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The Newsletter for Country Club of Wilbraham

FROM THE PRESIDENT

DAVID NICOLL

In the very near future, we will be opening all of the facilities at CCW to our members and their guests. To those of you who did respond to our survey I say thank you. We have spent many hours going over the inputs, highlighting the key concerns, and making plans to address. Over the course of the winter there has been some significant changes, that with a high level of certainly I believe, will add value and heighten our experience of being members at CCW.

One of the biggest changes comes in the form of our Food and Beverage Service provider. Thanks to the very hard work of Nancy Hunt, Vice President and Chair of the Food and Beverage committee, along with her team, we have exited our Agreement with Chez Hospitality Group, LLC and have engaged in an Agreement with 3 Guys Catering (3GC) from East Longmeadow.

In addition, to the change of our Food and Beverage Service provider, there has been an overall combined effort between our Grounds Staff and the 20 something volunteers to take down trees, clean around the right side of the 11th fairway, the 1st Tee Box, the right side of 9th fairway, just to name a few. To the volunteers – thank you is not enough that I can say – but it is

my honor and privilege to work side by side with you. You are a great group and what this does for CCW allows us to spend money on other projects that may be as equally important.

Also, our House Committee has been working on projects inside the club house that had been need of repair. There are more things that need to get done, so if you have a spare hour or two and can lend a hand please reach out to the House Committee Chair, Dave O'Brien. I know he could use some support.

I would to acknowledge and welcome our newest members; **Matt Beaudin, Ethan Gasteyer, Rooney Gasteyer, Jack Moltenbrey, Peter Routette, Jeffrey Sagalyn, Craig DiFranco, Joe and Ashley Rogers, Joe Martin and Melinda Mitton, Greg Kimball, Tucker Derosia, John Basile, Michael Pietrucci, Dan Sheehan and Dick Chase.** Please join me in welcoming them to CCW. I look forward to the start of what I believe will be a great year and seeing you all at CCW.



FROM OUR GOLF PROFESSIONAL BOBBY DOWNES

Hopefully everyone has made it through the winter months healthy and safe. March quickly leads to April and the start of the 2021 Golf season at CCW. We are still adhering to many of the restrictions that have been put in place because of Covid.

2020 proved that we can still have great club events and provide a great experience for all our members. I'm excited out seeing everyone back here when the course opens. The Golf Staff has a new member as Jimmy Gavron has agreed to take the Assistant Professional position. Jimmy comes with many years of golf experience, having worked at Twin Hills in Longmeadow and the Arrowhead Golf Club in Naples, Florida. Justin Kumpulianian has moved on to Taconic Golf Club and I would like to thank him for his work for the last 2 seasons.

With the season around the corner feel free to reach out if there is anything I can do for you. I

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can not wait to get the season started and I am grateful to be the Head Professional at a place where it is so much fun to come to work every day. I wish our new President Dave Nicoll and our Board a successful year. I would also like to thank Kevin Davis for all his help the last 3 years.

We are excited about the new POS system that should be much more member friendly. We will have a lot more to share with the membership about that in the coming days. Michelle Dunklee, Joe Falzone and Bill Kemple have done an amazing job getting this together for our members. Stay safe and healthy ! See everyone soon.

FOOD & BEVERAGE COMMITTEE

NANCY HUNT

The Country Club of Wilbraham is excited to announce 3 Guys Caterer as our new Food & Beverage Vendor. The owners are Joe Piccuiro, Bob Granger and Rich Freccero, who collectively bring us the experience, knowledge and energy that we have been looking for. 3 Guys believes in fostering a culture of service through a participative, hands-on management format and promises to provide our members with authentic quality food and beverage service at an affordable price point.

The Food and Beverage Committee along with your Board of Directors would like to thank the members that contributed to our survey last year and we want you to know that we listened to you. After evaluating multiple proposals and conducting interviews, we feel that this is the right choice for our members and our club.

We are looking forward to the start of the 2021 season and the beginning of a long relationship with Joe, Rich and Bob!

I thank you in advance for your support and patience as we approach this short learning curve. If you have any questions or concerns please either use our Suggestion Box or feel free to reach out to me directly at nhunt@huntrealtyassociates.com or 413-374-4173.

GOLF COMMITTEE

JOE DeJESSA & BILL KEMPLE

We're excited to get this season underway! As we learned last year, the calendar will be in a state of flux for the season as we try and attract new tournaments, and adjust based on the current regulations. That said, you will always be able to find the most up to date calendar of events on the CCW website. It will break down internal and external tournaments, house events and any course closings.

The first tournament on the schedule this year will be the Opening Scramble. This fun event will

be an ABCD Scramble set on April 24th. Look for an email for signups in the next week. Following shortly after will be the Cinco de Mayo Theme night. Pick your foursome, grab a sombrero and come enjoy a 9 hole competition with dinner to follow on the patio.

Both Men's leagues, the Women's League and Friday Night Couples League will be starting signups soon, so please be on the lookout to sign up for league play.

Upcoming Events

April 22nd	Men's Thursday League Starts 5:00pm Shotgun
April 24th	Opening Day Scramble 10:00am Shotgun 4:00PM Dinner
April 27th	Men's Tuesday League Starts 5:00pm Shotgun
April 28th	Women's Wednesday League Starts 5:00pm Shotgun
May 7th	Cinco de Mayo Theme Night 5:00pm Shotgun 7:30PM Dinner
May 14th	Friday Night Couples League Begins Tee times starting at 4:00pm
May 28th	WNE Tournament Outside Tournament Course Closed to Member Play
May 29th-30th	Bill Sullavin Memorial Tournament
June 4th	Yankees V Redsox Theme Night The rivalry continues at 5:00PM Wear your team colors!
June 6th	MGA Massachusetts Amateur Outside Tournament Course Closed to Member Play
June 26th -27th	COTE CUP

WOMENS GOLF

KERRY TARPEY & ABBY LOPATA

Spring is in the air! We are looking forward to another great golf season at CCW for the ladies. The Wednesday night ladies will return to the Stableford format that was met with success last season. Abby Lopata and Kerry Kumpulanian will head up the ladies' golf events this season after a very well run 2020 season coordinated by Nancy Hunt and Annie Geoffrion. Thanks to Nancy and Annie for a job well done!

The Ladies' Spring Team and Ladies' Fall Cup Team will be captained by Bobbi Perry this season. The teams have received their match schedules. CCW has been designated as a travel team this year for both Spring and Fall, which means we will not host any matches at CCW. However, our ladies will be enjoying "road trips" to several premier courses in the area, including: The Ledges Golf Club; Crumpin-Fox Club; Taconic Golf Club; Wahconah Country Club; Waubeeka Golf Links; and Country Club of Greenfield. The Spring Team matches will be held in late April and May. Your CCW Spring Team includes Bobbi Perry, Rhonda Lozinski, Cheryl Mastroianni, Kerry Kumpulanian and Kathy Maclellan. The Fall Cup matches will be held in September. Rounding out the Fall Cup Team are Michele Austin, Helene Watkins, Rhonda Lozinski, Cheryl Mastroianni, Bobbi Perry and Kerry Kumpulanian. Good luck to the CCW ladies!



We will have more information forthcoming on the start date for the Ladies' League in next month's Divots. We will be waiting for word from Matt Kowal and the Board of Directors on when the Club is officially ready to open for the 2021 season. The course looks beautiful, even in these early Spring days. Check out the great view of the front through the "newly trimmed" pine trees along Stony Hill Road—thanks to the Lopping Crew!!

SENIOR GOLF

Dave Fuller

The dates for a series of inter club matches is still being finalized. In addition the Senior Golf Committee is planning to conduct a season-long competition-modeled on the FedEx Cup-where members will accumulate points from participating in approximately 20 events (individual and team) throughout the season, and based on results from those events. The full slate of Senior Golf events, including Silver Knights events should be finalized by mid April.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE MATT KOWAL & MARK NOWAK

The course has been closed since December but a lot of action has taken place since then. The winter “Lopping Crew” has been hard at work. Also Matt and his crew have been active in making improvements all around. Too many to list here so take some time and look around on your first round and let us know what you think.

As the weather warms up this month our grounds crew will address sand trap issues. Matt promises to get them all 100% ASAP. A plan is in place to expand the right hand tee box on the 9th hole. This expanded tee box will be used for the blue tee on #3 lengthening it by about 50 yards. A no cost addition that will challenge the long ball hitters and improve the look of the area between 3 and 9.

The Golf Association has been actively raising funds for tee signs. The Christmas ornament drive was a great success so I am happy to report that the signs have been ordered and should be on site in April. Donations are still being accepted so please help if you can. The more funds we have to work with will correlate to a better final product for all to appreciate. Contact me and ask how you can help. Call or text 413-626-7495.



CCW traditionally opens on April 15TH. Weather and course conditions play a large part in this decision and change daily. We will keep you posted in the hopes of an earlier opening. See you all on the tee soon.

GOLF ASSOCIATION

The Golf Association sponsored a fund raiser in December selling Covid cover Christmas ornaments to purchase tee signs for the course. We started out selling ornaments for \$100, which sold out quickly. We also offered members an opportunity to purchase a tee sign at \$600. per hole. I am happy to report that the signs have been ordered and should be installed in April or early May. The GAW is still taking donations for the tee sign project. A few holes are still available for sponsorship and I have made a few more ornaments if interested. Contact me at 413-626-7495 to get involved in this effort. Thank you to everyone that helped out with this project and all of your continued support of the GAW. Makes me proud to be a CCW member.

MARK NOWAK

HOUSE COMMITTEE

DAVE O'BRIEN

The house committee is kicking off 2021 with some planning and cleanup. I will be reaching out to past members and would like to find a few new volunteers willing to chip in on for some painting or power wash days in the spring.

Cleanup and small repair is the order of the day as we prepare for the season. In conjunction with the Grounds committee we will clean, wash and seal the patio area for another season of entertainment. We will also work to clean, make small repairs and touch up paint for the restaurant and clubhouse as our new vendor gets up and running.

I will also set up a lost and found inside back the locker room entrance for any items found in the restaurant and patio. Please check out what is there, we have a number of items that were left in 2020 that will need a home. There will be a plan to discard and donate unclaimed items on a regular schedule.

Looking forward to a great season and will see you on the patio or on the course!

HANDICAP COMMITTEE

MIKE AUSTIN

You all should have received an email from GHIN back in January with instructions on how to create a Digital Profile. After it is set up you will use your email address and GHIN password to log into the GHIN system to post your score, look at information about your past rounds, or look up other player's handicap information.

There are approximately 130 people who have not created their profile yet. I also noticed that many people have a different email address in GHIN than in the Customer database. This is fine, but if you have not received an email invitation from GHIN be sure to look at all your email accounts. Please contact me if you have any questions about this.

Please post your score as soon as possible after finishing your round. There are three ways to post your score:

- use the GHIN Kiosk in the hallway outside the Pro Shop
- use the GHIN app on your smart phone or tablet
- use the GHIN web site (<https://www.ghin.com>)

If you are reading this from someplace warmer, where GHIN posting is open, you must post your score if your round was played according to the Rules of Golf. More on when you should and should not post a score in a future newsletter.

May I suggest a late New Year's Resolution to maintain an accurate handicap this year. You can do this by posting EVERY acceptable score. That doesn't mean acceptable to you personally, but acceptable according to the rules of golf.

Other topics to be highlighted in future newsletters include: maximum score to post for a hole, soft-cap, hard-cap, Exceptional Score Reduction, Playing Conditions Calculation, how the USGA's anti-sandbagging efforts can hurt the honest golfer, and overrides by the Handicap Committee.

