

March Forecast



March Golf Shop Hours/Days of Operation

If the high temp forecast for the day is 50 degrees or higher:

We'll be open 9am. Closing times will vary based on weather.

Spring Golf; what you should expect from the course, your game and score.



March has arrived in Nebraska, which is our unofficial start to the golf season. Every year you can count on golf courses to open around March 1st. The temperature will jump up into the 60's for a couple days and then it'll fall back to the 20's. We'll have sun, rain, wind and probably one more good snow storm.

As you come out to the course and shake off the winter rust, I want to share with you what to expect from spring golf.

The Course: The golf course in the spring will have mixed conditions. Some areas will be soggy, other areas will be dry. Grass will be mostly brown and a bit taller than what you'll see in the summer. We've never done an exact count, but it's fair to say we have A LOT of trees across our 160 acers. Every time the wind blows sticks fall from these trees. So expect to have sticks, twigs, etc. in your way. (Pro tip: if you hate rough grass and sticks, hit more fairways!)

Your Game/Swing: Most of you haven't touched a golf club in 3-4 months. Taking that much time away from any activity will show. Just focus on getting the ball airborne and somewhat in the direction you intended. In time your yardages and shot shapes will come back to you.

Your Score: It's March, what you shoot doesn't matter! The course is brown and inconsistent and your swing isn't yet your normal swing. How many strokes it took you to put the ball in the hole doesn't matter right now. Enjoy being outside and the company of your friends. There's plenty of time left in the season to get angry at yourself for duffing a chip, slicing one OB or three putting!

High School Golfers

March is the start of the High School golf season. At Indian Trails we have three schools that use our course as their home course; Wisner-Pilger, West Point-Beemer and GACC. Every weekday around 4pm these high school students come to the course to play, hit range balls and learn the game of golf. Some of these kids come from golfing families and understand golf rules and etiquette; many (like myself when I started) do not.

Please show understanding if you encounter a high school golfer not showing proper etiquette. If there is a minor issue, let it go. If you see a real problem, you can talk to them, alert the golf shop staff or one of the coaches.

We want to keep our course in great condition, but we don't want to discourage kids from playing golf. Keep in mind we were all new to this game once, you can't learn etiquette from a text book and they're not going to know everything right away. We all learn as we go.

League Sign-up

Men's League

Don't miss out on the most popular competitive golf program at ITCC!

Tuesdays; 5:00 pm shotgun start.

Team drawing night: Tuesday April 8th @ 6:00 pm.

Regular season play begins April 15th.

The Men's Evening League sign-up sheet is posted on the golf shop bulletin board. You can sign up by checking the Men's League box on your dues payment form, in person, by phone or by e-mail. **(Men's League is limited to 96 players, if you know you want to play sign-up ASAP!)**

Ladies Evening League

For 2025 we again will have 2 ladies leagues to choose from;

9 Hole Team League- This is a golf format that will provide a good mix of fun and competition. Members will sign up as 2-person teams. Teams will be playing a **"1 Net Best Ball."**

9 Hole Individual League- The Individual league will be 1 on 1 matches. 12 Points are up for grabs each match, 1 point is earned for each hole won and 3 points are earned for best total 9 hole score.

Cost:

The cost to play in the Ladies Wednesday Evening League is \$60.00 per player, which includes the cost of your GHIN handicap for the season, end of year payouts and weekly flag prizes.

Time:

Shotgun start at 5:45p.m on Wednesday nights beginning May 14th.

New golf clubs are EXPENSIVE; do I really need to upgrade my set?

Golf club prices have been increasing for years. Name brand drivers retail for \$600, iron sets sell for well over \$1,000, putters are \$250-\$500. If you're looking to buy a whole new name brand 14 club set, you should expect to spend over \$4,000. But do you REALLY NEED to replace your whole set??? Here's a club by club guideline.

- **Driver:** Undoubtedly, the most fun club in the bag. If your driver is less than 5 years old, what you have should be fine. But if you want to make sure, the perfect way to find out is to demo (try out for free) a new 2025 driver from the golf shop and go play golf. You'll see exactly where and how far the new driver goes. Hole #7 is perfect testing ground. Hit 3 balls with your driver (mark the balls so you know what's what) then hit 3 balls with the new driver. If the difference is significant to you, maybe you should upgrade.
- **Fairway woods:** Many people use the wrong lofts on their fairway woods, but that's a different topic. Fairways woods don't "wear out" and technology hasn't done too much in this department over the years. If you've purchased fairway woods in the past 10 or so years AND you like what you have, then you're fine.
- **Hybrids:** Similar story to the fairway woods, they don't "wear out" and technology has done little to these in 10 years. If you're someone who doesn't have a hybrid or hasn't tried one in a few years, you should definitely demo one. They're MUCH easier to hit than your long irons.

- **Irons:** Did you get your irons fit for you when you bought them? (Length, lie angle, shaft type, grip.) If your irons are fit for you, and they were purchased with-in the past 10 years, then they should be fine. It takes a long time for the grooves in an iron set to wear down.
- **Wedges:** This is the big one; it's a club that is too often neglected. I'll use myself as an example. I use my 58 degree wedge for all shots around the green and up to 95 yards away from the green. In 18 holes of golf, I'll realistically hit a ball with my wedge 12-16 times. Wedge grooves will wear out fairly quick. The longest I'd ever keep a wedge in my bag would be 2 years. At that point I know the grooves have been beat down and I'm not getting the amount of backspin on my shots that I want. If your "go to" wedge is 3 or more years old, you should definitely consider replacing it.
- **Putters:** Unless you've been throwing your putter or beating it against a tree... your putter doesn't ever "need" to be replaced. If you're thinking about buying a new putter, demo one first. You're welcome and encouraged to borrow one from the Golf Shop and play a round of golf, if you love it, buy it. If you don't love it, put it back on the rack and try something different, doesn't cost you anything to try.
- **Grips:** If you like all your clubs and don't intend on replacing them, that's absolutely fine. But you should consider having us replace your grips. If you play a lot of golf your grips should be replaced once per year. I like to compare grips to shoes. You don't release how bad your old ones are until you try new ones. I carry 4 or 5 different types of popular grips in stock, but there are literally hundreds of different types of grips that exist. If you want something that I don't stock, just let me know and I can order and install them for you.