



Rochester City Golf News

Spring, 2018

Golf Talk

A new clubhouse at Northern Hills GC, a \$50 patron pass, and the addition of Hadley Creek GC to the new 4 for 1 season pass are among the highlights in Rochester City golf this year.

Congratulations to retired **Northern Hills GC** golf pro Jake Manahan for his election into the Rochester Quarterbacks Club Hall-of-Fame.... The 23rd annual Northern Hills Breast Cancer tournament, held June 15, already has 120 entries, it's generated well over \$100,000 for charity and a lot of fun over the years.... Apparel for men and women will be 20% off in April.

Eastwood GC has a new assistant golf professional familiar to many Hadley Creek golfers, John Murphy joins the staff this year.... There will be lots of new Titleist irons and Taylormade woods in the Golf Shop to try this year, along with a nice selection of putters... Saturday Night Couples Golf, a one-of-a-kind social golf event for City golfers, has five events scheduled through the summer and fall this year.

A new kind of Men's Club for golfers age 50 and over is starting this year at **Soldiers Field GC**. The "Sunday Senior League" will have 10 morning events and, hopefully, a lot of fun.... Our popular Men's Senior League will again have over 170 golfers having fun on Thursday mornings, and there's always room for more... We'll be featuring Skechers golf shoes this year for men and women. Comfortable, lightweight, and affordable, they're some of the best selling spikeless shoes around.

Activity is sure to increase at **Hadley Creek GC** this year with the completion of the 55th street project, it's become a much shorter trip for many... Also increasing play potential is the new 4 for 1 season pass.... A new Million Dollar Shoot-Out will be held June 22-24 at Hadley Creek. Benefitting First Tee junior golf and the Boys and Girls Club of Rochester, qualifying will be held at Hadley Creek with the finals held at Soldiers Field GC Friday night, June 24, during Rochesterfest.

Information provided by Rochester City Golf Professionals: Jeff Gorman, Mike Manahan, David Richardson, and Bill "Watty" Watson.

Turf Talk

The newly rebuilt #9 green at **Northern Hills GC**, sure to be a popular improvement for all golfers, is scheduled to be seeded this spring and open later in the summer, provided the weather cooperates.... About 150 tree seedlings will be planted on holes #3 and #7 this spring, nicely framing approach shots into the greens in future years.... 12 trees were transplanted from near the 11th hole to the back of the practice range late last fall... New forward tees on holes #11 and #13 will soon be in play and should make for more pars and birdies this year... A new forward tee on hole #17 will be built later this year, providing a more playable and enjoyable hole for many.

Drainage improvements completed late last fall on the back 9 at **Eastwood GC** should help on holes #15 & #16.... A new white tee on hole #15 is scheduled to open in early summer, it will add about 20 more yards to the hole along with a challenging new tee shot.... Trees cleared out left of #15 fairway will provide better sightlines for all golfers playing the red tees... The long despised sand bunker fronting the 17th green is scheduled to be removed later this year.

Goose control efforts over the winter has the golf course at **Soldiers Field GC** in the best shape in decades for early spring golfers.... As with the other Rochester City golf courses, the maintenance equipment has really improved the last several years, this year we've added two new mowers that will help in our grooming efforts.... Several antiquated shelters were removed from the golf course late last year, the comfort station near #9 tee and #15 fairway will be renovated and improved during the golf season this year.

Golf course improvements continue at **Hadley Creek GC** in 2018 and include an expanded cart path from the 4th green to the 5th tee, the removal of buckthorn along the creek, and better turf on the practice tee this spring. The practice tee was aerified, top-dressed with sand, and seeded late last fall... new sand has also been added to the practice bunkers and on-course bunkers will be improved with sand and bunker edging this year.

Information provided by Rochester City Golf Superintendents/Mechanics: Dave Brudwick, Joe Fischer, Jeff Minske, Mike Senjem, and Steve Theobald.



Paul Widman
Parks and Recreation Director

Spring Welcome

I join our talented golf team in welcoming you back to the Rochester Golf Courses. We are introducing two new concession operations at the courses this year.

Dave Nogosek is taking over operations at the Eastwood Grill. Dave has updated the menu and has revived the Friday fish-frys that were once a popular event at our clubhouses. Derrick Chapman is bringing his popular Twisted Barrel wood fired pizza to Soldiers Field. Derrick will have many traditional items on the menu as well. Dave and Derrick have a following in Rochester so you may see some non-golfers joining us for lunch at the clubhouses. We welcome our new vendors to the golf family and wish them the best this year.

If all goes well in the bid process, you will see construction begin on the new Northern Hills Golf Clubhouse this fall! The new facility will be built on the site of the current pro-shop. We are planning to keep a modified pro-shop and concessions operations open during the few weeks that construction will overlap into the golf season.

I receive many compliments for our golf courses and golf operations. All credit goes to our talented team of pros and superintendents. They have a passion for golf and it shows in their work.

Thanks for your continued support. Whether you are in a league, an occasional golfer, First Tee participant or parent, you are an important part of our program. We welcome you to the 2018 season!

Top Golf Web Sites:

Golf.com - Among the best for golf tips, humor, equipment reviews.

Golfchannel.com - Live scoring, current events, timely news, well reasoned opinions.

YouTube.com - Great for everything golf. Watch old tournaments, golf shows, and more.



The Future Of Golf

Golf has been around for hundreds of years and one of the biggest changes in its long history is happening now.

Small portable devices that are increasingly affordable can measure ball speed, swing speed, launch angle, spin rate, attack angle, and more. That can be useful information when used well.

PGA Tour Star Dustin Johnson credits the dramatic improvement with his wedge shots to his use of such technology. From the driver to the putter, golfers everywhere are benefitting from the same type of technology.

While the challenges that keep golf fun are certain to remain, it's also very clear that technology will advance the game into a bright future for generations to come.

Clubs & Leagues You Can Join:

Eastwood GC

		<u>Approximate Time</u>
Men's Club	Thursdays	After 1:00
Women's 9 Hole League	Thursday a.m.	7:30 – 10:00
Women's 18 Hole League	Monday a.m.	7:30 – 9:30

Northern Hills GC

Men's Club	Wednesday	All Day
Women's Club	Tuesday	All Day

Soldiers Field GC

Men's Sunday Senior League	Sundays	A.M. Shotgun
Women's Golf Association	Wednesday a.m.	8:00 – 10:00
Women's Nifty 9 League	Wednesday a.m.	8:00 – 9:30
Men's Senior League	Thursday a.m.	7:30 – 10:00
Middle School Golf League	Thursday p.m.	2:00 – 4:30

Note:

1. Additional information may be found at each golf course and the City Golf website: www.Rochestermngolf.com
2. Hadley Creek GC's Men's Senior and Women's Leagues are currently filled to capacity.

**Twisted Barrel Pizza
at Soldiers Field Golf Course
Derrick Chapman, Owner/Operator**



Hometown- Owatonna, MN Rochester resident for the last 19 years

I've owned and operated the Twisted Barrel Wood Fire Pizza food truck for the last 3 years

What type of menu will you have?

I feel like we can offer golfers and others a quality meal lightning fast. The food truck will have its wood fire pizzas with rotating specials and the restaurant in the clubhouse will have snacks, appetizers, burgers, wraps, and some salads.

How about Specials and Catering?

We'll run weekly specials and have themed nights like taco Tuesday and do some fun things around celebrated days.

We're available to cater at our location or yours. We can cater with the food truck or we can create a menu specifically for your guests.

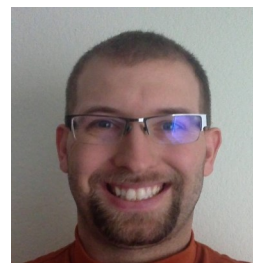
How's your golf game?

My golf game is pretty terrible, that's why I cook!

Stroke Saver

On The Golf Course: Pick out an intermediate target in line with your intended target (1 foot in front of the ball) and swing through to that target.

Be specific when picking out the target and swing THROUGH to the target. Remember the ball is never the target, use this with all your clubs and make the swing a reaction.



John Murphy
Assistant Golf Professional
Eastwood GC

Enjoy and save some strokes on the course this year!

Did You Know?

Minnesota ranks near the top of all states in golfers per capita, sometimes ranking #1 in the nation. About 20% of Minnesotans golf every year.

Of the nearly 500 golf courses in Minnesota, approximately 425 are available for public play.



Many of the tournament field for the 2017 Breast Cancer Tournament hosted by Northern Hills GC

New for 2018!

\$50 Patron Pass

Patron Pass holders receive a 25% green fee discount at all four Rochester City golf courses for the entire 2018 golf season!

Junior Golf Programs

Eastwood GC	Instructional	age 6 & Over	June & July
Northern Hills GC	Instructional	age 6 -12	June
Hadley Creek GC	Instructional	age 7 – 17	June - August
Soldiers Field GC	Playing	Middle School	June - August

Visit us at Rochestermngolf.com for more information!

Rochester First Tee Junior Golf Program

If a junior golf program can be judged by the strength of its programming, participation, leadership, and just plain fun, then the Rochester First Tee Program is a success by every measure.

The program reaches over 400 youth annually in the Rochester area, led by Bill “Watty” Watson, Paul Pehler, and many committed volunteers. Regardless of ability, participants receive first-class instruction from first-class instructors in a fun and friendly environment.



Contact Hadley Creek GC or visit us on the web for more information.



5 Reasons You Should Play Golf:

- 1. Golfers Live Longer:** 5 years on average according to Swedish study. And they're healthier on average at all ages.
 - 2. Golf Keeps Your Weight Down:** A round of golf walking burns up to 1500 calories and keeps your weight down.
 - 3. Golf Reduces Stress** (or so they say) and increases your mental capacity, creativity and problem solving ability, all of which are positives!
 - 4. Almost Anyone Can Play:** The appeal of golf can span the age range of all members of a family.
 - 5. Golf Creates Lasting Friendships:** Golf is the perfect venue to make new friendships and strengthen old ones.
- “Invest in your quality time, invest in golf.”*

Season Passes and Daily Fees Available
Visit us at the golf course or at RochesterMnGolf.com

Your Rochester City Golf Courses: Eastwood GC – Hadley Creek GC – Northern Hill GC – Soldiers Field GC

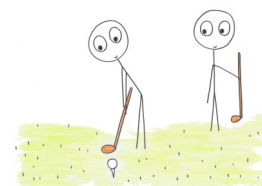


A First Tee Facility

Did You Know?

Democrat or Republican, golf has been popular with Presidents since President Taft in 1908. For over 100 years, most Presidents played golf while in office. Presidents Taft, Wilson, Harding, Eisenhower, Ford, Bush, Clinton, Obama, and now Trump were true golf enthusiasts.

Along with providing exercise, comradery, and outdoor enjoyment, golf has proven to be a great stress reliever for many, including many leaders of the free world!



Rates Around The State:

	<u>2018 City Golf Season Passes</u>				<u>Carts Per Person</u>	
	Adult	Senior	Junior age 15	Family	18 Cart	18 Senior
Duluth - 2 Courses	700	575	275	1,100	16	NA
Moorhead - 2 Courses	725	NA	225	1,150	16	NA
Owatonna - 1 Course	650	615	200	850	14	NA
Rochester - 4 Courses	685	595	155	1,025	14	12
St. Paul - 5 Courses	1,500	1,260	495	NA	17	16