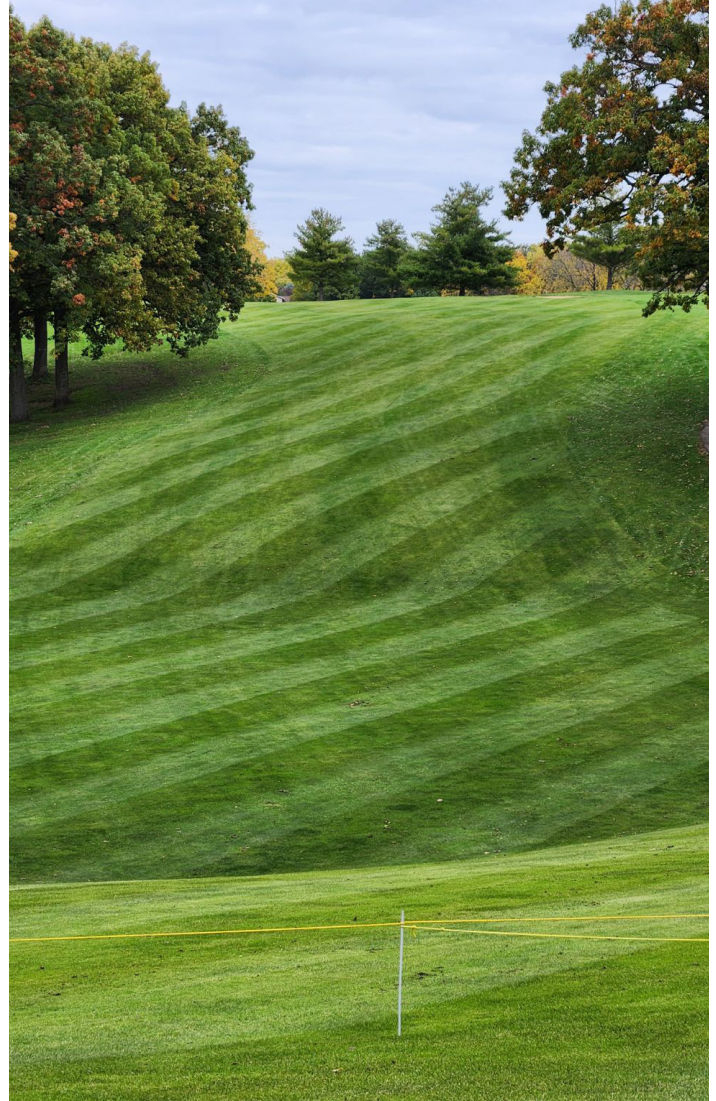


WHAT A GREAT 2023 SEASON! - Matt Rivers

The staff of TCC would like to say thank you for all your support this past season! We really enjoyed having all the members and guests enjoy the property. We were able to accomplish a lot last year. We updated our bar with a new wooden side panel and a new countertop, seal coated our parking lots and back 9 cart paths and added some equipment to our fleet to help the beautification of the course. We also added new range signs, new range balls, a new range ball washer, and new signage for our first-time guests to help better navigate the property. In addition, we overseeded the fairways, built a new tee box on 14, started building another new tee box on 11, cleared out and planted fescue by 16 green, cleared out trees from the eastside of 10 green, added 50 new carts, started another build for a new tee box on 9, added 44 tons of bunker sand to some of the bunkers, and finally, started taking down buckthorn and dead trees along 15 fairway. Thank you for your patience as we tackled these projects! TCC is looking great!

With so many projects going on last season, some of our projected goals for the 2023 season were unfortunately unable to be accomplished. One example was the renovation of our bunkers. Due to the costly cart path project, we could not complete the bunkers. Bunker renovations are a very expensive and labor-intensive project. Our bunkers need to be completely rebuilt. We would still like to renovate a couple of holes per season.



A picture of number 6 fairway in 2023

Aerating, Overseeding, Poa Blues, Oh My! - Matt Rivers

Our Front 9 fairways were aerated and overseeded this season. The front 9 is over 100 years old and the back 9 was added in the 90's. Through the many years of not having irrigation and no way to efficiently water, the front 9 fairways suffered. The new cultivars of seed have come a long way since the front 9 was built. Due to the lack of water and the burn outs every summer from the heat, annual bluegrass (Poa Annua) was

allowed to come into our stand of grass. If you have ever noticed that the back 9 fairways are tighter, dense and more playable, it is because of a variety of factors. The back 9 fairways have newer cultivars of seed and received water on a more regular basis. We invested in taking the time to aerate, spike and drill new seed into the stand on the front 9. We used low mow blue and regenerating perennial ryegrass. We fertilized with both liquid and granu-



The crew Aerating the greens in the spring with some of ourw machines.



Number 8 fairway. One of the fairways that was overseeded this season.

lar fertilizers and even added humic acid, sea kelp, molasses, amino acids, iron and wetting agents.

We have also been on a very regular aerating schedule since 2021. We have aerat-

ed the rough, the greens 14 times, and the tee boxes and fairways 1 to 2 times a year. By using these cultivating practices, we are ensuring the plant health and alleviating compaction from carts, mowers and foot traffic. On the greens we have been adding 66 to 88 tons of sand a year. The sand helps firm up the playing surfaces, dilute thatch and it also helps with water percolation. The root systems on our greens are anywhere from 2 to 5 times deeper than they were in 2021. The roots help the plant to fight drought and stress from biotic and abiotic stresses. They also help with being able to achieve faster greens when needed. The recovery time has also sped up for the turf. I'm sure everyone has noticed the trees coming down around the tees and greens. A large part of this is to combat Poa coming into our stand of grass, as well as helping our bent grass roots dive deeper into the soil profile. It is also helping photosynthesis to occur. Bent grass needs a minimum DLI (direct light interval) of 8 hours a day. Some of our greens such as #1 were only getting 3 to 4 hours per day. We were allowing the Poa to come into our greens and take over. Poa only has

roots that reach an inch to an inch and a half deep. They need much more regular fungicide inputs, water and labor to stay alive. We all saw how 1,3,4,8,10,15,16 and 17 greens suffered terribly every summer for many years. This is since Poa can survive and germinate with a much lower DLI. Poa is an annual grass, so it runs a life cycle for a year and then spreads its seeds. One plant can produce over 100 seeds, and then it dies. It is very prone to disease and cannot withstand the heat. This has been the cycle of TCC greens for the last 100 years for the front 9 and 30 years for the back 9. The trees that are east and south facing, the greens or tees, are too close in proximity and have been removed. As painful as it has been for some to see the trees go, these are the necessary steps to ensure that our greens are healthy, and that we have the correct growing environment at our course.



The Latest Breaking News

Congratulations to the City Tournament winners sponsored by The Coffee Depot and Deegans! Also, Congratulations to the Club Champions in their flights!

A big thank you to our City Tournament Sponsors this year, The Coffee Depot and Deegans Do it Best Hardware!!!!

Winner of this year's City Tournament: **Michael Hesselman**

Club Championship Winners
 Champion Flight: **Danny Ozga**
 First Flight: **Tyler Oren**
 Second Flight: **Jamie Shelley**
 Third Flight: **Tim Nanstad**
 Senior Flight: **Keith Ruzicka**

Thank you to everyone that participated in the City Tournament and the Club Championship! It has been great seeing all the different levels of golfers compete.

Also, a congratulations goes out to TCC member **Andrew Morrison** for winning the Janesville City Tournament in 2023.



Equipment Corner

The latest updates

We have added quite a bit of equipment in the last three seasons! Since 2021, we have added a greens aerator, a fairway and rough aerator, a zero turn mower, a 72-inch 3 point finish mower with double rollers, a John Deere Sprayer, another John Deere triplex greens mower, hover mowers, a John Deere Gator, a Kubota RTV, a Kubota Tractor, 2 trailers, a hydro seeder, an over seeder, a pull behind gang rough mower, a new cup cutter, new chainsaws, new blowers, another fairway unit, and a vacuum. We have been fortunate enough to have members borrow heavy equipment for long periods of time. In 2021, we had a nice setup but unfortunately not enough equipment. Having the correct equipment and multiples are a key ingredient to any golf course. Golf courses with multiple pieces of the same equipment can complete tasks in a faster manner which translates into better conditions for members and guests!

TCC Clubhouse

The latest updates

We have updated the dining area for events. We now have private parties on a regular basis throughout the year. We offer a wide variety of packages for your next get-together or event. Members can rent the clubhouse at a discounted rate. Please contact us for your next party!

As mentioned in the up-and-coming events, we have been having quite a bit of events and activities going on this winter. We have a bags league that happens every Thursday evening, bingo every Friday night and we will be starting up a fish fry again. Saturdays are a variety of live music, karaoke, meat raffles, and private parties! It has been so great to see our community supporting us not only during the golf season, but also in our off season by coming in for not only the above mentioned events, but also on a daily basis for lunch, cards, or some beverages!

New bar installed this season



We have been working hard to make the course Beautiful, but we have also been spending time on the clubhouse. We installed a new bar this season with the help of our members. We updated the side panel and installed a new bar top. The bar area looks updated and current with the new floors and bar.

Pro Shop

The latest updates

We have tried a few different brands of apparel and golf balls to see which brands our golfers prefer. What we have noticed is that Callaway is the most popular brand for apparel and Titleist is the preferred golf ball. Moving forward we will be selling Callaway apparel for men and women and primarily stocking Titleist golf balls as well as some other golf ball brands.



Course Photos





Summer of 2024

Outings and Leagues

We are already having outings book in for the 2024 golf season and the calendar is filling up! If you are still needing to book your outing, give us a call today to see if we can get that scheduled!

Every winter we meet, analyze our leagues, and set dates for our sign up/info meetings with the league committees. Wednesday Men's Champions League sign up meeting will be held at the Club House Wednesday March 27th at 3pm. Thursday night Men's Stricker and Kelly Leagues sign up meeting will be held at the Clubhouse Thursday March 28th at 6pm. Tuesday morning Women's league meeting will be held at the Clubhouse Tuesday April 16th at 10am. Tuesday night women's league sign up meeting will be held at the Clubhouse Tuesday, April 2nd at 6pm.

Please make sure to come by these nights if any of these leagues interest you and you would like to join! There will be more info to come on sign up for both couple's league as well as our junior golf program. Stay tuned for emails and Facebook posts on those!

We are excited to see where this next year takes us and how we can improve on all aspects of leagues and outings.

And as always, thanks to all our members and guests' support through the last couple of years. We continue to improve both the course and Clubhouse every year.

Here's to a great 2024 season!

