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*The Newsletter for Country Club of Wilbraham*



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

I cannot believe it is the middle of October and fall golf season and the huge temperature swings has its grip on us! The truth is that there are still lots of bright sunny and warm weather headed our way to enjoy the game of golf and each other's friendship. I know that I sound like a broken record, but the course is in exceptional shape. We still have a couple of tournaments coming up – the Fall Festival and the Greens Keepers & Carl's Revenge.

The Officers and staff have begun the 2021 budget process and will be ready to present it to the membership at our Annual Meeting on the 18th of November. This event will be held in the dining room and the Warner Room now that under Governor Baker's new guidelines that we can have up to 100 people attending

## KEVIN DAVIS

an event. We will set the room up for the appropriate 'social' distancing to keep everyone safe. We are also planning on having remote access for those who choose to remain off site. Remember masks are required and are not optional.

My tenure as Club President is winding down and I cannot believe just how quick these two years have come and gone. I am looking forward to addressing the membership and introducing the new President at the Annual meeting.

Welcome new members:

Richard Eyer

Dan Reuter

On a sad note W. Massachusetts golf lost a

great man, Tom “Sully” Sullivan, PGA Golf Professional at Wyantenuck CC, Great Barrington, MA. Tom, a Leicester, MA native, died tragically when a tree fell on his cart in that violent storm while riding around the golf course insuring others were safe. Tom was inducted into the Northeast New York PGA Hall of Fame in 2018. Tom also had worked at Quaboag CC in Monson. Sully always welcomed our members at his club and was always there with a smile and loved to talk about western Mass golf after a round. Please keep him, his wife, Katherine, and family in your prayers.



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## FROM OUR GOLF PROFESSIONAL BOBBY DOWNES

As we enter the last few weeks of the season I want to remind everyone that there will still be good days to play golf until the snow is here. The days will be shorter so please just remember to call the Golf Shop, or me, if you plan to play. This allows us to best prepared for you and your guests.

If you have credit in the Golf Shop and wish to place orders please do this no later than

November 18th. This will give us time to fill your orders before the holidays and close out our books for 2020.

If you have anyone that is interested in joining the Club for 2021 please let me know. I will be more than happy to take them on a tour and explain to them how special a place our club is.

## GOLF COMMITTEE

As the 2020 golf season winds down, there still is time to get your rounds in before the weather turns nasty. Looking back to the beginning of the season, CCW was faced with dealing with the restrictions that the pandemic brought with it. Initially, walking was allowed with no cart usage. Pins were to be left in with an insert in the cup so the ball would not bottom out.

We gradually progressed to cart usage as a single or two if the players were in the same family. We now have moved to two per cart and the removal of the flagstick by choice. Also, the insert has been removed. Despite all

## JIM NAGLIERI

the restrictions CCW was faced with, 74 new members joined CCW.

The junior play has increased dramatically. Internal tournaments have had great participation and the golf leagues had great success. So, as you look back to where we started, it has been a pretty good golf season.

The Men's Leagues finished up last month and the winners are posted on the bulletin board in the club house. As Mr McBride shows off his new Men's League CCW shirt, please remember to pick yours up if you haven't already.



## WOMENS GOLF

## NANCY HUNT & ANNE GEOFFRION

It is hard to believe that the golf season has almost come to an end, and with that, we have more results and congratulations to extend:

- The 2020 Women's Team Match Play Season Tournament -

Runners up: Abby Lopata and Jackie Coyle

Winners: **HELENE WATKINS & RHONDA LOZINSKI**

- The 2020 Women's Singles Match Play Season Tournament -

Runner up: Tina Miller

Winner: **ANNIE GEOFFRION**

The LADIES would like to thank the Silver Knights for hosting us this year again on October 7th in what was proven to be another successful and enjoyable day.

Our Ladies were on the Leader Board with their teams of Silver Knights and CCW staff and placed with the other members of their foursome as follows:

4th place - Cheryl Terbush

3rd place - Helene Watkins

2nd place - Jan Waniga and Eileen Zewski

1st place - Annie Geoffrion

It was another great although challenging season. Thank you Abby Lopata and Kerry Kumpulianian for taking over as co-chairs of Ladies Golf. As we go into the winter months, they would welcome your suggestions and ideas to make the 2021 golf season even

better.

It's been our pleasure to be co-chairs these past couple of years. Thank you all for your patience and participation.



## **GROUNDS COMMITTEE** **MATT KOWAL & MARK NOWAK**

In the spring of 2020 no one could predict if golf could even be played given all the obstacles with the Covid situation. As we all know CCW rose to the top in all areas and we may have come through with one of our best years in recent memory. Congratulations to all involved but especially to Matt Kowal and his limited crew and the Board of Directors who went above and beyond to present us with a fantastic golf course.

Preparations are already being made to ready the course for winter and will continue as weather permits into 2021. The volunteer

groups will be out starting in November. If you would like to get involved contact me or Dennis Lopata for the schedule.

We still have many days of golf left, so get out and enjoy while we can. Sign up for the Greens Keepers Revenge on Halloween October 31st. It will be fun and challenging event to say the least.

Thank you for all your support.

## **SENIOR GOLF**

On Wednesday October 7 the Silver Knights had their annual tournament with the "Ladies and Staff". There were 27 Knights, 15 Ladies and 6 Staff who played in a Best 2 Net tournament. The team of Bob Adams, Ken Furst, Dick Stoddard and Anne Geoffrion came out on top. The rain and wind held off until well after

## **MIKE AUSTIN**

the tournament.

The Silver Knights will be playing every Wednesday until the course closes. If you are not on the Silver Knights mailing list and would like to join us please contact me or the Pro Shop.