

Opinion Article  
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With Spring just around the corner, I thought it was appropriate to congratulate the Kewanee Dunes Golf Course for a successful season last year and wish them luck this year!

Last year, the Kewanee Dunes had an amazing year. Although they had to say “goodbye” to General Manager Tom, it didn’t take long to see that he had mentored Colby to keep the ball rolling. In only their third year, the Pro-Shop had remarkable gear representing Nike, Ping, and Callaway. The lunch menu had several meals, with OVER 20 different options to choose from including sandwiches, salads, and appetizers, as well as a kids menu. The Quick Hits is always popular for those grabbing a quick bite to eat before hitting the links.

Over 40 outings took place, which made for a busy schedule. Despite all of those outings, the course was in fabulous shape. (This doesn’t include the numerous league plays and tournaments either.) Several outings were back to back, and included a buffet or sit-down meal afterwards. I can’t say that I heard any complaints; the staff took on the challenges with a positive attitude and looked forward to the occasions. I personally know of several times when there was an event on a Saturday night. The staff was up late tearing down and, with little sleep, they were dedicated to arrange everything back to order Sunday morning, only to do it all over again the next weekend!

The great thing about the Dunes is I can put every face with a name, as well as a smile. And, I’m not just talking about the wait staff and groundskeepers. Colby Horsley, General Manager of the Dunes, is just as quick to help you if you need a reservation or just a cup of iced tea. The point is the friendly and relaxing environment that is created there goes beyond what you typically see at a public golf course. I can’t tell you how nice it is to know every single staff member by name and feel so welcome. Besides, those staff members, in my opinion, go beyond what is expected for customer service; not to mention, the level of professionalism is outstanding!

This year they are going to offer even more fun-filled outings, at least one, once a month put on by the Dunes. There will be more league options, possibly a couple’s league! The Pro-Shop is adding Cleveland Golf to its prominent offerings. Colby is trying to finalize some more reciprocals. There will be a Hole-in-One Club this year and continued traditions such as the Club Championship and Calcutta tournaments.

Lunch will be served Tuesday thru Sunday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., with a lunch special every day offered for under \$5 dollars! The Quick Hits menu (burgers, chicken breasts, hot dogs, nachos, and tenderloins) will continue to be available all day! There will be a special dinner menu available Friday and Saturday nights from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday nights will also be AYE Chicken. Not that the food wasn’t good before, but we have some awesome talent thanks to the new cook (Heather), who joined the Dunes last August, from Las Vegas Le Cordon Bleu Culinary College!

Even though it is definitely beneficial to have a membership, it is not required. But may I say the membership is the best deal in the Henry-Stark counties area! Not only does your membership for the year include your green fees and a cart, but also includes pro-shop discounts, member-only outings, discounts on other outings held there, a current reciprocal with Arrowhead (you only pay for the cart), as well as charging privileges.

The Dunes is the ideal place for a small or very large reception, banquet or private party! You will have the luxury of a full service bar, several menu options to choose from, excellent wait staff, and the gorgeous view. Whether you are looking for a new course to play, seeking membership at a full-service golf course, a new lunch spot, or location for your occasion- visit the Dunes!

Check out the website at [kewaneedunes.com](http://kewaneedunes.com), where you can sign up for the Newsletter and join the email list to receive exclusive information on upcoming events and promotions. "Like" Kewanee Dunes on FaceBook to keep up with the latest news and events. You can also find an ad in the Star Courier magazine book every Friday and newspaper ad every Saturday. Join the NEW VIP text club for texts about exclusive discounts and information! Text: DUNES To: 36000!

Before things get into full swing, check out the Dunes and reserve a day on your calendar to go out, grab a bite to eat, check out the course, and meet the staff!