

is in the air at Wakonda!



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Two members share:

I love Wakonda because...



I love Wakonda because members and the staff are welcoming and always friendly. Wakonda is a community of our friends, our neighbors and the families that attend our kids' school. The opportunities for kids – from sports to cooking classes to fun parties – are amazing. And the food is the best in Des Moines!

Janelle Holmes



I love Wakonda Club because of the great staff, welcoming members and first class golf course. It's a pleasure being a part of the Wakonda Family.

Patrick Hall

Valentine's Day

Sweetheart's Dinner

Tuesday, February 14, 2012 | Reservations from 5:30-8:30pm | Panorama Room



Live Piano Entertainment

**Courtesy RSVP
by February 8**
\$55++

After February 8
\$60++

**Attire: Coat & Tie
for Gentlemen**

**NO Other Member
Dining this Evening!**

Reservations
REQUIRED
Call the front desk
285.4962

**Guests
Encouraged!**

MENU

1st Course

Lobster Bisque Sherry Cream Quenelle

2nd Course

Root Vegetable Napoleon, Micro Green Salad,
Kiffer Lime Vinaigrette

3rd Course

Seafood Vol au Vent

4th Course

Petite Filet with Port Wine Truffle Butter

5th Course

Chocolate Raspberry Gateau

*Complimentary Glass of
Champagne Included.*



SUPER BOWL TO-GO!

Sunday, February 5 | See below for details

Let Wakonda take care of all the food for your super bowl party!

Option One
\$15++ pp

10 Person Min. Order

Chips, Salsa &
Texas Caviar Dip

Buffalo Wings

Imported Cheese Tray

Sweet & Sour Meatballs

Water Chestnut Rumaki

BBQ Mini Sausages

Option Two
\$25++pp

10 Person Min. Order

Chips, Salsa &
Texas Caviar Dip

Buffalo Wings

Imported Cheese Tray

Szechwan Beef Skewers

Shrimp Cocktail

Mini Assorted Wrap
Sandwiches

Artichoke Dip

Option Three
\$35++pp

10 Person Min. Order

Chips, Salsa &
Texas Caviar Dip

Buffalo Wings

Imported Cheese Tray

Szechwan Beef Skewers

Shrimp Cocktail

Crab Pizza with Lavosh Chips

Sliced Beef Tenderloin &
Roasted Turkey Tray, Including
Mini Buns and Condiments

Fried Pork Egg Rolls

Chocolate Covered
Strawberries

Orders by Fri., Feb 3.
Call the front desk
@ 285.4962

giants vs. patriots 

Pick up between 12 – 2pm ~ No substitutions on packages ~ Club will provide warming instructions for hot items!



Bingo was a HUGE hit last year! Join us!!!

Family Bingo!

A Great Winter Family Activity...



Saturday, February 11
5:30-8:30pm | Panorama Room

- Buffet Dinner - \$10++ (includes 2 Bingo Cards)
- \$1 Per Additional Bingo Card
- Win Great Prizes!

★ Additional Activities for the Kids!

Reservations
REQUIRED
Call the front desk
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Guests
Encouraged!



I love Wakonda because... ♥



I love Wakonda Club because there are always chairs available at the pool, amazing staff members, unique/fun family activities & great food! Wakonda has been the best investment we could have made for our family summer fun! *Dawn Mann ~ Member 8 months*

SLEDDING day

Get Ready for Sledding!

When the **perfect snow day** comes along, we will be e-mailing everyone to invite them to participate in this **great Wakonda winter tradition!**

Please be sure you're on our weekly e-mail list! If you don't receive our weekly updates, please e-mail Josh Krohn at joshk@wakondaclub.com.

Here's hoping for snow!





GET TO KNOW MEMBERS

Josh & Sheryl Tessier

And Son Nathan (4)

Backgrounds:

Josh: Grew up in Blackstone, Massachusetts. Received his Undergraduate and Masters Degree at the University of Massachusetts and attended medical school at Des Moines University. He is a Faculty Physician at Iowa Lutheran Hospital Family Medicine Residency.

Sheryl: Grew up in Winthrop, Massachusetts. Received her Undergraduate Degree in Music Performance and Business from the University of Massachusetts and her MBA at Drake University. She is an Office Manager and Tax Associate at H&R Block.

We moved to Iowa in 2005 because Josh liked Des Moines and the University so much. We have one 4-year-old son, Nathan.

Three words to describe us:

Josh: Animated, focused, funny.

Sheryl: Organized, active, strong-willed.

Why Wakonda?

We heard such great things and there are so many family-focused activities to keep us busy.

What we love about Des Moines:

We love the slower pace (well, slower than Boston) and all of the family-friendly activities Des Moines has to offer. We love the traffic-less roads and short wait times at local restaurants. Some of our favorite things to do are going to the Farmer's Markets, Zoo, Science Center and The State Fair.

Fears:

Josh: Tsunamis, scary looking trees.

Sheryl: Bugs, carnival rides, needles.

Where we can be spotted around town:

Proof for lunch. We are definite foodies. We'll most likely be trying a new restaurant or at one of our favorites like Mezzodi's, Django, Dos Rios or The King & I.

A talent/hobby we have that not a lot of people know about:

We met during our time marching in Drum and Bugle Corps. We both are pretty good Trombone/Baritone players. Though practicing medicine, doing taxes and taking care of a 4-year-old doesn't leave much time to play.

Most memorable trip/vacation:

We are avid cruisers. Between both of us, we have been on over 20 cruises. We have cruised to the Caribbean, Canada, the Bahamas, Bermuda and our latest was Mexico and hope to cruise Alaska or Hawaii soon!

Passions:

Josh: Music, teaching, traveling.

Sheryl: Music, hosting parties, Farrell's Extreme Body-Shaping and good food. (The Farrell's kickboxing is to help reduce the damage from the parties and food!)



GET TO KNOW MEMBERS

John & Cindy Axne

And Sons Gunnar (9) and Rafe (7)

Backgrounds:

John: Grew up in Peoria, IL. Attended Marquette University-BS in Biomedical Engineering. Columbia College with a BA degree in Multimedia Design. Owner of Creation Agents, a web design and interactive media company.

Cindy: Grew up in West Des Moines. University of Iowa (undergrad). Northwestern Kellogg School of Management (MBA). Works at the Department of Natural Resources as Division Administrator overseeing Human Resources, Customer Service, Budget & Finance, IT and Engineering.

Sons: Gunnar (9) & Rafe (7).

Why Wakonda?

Awesome family place. Great food and exciting events. Interesting and fun people.

Favorite dish at the Club:

John: House chopped salad.

Cindy: Scallops.

Boys: Anything pool side.

Words to Best Describe Us:

John: Fun geek, loves music, art & technology, nature and the outdoors.

Cindy: Outgoing, energetic, loves the outdoors.

Sons: Crazy boys! (Always looking for a fun time.)

What we love about Des Moines:

Beautiful parks to hike and bike. Great festivals. Mid-size town with some big city appeal.

Words to live by:

Live in the present & give to those less fortunate.
Work hard & play hard.

Things that make us smile:

Comedy--our weekly stress reliever, our dogs Astro and Bandit, Rafe's piano playing, Gunnar making an assist in hockey, a quiet house.

Fears: Hmmm? We have nothing to fear but fear itself.

Talent/hobbies:

John: Cross country skiing, kayaking, biking, hiking, music, hockey.

Cindy: Hiking, biking, running and Zumba.

Most Memorable Trip/Vacation:

Honeymoon in Germany and Iowa's own Backbone State Park.

Where we can be spotted around town?

Hanging out downtown, Raccoon River Park, Greenwood Park, YMCA downtown (Cindy), and of course kids activities.

Passions

John: My family, environment, nature & new music.

Cindy: Our environment, animal welfare, my family.

This feature to the newsletter is intended to create awareness of all the wonderful members we have at Wakonda. If you would like to be featured, or know of someone who you'd like to recommend for a feature, please contact Kristine Dineen. Thank you!





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from your golf professional



Mark Your Calendars!

Junior Golf Winter Program

This program is available to all junior golfers at Wakonda Club for a fee of \$10 per student per session. Juniors may bring a guest if they wish but if classes fill up, classes will be limited to Wakonda juniors only. If you wish to bring a guest, please call the day before the class to see if there is availability. Each class will be limited to 10 juniors.

Times & dates are as follows:

Wednesday Classes 4-5pm

Wednesday, February 1
 Wednesday, February 8
 Wednesday, February 15
 Wednesday, February 22
 Wednesday, February 29

Sunday Classes 3-4pm

Sunday, February 5
 Sunday, February 12
 Sunday, February 19
 Sunday, February 26



2012 MAJOR GOLF EVENT SCHEDULE

Spring Opening Scramble
 Sat., May 5

Multi-Vendor Demo Day
 Fri., May 18

WWGA Stag
 Tues., May 29

Blazer Day
 Thurs., June 7 – Sat., June 9

Men's Stag #1
 Thurs., June 21

WWGA Lone Leaf
 Mon., July 9 – Wed., July 11

Member/Member
 Thurs., July 19 – Fri., July 20

Men's Stag #2
 Thurs., July 26

Club Championships
 Sat., Aug. 25 – Sun., Aug. 26

Wakonda Cup
 Thurs., Sept. 20 – Fri., Sept. 21

Langford Cup
 Wed., Oct. 3 – Fri., Oct. 5
Happy Hollow in Omaha

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Winter Golf Hours | Wednesday – Sunday 10am - 4pm | Monday & Tuesday Closed All Day

Please call or e-mail Aaron (aaronk@wakondaclub.com) or Justin (justinr@wakondaclub.com) if you anticipate any needs while the Golf Shop is closed.





Wakonda Women's Golf Initiative

All Wakonda Women Golf Members have the opportunity to receive a free 30-minute golf lesson from the Golf Professional Staff in 2012!

To be eligible to claim this free lesson, you must complete and return a short survey that the golf staff will use to create women friendly programs and clinics throughout the season. This survey will be sent out via e-mail and posted on Wakonda's website in early to mid-February. To receive this survey via e-mail, send an e-mail to Aaron Krueger (aaronk@wakondaclub.com) with subject line: **Survey/Lesson**.

Lessons

The golf professional staff are available for lessons or club fitting at the indoor practice facility. Call the golf shop (285.1934) to schedule a lesson or fitting today!

Golf Outings

Great dates are still available for Monday golf outings. Think Wakonda for your corporate, charitable or customer appreciation group outings. Contact Aaron Krueger, PGA for more information.

Congratulations to Lucus Scott Winner of the Titleist Dream Bag Giveaway!

Wakonda Member Lucus Scott recently won the trip of a lifetime. Lucus was drawn from 50,000 entries and won a trip for two to the Titleist Performance Institute in Oceanside, CA for a full club fitting session along with 14 brand new clubs built to his specs. Lucus brought fellow Wakonda Member Jim Peterson along to receive the same tour-level treatment.

Both Lucus and Jim learned how important professionally fit golf clubs can be and the trouble you can encounter with improper clubs. Although you may not be as lucky as Lucus and Jim, you still have an opportunity to be professionally fit for all of your clubs at Wakonda. Consider getting fit by one of Wakonda's Golf Professionals for your next club purchase to ensure your investment is worthwhile.

To view video and more pictures of their experience click the following link:

<http://www.titleist.com/teamtitleist/b/tourblog/archive/2012/01/10/sweepstakes-winners-get-fit-for-titleist-dream-bag.aspx>

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Golf Course
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from your golf
course superintendent



This time of year is always exciting as we prepare for the upcoming golfing season. The big news this winter is the lack of snow cover.

What does this mean for the turf in the spring?

- Snow cover provides insulation from the drying northwest winds.
- Adds much needed moisture to the turf in the spring.

The Good News

- We received three substantial rain events in December that soaked into the soil.
- All of our greens are covered from the drying winds.
- We checked soil moisture under the covers on January 6th and the turf is in great condition (see photo B below).

Good News Continued

- We will keep you posted on changing conditions.

Winter Work

The grounds staff is busy with oil changes and blade sharpening on the 122 pieces of equipment that are required to take care of the grounds.

We also sand, paint or stain all of the course furniture such as tee markers, hazard posts, rope stakes and range equipment – over 500 pieces in all.

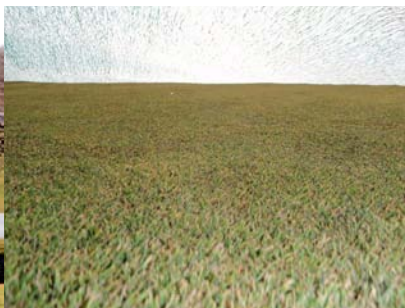
This detail work in the winter ensures the equipment and course furniture will run and look pristine all season.

Continuing Education

- The winter months also provide us a great time to keep up with turfgrass science and network with our peers.
- We attended the Iowa Turfgrass Conference in January.
- In February, I will be attending the Golf Industry Show in Las Vegas. I will be focusing this year on plant health and nutrition.
- Education is a vital part of staying current on the new technologies and practices in our industry that are rapidly changing.

Follow us on our blog:
www.wakondagrounds.blogspot.com

A: Covers on the greens in January; **B:** A view under a green cover January 6, 2012; **C:** Tee markers lined up; **D:** Busy at work painting tee markers.



Think Spring Only 60 days until the course is open!



father-daughter

DANCE

at the Club

Saturday, January 21 a few photos from the evening



♥ I love Wakonda because...

Wakonda has been the setting for some of our favorite family memories -- whether playing golf with the kids, enjoying dinner out or celebrating holiday events, we love coming to Wakonda all year long. It is the wonderful staff that makes Wakonda special -- we can't say thank you enough, not just for the lovely service, but for the kind and safe environment you create for the kids.

Joanne Roth ~ Member 8 years



Hours of Operation

Terrace Grill

Monday Closed.

Lunch:

Tue. - Fri.:

11:30am-2pm

Dinner:

Tue. - Sat: 5:30-9pm

Sunday: 5:30-8:30pm

Wine Cellar Dining Room

Same Hours as Terrace Grill

By Reservation Only.

Oak View Bar

Tuesday - Saturday:

4-11pm

Sunday:

4-10pm

Lower Grill

Monday:

Lunch 11am - 2pm,

Beverage service only 2 - 5pm

Tuesday-Friday:

Lunch Buffet from 11am - 2pm

LG Menu service 11am - 5pm

Saturday & Sunday:

Breakfast 9 - 11am,

LG Menu service 11am - 5pm

NEW seasonal menu beginning March 6th!



February Specials

TERRACE GRILL



Dinner

Tuesdays

Cheap Date Night

Buy one entrée get the second ½ off. All desserts are ½ price. Also receive \$2 off any wine by the glass.

Wednesdays

Kids Eat Free Night

(from Kids' menu)

Thursdays

All Carry Out Food

10% OFF!

Fridays

Whole Lobster Night

Fresh Maine Whole Lobster (1 ½ lb), Boiled Red Potatoes, Asparagus \$28++

(Flown in fresh, they will be available on a first come, first served basis.)

Saturdays

Lamb Du Jour Night!

Each week Chef George's different preparation of Soup or Salad, Lamb and Dessert - \$35++

Sundays

Blue Plate Special \$9.95++

First Friday

Friday, February 3

Oak View Bar ~ 6-9pm

A great way to reconnect with your friends at the Club! Complimentary wine tasting & hors d'oeuvres.

To-Go Menus

*When the wind is blowing and the snow is falling... Remember Wakonda Club offers **FOOD TO GO!***

- All Terrace Grill menu items are offered "To Go" during regular business hours.
- Take advantage of this great amenity... just call ahead and then pick up your order at the front desk!
- All "To Go" orders are applied to your food and beverage minimum.
- Make your winter a little more enjoyable by letting Wakonda cook for you!

Club Cancellation Policy: To ensure that Wakonda is providing you with the best service and products available, the Club will be enforcing its 48 hour Club Cancellation Policy. If for any reason you must cancel your reservation within 48 hours or "no show" for the event, your reservation will be charged at 50% of the cost of the event.

For updated menus and nightly specials go to www.wakondaclub.com



February '12



CONTACT NUMBERS

Clubhouse 285.4962
 Golf Shop 285.1934
www.wakondaclub.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Kids Eat Free	2 Carry Out Food 10% Off	3 First Friday Lobster Night	4 Lamb du Jour
5 Super Bowl Food To-Go Blue Plate Special	6	7 Cheap Date Night	8 Courtesy RSVP for Valentine's Day Kids Eat Free	9 Carry Out Food 10% Off	10 Lobster Night	11 Family Bingo Night Lamb du Jour
12 Blue Plate Special	13	14 Valentine's Day Sweethearts Dinner 5:30 - 8:30 No Regular TG Dining	15 Kids Eat Free	16 Carry Out Food 10% Off	17 Lobster Night	18 Lamb du Jour
19 Blue Plate Special	20	21 Cheap Date Night	22 Kids Eat Free	23 Carry Out Food 10% Off	24 Lobster Night	25 Lamb du Jour
26 Blue Plate Special	27	28 Cheap Date Night	29 Kids Eat Free			

Coming in
March '12

First Friday
 March 2

**Parent/Child
 Golf Indoor
 Camp Out**
 March 3

**Adult Cooking
 Class**
 March 8

**Family Bingo
 Night**
 March 10

**Tennis Activity
 Camp**
 March 14 -16
(weather permitting)

**Spring Break
 Camp**
 March 19 - 23
 (9am - 1pm)

Save the date...
For All Sports Sign-Up ~ Sunday, April 15
 Plan your summer by registering for tennis,
 junior golf, swim team & swim lessons.

♥ I love Wakonda because...

I love Wakonda because it's such a comfortable place to go. From playing a round of golf, conducting a little business over lunch in the Lower Grill, or dining with your family and friends in the Terrace Grill, you always feel welcome, are greeted with a pleasant exchange and warm smile, from both, fellow members and Club staff. Wakonda truly feels like one big family. *Andy Flynn, Member 16 years*

**It's never too early to
 think about summer
 activities at Wakonda!**

