

The Link

for Pokegama Golf Course

July

- 13 Buick Scramble
- 24 Silver Spike at Pokegama
- 30-31 Star of the North Lions
Jr. Golf Event - Qualifying

August

- 8-10 Grand Slam Amateur
- 21 Grandmothers' Event
- 23 Ladies' Club Championship
- 23 Men's Club Championship
Flight - Qualifying

September

- 5 Log-A-Load for Kids
- 6-7 Men's Club Tournament
- 13 Ladies' Lions - Hoky
- 14 Men's Lions - Hoky

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

Need another way to make the July 4th holiday a celebration? Visit the Pro Shop for our July Sale. We have clothing, caps and shoes at 20 percent off through July 13. Also, don't miss the special prices on selected golf clubs.

At Mulligan's

Join us for our July Saturday Night Specials, alternating between BBQ ribs and prime rib. Order the special from 6 to 9 p.m. and you get a half-rack of BBQ ribs for \$7.95 or the prime rib for \$15.95. Both include salad bar, baked potato and roll. The salad bar alone is \$6.95.

July 5 and 19 — prime rib
July 12 and 26 — BBQ ribs

Call for reservations: 327-0404.



Jim Kosak tournament is a fitting tribute

In the first Jim Kosak Junior Grand Slam, 66 junior golfers, ranging from 9 to 20 years of age, took to the links at Pokegama, Eagle Ridge and Sugarbrooke golf courses. This two-person team annual event honors Jim Kosak, who died tragically this past January.

Jim loved golf, and his dedication to junior golf in particular inspired the birth of this annual event, which will aid young golfers and hockey players who need financial assistance in order to participate in these athletic activities.

On June 9 and 10, the young golfers played Chapman Alternate Shot at Pokegama, Scramble at Sugarbrooke and Bestball at Eagle Ridge. The Mite Flighters, ages 9 to 13, played 9 holes of Bestball at Pokegama and were rained out of the scheduled 9 holes of Scramble at Eagle Ridge.

This successful tournament, which will be an annual event, is a fitting tribute to Jim Kosak, a man who worked to see that junior golfers were inspired to play the game he so thoroughly enjoyed.



Pictured (above) with Jim's wife, Mary, and his children, Kaley, Corey and Kimbra (center of photo) are the 12- to 20-year-old golfers who played the 54-hole event.



These 9- to 13-year-old golfers (left) played the 9-hole event as part of the Jim Kosak Junior Grand Slam.

Session 2 of Junior Golf Camp begins July 15

Session 2 of this year's Junior Golf Camp is scheduled for July 15-17 and July 21-22. The camp is open to all girls and boys between the ages of 9 and 17. There will be four one-hour lessons plus a two-hour session covering playing, rules and etiquette. Camp fee is \$60, which includes a souvenir tee shirt. Juniors will learn the proper tech-

niques of grip, stance and swing in all phases of the game. Bob Cahill, director of golf, will lead the sessions, with assistance from other qualified instructors.

If you have clubs, bring them. If you don't, we'll provide them. Call the Pro Shop to register and to get the schedule for each age group.

More news on
the next page —

Women's Invitational: What would Dorothy say?



On June 17 Pokegama Golf Course held its annual Women's Invitational. Shown here with the Tin Man are the flight winners (left to right): front row — Nina Osberg, Carole Sisson, Debbie Showalter, Andrea Lipovitz and Cindy Gilbertson; and back row — Donna Kern, Jackie Kellin, Kathy Abrams, Ginger Hartse, Imogene Caron, Betty Sandvig and Bonnie Isaacson. Thank you to all who participated in this annual event.

Getting a grip on ground news —

First of all, I want to thank you all for your patience as we've worked to get our course in shape. And, I hope you agree that Pokegama Golf Course is looking great!!! Now for the news of what's happening on the grounds —

We recently learned that we will not be receiving any cost-sharing money from the federal government's Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) to help repair the washouts along the lakeshore on the number 18 fairway. At this time, we are in the process of getting a new design and cost estimate from a local contractor. Because of the damage that can occur from heavy trucks and other equipment on our existing fairways and rough, we decided to wait until October or November, when the ground will be firm, to make the necessary repairs to stabilize the lakeshore bank.

Because of the constant poor condition of some of the red and white tee boxes, we are looking into the possibility of stripping the sod from these tees, adding two or three inches of topsoil and replacing the sod with a cultured blue grass that comes in a 30-inch- or 42-inch-wide roll. These large heavy mats of sod will allow play to resume much more quickly than if we used the conventional 18-inch-wide rolls of sod. This should result in a much-improved teeing area.

As we enter the heat months of July and August, we will be applying more fertilizer, fungicide and water during the daytime hours. We apologize for the inconvenience, but obviously we must tend to the grounds in this way to ensure the long-term health of the course.

— Dan Peluso, grounds superintendent

Don't forget these July events —

A quick look at the Buick Scramble —

When: Sunday, July 13
Who: 4-person teams
Entry fee: \$50 per person
Incentive: Two teams will advance to sectional event
Mega-incentive: Two teams from sectional will advance to National Finals in Florida

A quick look at the Star of the North Lions Junior Golf Event —

When: Wednesday and Thursday, July 30 and 31
Who: Boys and girls, ages 8 to 18
Entry fee: \$25 per person (\$10 Mite Flight entry fee, ages 10 and under)
Incentive: "Best Junior Tournament in the Northland" + medals and prizes!

Straight shooting from the Pokegama Pro —



Tee it high and let it fly

How high do you tee your golf ball? Many golfers could tee the ball higher and get better distance. When the ball is teed too low, golfers may have a tendency to hit the ball on the downswing — a no-no for tee shots. Tee shots that are hit on the downswing often end up sliced into the trees. Try teeing your ball up higher and hitting the ball just barely on the upswing. This will widen out your swing arc, resulting in more solid shots and greater distance.

— Bob Cahill, director of golf

Have an idea for a new logo?

Don't forget — we want a new PGC logo and we want your help. The deadline is July 15. So, either e-mail your idea with the subject marked logo or bring it to the Pro Shop in an envelope marked logo. Be sure to add your name and your telephone number.

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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!