a quality course at an affordable price.

We welcome you back next year, and we encourage you to bring your friends and family! Though we've got another full year of events and tournaments planned for 2012, we need your support more than ever to keep our course running. Please read the letter on the back side of this newsletter for more information about our current financial situation, and our plans for the future. **We look forward to seeing you on the course in 2012!**