A Note from the Director

Mel Blasi, Director of Golf

Golf Course Pro Shop Renovation on Hold

Plans to construct a new pro shop building or renovate the existing structure have been placed on hold. Budget restrictions at Western Illinois University and the State of Illinois have brought the project to a standstill. Original plans were for a two-phase project with Stage 1 being the completion of a new golf cart storage building. This was completed in the fall of 2009. Stage 2 was to follow, which included a new 3500 square feet pro shop with expanded locker room areas for the Men’s and Women’s Golf Teams and snack bar and dining area. Outdoor patio areas attached to the east and south sides of the building were also included in the design.

The future of the project is now uncertain. In order to move the pro shop construction project forward, substantial fund raising may be necessary. If you are interested in learning more about these fund raising opportunities, please contact Mel Blasi at (309) 255-5575.

2012 Season Pass Dates

Thursday, March 1 — Friday, November 30

Holiday Rate payment must be received by Friday, January 6, 2012.

Necrology

The Harry Mussatto Golf Course lost two avid and loyal golfers in 2011. Bob Knowles passed away on February 18 and Wayne Smith on November 2. Both of these men served in the military during World War II, enjoyed distinguished careers in the Macomb area and loved the game of golf. We will continue to miss them at the golf course.

2011 First Tee

Lia Lukkarinen, First Tee Program Director & Assistant Director of Golf

The First Tee Program of Summer 2011 was fantastic! The program served over 100 young people, our largest group to date! We had wonderful weather and many qualified staff members and volunteers to help us this season. There were 102 participants in our program, with at least 15% certifying in each skill group. We will be busy visiting the local schools this winter, using indoor equipment in their physical education period. Last year we reached over 1700 children in the local elementary schools.

In August, I attended The First Tee Academy in Phoenix, AZ. I learned many great ideas at this great event for our 2012 program - first being: avoid Phoenix in August! Many thanks to everyone who participated or helped us with this great summer program! Sincerely, Lia Lukkarinen, Program Director

The First Tee of Western Illinois University Staff and Volunteers 2011

Mel Blasi
Lia Lukkarinen
Nick Knowles
Jason Ruehle
Dustin Van Sloten
Lindsay Wandrey
Dr. Tom Cody
Dave Wilson
Greg Montalvo
Damaris Blansfield
Linda Engel
Keith Engel
Richard Sample
Jon Stockton

Brian Sullivan
Bryce Carper
Ryan Cody
Chelsea Hadsall
Hailea Hadsall
Tyler Thorman
Western Illinois Senior Golf League
The WIU Men's Senior Golf League had an excellent season in 2011.

The WIU Senior Men's Golf League is open to all golfers over 55 years old. We play every Tuesday morning at 9 a.m. from April to June, and then we change to 8:30 a.m. as the weather gets warmer.

We use a scramble format with teams matched to the members that show up that day. The objective is to have fun and meet new people. We try to have a meal once a month. This past year we had NO dues and funded our final steak dinner with donations from the weekly winners.

We had 48 different players who played sometime during the league season. We only play 9 holes each week and alternate between the front and back nines. Last year our low round was 30, shot by the team of Ron Ray, Larry Botts, Jim Hermes, and Rich McCann. The top money winners were Sterling Kerneck, Jack Carle, and Jay Carter.

For 2012, golf professional Mel Blasi will be offering free golf instruction once a month immediately preceding play.

We are always looking for new ideas to help make the golf league grow and new officers to help run the league. Anyone interested in joining can contact Jay Carter by e-mail at chic@macomb.com or Earle Cramer by e-mail at cramerel@yahoo.com. We look forward to start playing in April. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Jay Carter

Senior Traveling League
The Western Illinois Senior Traveling Golf League features golfers from several area courses who play a Spring and Fall schedule. There are three divisions represented and golfers from the Harry Mussatto Golf Course fared well in the competition this year. In the Senior Division (golfers 55+), the HMGC placed second in the Spring season and 3rd in the Fall season. The team was represented by Captain Tom Riedel, and players John Owens, Jim Miner, Ben Lampitt, Chuck Gosnell, John Brewer, Steve Heard, Bud Sackett, Tom Riedel, Jim Hackbarth, Les Baldwin, and Susan Owens. In the Quota Division, the HMGC team finished second in the Spring season with team members Pete Hughes, Bill Dejong, Harold Thompson, and Chuck Oprian. In the Super Senior Division, the HMGC Super Senior Team (68+) comprised of Al Bowen, Bob Bowen, John Brewer, John MacKenzie and Arthur Peterson captured first place in both the spring and fall seasons. (Tied with Shaw Creek)

Women's League
The Harry Mussatto Women’s League enjoyed a fun and entertaining year in 2011. Each Wednesday evening at 5:15 p.m., the Women’s League meets to receive the format and rules for play that night. The Women’s League also entertains a spring and fall dinner and prizes are given to the season’s winners. New officers for the 2012 Women’s League are:

- Marge Gosnell President
- Shirley Woolam Vice President
- Kathy Orban Treasurer
- Leslie Jefferson Secretary

If you are interested in joining the Women’s League in 2012, please contact Marge Gosnell at ME-Gosnell@wiu.edu

Faculty Staff Golf League
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Hole in Ones
Congratulations to the following individuals who made Hole in Ones at the Harry Mussatto Golf Course in 2011.

- Bob Bowen--#8
- Art Chown--#3
- Art Peterson--#12
- Joe Rodeffer--#12

Congratulations!!!
We had several great individual accomplishments from our Harry Mussatto Golf Course members in 2011. Congratulations to the following and thank you for representing us so well.

- Kathy Orban—Women's Champion Harry Mussatto Golf Course Match Play
- Mitch Waller—Men's Champion Harry Mussatto Golf Course Match Play
- John Owens—Peoria Open Senior Men's Champion
- Tyler Thorman—Western Illinois Amateur Golf Championships Men's Champion and LP Collegiate Golf Championships Men's Champion
- Kathy Veroni—Western Illinois Amateur Golf Championships Senior Women's Champion, WIGA Women's Champion, and Illinois State Senior Women's 3rd Place Net Division
- Sue Owens—Illinois State Senior Women's 3rd Place Gross Division
- Ryan Cody—Illinois High School Association Class 2A State Qualifier
- Bryce Carper—Macomb High School Bombers IHSA Sectional Champion with a 67 at Macomb C.C.

Thank Yous
A big thank you to Kathy Veroni and Kathy Orban for taking care of the flower beds on Hole #17 this year. We also thank the following rangers who work hard at keeping our par 3 tees looking good all year and their additional help in patrolling the golf course.

- Gary Saunders
- Chuck Gosnell
- Earl Cramer
- Rich McCann
- Ron Ray

2011 Scramble Winners
Red White and Blue Scramble

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Labor Day Scramble

1st Place
- Les Baldwin
- Sheila Baldwin
- John Owens
- Sue Owens

Memorial Day Scramble
1st Place
- John Colgate
- Liz Colgate
- Carson Colgate
- Steve Colgate

Owens Announces Retirement
Our Greens Superintendent, John Owens, has announced his retirement in 2012. John has been our Superintendent for the past 12 years. He was hired just prior to the construction and expansion of the golf course in 2000. John and his staff have done a stellar job in keeping the golf course in great shape, in spite of tough budgetary times. A very good player himself, I’m sure we will continue to see John at the golf course for many years to come. His retirement is planned for April 1, 2012. A retirement party is being planned in the spring. Congratulations John!!

Tree Memorials
It is still a work in progress, but we did expand our tree memorial program in 2011. Several new trees were planted and identified as memorial trees. If you are interested in the Harry Mussatto Golf Course Tree Memorial Program, please contact Mel Blasi @ (309) 298-3676.

Check us out on the web!
- wiu.edu/golf
- facebook.com/HarryMussattoGolfWIU
Golf Course Employees 2011

Pro Shop Workers

Mel Blasi
Heather Higgins
Lia Lukkarinen
Jon Stockton
Richard Sample
Brian Sullivan
Jacob Roberts
Jordan Cremer
Jeff Straub
Hyung Kim (Kwon)
Megan Wallen
Lindsay Wandrey
Connor Jachino
Ryan Franks

Grounds Crew

John Owens
Kevin Hainline
Bob Lambert
Paul Reuschel
Greg Reuschel
Matt Woolam
Chase Tifft
Chris Green
Garry Medhurst

Rules of Golf

Obstructions: How do you spell Relief...

An obstruction is anything artificial, including the artificial surfaces and sides of roads and manufactured ice, except:

- Objects defining out of bounds, such as walls, fences, stakes and railings
- Any part of an immovable artificial object that is out of bounds
- Any construction declared by the Committee to be an integral part of the course.

An object is a movable obstruction if it may be moved without unreasonable effort, without unduly delaying play, and without causing damage.

Movable Obstructions

A player may take relief without penalty, from a movable instruction. If the ball does not lie on the obstruction, the obstruction may be removed. If the ball moves, it must be replaced without penalty. If the ball lies on the obstruction, it may be lifted and the obstruction moved. The ball then must be dropped as near the original lie as possible.

Immovable Obstructions

Interference by an immovable obstruction occurs when a ball lies in or on the obstruction, or when the obstruction interferes with the player’s stance or the area of his or her intended swing. On a putting green, interference may also occur on the intended line of a putt.

Except when the ball is in a water hazard or regular water hazard, a player may take relief from interference by an immovable obstruction. The relief is as follows:

*If the player takes relief through the green, the player must lift the ball and drop it, without penalty, within one club-length of and not nearer the hole than the nearest point of relief. When obtaining relief in a bunker, the nearest point of relief must be in the bunker and the ball must be dropped in the bunker.*

At the Harry Mussatto Golf Course, we have a variety of obstructions that come into play. Examples include cart paths, granite tee signs, hazard stakes, sprinkler heads, 150 yard markers and water coolers. In addition to normal obstructions, we also have 3 fans (holes 4, 5 & 8) that are considered “line of play” obstructions. Knowing the correct way to proceed when facing obstructions could save you a stroke or two and help speed up play.