



# WESTFIELD GOLF COURSE NEWSLETTER

## NOVEMBER 2018

Wow!! What an awful Fall for weather this year! Yuck!! Lots of rain, cold, and wind at times. It is now November. It is hard to believe it is this late in the season! We are still open for play, however!! The course is wet from the recent rains, but we do still have carts running! At the writing of this newsletter, we do not yet have an official closing date for the golf course. We are operating on a "weather permitting" policy for the moment. There could be some times the golf course is closed for play, and then re-open, until the ground conditions do not allow us to play any more golf this season, or run golf carts.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Season Pass Holders, and Patrons of Westfield GC for a great 2018 season!! With the addition of Whalen's to Westfield GC, the season went off without much of a hitch and ran smoothly! If you have not stopped in to try anything from Whalen's, I suggest you do! I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our Superintendent, Jeff Normandt, and his crew, for keeping the course in fabulous shape through some difficult weather and situations we had this year with irrigation. The course is in great shape due to their efforts!! Lastly, I would like to thank my Golf Shop Staff; Judy Morrison, Mike O'Brien, and Matt Turner Especially Judy Morrison! Her dedication and attention to detail are second to none and she is a wonderful asset to have here at the golf course in the pro shop!

### **Junior Golf Turkey Raffle...**

There will not be a Turkey Raffle this year on 2018. The Board of Westfield is exploring other avenues to fund the Jr. Golf Program here at Westfield GC. This does not mean that it will not be held again in future years, but it will not be held this year in 2018. Thank you to all who have donated items in the past years, as well as attended the events held prior.

If you would like to donate to the Westfield Junior Golf Program, please contact Brian at the Westfield GC Pro Shop (507-452-6901), or contact a Westfield GC Board Member. Any and all monetary donations are greatly appreciated!!

We have had about 60 kids in the Junior Golf Program this past season in 2018! I see this program growing in the future. The kids are the future of golf and the future of Westfield GC, so if you are thinking of donating, please do so!

### **Golf Course Etiquette...**

Soap Box time.... (Especially the remainder of the year, but this should be all season long.) Please be mindful of "Cart Path Only" signs when posted, and also be mindful about pace of play. There have been numerous complaints that have come into the pro shop this season about how people drive their golf carts, where they drive their golf carts, and also about speed of play. Please allow faster players through, please keep golf carts on cart paths around tees and greens, and also be mindful about the cart path only signs when they are out. They are put out for the protection of the course. Also, please replace divots and fix ball marks on greens, and rake bunkers after playing from them. Every little bit you can do to help goes a long way to help keep Westfield in beautiful shape! Ball marks on greens are especially important!! IN SEASON, it takes over 30 DAYS for an unfixed ball mark in the greens to heal. (This means that during the off-season growing months of the grass, every ball mark left out there will be there after the snow melts next spring!!) A FIXED ball mark takes only about a week to fully heal. (Remember to push a ball mark in from the sides, and not lift the center, when fixing it. You always want to see as much "green" when done and no black dirt. Also, throw the chunk that comes out (if any) away, because it does not grow back. If anyone wants to have me show you how to correctly fix a ball mark, I'd be happy to do so. Also, always replace divots! If you are walking with a push cart, please park it off the green on the side of the green towards the next tee box, regardless of where your ball is, on the green or off. Always be prepared with at least a couple of clubs you might possibly hit from your yardage, so you are not going back and forth to your bag on your cart on days when it is cart path only.

## **Fall Golf Specials....**

Westfield is still running a couple of SPECIALS that we would appreciate your passing the word along-

Westfield GC is offering a Season Pass Special to those who have not joined in 2018. If someone has NOT already joined Westfield GC in 2018, they can now pay the full 2018 Season Pass Price and Play the REMAINDER of the 2018 season, until we close for the winter, and also play ALL of the 2019 Season!!! There is still a lot of golf left this year!! This is a great deal to take advantage of!! (Sorry, this special is not eligible for any 2018 Season Pass "Member Grab" promotion.)

Kids Play FREE with a paid adult green fee!! Kids (15 and under) can play FREE with a paid adult green fee!! This special is good for the months of August and September, and OCTOBER!!!! We are trying to encourage youth golf, and this is one way to do so!! (Motorized golf carts and rentals are exempt from this special. The special only is for green fees, and green fee paying patrons. Any Season Pass holders looking to take advantage of this special must talk to the Golf Professional.) Special is good 7 days a week, with available tee times.

We also have GREAT Fall Green Fee Rate Specials and Green Fee with FOOD at Whalen's, Specials!!!! Specials are...

- 9-Holes of Golf (walking) - \$12.00 pp +tax
- 9-Holes of Golf, with ½ cart - \$18.00 pp +tax
- 18-Holes of Golf (walking) - \$15.00 pp +tax
- 18-Holes of Golf, with ½ cart - \$25.00 pp +tax
  
- 9-Holes of Golf (walking), with Whalen's Burger Basket - \$15.00 pp +tax
- 9-Holes of Golf, with ½ cart, with Whalen's Burger Basket - \$21.00 pp +tax
- 18-Holes of Golf (walking) , with Whalen's Burger Basket - \$18.00 pp +tax
- 18-Holes of Golf, with ½ cart, with Whalen's Burger Basket - \$28.00 pp +tax
  
- 9-Holes of Golf (walking), with Whalen's Monday Night Pizza Buffet - \$16.00 pp +tax
- 9-Holes of Golf, with ½ cart, with Whalen's Monday Night Pizza Buffet - \$22.00 pp +tax
- 18-Holes of Golf (walking) , with Whalen's Monday Night Pizza Buffet - \$19.00 pp +tax
- 18-Holes of Golf, with ½ cart, with Whalen's Monday Night Pizza Buffet - \$29.00 pp +tax
  
- UNLIMITED GOLF, with ½ cart - \$ 29.50 pp +tax
- UNLIMITED GOLF, with ½ cart - \$ 32.00 pp +tax

*Burger Baskets are available Tuesday through Sunday.*

*Whalen's Monday Night Pizza Buffet starts at 4:00pm, and is the only option on Monday. (No Burger Basket)*

*Food Tickets given out for Specials are good for that day only!*

## **Pro Shop Fall Merchandise Sale...**

Stop in to the Westfield GC Pro Shop for some deals on remaining merchandise!! Westfield GC logo merchandise is on sale at 30% off the marked price. Remaining golf gloves are on sale for 20% off the marked price. Remaining sunglasses are also on sale for 20% off the marked price. Keep checking back for more deals as they come around!! We are very limited on golf balls, but we still have some clothing left, and some golf gloves. Stop by and see what is left and take advantage of some great deals! This sale will be on until the golf course closes for the season!

If you are looking for any Holiday or Christmas Gifts, please consider Westfield GC!! We can special order just about anything for you!

## **Reciprocal Privileges with Regional Courses...**

Membership/Season Pass Holder cards are available in the Westfield Pro Shop and are necessary to take advantage of the reciprocal privileges. Please pick up your cards before you go play.

Westfield has had reciprocal privileges with some other regional golf courses! This is an exciting addition to Westfield!! There have been questions about this, so we will try to do our best to answer some of them now. Once you pay for your 2018 Westfield Membership/Season Pass, you will eventually be issued a membership card from the Pro Shop which you can use to prove membership to Westfield GC. (We will not be mailing them out, but will have them for you to pick up in the Pro Shop area once we get them printed. This should be within the next couple of weeks.)

When you decide to go and visit one of the reciprocal courses we have on the list below, you are required to call the golf

course you are going to go play, find out the restrictions that specific golf course has for the reciprocal privilege, identify that you are going to be utilizing the reciprocal deal, and make a tee time. Cost for Westfield Members/Season Pass Holders is one of the following (depending on the course)... A golf cart fee, or \$20.00, \$21.00, or \$25.00, per person. You must pay the fee, whether you walk or ride in a cart. There is no "free golf" at the reciprocal courses. Each golf course has its own individual rules, so it is vital that if you are going to take advantage of this you must call that golf course, and not just show up unannounced. Westfield also has rules for players from the reciprocal list who decided to visit Westfield. The list is growing and evolving. The current listing of courses can be found below, on the Westfield GC website ([www.westfieldgolfclub.com](http://www.westfieldgolfclub.com)), and also can be found in the golf shop in printed form, once the final list of courses is completed.

Westfield GC is Reciprocal with the following area golf courses . (*List subject to change each season*):

### 2018 Reciprocal Course List....

	<u>Phone #</u>
1. Westfield GC, Winona, MN	507-452-6901
2. Piper Hills GC, Plainview, MN (In for 2018)	507-208-6028
3. Ferndale GC, Rushford, MN (In for 2018)	507-864-7626
4. Mississippi National Golf Links, Red Wing, MN (In for 2018)	651-388-1874
5. Ma-Cal-Grove, Caledonia, MN (In for 2018)	507-725-2733
6. Oaks GC, Hayfield, MN (In for 2018)	507-477-3233
7. Lake Pepin Golf Course, Lake City, MN (In for 2018)	651-345-5768
8. Lewiston CC, Lewiston, MN (In for 2018)	507-523-2060
9. Pine Island GC, Pine Island, MN (In for 2018)	507-356-8252
10. Drugan's Castle Mound, Holmen WI (In for 2018. <i>Westfield Pro Shop makes tee times.</i> )	608-526-3225
11. Pine Creek GC, LaCrescent, MN (In for 2018)	507-895-2410
12. Lake City Golf Course, Lake City, MN	651-345-3221
13. Lanesboro Golf Club, Lanesboro, MN (In for 2018)	507-467-3742
14. Preston Golf Course, Preston, MN (In for 2018)	507-765-4485
15. Ettrick Golf Course, Ettrick, WI (In for 2018)	608-525-6262
16. Coulee Golf Bowl, Onlaska, WI (In for 2018)	608-781-1111
17. Whitehall Public Golf Course, Whitehall, WI (In for 2018)	715-538-4800
18. Walnut Grove GC, Cochrane, WI (In for 2018)	608-248-2800
19. Osseo Golf Course, Osseo, WI (In for 2018)	715-597-3215

The above list is current as of June 1, 2018. (*List is subject to change, and possibly change each year.*)

\*\* Drugan's Castle Mound tee times MUST be made through Westfield GC Pro Shop. (\$20/per person, includes cart.) Reciprocity with Drugan's is only in effect as long as both courses are open for the season. IF Westfield GC is closed for the season and Drugan's is still open for play, or re-opens for play during the winter months, the reciprocal rate is not valid.

### Golf Lessons

Struggling with your game? Looking to try to lower your handicap? ...Short game problems, long game problems, putting problems? Book a lesson with your local PGA Golf Professional, Brian Paulson and lets fix it!! I have lesson packages available for individuals, groups, kids, adults, women, men, etc... Start having some fun while you are playing! (Struggling with your game isn't much fun.) Inquire in the Pro Shop!! Golf Lessons are available as long as the Driving Range is open for the season, and weather permits.

Unfortunately, Westfield GC does not have an indoor area to hit balls, or space for off-season practice or lessons. Thank you to all of you who purchased lesson packages or took individual lessons in 2018! I look forward to seeing you again next season and will start lessons up again when weather permits.

### Club Repair

Need some grips replaced? Did you break a shaft and need it to be replaced? Loft and lie adjustments on irons and putters can also be accomplished, if needed!! Contact Brian in the Westfield GC Pro Shop!! The fastest way to recreate that new club feel is to get your grips replaced! (Most people should replace their grips at least once a year, if you play regularly!!) I can get almost anything within a day if I don't already have it in stock. Turn-around time to get grips or most work done is a day, or two, tops! Golf club re-gripping service is available all season long. If you are looking for any grips to be put on over the winter months, because you just want to get things ready for next Spring, or you have a winter golf trip planned and want new grips on your clubs before you go, just give Brian a call. Cell: (507-450-7037), or shoot me an email.... [bjpaulsonpga@gmail.com](mailto:bjpaulsonpga@gmail.com).