

By Jan Rahn

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With spring officially here, board members of the Grant Golf Course are anxiously awaiting their first scheduled event.

The club had a clean-up day recently and members have met to develop plans and changes.

One of the biggest changes is the course's new superintendent, Zane Vapenik.

The Annual Spring Fling membership meeting is set for Saturday, April 10, at the pavilion shelter on the course at 4:30 p.m., with music, food, prizes, and no entry fee. In case of bad weather, it will be held inside at Bench Warmers.

"We are looking forward to another fun year at the course," said golf club president Kevin Poppe.

Some of the projects lined up for this year include:

- Updating the greens mower and shifting the current mower to mow tee boxes
- Finishing installation of metal siding on the club house

- Adjusting the tee boxes to allow for two sets of ladies tees that will match two sets of men's tees. This will allow for better and more consistent couples play
- Installation of a donated heating and air system in the clubhouse
- Working on the pond in front of hole 8 green
- Developing a Facebook Fan page, and acquiring new scorecards.

Poppe explained the club has some unique tournaments scheduled for the year, including a home tournament with Benkelman and a Friday/Saturday hole tournament, playing a different format each round.

The club is adding to their rental fleet of gas powered golf carts and have created a program where golfers can lease a cart for the entire season. There are no maintenance or storage issues, said Poppe.

In looking back at last year, Poppe said there was an incredible amount of volunteer labor, plus financial donations to finish the shelter. As an Eagle Scout project, Nick Turner's landscaping put on the finishing touches.

"The shelter has really enhanced the golf experience for members and guests," said Poppe.

Speaking on behalf of fellow board members, Jerod Burge, Ryan Richmond, Jim Kemling, Brent Turner and Jorje Geisert, Poppe said, "We are fortunate to have a golf course that is so affordable and accessible in the county. If you haven't been out to the course in a while, we would encourage you to come out and take a look at the improvements."

2010 Tournament Schedule

- May 23: 1 p.m. 4-Person Fun Day sponsored by Perkins County Community Foundation. Contact Michelle Ross 352-4131 or Jeff Wallin 352-2676.
- June 5: 11 a.m. Two-man four-ball scramble. Call Calvin Dahlkoetter 289-6471.
- June 26-27: 7:10 a.m. Hatch's Super Foods three-man scramble. Call Kyle Hatch 289-6538 or Troy Terwilliger 402-416-3140.
- July 17: 9 a.m. Three-man format, shoot-golf-poker scramble sponsored by Perkins County Youth Development Club. Call Adam Uehling 352-6531 or Aaron Uehling 352-6544.
- July 18: 1 p.m. Two-couple scramble. Call Dale and Connie Styskal 352-4293.
- July 31: 1 p.m. Two-man 27 hole three format. Call Brent Turner 352-8410 or Shawn Stutzman 353-0599.
- Aug. 6: 9 a.m. Pinnacle Bank Junior Golf Tournament.
- Aug. 15: 1 p.m. Two-person scramble sponsored by Perkins County Health Service Foundation. Contact Ron Patrick 352-4298.
- Aug. 14-15: 7:30 a.m. Two-day four-man scramble, Grant/Benkelman, hosted by First Bank and Trust. Call Ryan Richmond 352-8572 or Josh Fries 414-1977.

- Sept. 18: Time TBA. 18-hole, par three tournament, NU vs Washington game. Call John Long 352-6202.

Weekly Schedule

- Monday, 5:30 p.m., Couples League.
- Tuesday, 9 a.m., Ladies League.
- Wednesday, 1 p.m., Men's Senior League (time changes to 9 a.m. in June).
- Thursday, 5 p.m., Men's League.
- Friday, 9 a.m. Junior Golf, grades four through nine. Call Jonette Kemling 352-4943.
- Friday, 5 p.m., Couple's League.