



2011 Spring Newsletter

Course Information

The Course

In 2010, Pioneer Creek was open from March 17 until November 12. June was wet and August was hot, but there were plenty of nice days for a round of golf. A beautiful fall was followed by a *real* Minnesota winter!

From the Grounds Crew

We heard from our customers that the #1 factor that influences where they play golf is the course condition. No one understands this like our superintendent, Dave Wicklund, and the grounds crew. Here is a list of key improvements from 2010 and what to look for in 2011:

- 3 new mowers purchased in 2010 (2 greens mowers and a 12' rough mower with a striper) give the freshly mowed course a beautiful look.
- We modified mowing areas to create more definition between holes and to restore the course to its original design.
- 365 tree seedlings were planted.



Dave Wicklund preparing for 2011

- We Aerified the greens in September.
- Pete Meyer – Pete was new last year and did most of the morning servicing. Pete is meticulous with the greens- hand repairing ball marks and carefully cutting the cups.
- Greens were rolled 3 times. We got a lot of great feedback on the greens last year.
- Created a flower garden between holes 1 and 2.
- Hung 15 new bluebird houses and several wood duck houses

For 2011, look for a practice bunker coming soon!

From the Pro Shop

Last spring was a scramble with some unexpected staffing changes. Former golf pro Mark Ellingson began a new career as a partner in an insurance agency. While we miss Mark, the remaining staff did an outstanding job of stepping into leadership roles to keep things moving. Most of our club house staff will return this year with a few new faces you are likely to meet. Here's a list of some of the other ProShop improvements:

- A second register and phone will keep things moving better behind the counter, and get you out on the course quicker.
- A new point of sale system will speed up the check-out process. Once we create a profile for you, each time you check in the computer will automatically ring up the best 18-hole round price for you at that time.
- An upgraded Handinet handicap system.

- Improved website navigation and online tee time booking for your convenience
- A streamlined registration process



George is serious about his POS system training

- A new bulletin board information center. These boards are an important way for us to get information to you on league results and upcoming events. Be sure to check them out!

2011 League Update

The kick-offs for our 2011 Leagues are just around the corner. We are excited for another season of league fun. Below is a schedule of our leagues and a few highlights and changes from last year.

Day of the Week	League	Times	# of holes
Monday	Junior League	8:00am – 12 noon	Lesson stations and golf
Monday	Co-ed Couples League	4:30 – 6:00 pm	9 hole league
Tuesday	Senior League	6:30 – 10:30 am	18 hole league
Wednesday	Men's Team League	4:30 – 6:00 pm	9 hole league
Thursday	Ladies League	4:40 – 6:15 pm	9 hole league
Thursday	Individual Men's League	4:00 – 6:20 pm	9 hole league
Sunday/Tuesday	Augsburg Advanced Junior League	11:30-1:30 Tues 3:00-5:00 Sun	18 holes league

Monday Junior League

We are very excited about our newly structured junior league which will be run by our teaching pro, Ted Vickerman, with assistance from John Zerull. This year the league will start at 8:00am every week. The league will include instructional stations each week (full swing, chipping, putting), and on-course play time (supervised by volunteer parents). Ted and John are great instructors. Your kids will learn a lot and have a great time.

Monday Couples League

John Zerull is going to head up the league and make a few improvements based on feedback he received. Some of these adjustments include:

- Modifying the events to ensure there are more opportunities to meet other couples.
- Make sure all couples have a handicap. The games are more interesting for everyone when John and Betty don't win every week.
- A few new games from John
- A couple of shot gun starts with a social/cookout after

Tuesday Senior League

Our Tuesday Senior League had a nice turnout last year. George Riner heads up this league and always has something interesting up his sleeve. Last year's players should have received a letter with 2011 information. If you are interested in joining the league and didn't play last year, call the ProShop or stop in for more information.

Wednesday Men's Team League

Unfortunately Jason Peterson won't be back as he's taken on a new role at work and won't have time to run this league. We are in the process of finding a replacement and the league will continue. The format of this league is nice in that you play with another player from your team, but you play against 2 people from a different team. This means you are always golfing with someone you know, but are also meeting new people as the league plays out.

We already have 3 new teams looking for a spot in this league, so if you are interested and want to get in before it fills up, call us or stop in and sign up.

Thursday Men's Individual League

This league will undergo some of the biggest changes from last year. Here are a few of the proposed changes:

- A slightly modified schedule with new events
- More cookouts and social events
- Incorporating a match play competition outside of the league
- Enlist the support of a steering committee to assist with league organization and communications
- Yearly rules overview session

Thursday Woman's League

Sapa Carlson will again be running her women's league on Thursday nights. For more information call the Pro Shop.

2010 Pioneer Creek Golfer Updates

As in past years we had a great mix of golfers in 2010 – ranging from beginners picking up a club for the first time to experienced golfers with handicaps under 10. Our five levels of tee boxes make Pioneer Creek Golf Course a great option for people of all abilities. The following highlights some of the outstanding golfers from last summer.

Club Championship Winners:

Mens: Dakota Clark
Senior Mens: Dan Plowman
Juniors: Matt Kreklow

Men's League Player of the Year: Eric Bloemendal

Congratulations to all our champions!



Want to make the championship list in next year's spring newsletter? Check out the following opportunities to improve your game.

Lesson Opportunities with Ted Vickerman



Ted is the head men's and women's golf coach at Augsburg College in Minneapolis. Ted is a scratch golfer, played collegiately at Augsburg where he earned All-Conference honors. He is a certified "GolfPsych" Coach and Mental Game Instructor. He has learned the game of golf from the best and has had 5 years experience teaching and coaching golf. For more information or to set up a lesson contact Ted at 612-382-9800 or email him at vickermt@augsborg.edu.

We are very excited to have Ted back at Pioneer Creek Golf course. The feedback we received on Ted's lessons and camps was very positive. Not only is Ted a great guy, but he's also very knowledgeable, and an outstanding instructor. Ted comes to every session with a plan and purpose. Sign up for a camp, lesson or league and let Ted help you get off to a great 2011 golf season!

Marcia Kreklow - PCGC GM

Lesson options from Ted include the following:

Junior League - \$120

Open to boys and girls of all levels from beginner to advanced. Held on Monday mornings for 6 weeks, this league offers junior golfers a chance to play up to 9 holes of golf and to learn the fundamentals of the golf swing. Each league day the golfers will get a putting lesson, chipping lesson, and full swing instruction. The camp will also cover the rules and etiquette of golf. Inquire in the clubhouse for more details.

3 Day Junior Camp - \$90

This camp is designed for beginner golfers who want to have fun while learning the game of golf. The camp will include a 45 min. putting, chipping, and full swing lesson each day. It will also cover the basic fundamentals of the golf swing, including grip, set up, alignment, and basic swing techniques. This 3-day camp will be offered 5 times throughout June and July.

2 Day Junior Camp - \$60

This camp is designed for boy and girl golfers of all skill levels. The golfers will learn the concepts of chipping, pitching, putting, and ball striking. The goal is to have the junior golfers gain enough knowledge about golf so that they can practice, play, and develop the skills they need to enjoy the game of golf for years to come. This camp will be held on Thursday and Friday afternoons a total of five times in June and July.

Mental Game Clinic - \$100

Have you ever hit the ball great on the range and then struggled on the golf course? In this clinic you will discover

some techniques so you can play your best golf more consistently.

Parent-Child Camp - \$100

Golf is a game that can build memories that will last a lifetime. This camp will give you the knowledge of the golf swing so you can practice, play and develop your skills together with your child. Each day the camp will cover 45 minutes on the short game and 45 minutes on the full swing.

Augsburg College 18-hole Advanced Junior League - \$100 (plus green fees)

Are you looking to make your high school golf team, college team, or win a junior tournament? This league is designed for junior golfers who like to play and compete. The league will include one hour of instruction plus a chance to play 18 holes of golf with other camp participants. This will be a great way to improve your golf game and get to know other junior golfers.

Beginner Ladies

These group lessons are designed to learn how to play golf in a fun environment with other beginners. You will learn how to putt, chip, and hit the golf ball. The goal is for you to learn how to hit the ball in the air and feel comfortable going to the golf course.

Short Game Clinic - \$25

Do you want to learn how to hit a bunker shot, flop shot or putt more consistently? In the one hour short game clinic you will learn the proper technique to hit some of the challenging short game shots in golf.



Private Golf Lessons

Adult Individual Lessons:

30 minute lesson - \$40

1 hour lesson (50 mins) - \$60

Lesson Packages

3 lesson pack - \$162 (10% discount)

6 lesson pack - \$306 (15% discount)

Group Lessons

\$80/hour (you find your group)

Junior Lessons

30 minute lesson - \$30

1 hour lesson (50 mins) - \$50

Junior Lesson Package

3 lesson pack - \$135 (10% discount)

6 lesson pack - \$255 (15% discount)

The Pioneer Creek Golf Course Website

2010 brought a number of changes to the Pioneer Creek Golf Course website and 2011 is bringing even more! We are proud to offer the ability to book tee times online this year. Look on the rates page to join our mailing list and receive course updates and our monthly newsletter. Also check out our new birthday program and receive a free

large bucket of range balls on your birthday. The website also features photos of each hole and tips for play as well as information about all of our leagues, lesson opportunities and current course news.

Go to www.pioneercreek.com
to see it all!

On Course Sign Marketing

Drive up your business today! Advertising opportunities are now available at each tee-box. Each tee box has a sign with an aerial photo of the hole. Beneath the picture of the hole, we can place an 8" by 24" sign for you or your company's name. The cost is minimal and would include complimentary rounds of golf with each sign agreement. Your sign will be professionally made and will be viewed over 25,000 times throughout the year.

If you would like to discuss this opportunity more please call us #952-955-3982 and ask for Marcia Kreklow, or e-mail us at PCG@frontiernet.net

We would like to welcome:

Tee Box #8 – **Wausau Homes** – See Grant Johnson at Wausau Homes for all of your construction needs.

Tee Box # 10 – **Grumpy's Bar & Grill** in St. Boni. At Grumpy's golfers buy their first drink, and get a second drink free with the presentation of a completed scorecard.

Tee Box #17– **Luce Line Lodge** in Watertown.

Tee Box #18 – **Ox Yoke Inn** in Lyndale. With a receipt or scorecard from PCGC, buy one drink, get your second drink free.

2011 is going to be a great season. We're excited about the improvements to the course and the clubhouse. Our goal is your satisfaction. We promise to work hard to meet your expectations. If there is anything we can do to make your experience better, call Marcia or email us at PCG@frontiernet.net.



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