



# SMOKE SIGNALS

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Pottawattomie Country Club

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

# PRESIDENT'S POST



Happy New Year to all! 2023 is here. May we all have safe and healthy year.

The late December blizzard and arctic weather have abated, at least for now. I am sure the snowbirds who have already left are happy to have missed it. The rest of us will zip up our winter coats and keep the shovels handy for the winter months ahead.

I mentioned in last month's Smoke Signals that we are moving along with many improvement projects. The wood replacement on the bridges near the 3rd green and the 4th tee box have been completed. We have purchased a golf simulator which will be ready for use beginning this month, as soon as we have fine-tuned the software. A portion of the cart path on the 12th hole near the creek has been replaced with the remainder being completed when the weather breaks. Several more improvements are planned during the winter. The sewerage lift station will be repaired in January. Bar stools are on order. The computer server will be replaced with updated software very soon. We have engaged a golf course architect to advise us on a short game practice area. Progress, progress, progress!

You should receive your January bills very soon. Please note that your existing payment method will continue unless you notify Laurie with your updated instructions. As an incentive for our Golf Members to pay their fees and minimums upfront, Pottawattomie is offering three complimentary escorted golf guest passes.

Zach Palm recently resigned after many years at Pottawattomie to pursue other business interests. We wish him well in his new career. I suspect we will see Zach on the course sometime this year. In the meantime, we are working diligently to bring our Golf Shop personnel up to the desired level. We have just recently hired a Director of Golf Operations, Justin Stevens. Justin will work very closely with Mike Nygren in making Pottawattomie's Golf Shop exceptional.

Finally, we are excited to report that Pottawattomie will be offering Friday and Saturday evening dining beginning January 13th and January 14th and brunch on January 15th. As always reservations are crucial. The bar will be open throughout the afternoons (Thursday-Sunday), making the golf simulator even more enjoyable! A Constant Contact will be sent out with updates once all details are finalized.

Please come out and enjoy your club during these winter months.

Stay warm!

Tom Young  
President



I begin with a sincere thank you from all of the Pottawattomie Country Club staff for your continued support and generous contributions to The Pottawattomie Holiday Fund. Everyone who works at our Club received a holiday bonus that definitely brightened their season.

Fun comes to the Pottawattomie Clubhouse in 2023! We will be offering Friday and Saturday evening dining as well as our Sunday Brunch. As soon as things are finalized, a Constant Contact will be sent out regarding the hours. The bar will be open weekly, Thursday through Sunday.

We have turned the Ball Room into a sporting paradise! The addition of the ForeSight golf simulator will be instrumental in keeping your game sharp and having good, spirited competition with your friends. The simulator will be up and running beginning January 12th, as will the bar. It is important to make your tee time for the simulator, so call the club house today. While you are waiting to play on the simulator you can partake in a spirited game of cornhole. I envision Saturday night tournaments with plenty of libations! If you are new to pickleball or want to improve upon your rally skills, the Ball Room is the place for you with a net set up to work on your talents. Our fundraising will begin in the near future to ramp up for more courts. We are well over halfway to adding more courts! You will all be notified as soon as we work out all details.

I am excited to present the new incentive programs for the start of 2023. We are referring to this program as the Member Loyalty Program (MLP).

Member loyalty is our number one recruiting tool for new members. There is nothing more fun than going to your club and have your friends and family join you. Working with the Membership/Marketing Committee, we designed the MLP to reward our Members to reach out to family and friends with an incredible opportunity.

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For all of our current Golf Members the offer is as follows: invite someone you know to join the Club and our 2023 initiation fees for a desired membership class will be reduced by half. They will be invited to join as early as the 15th of January with access to all winter amenities at the Club and start paying dues April 1st. This special offering will be limited and will end April 1st.

With the MLP, our current Social Members also have an incredible opportunity! A Social Member can upgrade to a Golf Membership with a small, or perhaps no, initiation fee. That fee is determined by the fees in place the year you joined Pottawattomie. Given that this amount will differ for each Member, please call me and I'll explain your specific incentive. You won't want to miss this one-time limited offer to enjoy all the fun, (including on the golf course!) that Pottawattomie CC has in store for you. Call me!

Over these winter months, I will also be reaching out to all our seasonal Pool Members asking them to consider upgrading to a Social Membership to more fully enjoy the Club.

Let's have a great winter at Pottawattomie CC!

Matt Wooldridge  
General Manager





# Holiday Party

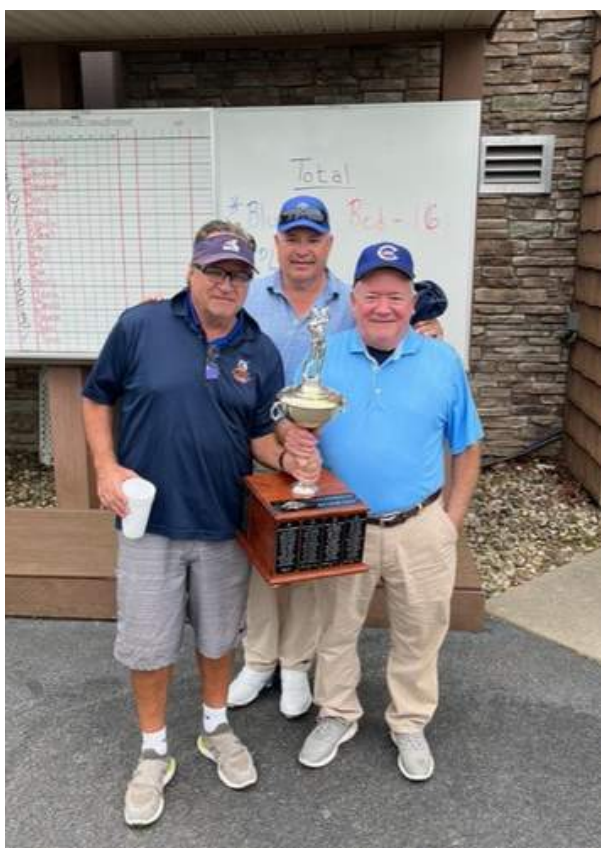
Pottawattomie was definitely the place to be on Friday night as the Members gathered together to celebrate the past year and ring in the new one! The food was amazing, the drinks plentiful and the laughter among new and old friends was festive and just what was needed!







2022 Pottawattomie Golf









2022 Pottawattomie Social









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