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The Official News Letter of the Sunflower Hills Patrons Club

The Staff at Sunflower Hills would like to congratulate the following:

Bryan Milberger ----- Men's Club Champion
Donna Reid ----- Women's Club Champion
Melba Gerber - Women's Senior Club Champion
Patrick Neal ----- Men's WyCo Champion
Brooklyn Lamberd--- Women's WyCo Champion
Chris Faddis ----- WyCo Sr Low Gross Champ
Doug Winkelbauer ----- WyCo Sr Low Net Champ
Dave Hunt ----- Most Improved Golfer
Paul Palmer ----- Distinguished Service
Reece Nigh ----- Player of the Year

As the 2020 golf season draws to a close, The Sunflower Hills staff would like to extend our thanks to all of our patron members for their support of the golf course! Without our members support, positive comments, and ideas our jobs just would not be the same! Sunflower Hills continues to strive to bring our patrons a great golf facility with outstanding service at the best value possible. We have plans to continue improvements to the course this winter, any ideas or suggestions that you may have please let us know.

For the dedicated golfer the winter season offers some of the best opportunities for golf. When you are dressed for the cooler temperatures, golf can be more enjoyable than during the spring and summer. The course as a general rule is less crowded when temps range from 40 to 50 degrees. Rounds tend to be played faster, 3 ½ hours for 18 holes is not uncommon, for some reason people play faster when it is cold. However, there are some special rules to be aware of during the winter months:

1. User friendly footwear. No metal spikes and no hunting boots! Soft spikes or other soft soled shoes only.
2. It is especially important that all ball marks be repaired on the greens.
3. Take special care to keep golf carts on the path whenever possible. During the winter months grass is continually thinned and cannot be replaced until warmer weather returns. Thinned

turf can leave openings for Poa Annuua and other weeds next spring. Keep golf carts on the path whenever possible.

Weather permitting, Sunflower Hills will be taking both Weekday and Weekend tee times until December 31, 2020. If you plan on playing it is always a good idea to call ahead and make a tee time whenever possible.

2021 Memberships Available December 1, 2020

2021 Patron Cards & Season Passes will be available, December 1, 2020; there will be no price increase for both green fees and membership fees for the 2021 season. There will be a small increase for golf carts, with our new fleet expect next spring. Please take a moment to review the rates listed below. Remember membership has its privileges. Our membership rates are very competitive and give you the following advantages:

1. The #1 advantage for Sunflower Hills patrons is tee times. Patrons can make tee times up to ten days in advance. The general public can make tee times up to seven days in advance. Standing Weekend tee times can be made for the entire season if the entire foursome are patron members (restrictions apply, ask for details)
2. Patron members receive up to \$6.00 off on Weekend fees and \$3.00 off on Twilite fees.
3. The Single Season pass includes all green fees.
4. A Senior Season pass includes all green fees Monday - Friday, excluding Holidays. Up to \$6.00 off on Weekends & Holidays.
5. Maintenance of a recognized USGA Handicap.
6. Sunflower Hills is a member of these golf organizations: Central Links Golf Assn., Greater Kansas City Public Links Golf Assn., Greater Kansas City Women's Public Links Golf Assn., & United States Golf Assn.
7. Members are eligible to play in all Patrons Club events, including the Wyandotte County Open.



2021 Green Fees *

	Weekday Mon. - Fri.	Weekend Sat & Sun	Twilite
Patron	\$22.00	\$30.00	\$16.00
WyCo Resident	\$23.00	\$32.00	\$17.00
Standard	\$27.00	\$35.00	\$18.00
Sr./Jr. Patron	\$16.00	\$30.00	\$16.00
Sr/Jr WyCo Res	\$17.00	\$32.00	\$17.00
Sr./Jr. Standard	\$18.00	\$35.00	\$18.00

* Walking fees. Golf carts an additional \$16 per rider.

Sunflower Hills Tee Time Policy

Weekday tee times may be made up to ten days in advance. Holiday tee times can also be made ten days in advance. Weekend tee times may be made under one of the four following procedures:

1. Participate in the phone lottery. Patrons may call up to ten days in advance to reserve times.
2. Come out in person on the day of play and put your name in with the starter as a walk-on.
3. Make a standing time for the season if everyone in the foursome has a patron card or season pass. All groups interested in making a standing time for the season must fill out an application form and return in to Sunflower Hills no later than December 31, 2020. At least one person must purchase their patron card at this time and will then become the group captain.

The privilege of having an opportunity to make reservations for Weekends and Holidays **does not guarantee that the time requested will be available.**

The Staff at Sunflower Hills would like to ask all of our Patrons to embrace the USGA's initiative to help speed up play by adhering to the 20 second rule. When it's your turn to play hit your shot within 20 seconds. Count your fellow players down and let them know how long it took them to hit. If they are over 20 seconds let them know and encourage them to be ready to play within the 20 second time frame. Also, try to avoid fivesomes. Even the fastest players at Sunflower take two hours to play nine holes when they are in a fivesome.

2021 Membership Rates & Information

Sunflower Hills Patron Cards

Single Patron Card	\$110.00
Senior Patron Card	\$85.00
Junior Patron Card	\$85.00
Family Patron Card	\$135.00

Sunflower Hills Season Passes

	Walking Season Pass	† Including Golf Cart
Single Pass	\$1,370.00	\$2,300.00
Senior Pass	\$675.00	\$1,475.00
Family Pass	\$1,790.00	\$3,260.00
Twilite Pass	n/a	\$1,185.00
	Single	Family
Range Pass	\$495.00	\$695.00

† Valid driver's license is required to operate a golf cart.

2021 Patron Tournaments

Saturday March 13th	Mudders Tournament
Saturday & Sunday April 10th & 11th	Masters Pro-Am
Saturday May 1st	Two Man Scramble
Saturday May 22nd	Memorial Stroke Play
Saturday June 19th	Two Man Shamble
Saturday July 24th	Club Championship
Saturday & Sunday August 14th & 15th	45th Annual WyCo Open
Sat. September 11th	Two Man Tri-Play
Saturday October 1st	38th Annual WyCo Senior Championship
Sat. October 9th	Red, White & Blue
Sat. November 14th	Down & Dirty

A Sunflower Hills Season pass is one of the cheapest in town. If you are a frequent player, 40 or more rounds per year, you still receive all advantages of a Patron card but never have to pay a greens fee again. Once again for this year Sunflower Hills will offer the options of adding a range pass and or golf carts allowing you to



customize your season pass to fit you individual needs. Check with the ProShop for more information or for details on an Installment plan.

Interested in Becoming a Sunflower Hills Volunteer?

We will have limited openings on our Volunteer Staff for 2021 with various duties and schedule times. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please contact Jeff Johnson.

The Staff would like to extend our congratulations to the Following for their hole in one this year:



Merle Parks
#4 on May 12th
No Picture Available



Jim Christoph
#8 on May 20th



Dale Moore
#4 on October 7th



Jay Sutera
#8 on October 31st

Down & Dirty Tournament

Saturday November 14, 2020

Low Gross Winners

1st	78	Tom Bachelor	\$75.00
2nd	81	Reece Nigh	\$50.00
3rd	87	Todd Milberger	\$40.00

Low Net

1st	72	Dan Crabtree	\$75.00
2nd	73	Greg Loethen	\$50.00
3rd	74	Josh Schultz	\$40.00
4th	80	Mike Sharp	\$30.00
T-5th	82	Jerry Reid	\$15.00
	82	Lew Levin	\$15.00
	82	Mike McNellis	\$15.00

Proximity Prizes – \$20 each

Closest #4 – Tom Bachelor

Long Drive #10 – Reece Nigh

Best Sob Story: Beer of Choice

Dan Crabtree & Reece Nigh

Biggest Whiner

Entire Field - "Too Many Putts on #16"

Is the Down & Dirty Fair? Yes!!!!

The annual Down & Dirty Tournament is historically the toughest tournament we have at Sunflower Hills. The average scores tend to be the highest of any tournament we have, even with the additional two strokes added to everyone's handicap. Is this tournament fair? Yes. American Heritage Dictionary defines one of the meanings of fair as "free of favoritism or bias, impartial, just to all parties". In that respect the Down & Dirty was fair because the conditions were the same for everybody! The intent of the Down & Dirty is not only to test the physical side of the entrants but more so to test the mental stability of the individual when misfortune strikes. In that respect the Down & Dirty was a fair and huge success.

If You're Not Playing By The Rules... You're Not Playing Golf!

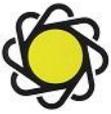
Substitution of Ball Always Allowed When Taking Relief

Previous Rule: A player is allowed to substitute a ball only when taking relief under certain Rules:

- Substitution is allowed when taking penalty relief, such as when a ball is in a water hazard, is unplayable or is lost or out of bounds (Rules 26-1, 27-1, 28).
- Substitution is not allowed when taking free relief, such as relief from obstructions or abnormal ground conditions (Rules 24-2 and 25-1); this means the player must use the original ball (except when that ball is not immediately recoverable).

New Rule: Under Rule 14.3, when taking relief, the player will always be allowed the choice to substitute a ball or to use the original ball, including:

- When taking penalty relief as well as when taking free relief (Rules 15-19), and



- Any other time the player is required to drop and play a ball, such as when returning to play from where a previous stroke was made after the stroke is cancelled.

Reasons for Change:

- The requirement to use the original ball in some relief situations but not others is confusing, hard to remember and leads to unnecessary penalties. Taking a consistent approach that always allows a player taking relief the choice to substitute a ball or use the original ball is much simpler.
- There is no need for a different procedure based on whether the player is taking relief with penalty or without penalty:
 1. The penalty is applied for reasons having to do with where the ball ended up (lost, out of bounds, in a penalty area or unplayable), not with which ball is played next.
 2. For example, if a ball lies in easy reach of the player, there is no reason to require the original ball to be used when taking relief because of interference by an animal hole, while allowing substitution when taking relief because the ball is unplayable.
- This change will eliminate the need when taking free relief to decide whether the original ball is “not immediately recoverable”, which can raise questions in various cases such as when the ball is in a few inches of temporary water or is under a prickly bush.
- This will also draw a clearer and more intuitive line between when substitution is allowed in returning a ball to play and when the original ball must be returned to play:
 1. Substitution will be allowed only when a player is taking relief under any Rule – that is, when the player is required or allowed to play the next stroke from somewhere other than where the original ball came to rest.
 2. Substitution will not be allowed when a ball was lifted or moved, and the Rules require it to be replaced on its original spot – in that case, the original ball must still be used (unless it cannot be recovered with reasonable effort and in a few seconds)



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