

The Link

for Pokegama Golf Course

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At the Course

The normal fee for club storage lockers at Pokegama is \$40 for the season. We are discounting that rate so the charge for the remainder of the season is \$25.

In the Pro Shop

All clothing, caps and shoes in the Pro Shop are now 20% off. In addition, we are also clearing out our lines of in-stock golf clubs. All clubs are reduced an additional 20% from the already discounted regular prices of these clubs.

At Mulligan's

Join us for our August Saturday Night Specials, which include salad bar, baked potato and roll. The salad bar alone is \$6.95.

Call for reservations: 327-0404.



Champion of Star of the North Junior Tournament Has Local Connection

On July 30-31, 73 junior golfers gathered at Pokegama Golf Course to play in the Star of the North Lions Junior Golf tournament. As always, this proved to be a spectacular event for the young golfers, who ranged in age between 8 and 18. Champion of the play was Shaun Donnelly of Illinois, who is the grandson of Al and Joanne Quam of Grand Rapids. Matt Schneider of Grand Rapids placed third — another local connection for Grand Rapids and Pokegama! Congratulations to all the junior golfers, no matter where they placed, who made this event such a fun and exciting tournament.



Winners of the Star of the North Championship Flight are (left to right): Tyler Hill of Virginia (4th place), Matt Schneider of Grand Rapids (3rd place), Bjorn Horgen of Carlton (2nd place) and the champion, Shaun Donnelly of Illinois.



Shown above are the Mite Flight golfers (ages 7-10) at the Star of the North tournament.

Pokegama regains Silver Spike trophies

Pokegama Golf Course regained the Silver Spike trophies it lost last year in the 2002 matches with Eagle Ridge Golf Course. Pokegama men and women swept both away and home matches this year to earn off-season bragging rights — at least until

next summers matches, that is!

This is the first year that all matches were played without handicap. Pokegama had a lopsided win at Coleraine in June, but the matches were close in the July 24 finale at Pokegama.

More news on the next page —

Pokegama's Winning Buick Scramble Team Goes to Sectional in Brainerd

A winning team from the July 13 Swanson Motors Buick Scramble will advance to sectional play on Aug. 6 at The Pines in the Brainerd lakes area. With a score of 15 under par 56, the winning gross division team was Bob Aho, Jack Hokkanen, Tom Peluso and Derek Rolle. PGC Pro Bob Cahill will join this team for the sectional-

round. From the Aug. 6 play, two teams from a field of 28 will advance to the National Buick Scramble Finals to be held in Orlando, Florida, on Oct. 8-12. In the Net Division, the team of Katie Glorvigan, Kaley Kosak, Sara Lagergren and Debbie Vergin survived a 4-hole playoff for their win. Congratulations to all!



Gross Division Champions are Bob Aho, Jack Hokkanen, Tom Peluso and Derek Rolle.



Net Division champions are Kaley Kosak, Debbie Vergin, Katie Glorvigan and Sara Lagergren.

Getting a grip on ground news —

Welcome to August! As you all know, this month can be hot and dry. If you notice the sprinklers on a lot during the daylight hours, this is because we do not have large enough pumps or main irrigation lines to be able to water all the greens, tees and fairways at night. When you see the sprinklers on, please be careful when approaching a downed head. They are set on electronic timers and can pop up with a high pressure

stream of water at any time. To avoid dry turf, it is essential that we water both day and night. We will apply fertilizer and fungicide to the course more frequently this month to minimize the disease damage that will occur with this weather pattern. So, take extra caution — don't put your tees in your mouth and wash your hands as soon as you've completed your round of golf.

— Dan Peluso, grounds superintendent

Don't forget this August event —

A quick look at the Grand Slam Amateur —

- When: Friday - Sunday, Aug. 8-10
- What: 18 holes a day on 3 different championship layouts — bestball, scramble and Chapman alternate shot
- Who: 2-person teams for men's and women's flights — must be 18 or older
- Payout: More than \$23,000
- Added benefit: Putting tournament winner has chance to sink 40-foot putt for \$5,000.

Straight shooting from the Pokegama Pro —



Why can I hit my 3 wood better than my driver?

It has to do with the loft of the club. Many, many golfers use drivers with too little loft on the club and therefore don't hit the ball particularly well. It's not uncommon to find drivers with lofts of 7,8,9 and 10 degrees in the bags of golfers who would do much better hitting off the tee with either a 3 wood or clubs that have lofts of 12, 13 or 14 degrees.

The less loft a club has on it, the more precise your swing needs to be to hit well. Also, if you do not have a powerful swing, you will do better with a club with more loft. I rarely recommend less loft than 14 or 15 degrees for golfers who can't fly a 5 iron 150 yards. If you're struggling off the tee with your driver, it's worth experimenting with a 3 or 5 wood off the tee. You should see good results more consistently.

— Bob Cahill, director of golf

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Pokegama Golf Course is located on the shores of Pokegama Lake, just west of Grand Rapids, Minnesota. The course was built in the 1920s and is currently owned by the City of Grand Rapids. It is one of the finest municipal 18-hole golf courses in the state of Minnesota.

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Until August —
enjoy the game!