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# A Wise Pro Once Said....

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## Exciting New Events at CHCC

The Golf Committee has been brainstorming over the winter and do we have some exciting things coming your way.

*Read all about it!!!!*

## Fivesomes

The idea of allowing fivesomes has been a hot topic for several years. The golf committee has debated the issue every year and recently sent the recommendation to the Board that we allow fivesomes this year on a trial basis and on a limited basis. The Board accepted the recommendation but wants to make sure that we maintain the integrity of our pace of play. Therefore, on a trial basis here are the guidelines for fivesomes in 2010:

- Fivesomes will be allowed if the conditions exist that will not disrupt play of the golf course. The decision of playing fivesomes will be at the discretion of the Pro Shop.
- The traffic on the golf course will be one determining factor. Consideration for a fivesome will be allowed if the golf course is not crowded either in front of or behind a fivesome (specific guidelines will be posted on the Pro Shop bulletin board)
- Pace of play is maintained at 4 hours, 30 minutes
- Faster groups are entitled to play through a fivesome
- The Pro Shop will have the ability to break up a fivesome at any time.
- Fivesomes must display the ability to play in 4 hours, 10 minutes in order to continue this practice.

Please be assured that maintaining a proper pace of play for ALL GOLFERS continues to be our main objective. Therefore, we ask everyone to understand and accept these rules. Please remember that we are trying this as a test and there will be times when fivesomes are not allowed.

## CHCC Golf League

Don't worry - this isn't your typical golf league. We tried to make this as flexible as possible. We also want to create the excitement of playing on a team where every one of your scores can count.

The league is open to all men and ladies of CHCC. Players sign up as individuals and teams of 8 players are randomly formed.

Players do not need to play at the same time each week and they do not need to play with their team. You may play any time during the week and with any other member.

Scores will be kept on a weekly basis. The team score will be the best four 18-hole scores from the 8 teammates each week. Each player may play as often as they want and you can count your best front nine and your best back nine.

Prizes will be awarded to the lowest weekly team score and to the champions after the 15 weeks.

The league kicks-off on the weekend of June 5-6. We will draw teams at a League Happy Hour on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. Once the teams are determined, we will kick the league off with golf on Sunday where you get to play with your own team.

Keep your eyes open for more details or go to the website for full details.

## Reciprocal Golf

Wow, are you ready for this. Your membership at CHCC just got better!! We are proud to be a member of the national Private Club Network but we took it one step further and created an alliance of clubs within one hour of CHCC that you can now play.

**You now have the ability to play 7 other private clubs in Northern Ohio for the price of a cart.**

*Alliance Country Club  
Ashland Country Club  
Avon Oaks Country Club  
Elyria Country Club  
Prestwick Country Club  
Rawiga Country Club  
Wooster Country Club*

The details are still being worked out with Elyria and Avon Oaks but for \$25 you can play any of the other five clubs anytime. Arrangements for those 5 courses must be made through our Pro Shop so please do not call their Pro Shop directly.

## The GolfWiser APT

At the end of every year, the discussion always comes up of who had the best overall year in our tournaments. *Well Hello*, the lights went on (with a little help from Ray Zak) and we came up with a new men's and ladies event, The GolfWiser Annual Points Tournament (APT).

Throughout the year, we will keep a running total of points earned based on players' finish within certain events.

The Golf Committee has determined which events are part of the APT circuit and a point schedule has been drafted for those events. The Pro Shop will keep track of the points as each event takes place and the person with the most points at the end of the year will be the APT Champion.

The Pro Shop (GolfWiser) is putting up the purse of \$500 for the men and \$220 for the ladies. The APT tournaments and point schedule will be posted in the Pro Shop. *Who will be the first APT Champion?*

## Club Cleaning

The Outside Service Team (Bagroom Staff) is ready to get started and looking forward to providing the best service that they can. Unfortunately, one of the big changes in the outside services this year will be the suspension of club cleaning for the time being. This allows the hours to be trimmed almost in half. The Team will still be there to retrieve your clubs from storage, load bags onto your cart, maintain a clean fleet of carts for you, and service the driving range. We have committed to making sure that any group that has guests will get their clubs towel cleaned by the team. The club cleaning buckets and brushes will be available at all times if anyone wants to use them.

The team is working on a way to offer club cleaning to you as a side business to their normal duties. We will keep you posted on any updates.

## Forward Tees

The response to the men's forward tee's has been very positive. In fact it became so positive that the ladies inquired about a forward ladies tee so more ladies could enjoy our great golf course. After developing a committee to discuss this idea, a formal recommendation was sent to the golf and green's committee and has since been accepted by the Board of Trustees.

This Forward Ladies Tee will be a combination of the current ladies tees and some newly created teeing areas. At this point, new tee boxes will not be constructed since we want to try these new areas before accepting them as permanent. Rather, red disks will be placed at the specified spot to indicate the forward tee ground. Final handicap implications are still being worked out and the determination if the forward tees will be used in competitions is still being worked out. The main idea was to get these forward tees into use so more people could enjoy golf.

As it worked out, the men that use the forward tees also recommended some adjustments to their set of tees. The adjustments made sense so they will be implemented this year. On any hole where a regular tee box is used, you will see the gold "CH" tee markers. On holes where the teeing ground is in the fairway, we will use gold disks that are flush to the ground.

## 9 Hole Member Guest Golf Oktoberfest

What do you get when you combine golf, German beer, German cuisine and German dancing? You get a great time at the new Golf Oktoberfest at Columbia Hills.

This event will be held on Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> and features nine holes of golf at 4:00 followed by a full out Bavarian Fest in the clubhouse.

Foursomes may be all members or you may invite some guests out. The front nine will be set up for foursomes that want to play their own ball. The back nine will be set up for foursomes that would prefer to play a scramble. After golf, indulge in the popular Bavarian buffet, a trip to the Columbia Hills Bier Garten, and watch Erika and her Donaueschwaben Kulturgruppe dance group.

## Night Golf

By popular demand, we are bringing back Night Golf. If you have never played golf at night before, it is a blast.

The golf course is set up with luminaries down both sides of the fairway, the flagsticks, tee markers and holes are glowing, it's a sight to see. Every golfer is supplied with proper Night Golf equipment, which includes Glow in the Dark golf balls and necklaces. At dark, we hit the four hole course (bring a flashlight) and then we meet on the patio for a glow in the dark specialty drink. Save the date, Friday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, for this fun event.

## Member Neighborhood Golf Outing

Have you ever wanted to invite a bunch of people from your neighborhood out to the club but haven't done it because you can only bring 3 guests out at a time?

This event is designed to give you the opportunity to bring out the whole neighborhood and their family. The golfers can play nine holes while the non-golfers can spend the afternoon at the pool or attend a golf clinic by Jim and David.

We haven't worked out all of the details but we can tell you that the date of this event will be Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Pro Shop Merchandise

The Pro Shop continues to strive to be your headquarters for the best in the golf world. Here is what you will see this year in your shop.

Golf Equipment – Adams, Callaway, Cleveland, Cobra, Nike, Ping, Taylor Made and Titleist  
Golf Apparel (Men) – Adidas, Ahead, Antigua, Cutter & Buck, Greg Norman, Under Armour  
Golf Apparel (Ladies) – Adidas, Cutter & Buck Annika, Jamie Sadock, Nivo, Tail  
Accessories – Bushnell, SkyCaddie, Golf Buddy, On Par, Titleist, Callaway, Spartina, Navika, and Robocup

## Loud Mouth Golf

I never knew that Columbia Hills was such a trend setting club. Who would have known that the hottest apparel company in the golf industry in 2010 would name their company after a CHCC group formed decades ago called the LoudMouths. That's right, LoudMouth Golf was one of the hottest booths down at the PGA Show. If you are wondering why this company is so different than any other apparel company, just think John Daly. You've seen the pants that JD has been sporting lately – that's LoudMouth Golf. And yes, they are coming to CHCC.

Columbia Hills will be introduced to LoudMouth Golf in early June with the arrival of 24 men's shorts. Sorry ladies, the LoudMouth ladies line didn't quite meet our dress code but I am told that they are working on that.

The shorts are fun and exciting. Check them out at [www.LoudMouthGolf.com](http://www.LoudMouthGolf.com) What's ironic though is that I bet the guys that formed the CHCC LoudMouth group decades ago were sporting pants that closely resembled today's version.