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## Upcoming Golf Events

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**August 4th**

Budweiser Tournament 9am

**August 19th**

159 Tournament 9am

**August 25th**

Lou Bogan Tournament  
9am

**September 2nd**

Labor Day Mixed Scramble  
9am

**September 16th**

Play It Backwards Elks  
Fundraiser Tournament 9am

## Fivesomes get the green light

On the recommendation of our Course Manager, and after studying play patterns based on the last two summers' Tee Time Schedules, the Board of Trustees has officially approved the practice of allowing fivesomes (a group of five golfers) to play.

Beginning August 1st, the Online Tee Time reservation schedule will show five slots for each tee time.

Our previous limit of four golfers per tee time was set to avoid "traffic jams" on the course, when a larger group might play slower than the smaller groups behind them. However, there is reason to believe this will not be a problem.

If you are playing as a fivesome, we ask that you show good golf etiquette, and follow a few simple rules:

- If a smaller group catches you, let them play through.
- Be aware of your pace of play - a fivesome can become quite slow if multiple golfers search too long for lost balls or take an unusual amount of time lining up shots and putts.
- Remember there can be no more than TWO golfers per cart - a fivesome will require three carts.

Like all changes in policy, there will be unanticipated problems and a period of adjustment to having fivesomes on our course. Patience and good manners will go a long way in making this change something that serves the best interests of Hastings Elks Country Club and all our members and guests.

## Heat and drought are a challenging duo

Despite record heat and drought in Nebraska the past few weeks, our Hastings Elks Country Club remains in extremely good playing condition.

Much of the credit goes to Ben Meyer and his crew of greenskeepers, who have done a remarkable job of keeping the course attractive despite the extreme stress that the grass has been under.

Ben has been applying maximum water on a nightly basis throughout the period, but the weather conditions mean that even with maximum watering, there is a deficit of moisture in the soil on fairways and greens.

Many of the rough areas are tinder dry, and rain will be the only answer for those areas. It's important to recognize the seriousness of this heat/drought combination, however, and keep the dryness of some areas at the front of your mind.

One carelessly discarded cigarette in the tinder dry rough could create a major fire that would threaten trees and even structures. Please be careful!

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