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Meet Mike Hainline - PGA Professional

We are pleased to announce the hiring of our new head professional, Mike Hainline.

Mike comes to us from the Illinois side of the Quad Cities. His career began as an assistant at Pinnacle Country Club in Milan, IL. and then on to Indian Bluff Golf Course, also in Milan. In addition, Mike worked as an assistant in Florida at two courses while working his way through his apprenticeship with the Professional Golfers Association of America.

Upon completion of his apprenticeship, Mike got his first Head Pro position at Western Illinois University in Macomb. He served there for 10 years running the Division I Golf Program for the men's team as well as managing and running the University-owned golf course.

Next Mike became the Head Golf Pro at Midland Country Club in Kewanee, IL. After six years Mike accepted the position of Director of Golf for the city of Valparaiso, IN. When an opportunity arose to move to the Chicagoland area Mike took a position at two facilities managed by the Billy Casper Golf Management Company. Before coming to the Odyssey Mike was most recently at one of the top ranked in the state public courses, Ravisloe Country Club in Homewood.

Mike is the proud son of a Korean War Veteran who served in the Air Force. He truly knows a hero when he sees one!

Mike brings a wealth of experience in the industry and hopes to make every golfer's



experience at the Odyssey a great one. He has plans to expand on the many great programs at the Odyssey and hopes to create some new ones.

Mike is married to Connie and they have two daughters and three grandkids.

Welcome, Mike!

Open To The Public...Golf for the Greater Good

So what does "Golfing for the Greater Good" actually mean? The Odyssey Golf course is open to the public. Every golfer using the course supports the mission of the Odyssey Golf Foundation to provide free or low cost recreational and therapeutic golf opportunities for veterans, active military members and individuals with disabilities...***giving back to those you've given so much more!*** Thank you for your support!

Our Stats:

- Nearly 30,000 Veteran rounds of golf have been played to date!
- 23 Nonprofit organizations held their golf outings at the Odyssey



From Your Executive Director - Lisa Halikias



One of the greatest gifts you can give is your time.

We, at the Odyssey Golf Foundation, have been blessed with many people who have volunteered their time and talents to help us with our mission of providing golf for the therapeutic and recreational value it brings to veterans, active military personnel and individuals with disabilities.

There has been a core group of veterans who have worked closely with us as ambassadors for the past couple of years. These gentlemen have shared their time and talents and we sincerely thank them for their service. As we move forward we hope to enlarge the group of ambassadors, our Advisory Council.

See **Recruiting** below.

As you read this first issue of our monthly newsletter, *The Odyssey Journey*, you will see that many great changes are underway...in staff...in programs...in opportunities! Our overall goal is to have an on-going, sustainable nonprofit organization so we can continue to serve our veterans, active military personnel and individuals with disabilities. It would be impossible to do without the people like YOU giving of your time, talents and treasures! As we make our way through the nonprofit maze, thank you for your continued support!

**RECRUITING - ODYSSEY GOLF FOUNDATION SEEKS
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

We are seeking men and women to serve on our volunteer Advisory Council. Members will serve for a two-year term and may serve up to three terms. Meetings will be held monthly during the golf season. For a full description of the duties and privileges of the Advisory Council, please see Lisa or Mike. We hope to grow the Council to 10 - 12 members.

From Your PGA Golf Professional –Mike Hainline



We are very excited here at the Odyssey Golf Foundation Golf Course to offer many new exciting things for 2019. We hope to appeal to golfers of all walks of life, including, of course, our Veterans.

Here is just a short list of things we are offering in 2019.

- ◆ **New price structure** offering discounted rate for Seniors and Junior golfers during the week.
- ◆ We are also offering a special rate for the women golfers on Thursdays.
- ◆ We will also be holding a **Ladies' League** as well as a **Men's Club**.
- ◆ Also new this year is a **Hole-In-One Club** for those interested in taking part. You may have heard of this type of club as well as participated in them. It is a great opportunity to hopefully redeem a large gift card by being part of a group and having a hole-in-one this year.

You will find more information about each of these exciting new opportunities on the following pages!



Ed Staffan Retires After 28 Years

"Ed always made sure every aspect of our annual golf event ran smoothly. We will miss working with him and wish him the best in his retirement"

-Amy Carmack

Good Shepherd Manor

It is with much heartfelt reflection that we announce the retiring of longtime golf and Foundation advocate, Ed Staffan. Ed was with us for close to 30 years. He was instrumental in not only the opening of the original course, but also in the entire implementation of the course as a Foundation.

A Vietnam Veteran himself, Ed was always humble and dedicated to our mission. An award has been created to honor his legacy and we will have a dedication this upcoming season from both the Odyssey Golf Foundation and from our very own veteran members.

Thank you always, Ed, for your service, both to our country and our Foundation. We hope to see you soon out on the course that you absolutely helped create!

Meet Sergeant Major "Chief"



A *major* undertaking is being implemented to eliminate the *wild bird* concerns golfers have encountered while visiting our terrific golf course.

We would like to introduce the newest member of our family at the Odyssey Golf Foundation Golf Course... Sergeant Major Chief.

The OGFGC has partnered with an organization called

Wild Goose Chase Inc, to receive our working goose dog to keep nuisance geese off golf course property. Sergeant Major Chief is a seven year old border collie.

Though Chief may be on duty when he is riding around with Bill Humphres, our Superintendent, he does like to be petted and enjoys the occasional treat. Please make sure you have the proper type

of treat before offering him anything.

The entire staff, now including Chief, is dedicated to making sure that each patron receives an exceptionally fun and enjoyable experience.

Welcome aboard, Sergeant Major Chief!

Veterans Club Membership Card and Outings



Welcome Veterans to the 2019 Membership!

In an effort to streamline the entire process of joining our Veterans Club we will be issuing 2019 Veteran membership cards right at the Pro Shop counter. It will be a plastic card with your own membership number. This new highly efficient card can be used to register for the weekly outings, book a tee time,

associate with any of your pro shop purchases and help with tracking any of the above. There will be a slight increase in 2019 to \$10 for the membership dues to defray the cost of the cards.

The weekly Veteran Outings will continue in 2019. They will take place each week typically on Mondays and Tuesdays

when scheduling permits.

The charge for the Outings will be \$20 each week which will include breakfast, lunch, cart and greens fee and prizes.



New Rates and Special Deals for 2019

The Odyssey Golf Foundation Golf Course is announcing a new rate structure for 2019.

In an effort to better serve the golfers of today we are announcing changes to the rate structure. The 2019 rates will include rates for Seniors 60+ in age; Juniors 18 years of age or under; All Ladies.

The specials which we will be running include a [hot dog/chip/drink](#) with your cart and green fee for Ladies on Thursdays and Seniors on Wednesdays.

The new 2019 rates will be:

Weekdays	<u>Riding</u>	<u>Walking</u>
6am-Noon	\$50.00	\$35.00
Noon-2pm	\$40.00	\$25.00
2pm-4pm	\$35.00	\$20.00
Twilight 4pm-after	\$30.00	\$15.00
Senior 60+ before Noon	\$35.00	\$20.00
Junior 18 or younger (all day)		\$15.00
Ladies' Day Thursdays (all day)	\$35.00	\$20.00

Weekends	<u>Riding</u>	
6am-Noon	\$63.00	NA
Noon-2pm	\$50.00	NA
2pm-4pm	\$44.00	NA
Twilight 4pm-after	\$37.00	NA



Hole-In-One Club

Are you due to have a hole-in-one this year? If you are and would like to be rewarded for such a special feat then you need to join our Hole-In-One Club. All that is required is to sign up at our counter and pay \$5. For anyone who accomplishes this feat they will receive the accumulated “pot” of membership dues in a gift card to the shop. A membership roster will be posted in the shop showing how many and who signed up for the club. The only rules required for winning is that all hole-in-ones must have one witness. If anyone makes a hole-in-one, then all members will need to add another \$5 to rebuild the pot for the next lucky member who makes an ace. Get your \$5 dollars in today!

Also New in 2019!

Men's Club

A new Men's Club is being formed and anyone interested may sign up and join at the Pro Shop. What is it all about:

Who: Any male golfers interested in playing in fun but competitive formats each week through out the season.

What: Men's Club New to Odyssey Golf Foundation G.C. Get in an 18 hole round between Wednesday and Sunday in a given week. Even golfers with the most hectic schedule should be able to participate most of the time.

Cost: \$40 goes directly into Prize Pool. Members must possess a C.D. G.A. / U.S.G.A. handicap. This service can be purchased here or online with the Chicago District Golf Association for \$40. Payouts are in Gift Cards.

When: Begins the week of April 17-21.

How: The only rules are that you play with another member of the Men's Club. A master list of members will be issued so that

players can contact each other to make playing arrangements when necessary.

Pick up a brochure or sign up at the Pro Shop counter today. Results will be posted weekly on our website and monthly newsletter.

**“Don't play too much golf.
Two rounds a day
are plenty.”**
Harry Vardon

All Day Ladies' League

An All Day Ladies' League is new this year as well. The Opening date will be April 25th with an organizational meeting and opening hors d'oeuvre banquet. This unique league caters to everyone's busy schedule. The All Day Ladies League is open to the public. Golfers in this league may tee off anytime of the day they wish.

The weekly formats, both fun and slightly competitive, are held on Thursdays for nine holes. If you wish to play 18 holes on those days then take advantage of the special \$25 rate and receive a hot

dog / chips / soda / cart/ greens fee. For those only playing nine holes on Thursdays there will be a rate of \$12 which includes fee/cart but does not include the hot dog deal. To qualify for competition you must play with at least one other All Day Ladies' League member and have an established U.S.G.A. certified handicap. Members must be 18 years of age or older.

Those without an existing certified U.S.G.A. handicap can either sign up and pay for the service at our Pro Shop counter or contact the Chicago District Golf

Association and sign up with Odyssey Golf Foundation Golf Course listed as their home course.

Prizes will be gift cards and will be rewarded weekly with most events having multiple winners.

The league will go on for 23 weeks. The membership fee is \$40 which covers the prize pool for the year. Green fees and cart are paid separately each week.

“You don't know what pressure is until you play for five bucks with only two bucks in your pocket.”

Lee Trevino

Corporate Weekends

The Odyssey Golf Foundation Golf Course would like to invite you to use our facilities for a corporate weekend for your company, group or business. We are now offering the following two different corporate opportunities:

Corporate Opportunity #1: Many companies have added wellness programs to benefit their employees' health and overall well-being. Playing golf delivers an additional health benefit by providing recreation and fun for their employees while staying active. On your designated weekend, your employees will receive a BUY ONE CART/GREENS FEE/GET ONE CART FREE deal. BUY ONE RANGE BUCKET/GET SAME BUCKET FREE for that specific weekend. There is no out-of-pocket expense to the company unless they wish to cover all or some of the costs for their employees.

Corporate Opportunity #2: Many businesses are searching for a means of offering some sort of customer appreciation to their more valued patrons. Here is your chance to show them you appreciate their business! Have a Customer Appreciation Day at the Odyssey Golf Foundation Golf Course. Merely give us a list of your more valued customers (or all of your customers) and we will set aside a weekend for them where they will receive a BUY ONE CART/GREENS FEE GET ONE CART FREE deal. BUY ONE RANGE BUCKET/GET SAME BUCKET FREE for that specific weekend.

To take advantage of these terrific opportunities, any interested company, group or business can contact Head Golf Professional Mike Hainline at (708) 429-7400 Ext. 1 to set up their designated weekend.



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History

The journey leading to the Odyssey Golf Foundation was inspired by a desire to make golf available to more people. In 1990, the Halikias family established the Odyssey Country Club with the goal of making a private golf club experience available to the general public. Very active philanthropically, the Halikias family established a 501(c)(3) non-profit in late 2013 and gifted the course to the Odyssey Golf Foundation to serve veterans, active military personnel and children and adults with special needs.

About the Course and Facilities

The Odyssey Golf Foundation course is open to the public. Operated under the direction of Mike Hainline, the Foundation is comprised of the golf course, driving range, practice facilities, golf academy and pro shop. The 18-hole course, designed by two-time U.S. Open winner Curtis Strange, provides challenging, championship play.

You Can Support the Foundation

Every time you play, you support the mission. The Foundation programs are funded through revenue generated by greens fees, sponsorships, partnerships and the generous donations of individuals, groups and corporations.

Thanks to your generosity we have the ability to grow and continue our efforts to provide the therapeutic & recreational benefits of golf to our veterans, active military & individuals with special needs of all ages.

