

Wildflower Golf Course

Your Off-Season
Update Newsletter!

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Meet Reed!

Reed Bohm, originally from Thief River Falls, MN, was recently hired as the Assistant Superintendent at Wildflower Golf Course.

Reed graduated from the University of Minnesota Crookston in December with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Turfgrass Management. While earning his degree, Reed played 3 years of collegiate golf. Prior to Wildflower, Reed worked at the Thief River Golf Club for five years, one as the assistant. He also interned at Wannamoisett Country Club in Providence, Rhode Island. When Reed isn't working, you can find him competing in and coaching Crossfit, spending time outdoors, especially at the lake, and of course, golfing!

Welcome, Reed!

Turf Talk with Tim News from the Maintenance Barn

It's that time of the year again! The arrival of spring brings us warmer weather, longer days, green grass, the Master's, and everyone's favorite, the golf season here at Wildflower. I'll be the first one to tell you, I'm excited to finally be able to get outside and start prepping the course for the 2017 season!

I was busy this winter getting equipment ready, working on some shop projects, and attending conferences, trade shows, and career fairs. I'm very excited with the hiring of several new employees—Reed Bohm, as my new assistant, and Andrew Cook, an NDSU student, as my summer intern. I hope everyone takes some time to say hello to the new faces on the maintenance crew, as well as those Laura has hired for inside the pro-shop.

You're probably wondering how the golf course looks this year after the mild winter that seemed to impact the entire U.S. Here in Detroit Lakes, it was actually a pretty good one.

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Seasonal Employment at Wildflower Golf Course

Do you know of any hard working individuals looking for a summer job at the lake? We are hiring Outside Services and Snack Bar. Additional employment opportunities at Fair Hills Resort, too! For more employment information, please visit www.wildflowergolfcourse.com/employment



Competitive pay! Room & Board Available! Discounted golf! Access to Fair Hills amenities!

2017 Membership Information

Full, Unlimited Membership

Unlimited golf, 30% off green fees at six Minnesota Golf Trail courses, guest privileges of up to 3 guests per day (at 20% off green fees), 10% discount on pro-shop merchandise (excluding clubs, balls, and some shoes), membership pricing at Wildflower hosted events, charging privileges in the pro-shop, tee times made up to 30 days in advance, eligible for referral bonus**

Membership Type	Walking	Including Cart Membership	Cart Fee per Rider
Single (ages 36+)	\$850	\$1350	\$17 per rider
Couple	\$1275	\$1900	\$17 per rider
Young Adult (ages 30-35)	\$575	\$1075	\$17 per rider
Young Adult (ages 25-29)	\$430	\$930	\$17 per rider
Student (ages 19-24)	\$400	\$900	\$13 per rider
Junior (ages 18 & under)***	\$225	\$725	\$13 per rider

***Junior members are restricted from playing at their member rate on weekends Memorial Day – Labor Day before 2:30 p.m. Juniors ages 12 and under must be accompanied by one paying adult customer. Juniors must have a valid driver's license in order to rent a cart or purchase a cart membership.

Mid-Day Membership

Play daily after 12:59 p.m., special \$15 cart fee per rider, pass holders can golf any day, any time after Labor Day 2017, 30% off green fees at six Minnesota Golf Trail courses, 20% off regular green fees at Wildflower (same \$15 cart fee), membership pricing at Wildflower hosted events, tee times made up to 14 days in advance, eligible for referral bonus**

Membership Type	Walking	Including Cart Membership	Cart Fee per Rider
Mid-Day Single	\$595	\$1095	\$15 per rider
Mid-Day Couple	\$805	\$1430	\$15 per rider

Range Membership

Single \$200	Family \$300	Add to your Full or Mid-Day Membership \$175
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Trail Pass Membership

Utilize your personal golf cart at Wildflower by purchasing a Trail Pass Membership for \$500. Personal carts without the Trail Pass Membership are subject to standard cart fees per rider.

GHIN Handicap

GHIN Handicap Service available for \$30 per handicap, including tax.

Tax is not included in some membership rates.

REFERRAL BONUS PROGRAM

If you are a member paid in full and refer a new member, you will receive pro-shop credit! \$150 Wildflower gift card per full membership and \$75 Wildflower gift card per Mid-Day Membership.

**The new member cannot have been a member at Wildflower within the last 3 years. Not valid on Junior Memberships.



Turf Talk with Tim, cont'd.

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We had a very good snow cover all winter long and very little ice accumulation on the surface. There were several spots that the wind blew the snow off, thus some of those areas show signs of wind burn. But nothing to worry as the undergrowth looks nice and healthy.

From my trips around the course, there seems to only be one problem area which is the bottom of 3 fairway close to the tree. This area will take some time to heal, so please be patient with us while we are reseeding.

I look forward to another great season and all that projects we will be doing to make Wildflower a better and more enjoyable course for all!

Tim Halvorson
Superintendent



Men's League 2017



Thanks to everyone who completed the Men's League survey! We're keeping the format the same!

- 16 week league, every Tuesday from May 2 – August 15. Rounds can be played anytime on Tuesday (depending on membership)
- 9 holes will be counted for league (front/back nine will alternate throughout the season)
- Both gross & net scoring every week
- 2-man teams
- Formats may vary each week, but will most likely be best ball throughout the season
- A team must play at least 8 weeks out of the summer to qualify for end of season awards
- The best 8 weekly scores for each team will be used. After each team has 8 weekly scores, the worst scores will begin dropping
- Tuesday, August 15th will be the 18 hole, League Championship Tournament with a 3:00pm shotgun start. Meal and awards following! Mark your calendars!
- Weekly skins games - \$5 per person
- Weekly prizes for hole contests and top teams
- End of season prizes for top teams
- New in 2017!
 - Weekly standings will be posted on the bulletin board, as well as emailed out!
 - League fee is \$60, which includes a GHIN Handicap

Happenings in the Pro Shop

Hope you've all had a great winter, or shall I call it your "off-season". Mine went by rather quickly! Between ordering new merchandise, hiring staff, planning improvements, reaching out to former customers/events, and networking through our chambers, I managed to sneak away on a few trips. While down in Arizona, I ran into a few members who were in town for the Waste Management Phoenix Open—Paul Evenson, John Evenson, and Gene Ripley! And while cruising somewhere around St. Lucia, ranger Art Hultgren and I ran into each other on the cruise ship! While it's nice to "recharge the batteries" during winter, seeing these familiar faces got me pretty excited for the upcoming season!

Speaking of new staff, I'm so very excited for you all to meet interns Matt & Sam. Matt, a PGA professional-to-be from Mississippi, and Sam, a Golf Enterprise Management (GEM) student from Wisconsin, both have a passion for golf and are eager to get up to Wildflower to start their internships. More on Matt & Sam in the next newsletter!

Thanks to all who gave their feedback, took our surveys, and shared their ideas on how to make Wildflower an even better place! You've spoken, and we've listened! New in 2017, a Member/Guest 2 Person Scramble on June 25th and a Club Champion tournament in mid-September! Of course, some other pretty fun things are happening around Wildflower this season, but you'll just have to wait and see for yourself! ☺

I'm back to working in the pro-shop at Wildflower, so if you're in the neighborhood and see a vehicle in the parking lot, swing by and say "Hi!" and check out our newest merchandise! Keep an eye out for our next newsletter which will contain our OPENING DATE for the 2017 season!

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