# Theodore Wirth Golf Association - President’s Letter

 Greeting to All Wirth Golf Association Members,

The beginning of our 2023 season is now in sight.  Depending on weather, we might be able to have our first event in April which means ~10 weeks away.  See the attached Calendar of Events.  
  
 Looking back at last year, we had some dramatic competitions.  One standout is James (Chief Talk-A-Lot) Bock who took home two championships: Senior Club Champion and Club Champion.  Congrats James!  
  
 Looking forward we continue to have two pressing challenges:

1) Increase membership numbers. We had 55 members last year. Derek put together a new Wirth Golf Association brochure which is an excellent tool for recruiting new members.  If each current member could bring in ONE member each year, think of where we could be in one to two years.  Let’s go get them!!  
  
2) Speed of play.  We definitely made good progress in 2022 in speeding up the pace of play.  Let’s all work together to continue this progress.  The goal is 4 hours 30 minutes or LESS. Foursomes **keep up** with the group ahead. We can do this!  
  
Clayton Kraiger, (our amazing superintendent) said the ground crew will continue work on water management improvements and focus on the keeping the greens is excellent shape.

We will continue our club participation in 12 Man, Sr 8 Man and Metro Seniors competitions. Derek will lead 12 Man, Eric Sisler – Sr Man and Gary – Metro Sr. A big thanks to all three for continuing their fine efforts in organizing and leading these competitions.

The Minnesota Public Golf Association will feature the Centennial Celebration golf event in 2023.  They selected the historic Theodore Wirth Golf Course for the celebratory round complete with Pros playing in each group.  There is a ceremony and dinner afterwards held at the Metropolitan Club.  Please note link below for more event information.  Hopefully we can have a few groups from our club in the mix.

<https://mpgacentennial.wixsite.com/my-site/banquet-reception>  
  
Personally, I will continue volunteering at Wirth on Monday morning, sanding and seeding the 18-hole par 3 tee boxes.  If anyone is interested in volunteering this year, let me know and let’s see what can be arranged.  
  
Our kickoff Spring meeting and a fun event (weather-permitting) on Sunday, April 16.  
  
 Keeping it in the short grass!

Tom Sletten

President, TWGA