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Theodore Wirth Golf Association

TWGA Members,

Greetings to all new and returning Wirth Golf Association members.  Golf season is fast approaching with golf courses opening up early this year.  That is great news for all MN golfers. I am excited about the new season and the golf competitions we have lined up for our members.

Let’s begin with some very good news.  Our membership continues to increase.  We have 9 new members joining us.  We are now up to 80 members strong!

Tournament Schedule:  Go our website ([www.wirthgolfassociation.org](http://www.wirthgolfassociation.org/)) for the Tournament Schedule and Tournament Signup. All signups will be done exclusively online.  No phone calls will be accepted. Communication to follow on how to signup online.

Payments:  Payments for tournaments with be done online using Venmo  or by check.  All payments will go to Thomas Angelus, Club Treasurer.  Thomas’s Venmo address: @Thomas-Angelus or his mailing address: 770 Cahill Rd #206, Edina, MN 55439.  If you have any questions, Thomas’ mobile number is (952) 484-9200.

**ACTION REQUIRED:**

Send a completed application and association dues to Thomas Angelus by Thursday, April 15.  The application is attached below.

* Junior members: $25
* New members: $35
* Returning members: $50

We will continue to be involved with 12 man team, Sr 8 Man team and Senior Metro.

The captains for each will be reaching out to members.  Derek Pyle-12 Man, Eric Sisler-Sr 8 Man and Gary Prevost-Sr Metro.

Other news and updates:

The Board adopted an eligibility requirement for playing in the Club Championship and Senior Championship tournaments.  Members are required to have played in 3 club events this season, prior to playing in either championship tournament.

Jeff Fick is leading a committee to review penalty areas throughout the golf  course. This committee will work in conjunction with the new grounds superintendent to effect any changes.  The intent of the committee is to clarify/streamline penalty areas in the hopes of speeding up play for all.  If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jeff directly.  His mobile number is 612-385-7526.

Tournament Scoring:  We are going to try something new with tournament scoring.  Rick Blasberg had come up with an Excel spreadsheet that will automatically calculate Gross and Net skins and possibility flight winners as well.  This is a pilot exercise to see how well it works.  In the meantime, we will continue to use the traditional scoring sheet along side the computer scoring.

Attached is our Wirth Golf Association Flyer.  It’s an excellent PR piece to attract new members.  Please download it to your phone and print some copies to pass on the friends and family.  The more members we can attract, the better.

Saturday morning golf:  Anyone interested in playing golf Saturday mornings, Ira Hacker has a standing tee time at 7:44 with Jeff Bertelson and Bill Ziegler.  These guys are charter members of the club.  Anyone interested in playing before or after their tee time, sign up directly online through the Wirth golf course website.  They will be happy to meet any and all members.

Volunteering: I will be volunteering one morning a week at Wirth to help improve playing conditions. Anyone interested in volunteering as well, text me at (612) 868-4605.  Wirth is a challenging course.  All it needs is a little more TLC for it to really come into its own.

Also, club members are urged to sign up for the state MPGA events online through [www.mngolf.org](http://www.mngolf.org/).  There is one per month beginning in May and the club has privileged these events by not scheduling a club event on those weekends.

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|  | [MGA - MNGolf.org](http://www.mngolf.org/)  The Minnesota Golf Association. Founded in 1901 with only seven golf clubs, the Minnesota Golf Association's membership has grown to more than 430 clubs and nearly 70,000 individual members throughout the state.  [www.mngolf.org](http://www.mngolf.org/) |

More communication from club will follow shortly on the upcoming events and signup as season approaches.

See you on the tee,

Tom Sletten

President