

August 2020

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The Newsletter for Country Club of Wilbraham



FROM THE PRESIDENT

August is here and so our attention turns to the two major golf events of the season – the Ladies Invitational and the Macintosh Mattison Labor Day 4 Ball. Hold on this does not mean that the season is winding down! Oh no there are lots of golf left in the bag.

We held our first Member/Guest last month and we saw a record field of players. I occupied “Matt’s Perch” behind the 9th green and greeted every foursome and the compliments on the course, Grille and the day never stopped. All due to the commitment of Bobby Downes, Matt Kowal, Mike Arbour, Marc Sparks, the Golf Committee, and our entire staff. Our next Member/Guest is Wednesday, August 26th. Signups are currently ongoing.

The weather continues to encourage golf and despite the current pandemic we continue to

KEVIN DAVIS

see a record number of rounds played every week. Junior play is on the rise and our PGA Junior team is something to see. I love to see these youngsters learning and playing the game we all love. Finally, we experienced a devastating rain and wind storm a few days back. Most of the area was without power for a few days due to trees down on wires. Fortunately, CCofW did not lose power and through the efforts of Matt’s crew and many volunteers debris, downed trees and branches were removed and the Ladies League played on that evening. The entire course was open for play the next day. Welcome new Members: Jeff Sullivan, Meteo Munez-Martinez, Mike Stachowicz, Benito & Giovanni Calvanese.

That’s it for now. Come on out and play and stop by the Grille for refreshments and a bite.

UPCOMING EVENT SCHEDULE

August 15th	Women's Net Shootout
August 16th	Men's Net Shootout
August 18th	Women's Invitational
August 19th	Senior Rocking Chair Tee Times starting at 7:30am
August 19th	Junior Club Championship Tee Times starting at 11:30am
August 26th	Member Guest 11:00am Lunch 12:00PM Shotgun
September 4-6th	Labor Day Four Ball
September 12th	Rick Thorpe Memorial
October 3rd	Greenkeeper's Revenge

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FROM OUR GOLF PROFESSIONAL BOBBY DOWNES

We are now into August of a memorable 2020 season. September and Fourball are quickly coming and the fall will soon be here. I want to remind everyone to stop in the golf shop if there is anything that me or my staff can assist you with.

I expect a busy fall season, with Covid still a major health problem, outdoors on the course still remains a safe place and a way for us all to get away for a few hours. Once again I appreciate everyone's patience this season, it hasn't been easy for any of us.

GOLF COMMITTEE

The golf season seems to be flying by, but there is still plenty of golf left to go. Looking at the golf calendar, the month of August has several events to be played. On Saturday, August 15th, the Women's Net Shootout will take place. The shootout for the men will be on the 16th. If you have the opportunity, get out there and watch some great golf. The Senior Rocking Chair Tournament will take place on the 19th, followed by the next member/guest on the 26th with a 11:00 A.M. shotgun start.



JIM NAGLIERI

This could be a record year for the number of holes in one that have taken place. Congratulations to the following members: Michele Austin, Christy Hamilton (same hole, same day, match play), Tina Miller, Sandy Orr, Joe Mastrangelo, Dennis Lopata, and Kevin Murphy. Are there more to come??

The course is in great condition, get out there and play!

SENIOR GOLF

The Senior Match Play tournament, a two week event, was interrupted by Tropical Storm Isaias. It will conclude August 12th. This means the Senior Rocking Chair Tournament will move to August 19th. Just a reminder that the Rocking Chair is a net tournament played from the Gold Tees, open to all members 62 and older.

The Silver Knights inter-club match at Westover, originally scheduled for August 19th, has been postponed.

MIKE AUSTIN

Luckily the course largely avoided damage, but I hear the cleanup effort was quite substantial.

Also, don't forget that the Coots play every Tuesday and Thursday morning starting at 10:30. They are always looking for more golfers. No sign-ups necessary, just show up and play.

AUGUST MEMBER GUEST

**11AM SHOTGUN
4PM DINNER**

**\$70 PER PLAYER
2 MEMBER MAX
BEST BALL GROSS/NET
SIGN UP BY AUGUST 21**

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MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE

I thank all of you who are making this a successful season. Once again we have enjoyed good competition and strong camaraderie despite the obvious obstacles we faced this year. Players, golf staff, course maintenance staff, and our food service all deserve thanks for a very positive experience in 2020.

As the days start to shorten, we have made decisions about ending the season and this is to communicate them.

1 There will not be a closing banquet as it is not possible to plan one with certainty for a league with 76 members and health concerns still affecting us.

2 Each league player will receive a CC of W golf shirt. They can pick from several choices of design, size, and color. They will need to visit the golf shop to make their selection and then the item can be ordered. Players should do this soon in order to make the process go smoothly.

3 We plan to end Thursday league play on August 27 and Tuesday league play on September 22.

4 A Ryder Cup style event will be held on Thursday, September 10 with September 17 as a rain date. Tuesday players and Thursday players will play 9-hole matches head to head or in a twosome against players of comparable handicaps so most, if not all, matches are played without strokes. Those who sign up will be divided into two teams to equalize handicaps. There will be a 4:15 shotgun start because sunset is earlier.

JOHN McBRIDE

Afterward, there will be food and all members of both leagues are encouraged to attend even if not playing.

Last, but not least, thanks to Andy Montagna and Jason Roebuck for guiding the Tuesday league again in 2020. As always, we invite the input or assistance of interested members in running these leagues.



WOMENS GOLF

NANCY HUNT & ANNE GEOFFRION

3 CCW LADIES-3 HOLES IN ONE-IN 3DAYS!!!

We still can't stop talking about it! Michele Austin while playing in her team ladder match, made her first hole in one on #10. Not to be outdone, Christy Hamilton, also in that match, followed with her first hole in one on the same hole. Two days later, Tina Miller made her first hole in one on #5. And Michele Austin witnessed all 3 holes in one in 3 days! Way to go ladies!



Sadie Hawkins was awesome! 16 teams of four headed by one CCW woman and 3 men participated. We had beautiful weather and a great tournament. Congrats to the winners – Rhonda Lozinski, Matt Kowal, Chris Pastoreck and Greg Placzek with a score of 120.

To all of you who have qualified for this year's shootout, good luck and we will see you on August 15th.

We are looking forward to the Ladies' Invitational Tournament scheduled for Tuesday August 18th. We know it will not be the same

as in years past, but are hoping to enjoy a fun day.

The August 26th Guest Day is open to all members. We understand that it is scheduled for a Wednesday, but nonetheless we encourage all the Ladies to participate and bring a guest.

Women's Team Match Play in addition to the Women's Single Match Play is underway. Reminder to get your matches scheduled. Best of luck to all the participants.

League will continue each Wednesday. The last day for league play will be September 2nd.

Stay well and be safe.

