

SMOKE SIGNALS

Pottawattomie Country Club

March, 2023



PRESIDENT'S POST



So, what's new at the Club? Actually, quite a bit, most of which is behind the scenes.

Matt Wagner and his grounds crew are removing many dead trees and overgrown shrubbery, both of which will vastly improve upon the vista and playability of the course. His crew have put their efforts into trimming the area by the creek as the initial start of our increased creek maintenance plan. The mild weather allowed us the opportunity to make some serious headway of the cart path on the 12th hole.

Board Member Bob Mathes is spearheading a donation drive for a new short game area that will add great value to our already great course. David Baldwin is kicking off the 2023 Advertising and Membership Drive. Our new golf pro, Justin Stevens, is spending as much time as possible getting things ready for the 2023 golf season. His arduous efforts in The Golf Shop are often interrupted though as he has made the golf simulator his project as well. Between organizing "rounds" and giving private lessons, his days fill up quickly. Tim Dunigan is currently putting the finishing touches on our 2023 Social Calendar. The Social Calendar will be included in each issue of *Some Signals*, so please check it often and start to make your plans now for summer fun! There are way too many projects, plans and completions to list that Matt Wooldridge and Laurie Rhed have either achieved or intend to in the weeks ahead. No off season for them! We are very fortunate to have these two committed people working at The Club.

As a reminder, we are always looking to expand upon our already great Pottawattomie staff. Currently, we have openings for additional chefs and culinary crew. We have several different kitchen categories to fill, something for multiple capabilities from cooking to cleanup, so if you know anyone, please pass the contact information to Matt Wooldridge.

We still have a little room for a few more Members. Please continue to spread the word about our great club to your friends and neighbors. The 2023 membership flyers can be easily found on the Pottawattomie website (Pottawattomie.com) under the drop-down MEMBERSHIP. We are confident that your friends, extended family and neighbors will enjoy what we are able to offer them.

In this month's *Smoke Signals*, we are asking for donations for the construction of a new short game area, additional pickleball courts, and the Fourth of July fireworks. We recognize that this may feel like fundraising overload, but several different departments are desperately trying to start projects this year, all of which will enhance your membership to Pottawattomie. Please consider donating. We will minimize projects requesting donations in the future.

Warmest Regards,

Tom Young, President

A MINUTE WITH MATT



February started with a bang! The Waste Management Golf Tournament and the Super Bowl Party were lots of fun. With our current kitchen staff shortage, the existing staff rallied together to facilitate a great spread enjoyed by 40 plus Members and friends. The big winner was the Collins family that had the final square.

In the month of February, we got creative in the dining room. Due to the open positions on the kitchen staff, we went to the next best thing. We catered in Mexican food from a delicious LaPorte restaurant and then authentic Asian food from a local Michigan City restaurant on two different Fridays. Everyone seemed to enjoy getting out and seeing their friends at The Club, while enjoying a great meal! The best news is that Gus, our trusted and reliable chef, is back from his winter vacation and is fully energized and ready for action. We are still shorthanded, although we are cautiously optimistic that a full staff will be in place very soon.

The front office staff has definitely stayed busy making sure we are ready for the upcoming season. Laurie and others have worn many different hats all winter long! In addition to the front office, Justin and Mike are getting The Golf Shop organized and ready for new apparel to arrive soon. Justin continues to give private lessons on the simulator which are sure to enhance Members playability.

We currently have three fundraising projects underway. The first is the pickleball expansion to have three courts (thus adding two additional courts). Assuming this lofty project moves forward (and it appears very likely!), everyone that has donated thus far will be billed this month. With our current pledges, we are 75% of the way to our goal! We do need to reach 100% in order to proceed with this project. We are still accepting pledges for this exciting project. Please call Laurie or me with your kind contribution of any amount. This addition and enhancement will be a differentiator from other clubs in the area!

The second rousing project is the exciting concept and reality of adding a Short Game Area to the course. This will be built off the northeast corner of the clubhouse in near proximity to the 18th green. Funding has been very successful to date and closing in on making it a reality. A March Madness pool to facilitate raising additional money for the short game area has been organized. More information can be found in this issue of Smoke Signals.

The third project during the very fun Kentucky Derby Gala. The Horse Pull is being done with all proceeds after payouts going to the July 2nd Family Fireworks and Barbeque Party. Social Chair, Tim Dunigan, writes more about this in this month's Smoke Signals.

All of these projects are in need of additional funding in order for The Board to approve them..

Several seasonal charges will be applied and auto billed at the end of this month (cart plan or trail fee, lockers, bag and pull cart storage, CDGA fee). If you want to make changes or verify what you will be charged for on March 31st, please reach out to Laurie via phone or email (219-872-8624, lrhed@pottcc.com).

As a reminder, Social Members are offered the opportunity of unlimited use of the golf practice range for \$200pp for the season. Again, please notify Laurie if you would like to enjoy this amenity.

I am really looking forward to the upcoming season and celebrating the numerous accomplishments that we have achieved over this 'off season' with you all. Pottawattomie is the welcoming and warm environment it is because of you; our gracious and generous Members.

Matt Wooldridge, General Manager

MEMBERSHIP



We wish to extend a warm welcome to our new Social Members Bill & Trish Cusack as well as golf member Patrick Lahiff. Please introduce yourselves to them as they begin meetings that The Club has to offer.



Three Golf Member applications were just recently picked up from the clubhouse. I'm confident that they will be added to the many other names that will be welcomed in the next issue of Smoke Signals.

Keep inviting friends and neighbors to join The Club, especially offering them the one time, time sensitive incentive we are calling the Membership Loyalty Program. More information on this incentive is on the following page in a full-page ad. The flyer for this, and all other membership opportunities, can be found in this issue as well.

As always, thanks for promoting your Club.

David Baldwin and the entire Membership/ Marketing Committee



An aerial photograph of a golf course clubhouse and surrounding area. The clubhouse is a large, multi-story building with a dark roof and stone accents, situated in the center. To its right is a large parking lot filled with cars. In the foreground, there are several green golf courses with sand traps and a few people playing. The background is filled with dense green trees and a large industrial building with a white roof.

THINK POTTAWATTOMIE

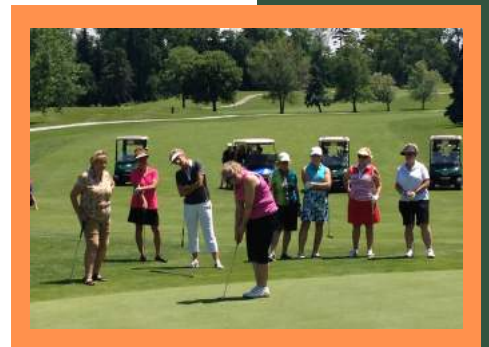
Whatever You Think of Country Clubs, Think Again



MEMBERSHIP LOYALTY PROGRAM

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

For all our current Members the offer is as follows: invite someone you know to join The Club and our 2023 initiation fees for a desired Golf Membership will be reduced by half. They will be invited to join now and enjoy access to all winter amenities at The Club and **not start paying dues April 1st**. This special offering will be **limited and will end April 1, 2023**.



Call us to schedule a personal tour!

Membership Offerings

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP | INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

This membership allows you full use of all of The Club facilities, including access to Golf, Pool, Dining and all Social events. Amenities include Golfing Privileges, use of Driving Range, Swimming Pool, Pickleball, Casual & Formal Dining, Invitation Only Member Events. [Family Flyer](#) | [Individual Flyer](#)

CORPORATE GOLF MEMBERSHIP

Pottawattomie Country Club is perfect as your home base for client lunches, meetings, and golf. Bond with client and office team members on the improved Driving Range and the Pickleball court. Enjoy a professional, yet casual environment, exceptional service, distinctive culinary choices and the prestige of a premier private club setting. [Corporate Golf Flyer](#)

INTERMEDIATE MEMBERSHIP | JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

Offered at introductory rates, Intermediate and Junior Memberships provide the perfect way for the younger membership candidate to experience everything that Pottawattomie Country Club has to offer, as well as the improved Driving Range and Pickleball court. These memberships are offered to candidates 40 years old and younger. [Intermediate Flyer](#) | [Junior Flyer](#)

SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP

Social Membership allows you and your family full use of all Social and Clubhouse facilities including access to Pool, Pickleball, Dining, Social events, and limited Golf Course privileges. [Social Flyer](#)

POOL MEMBERSHIP

Pool Membership entitles your family full use of the Pool, Red Barn Grill and Snack Bar, and fenced-in playground area adjacent to pool. Pool is open Memorial Day - Labor Day. [Pool Flyer](#)

REVIEW REQUEST



Please consider helping your Club by going to <https://g.page/r/Cb9tMdrP8PREEAI/review> and leaving a review about the Club based on your experience at Pottawattomie this recent season. Your comments can be brief; addressing one specific memory or the entire season. Your remarks can be about golf, social events, pool enjoyment, dining, meeting new friends, gathering with old friends, entertaining guests, etc. Your words might just encourage someone to come and learn more about us. Again, thanks for all the ways you promote The Club to friends and neighbors.

GROUNDS



March is a month that gives a hint of hope for those of us still in the grip of winter - a brief glimpse of what is to come in spring with some sunny days and warming temperatures. Sometimes it seems to whisper- *all is okay, just be a little patient as good things are around the corner!* Here is some activity from the grounds crew.

Short Game Area - I recently read an article in Golf Digest about the best way amateurs can break 100, 90 or 80 is to practice their short game. As mentioned in previous Smoke Signals, we have developed plans for a short game practice area near the 18th green. The area has been staked out already and is visible from the clubhouse.

In order to make this happen, we are asking for donations from our Members. When we asked for the assessment last year, we did not include funds for this project. The cost is estimated at \$68,000. Our March Madness fund raiser should raise approximately \$9,000 for this project. Several anonymous donors have pledged \$25,000 of matching funds if the project starts this summer. Therefore, we need an additional \$34,000 to make this happen this summer. We have received pledges for some of the \$34,000 but we are still short of our goal. We ask that you consider donating funds for this project. Please contact Laurie Rhed (219-872-8624, ext 102) if you are interested in donating.

One final note on the short game area. If we do not raise the additional \$34,000 by April 15th, we will lose the matching funds and will not start this project this summer. The project will be reconsidered as part of our fall planning process. Pledged money will be billed to accounts on May 1, 2023, only if the goal of \$34,000 is reached. If the goal is not reached, all pledges made will be canceled. Funds obtained from the March Madness pool will be set aside to fund the project in the future.

Grounds cont...

Course Conditions - I recently had the pleasure of walking the course on a beautiful day to see the extensive clearing that was done by the grounds crew, especially the assistant groundskeeper Nate Johnson. Nate took full advantage of the warmer than normal weather in February and efficiently removed multiple dead and/or overgrown trees and shrubs using a specialty excavator machine. The many removals seemed to open the imaginary curtain, further exposing the beauty of our surroundings. Trail Creek is an amazingly attractive and scenic God-given amenity given to The Club that has inadvertently been kept hidden. As the days warm up and the spring growth begins, I encourage you all to walk the course and take in its beauty. Please feel free to share our secret with your friends and family. I think they too will marvel at its beauty.

Our new bridges and beautifully groomed vistas throughout the entire course, thanks to our diligent and dedicated grounds crew, is intensifying the natural beauty of Pottawattomie! We are making serious progress on the new concrete cart path that goes from the 11th green to the bottom of the hill on the 12th hole. This portion of the path will most likely be completed by mid Spring thanks to a generous donation from one of our Members.

Being Members of Pottawattomie Country Club, we are fortunate to be a part of this beautiful and long-lasting treasure that dates back over 114 years. It is our collective plan to consistently maintain and improve upon our golf architect and designer Tom Bendelow's vision and plan. I think he would be proud of what we have further achieved with his plans. With that thought in mind, the Pottawattomie Board is preparing a survey to get your ideas and feedback on what you, as a Pottawattomie Member, want to see happen to our golf course as part of our long-range planning.

On behalf of the entire Grounds Committee, I wish you all a pleasant pre-Spring!

Bob Mathes





Hard to believe it's the beginning of March already! Spring is right around the corner and most of the winter and cold weather is hopefully behind us. There are a lot of exciting things going on at Pottawattomie involving the golf program and The Golf Shop.

First and foremost, our new Director of Golf, Justin Stevens, is settling in nicely. He recently returned from the winter PGA convention in Orlando and brought back many new ideas and a refreshed enthusiasm for his passion as a certified PGA Teaching Pro. He and Mike Nygren are diligently working at managing the much-used golf simulator, giving lessons on same and getting The Golf Shop stocked and ready for the 2023 season.

The Golf Simulator has been up and running since early January and its use has been steadily increasing. You can practice your game, play on a number of renowned courses or take a lesson from one of our PGA pros (call The Golf Shop to make arrangements, 219-872-0624). Use of the simulator is included in all Golf Memberships for primary Members and their partners at no charge. A fee of \$10/reservation is charged for Social Members and guests (billed to your Pottawattomie account). You can reserve the simulator for a two-hour block of time on the "Team Reach" app (group name Pottsim) or by calling The Club or The Golf Shop. Bar/beverage service is typically available during hours of operation. Now that Gus is back from his winter break, there will be limited weekend offerings from the kitchen as well.

The Golf and Grounds Committees have been busy over the winter completing plans for a sixth set of tees on our course, designated the "Green Tees". This setup will play significantly shorter than the current Red Tees at approximately 4700 yards. Green Tees will be rated and sloped by the CDGA, hopefully in time for the official start of the season. We feel the shorter course set up will be especially enjoyed by our more novice golfers and junior golfers. We encourage you to try the new Green Tees once they become available.

Plans for development of a short game practice area, as detailed by Bob Mathes in the last issue of Smoke Signals, have been finalized. Once operational, hopefully by the fall of this year, the chipping and sand practice facility will help all of us improve our short games. VERY EXCITING!!

Golf cont...

The Men's 2023 Golf Schedule has been finalized. In an effort to enhance access to the course on weekends, we have done our best to limit golf events and/or tournaments. Last year's participation in our Club's golfing events was near record setting. Event format information is available in The Golf Shop. Participation in these events is strongly encouraged as it is a great way to meet fellow Members and sharpen your golf skills at the same time.

In addition to the regularly scheduled Joiner's Games (Thursday and Fridays at 1pm and non-tournament Saturdays and Sundays at 9am), The Golf Shop will be organizing, by popular request, a 9 Hole Joiner's Game on Thursdays at 2:30pm and on non-tournament Saturdays and Sundays at 10:30am. Call The Golf Shop if you are interested in learning more about the Joiner's Games.

Finally, a reminder to post all of your valid away scores via the CDGA app. Looking forward to seeing all at Pottawattomie for a very exciting season ahead.

See you on the course,

Dr Mike Flisak, and the entire Golf Committee



2023 MEN'S GOLF SCHEDULE

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

April 29	Opening Big Cup Scramble, 9am shotgun start
May 6	Open Play, 9am Joiner's Game
May 13	Shamble, 9am shotgun start
May 20	Open Play, 9am Joiner's Game
May 27	Open Play, 9am Joiner's Game
May 29	Pro Shop event, One Net Best Ball Blind Draw
June 2	Men's Single Match Play Championship begins
June 3	3-2-1 Tournament, 8:30am shotgun start
June 10	Open Play, 9am Joiner's Game
June 17	Open Play, 9am Joiner's Game
June 22	Member-Guest practice round
June 23	Member-Guest, 8am shotgun start
June 24	Member-Guest, 8am shotgun start
July 1	Flag Day
July 7	Calcutta Auction
July 8	Calcutta, 8:30am shotgun start
July 15	Open Play, 9am Joiner's Game; Social golf event in the afternoon
July 22	Member-Member, 8am shotgun start
July 29	Open Play, 9am Joiner's Game
August 5	Club Championship, tee times
August 6	Club Championship, tee times
August 12	Open Play, 9am Joiner's Game
August 19	Quota game, 8:30am shotgun start
August 26	Open Play, 9am Joiner's Game; Social golf event in the afternoon
September 1-4	Labor Day weekend; Open Play, 9am Joiner's Game
September 9	Men's Big Cup, 9am shotgun start
September 10	Couple's Big Cup, 12pm shotgun start
September 16	Pottawattomie Cup Playoff, 8:30am tee times
September 23	President's Ryder Cup, 9am shotgun start
September 30	Open Play, 9am Joiner's Game
October 7	Cross Country, 10am shotgun start
October 14	Open Play, 9am Joiner's Game
October 21	Open Play, 9am Joiner's Game

PLEASE REMEMBER TO POST YOUR WINTER GOLF SCORES ON THE CDGA APP!

Guidelines for Posting Out of Season Scores

The USGA Rules of Handicapping states: A score is acceptable for handicap purposes if the round has been played on a golf course during its active season. **The active season for the Chicago District is April 1-October 31.** However, many parts of our country have a year round active golf season.

- The last day of the CDGA and CWDGA official season is the last day that scores for rounds played at golf clubs in the Chicago District can be posted for handicap purposes.
- Rounds played after that date (no matter how good the weather might be) within our District or in any section of the country that is “off-season” are not acceptable for posting.
- If you play golf during the winter months in a section of the country that is “in-season” (e.g., Florida, Arizona, Southern California, etc.), those scores are to be posted for handicap purposes.
- You can post scores from the "Sun Belt" through My CDGA Caddie (website) or My CDGA (app).

If you have a membership number through another association it is important to link that number with your CDGA number for the purposes of the World Handicap System. Contact **Lynn Boyd**, CDGA senior director of handicapping, at (630) 685-2304 with the information that you are a member of another club in another part of the country and provide your additional association number. Once linked, you will see that all of your scores will be combined as part of the World Handicap System.





Happy March! The simulator has been very well received as it has been very active with regular play. If you're interested in signing up to get a few swings in before the course opens, go to the App Store, find and download TeamReach, enter code Pottsim. This will allow you to see what times are available and book your own time or group.

March means golf shop merchandise will begin arriving soon. We will be carrying a few new brands this season, so stay tuned for our Constant Contact updates on shop merchandise!

We have a full schedule of Member events planned for you this season. The Joiner's games will be in full force again this season, so if you're looking for a game, consider the Joiner's! We will also be hosting a 9 Hole Joiner's group this year. Joiner's is a great way to not only meet other Golfing Members, but hone your skills as well in this competitive format.

Mike and I are anxiously awaiting a permanent break in the weather and seeing everyone on the course very soon!

Thank you and see you soon,

Justin Stevens, Director of Golf Operations





This is the perfect time to hone up on your golf and pickleball skills.

The golf simulator is calling your name and the pickleball net is ready for you to practice your volleying. Multiple Corn Hole boards are set up too, so come out and play!

Make reservations for the simulator on teamreach (download the complimentary app), username Pottsim. Click the calendar icon to reserve your spot. To inquire about private lessons, call The Golf Shop (219-872-0624).

Bring your friends or enjoy an afternoon of fun with your family.

A limited menu is available on weekends and the bar is open Tuesday through Sunday

GOLF SIMULATOR GUIDELINES

- Hours of Operation: Wednesday thru Saturday 12-8pm, Sunday 11am-4pm.
- Reservations must be made by calling Pottawattomie (219-872-8624) or on the teamreach app (username is pottsim).
- Use of the simulator is limited to four people per hour. This same group of four may not reserve more than two consecutive one-hour intervals, with the second hour being reserved by a name different from the name used in the first hour.
- Individual reservations are limited to one one-hour time slot.
- Golf Members, as well as their significant partner, are able to use the simulator on a complimentary basis.
- Social Members are able to use the simulator at \$10/hour.
- Golf and/or Social Members are allowed to bring guests to use the simulator at \$10/person/hour. All guests must be accompanied by at least one Golf and/or Social Member.
- Private lessons can be arranged with Pottawattomie's Director of Golf Operations Justin Stevens.

For details, costs and reservations, please call Justin directly at (219-872-0624).

WGA



Attention ladies, one and all: The numerous WGA activities will tee off in the beginning of May. If you are already a golfer or are learning to be a golfer, you are welcome (and encouraged!) to join this group of really fun fellow Members. If you aren't a golfer but enjoy any opportunity to have fun, you too can join the WGA as a social member. Whether you are in for the golf or the good times, there is a full schedule of activities lined up for 2023!

If you have any questions or want to learn more about the WGA, contact one of the WGA Board members. They would love to tell you more!

- Mary Clare Loftus, President, 708-642-5126
- Barby Wendt, Vice President, 708-899-7957
- Pam Fiebig, Treasurer, 773-208-7736
- Eileen Willenborg, Secretary, 312-961-1375

For those already in the WGA, please look at the event sign up that was recently sent out. We are hoping to have all the event committee's positions filled by the start of the 2023 season. If you have misplaced the original sign-up sheet or know which fun event you want to help with, contact Barby Wendt (barbywendt@icloud.com or 708-899-7957).

Plans are in progress to add another tee box in a forward position for seniors, youth, high handicappers and more. Watch for updates on this in future issues of Smoke Signals.

Enjoy yourself wherever you are and we'll see you in the Spring.

Mary Clare Loftus

2023 WGA GOLF SCHEDULE

Tuesdays from May-September 18 Hole Play – 8:30am Shotgun 9 Hole Play - 9:30am

May 9	Opening Breakfast Scramble/Meeting: 9:00am, Golf to follow
May 16	Open Play
May 23	Open Play
May 25	Nine and Dine 3:30pm, dinner to follow
May 30	1st Medal "Stroke" Play
June 6	Open Play, Match Play 1st round begins
June 13	2nd Medal "Stroke" Play
June 20	Solheim Cup
June 22	Nine and Dine 3:30pm, Dinner to follow
June 27	Flag Day and Match Play 2nd round begins
July 4	Holiday
July 11	Exchange Day with Long Beach CC
July 18	Galcutta and Match Play 3rd round begins
July 20	Nine and Dine 3:30pm, Dinner to follow
July 25	WGA Mid-Season Meeting Scramble
August 1	3rd Medal "Stroke" Play
August 8	Guest Day; Match Play 4th round begins
August 15	Open Play
August 17	Nine and Dine 3:30pm, Dinner to follow
August 22	4th Medal "Stroke" Play
August 29	Member/Member; Match Play 5th round begins
September 5	5th Medal "Stroke" Play
September 12	Big Cup: End date for all Match play
September 14	Nine and Dine 3:30pm, Dinner to follow
September 19	WGA Finale, Awards, End of Season Meeting, Scramble
TBD	Season End WGA Dinner Party

**Joiner's Group: Thursdays at 8:30am, Sundays at 11am
Open to All Female Pott Golfers! Just show up!**

Pott Members Joe and Lori Cole are spending the winter months in Hawaii, meeting up with several other very fortunate Pottawattomie Members.

The Friend Fest started on the Big Island, enjoying a day of fishing with fellow Pott Members Marc and Susan Nagle. Fast forward to their island-hopping trip to see the Turims and Pearl Harbor in Oahu. A couple of days later, while taking in the spectacular views of the Kilauea Volcano, the Coles connected with their new BFF's, Bill and Hilary. Hopefully they gave them a Membership flyer!

Please send pictures of you wintering with fellow Pott friends. These gatherings can be anywhere, even Michigan City! Send them to lisazirpolo@gmail.com.

Mahalo!





Social



Even though Punxsutawney Phil predicted six more weeks of Winter, Pottawattomie offers up so many other options rather than being cold! Hopefully you have been able to get to Pottawattomie and take advantage of the new Winter Activities Area in the Clubhouse Ballroom. In addition to the golf simulator, Cornhole and indoor pickleball, the many tables are available for card games, dominos, etc. What a great place to meet your friends for a fun night of games. Someone else waits on you and cleans up! The bar is open Tuesday through Sunday. Food is available on the weekends.

The entire Social Committee is busy continuing to fill the Social Calendar with fun events and activities for all Members to look forward to. This season we have planned three fun 9-Hole Scrambles (casual men and women's golf matches), several Summer Nights on the Patio events, three themed entertainment nights that have yet to be defined in detail, but they will be fun...they always are - think comedy, music, dancing and dining. Several Game Nights are planned, and, new this year, a festive Masters' Watch Party in April. Please check out the updated Social Calendar each month in Smoke Signals. Details and sign-up information will be sent out prior to each event, but get these fun gatherings in your calendar now!

In addition to the current Social Calendar, there will once again be weekly water aerobics classes, pool side yoga, pickleball events-both social and serious, and weekly Canasta and Mahjong games organized by Members Beth Bozeman and Ruthie Friedell. Pott Member Karen Marvinac has put together a great book club that is getting rave reviews. There will be no excuses for being bored at The Club this summer!

Coming up quickly is the Annual St Patrick's Day Party. Look for the flyer in this month's Smoke Signals. Check your email throughout the month for a Constant Contact that will provide further details. This year, Pott will be celebrating on March 18. Of course there will be plenty of Irish favorites from the kitchen and festive thematic music. On this day, everyone is Irish!

During the month of March, there will be plenty of chairs available, a big screen TV, and the bar will be open as we celebrate the excitement of March Madness. What a great place to watch the games! Pottawattomie has put together Pot Pool to make it even more exciting this year.

Plan on joining other Members to kick off spring on May 6th with the Kentucky Derby and our Run for the Roses Party. Derby themed food and drinks, Best Derby-Dressed contest and, of course, the most exciting two minutes in sports! The Kentucky Derby flyer can be found in this issue of Smoke Signals.

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Block off July 2nd as Pottawattomie will once again be celebrating Independence Day with live music, a Backyard BBQ and a Fireworks Show! Plan to bring your family and friends and celebrate Pottawattomie style!

It's going to be a great season at Pottawattomie! We are excited to enjoy it with you.

Tim Dunigan, and the entire Social Committee

2023 SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Tim and Johanne Dunigan, Dave and Beth Bozeman,
John Hosty and Mary Toomey, Tom and Eve Minogue,
Greg and Lisa Suffield, Rick and Deanne Turim, Paul and Lisa Zirpolo

2022 Fun!



2023 POTTAWATTOMIE SOCIAL EVENTS

March 18	St Patrick's Day Party
April 8-9	Masters Watch Party
May 6	Kentucky Derby Gala
May 14	Mother's Day
May 20	Special Entertainment (tbd, but get this date in your calendar!)
June 7	Game Night
June 17	Special Entertainment (tbd, get this date in your calendar!)
June 18	Father's Day
July 2	, Family BBQ and Fireworks
July 12	Game Night
July 15	9-Hole Scramble (casual men/women golf event)
July 29	Special Entertainment (tbd, get this date in your calendar!)
August 16	Game Night
August 26	9-Hole Scramble (casual men/women golf event)
September 13	Game Night
October 14	9-Hole Scramble (casual men/women golf event)

SOCIAL CALENDAR IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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- For PICKLEBALL refer to TeamReach (pccpickleball) to connect with players! Contact Member Rick Turim for details (rturim@aol.com)
- For POTTAWATTOMIE'S CYCLING CLUB...contact Member Paul Zirpolo for details (paulzirpolo@gmail.com)
- For POTTAWATTOMIE FISH WHISPERERS-check in with The Golf Shop before casting! Contact Member Joe Cole for additional details (joseph.cole@comcast.net)
- YOGA IN THE WATER AEROBICS with yogi Cinda - official start day still up in the air. Check back each month.
- MAHJONG-FRIDAYS, 11:00am in the Clubhouse. Contact Member Beth Bozeman with questions (beth.bozeman@comcast.net)
- CANASTA-FRIDAYS, 11am in the Clubhouse. Contact Member Ruthie Friedell with questions (rfriedell@rcn.com)
- POOL SIDE YOGA with yogi Cinda-official start day still up in the air. Check back each month.
- For POTTAWATTOMIE BOOK CLUB, contact Member Karen Marvinac with questions (karen@marvinac.com)
- For POTTAWATTOMIE WINE CLUB, contact Member Joe Cole with questions (joseph.cole@comcast.net)

2023 POTTAWATTOMIE SOCIAL EVENTS

-Social Golf outings: open to both Golf and Social Members (with applicable golf fees for Social Members). Themes and tee off times yet to be determined.

-Wine Club: which entails several wine tastings throughout the active season and two Gourmet Wine Dinners (exact dates of all tbd), is open to all Pott Members with actual Wine Club Members receiving a discounted price and priority seating to the events. Wine storage lockers are available to lease on a yearly basis for \$150 (make rental arrangements with Laurie).

-Game Nights: typically begin at 6pm, exact game played TBD, a \$5pp buy in for payouts.

-Summer Nights on the Patio: simple music along with drink specials on the deck, weather permitting. PATIO RESERVATIONS NOT ACCEPTED FOR THESE MUSICAL EVENTS.





UPDATE...

As predicted, the March Madness Pott Pool sold out quickly. Many of you have called to get in on the fun and sadly found this out.

But, as is always the case, we've got your back.

We are attempting to have a second March Madness Pott Pool.

Same rules, same rewards, same urgency to call. As in now.

If we don't total 68 additional commitments by Selection Sunday (March 12th), there will not be a second pool.

As a reminder, all money collected after payouts go towards the creation and completion of the Short Game Practice Area. We can't start construction until it is fully funded, which is where you come in.

The Pott Pool will consist of 68 college teams, each acquired in a blind draw.

Your blind dream team can be purchased for \$300, two teams for \$500 or five teams for \$1000.

The payout is \$3k for the winner, \$1500 for the runner up. The final four get their money back (\$300) and the remaining elite eight get \$150, guaranteed.

Please call Laurie or Matt before March 10th and tell them you want in. Your purchase can be added to you monthly statement.

**Join your fellow Irish* Members on March 18th to celebrate the
Luck of the Irish!**

The festive gathering will offer you and your favorite
lass, lad or leprechaun an opportunity to enjoy some
Celtic music, traditional Irish food and, of course,
some Irish Whiskey and a pint or *two* of lager!

The taps begin flowing at 4:30pm and the Irish Buffet will be served from 5:30pm -7:00pm.

Wear your favorite Irish outfit and perhaps be the one to win the always-easy-to-enjoy bottle of
Keeper's Heart Irish Whiskey!



**Please call The Club to reserve your spot at the
Pottawattomie Pub on March 18th!
(219-872-8624)**

***everyone is Irish at this party!**

RUN FOR THE ROSES



2023 DERBY DAY PARTY, MAY 6th

It is okay to start thinking about days of sunshine and grounds that are not frozen and covered in white. What better time to start putting things on your calendar? First spring entry, RUN FOR THE ROSES PARTY at Pottawattomie Country Club!

This year's Derby Day will feature thematic food and drink specials, the same ones being enjoyed in the great state of Kentucky. Once again, the opportunity to "buy a horse" will be offered at \$250/horse. There will be two rounds of 20 horses, randomly drawn one hour before post time. Members are allowed to purchase more than one horse, as well as split the horse with another Pott Member or friend.

The Members with the winning horses will receive \$1,000 credit on their Pottawattomie account, Second place will receive \$500 credit and Third place will receive \$250 credit. No cash will be exchanged. All proceeds (after payouts) will go towards defraying the costs of the July 2nd Pottawattomie Family Fireworks event.

If you are not one to chase the race, consider being part of the very honorable TRIPLE CROWN CLUB. Your straight up contribution in any amount to the end goal will help us cross the finish line in style. No photo finish necessary.

Please call or email Laurie today to add your name to the list of supporting Members (219-872-8624, lred@pottcc.com).

There will be no refunds in the event of scratched horses.

All those in attendance are encouraged to wear their favorite Derby dress, hats and attire. Prizes for Best Dressed/Most Creative!



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