



**March 2024**

**2024 Dretzka Officers:**

Officers

Jim Franke	President(Interim)
Adam Hadrian	Vice President/Tournament Director
Kirby Schuller	Secretary
Jim Franke	Treasurer

Executive Committee

Peter Topolovich	New Member-Thursday League Director
Dan Gehrke	MCPLA Team Captain
Jim Gehrke	MCPLA Delegate
Adam Hadrian	2-Man Best Ball / Net Club Championship Director
Robert Lehninger	WSGA Delegate

**2024 Dretzka Kick-Off Meeting**

We will have our Spring Kick-Off meeting at the Dretzka Clubhouse. Gathering begins at 6:00PM on Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup> with the meeting starting at 6:30 PM. Pizza and refreshments will be provided!

Members of the club Executive Committee will review how the club operates and provide an overview of our events for the 2024 season. Don't miss this great start to the season and bring a friend.

You will be able to pay your dues for the 2024 season at this meeting or you can do it online through our club website.

<http://www.dretzkaparkmensclub.com/>

The same process can be used to pay the fees for entry into the Net Match Play and 2 Man Best Ball competitions. Use the "Join Now" tab on the website to complete your entry into these two season long competitions at:

<http://www.dretzkaparkmensclub.com/>

**If you have any questions regarding payment to the club don't hesitate to contact our Treasurer, Jim Franke, at 414-550-1143. Jim can take credit cards directly or arrange to handle your check.**

## **President's Report (Jim Franke):**

Welcome to the 2024 golf season at Dretzka Park. As you may have noticed, I (Jim Franke) am the Treasurer for the Dretzka Men's Golf Club, I am also listed as interim president. With the much deserved retirement of Bob Lehninger, the position was left vacant. We thank Bob for his great leadership over the past many years. For this year, I will fill the position on an interim basis.

With great anticipation I am looking forward to the Spring Kick Off Meeting on April 4. I strongly urge everyone to attend the meeting as there will be many updates on changes being made, as well as some decisions to be made. This will be a wonderful opportunity to catch up with your fellow golfers, and enjoy some food and beverages. It will also give you a chance to voice your opinion on some pending items that still need direction for this season.

Having both the president and treasurer titles in no way means that I want to run everything. The goal for this year is quite the opposite. Rather than a few people doing all the work behind the scenes, I believe the Dretzka Park Golf Club will be much better off when **all** the members take pride in belonging and step up in some small way to help make it the best club in the area.

We have asked for help and some members have already stepped up in big ways. Last fall, Matt Tiefenbrun organized the survey that gave great insight from those that responded. As a result, Dan Meyers initiated a push to update tee box options. More on that process will be discussed at the spring meeting.

Pete Paczesny has continued to improve the Thursday Night League events. Pete has also been integral in getting the website up to date. Pete Topolovich has a great handle on the Thursday Night Team competition. Dan Gehrke will head as captain for the MCPLA Team competitions.

For the weekend outings, our goal is to give everyone the opportunity to contribute in some small way to make sure the events run smoothly. So far, Adam Hadrian, Joe Hafermann, Kirby Schuller and Jim Gehrke have stepped up and given great insight. I feel these individuals show just the beginning of a wealth of energy and inspiration that will cultivate from all our members as the season progresses.

At the Spring Kick Off meeting there will be much more on how, with each of us using just a small bit of our talents, we will collectively build the Dretzka Men's Golf Club into the fun, competitive, fulfilling and respected club we know it can be.

Thank you all in advance for your help, and I look forward to a great 2024 season at Dretzka Park. See you all on April 4th!

Jim Franke

## **Tournament Committee Report (Adam Hadrian):**

We will have a full tournament schedule for 2024. Mark your calendars and we will update you ASAP with information for the Off Site event.

We are requesting that individual members take responsibility for coordinating one of our weekend tournaments. This is a great way to learn how the club operates "behind the scenes". As an Event Coordinator, you choose the format for "your" tournament and are responsible for insuring the course is set up correctly with the Dretzka staff. Members of the executive committee will assist in the process but this will be the individual coordinators "baby". Contact Jim Franke or any other executive committee member if you'd like to become a tournament event coordinator.

**Saturday May 4, 2024 Gallet Day Adam Hadrian/Joe Hafermann Event Coordinators**  
Two Man Best Ball, Random Partner draw.

**Saturday June 1, 2024 Schroeder Day Kirby Schuller Coordinator**  
Gold Tee Challenge. Handicapped stroke play from the gold tees.

**Saturday July 6, 2024 Flag Day**  
All players receive a number of strokes based on their handicap. Plant your flag where your ball for that stroke lands – Mix of White and Blue Tees

**Saturday Aug 3, 2024 Taufner Day**  
Format to be discussed at the Spring Kick-Off meeting

**Saturday August 10th, 2024 - Club Championship**  
Flighted Stroke Play – Final format to be discussed at the Spring Kick-Off meeting

**Sunday September 15, 2024 Ryder Cup – 27 holes**  
27 hole Ryder Cup style team competition (9 Scramble, 9 Alternate Shot, 9 Singles Match Play)

**Saturday October 5, 2024 Honorary Classic**  
One Man Scramble- each player receives 2 mulligans per hole

**Off Site Event- South Hills Country Club, Fond du Lac-Date TBD Adam Hadrian Coordinator**

The field for this event will be limited to the first 24 players who register. Watch for the date and sign up as soon as you can. This is a wonderfully conditioned and fun to play golf course in the Fond du Lac area.

**Thursday October 10, 2024 Year End Banquet**  
This is a great way to end our season with a final get together at the Dretzka Clubhouse. Catered by the North Avenue Grill, the food is always outstanding. Significant others are welcome. Don't miss it!

**Side Notes:**

\*Sign up for all events will be done online using our website <http://www.dretzkapark-mensclub.com>

\*Once pairings are set for each event, there are no changes.

**Treasurer's Report (Jim Franke):**

We ended 2023 with a balance in the club treasury of \$998.47

**IMPORTANT:** We encourage all members to use our website for registration and payment of annual dues as well as entry into the Net Match Play and 2 Man Best Ball competitions. Click on the "Join Now" tab to start the process at our web address:

<http://www.dretzkaparkmensclub.com>

We have included hard copy forms with this newsletter if needed  
Dues for the 2024 season will be, **\$100.00** and need to be paid by **April 15, 2024**. Please complete the registration process on the website or by calling our club treasurer, Jim Franke at 414-550-1143.

**Secretary Report (Kirby Schuller):**

Please check out our Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Dretzka-Park-Mens-Golf-Club/350682861698068>

**WSGA Report (Robert Lehninger):**

Bob Lehninger will be Dretzka's 2024 representative to the Wisconsin State Golf Association. Any updates will be posted here.

**Two Man Best Ball / Net-Club Championship Report –Adam Hadrian**

Applications for these 2024 events are enclosed with this newsletter. But we encourage the use of the "Join Now" tab on our website to complete the registration and payment process. The entry fee will be, \$15.00 for the Net-Club Tournament and \$15.00 per man (\$30.00 per team) for the Two-Man Best Ball Tournament.

These events fill up fast so please get your entry in as soon as possible. Register at:

<http://www.dretzkaparkmensclub.com>

**MCPLA Team Report (Pete Topolovich/Dan Gehrke):**

Inter-club match play competition with the other Milwaukee County Men's Clubs. 12 man teams from each club, fully handicapped, you will play a match against the other 3 individuals in your 4 some. You play against individuals with similar handicaps.

**2024 Team Events:**

Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup> – Whitnall  
Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup> – Oakwood  
Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup> – Brown Deer  
Saturday July 27<sup>th</sup> – Greenfield  
Saturday August 17<sup>th</sup> – Grant

<http://www.dretzkaparkmensclub.com>

**Thursday Night League (Pete Paczesny)**

Our schedule is set for the 2024 Dretzka Park Men's Club Thursday Night League and is up on the website. Our first outing will be on May 16th, it will be a two-man scramble with a 5:30 shotgun start.

Registration for all of the events will open on April 1, 2024. Deadline for the events will close on the Tuesday before the event in order to prepare the scorecards and post the tee times.

The cost will be \$28.00 which includes 9 holes walking, 2 beverage vouchers and \$6.00 towards that evening's prize fund. There will be an additional \$7.00 cost for use of a cart. We will use the following point allocation of all the events to determine the season's Thursday Night League Champion.

Points are awarded as follows:

1st	7 points
2nd	5 points
3rd	3 Points
All Others	1 point

\*Note includes all ties, no tie breaker is used

**Thursday Night Team Golf 2 Man Best Ball Round Robin (Pete Topolovich)**

Play begins on May 23, 2024, continues every other Thursday and concludes August 1, 2024. The field is limited to a maximum of 12 two man teams. Participants from last season receive preference for this years registration. 2 two man teams play a 9 hole best ball match every other Thursday. Points awarded every 3 holes. Points accumulate throughout the season to determine the season long champions. Substitutions are allowed but all subs MUST be Dretzka Men’s Club members.

**MCPLA Report (Jim Gehrke):**

Meetings are held at the Currie Park Clubhouse usually conducted on the first Tuesday of each month beginning at 6:30 pm. You do not have to be a delegate to attend the meetings. The MCPLA website is <http://www.mcplawi.com>

**2024 MCPLA Events**

- May 18 – 19, 2024      Spring Championship – Grant
- July 7, 2024            MCPLA 2 Man Best Ball – Whitnall
- August 24 – 25, 2024   Arnold Walker County Championship – Brown Deer

Entry forms can be downloaded from the MCPLA website at the address above.

**Dretzka Cup (Kirby Schuller)**

The Dretzka Cup is a season long competition that is based on the number of events, both club and team events that you participate in, combined with your performance in those events. One point is awarded for participation in each event, regardless of your performance. Additional points are awarded based on how you placed in each event on the following basis:

- First Place      7 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place        5 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place        4 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place        3 points
- 5<sup>th</sup> place        2 points

All other participants will be awarded one (1) point

Dretzka Cup points will be DOUBLED for Club Championship Tournament participants.

For Second Team events, your place award is based on the number of points you earn for our club during each match and follow the format shown above. Ties are all awarded the same number of points; so for example, if everyone in a team event earned the maximum number of points, all players would be awarded 7 total Dretzka Cup points for that Team event.

This year there will be one point awarded for each Thursday Night League event that you participate in.

\*Dretzka Cup standings will be posted on our website and will be updated as soon as possible after each event.

As the saying goes you got to be in it to win it. Members that are able to play in every event give themselves the best opportunity to earn Dretzka Cup points.

## **Pace of Play Corner**

This will be an occasional new feature offering tips, techniques and suggestions for improving pace of play in our club.

Often you will see players in a cart parked next to one players ball, both players waiting for that shot to be executed before moving on to the second players ball. Suggestion: Driver of the cart drops off his partner after the club has been selected, and as long as there is no interference in the shot execution, drives the cart over to his ball, so he can play his shot immediately after his partner and then once the driver executes his shot, goes back to pick up his partner.