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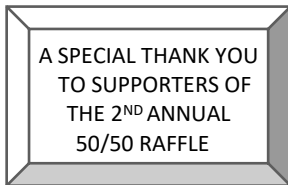
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Once again, we enjoyed excellent course conditions and quality clubhouse service in 2023 - a special thanks to Justin, Tim and their staff members.

Changes to club rates and fees made in 2023 along with great course conditions resulted in increased club revenue from green fees and cart rentals. This revenue was needed to cover higher staff costs. In 2024 the finance committee and board agreed to no change in membership rates. The board changed the non-member cart lease fee to \$15/\$20 per seat for 9/18 holes due to another year of rate hikes by our lessor. The long-term success of our club requires yearly revenue to cover operating costs, essential equipment, and clubhouse repairs. Due to continued strong financial performance in 2023, the club was able to achieve that obligation and purchase in full a quality replacement fairway mower. We also replaced the aging deck and cleared several trees to provide a pleasing view of the ninth fairway.

We are blessed with tremendous support from members who help maintain the appearance of the course. Thanks to the many individuals who donate and volunteer their time and or equipment clearing brush, trees, completing large landscape projects, maintaining the flower beds, supporting youth golf camp and helping with other big and small tasks. This year we plan to host Ely youth golf camp on June 11-14. Thirty-five Ely youth participated last year, including twenty first timers. If you are interested in helping as a coach leave your name with Tim or at the front desk. Len



SPECIAL EVENTS

- ❖ **May 18** New 18 hole Tournament - TBA
- ❖ **May – Sept 6** \$5,000 Raffle Tickets Available
- ❖ **June 11-14** Youth Golf Camp (9 am -11:15 am)
- ❖ **June 15** Polish Delight Tournament
- ❖ **July 20** Blueberry Ball Par 3 Tournament
- ❖ **August 17** Big Cup 18 - hole Tournament
- ❖ **September/August** - TBA Night Golf Tournament
- ❖ **September 14** Soup Cup Scramble & Raffle Draw

Spotlighting 2023 Sponsors of Events, Scorecard or Tee Boxes  
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USGA and PGA of America jointly promote the **Tee It Forward** initiative encouraging players to choose a set of tees that align with their driving distances or handicap. They also encourage tee boxes be referred to as non-gender and not age specific. In Ely we have no rules on tee choice and find the majority of our players keenly aware how their play affects others – just a few individuals need a wake-up call! Try to remember this amazing facility in the corner of Minnesota is shared and owned by our membership. It is in everyone’s hands to create a better golf experience for all who play here. Swing away, tee it forward and/or speedup if required. Enjoy our beautiful surroundings, use good etiquette and have fun!

Google: CanYOUgolf Sr Tees Age | Help.18birdies tees 2 play | Arccos Tee Yardage



## SUPERINTENDENT HIRDLER

The major winter equipment project is now complete. It is so much better to have the newer or rebuilt machines like the sweeper, fairway and rough mower. Thank you. My staff and I are looking forward to the challenge of getting the course in top shape for the 2024 season. Below are a few hints on how to "leave the course better than you found it".

**ALL 4 TIRES ON CART PATH** – We don't have the luxury of widening the paths to make passing lanes but you can protect the surfaces by staying in your lane. 😊 It is natural to want to pullover to talk but wheels ½ on ½ off the path can create bare spots, holes, ruts and can break the asphalt. This is costly and timely to repair. If you need to go around a cart do so in the rough or on the fairway.

**FILLING TEE BOX DIVOTS** – If a divot is intact with soil and roots - replace it. Smooth it out by tapping (not stomping) with your foot. If the turf explodes or is bare, add the soil mix until level with base of surrounding grass-gently tap and smooth out.

**BUNKER RAKES** – In Ely it is preferred rakes be placed tines down in the bunkers. Don't place them cross line of play, on a slope or near the lip. This creates bad lies or potential penalties for others. This is not a USGA rule – courses may choose their preference. Justin

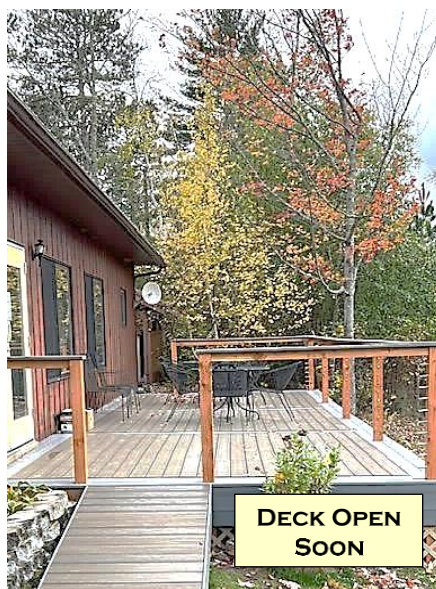


## Revisions Coming to World HCP System in 2024

[Search USGA To Learn The Rules](#)  
New USGA Score Posting and Net Par Changes, New Expected Score Entry for Incomplete 9 and 18 Hole Scores

**Most Recent Rules Link**  
[www.usga.org/rules-hub.html](http://www.usga.org/rules-hub.html)

**ELY GREEN FEES**  
[ElyMNgolfclub.com/course/rates](http://ElyMNgolfclub.com/course/rates)



## GOLF BOARD DIRECTORS Elected In

- '21 Lori Casey & Louis Gerzin
- '22 Scott Drechsler, Adam Hagin & Linda Enquist VandenBranden
- '23 Len Clewett & Dave Schmidt

**Carl Byzewski**



The Ely Steakhouse  
And Lounge



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## MANAGER COOPER

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First let me thank everyone who helped out on many projects last year. There are too many to thank personally so I give you all one big THANK YOU! Let's also recognize the board members and their donated time and effort-thank you all! Looking forward to a great season again this year! In light of 2023 sales, I will be putting in more merchandise and clothing in 2024. With that said, if you would like to see something in the pro shop, not carried in the past, please contact me soon. We have a fantastic course and a great membership. Looking forward to seeing everyone soon! Tim



## LEAGUE COACHES & THEIR VOLUNTEERS

### ELY GOLF LEAGUES

Monday – Ladies 4 pm  
Wednesday – Sr. Men 3 pm  
Thursday – Commercial 5 pm  
Friday – Couples 4 pm  
Always call for T-Times on League Days