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The Tee Times

June 2013 Issue

Gary Schilling: Online Editor

Ramblings From The President

If you weren't at the opening party, you missed a good time. The food, prepared by the Gabrielle's staff was great, the new deck was toasted (more than once by some), and the spending time with friends again, is always special.

Kenny and the crew have the course playing very well already. We had a hot dry spell, followed by huge downpours more recently. Though there were some wet spots, there wasn't any damage to the course. Hopefully, we can avoid some of these wild swings in the weather going forward.

If you haven't signed up for the Stamford Open being held June 8th and 9th yet, hurry into the pro shop. The format is a two man best ball on Saturday and a two man scramble on Sunday.

On August 9th – 11th is the Stamford Invitational. It is always a great time. Every year we try to recognize someone with a long history with the club. Who could be more deserving than our Richie Beers? I can't think of anyone. Come on out and share in the festivities. The flowers are back up on the posts on the deck and looking great. Special thanks to Kees and Yo.

Not much else to report, so see you out there.

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Turf Talk

By the time you read this, play will have already started. One of the first things you have noticed is that some trees around the 6th green have been removed, opening the green to the sunlight. Hopefully the area will not be as wet this year.

Kenny Cole and his crew did a lot of clean-up work around the course after hurricane Sandy. Debris was removed and a number of dead trees were cut down. All this work, along with minimal winter damage has kept the golf course in pretty good shape for the start of the 2013 season.

Although Kenny checked the course periodically during the winter, he didn't officially start work until March 25th, when water lines were charged and the club house was opened up.

One of the things the grounds crew will be doing during the Spring is to replace some of the watering heads around the course and checking for damaged water lines.

Once the course is up and running Kenny and the Board will make an assessment of the needs of the club and decide what improvements can be made.

Til' Next Time...

2013 Opening Party

This year's opening party was held on Saturday, May 18th, at the club house. After the cocktail hour, club president, Tom Bartodziej addressed the gathering and thanked all those who attended. Tom noted that Mother Nature had been good to us over the winter months and as a result the course was in very good shape. Other board members present to officially declare the 2013 golf season open were Evie Johns, Hubie Bianco, Rob Turner, Jackie Lampert, Larry Frazee and Steve Sibbern. Once again our very own Chef Jim from Gabrielle's provided a buffet with some of his signature dishes.

The night was really about friends and members getting together for the first social event of the year. World famous DJ, Hubie B, was on hand to provide some oldies music for listening and dancing . There was also some karaoke performances for those who dared. Bill Nicholson got up and sang "Thank Heaven For Little Girls" and a first time trio of Lucy "The Bomb" Jessen, Tony Mick and Hubie B belted out some blasts from the past.



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July Schedule of Events

4	Thu	4TH OF JULY
12-14	Fri-Sun	Delaware County Amateur Tournament at Delhi
20	Sat	Knights of Columbus Tournament (scramble) ?
14	Sun	EVENT - 2 Person 666
27	Sat	Queen of the Catskills Tournament ?
28	Sun	Sun Jr. Golf Tournament (Course Open)

Ladies Inter-County League

The Spring meeting for the Ladies Inter-County League is scheduled for Tuesday, May 23 at the Cobleskill Golf and Country Club, at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served.

Stamford will be hosting the 2013 Inter-County Championship on August 7th.

The 2013 Inter-County schedule is as follows:

June 20 - Nick Stoner
July 11 - Canajoharie
July 25 - Cobleskill
Aug 7 - Stamford (Championship)

The Country Girls



Four of our lady golfers were invited to play in the Capital District Executive Women's Golf Association golf tournament at Saratoga National on May 19th.

On a rain soaked day, the team of Mary Sherwood and Lucy Jessen birdied the prestigious signature par 3 on their way to a score of 79 and 3rd place in the tournament. Evie Johns and Bonnie Lockett were the other team from the Stamford Club and while they didn't finish in the top 3, Bonnie did win the closest to the pin honors.

Lucy said, "Saratoga National is a beautiful course with a beautiful club house. It was a fancy experience that made us feel like queens for a day." Mary on the other hand had a little different observation of the 18 holes of pouring rain weather when she asked, "What the heck are we doing here?" Congratulations to our four country ladies who all did well in the big city event.

Delhi Two-Man Memorial Results

A number of our men golfers played in the annual Delhi 2 Man Memorial Tournament on May 18-19 at the Delhi College Golf Course. In the first flight Jon Barber and his partner Brad Anderson took first place with a two day total of 126. In the third flight, the "Mick brothers," Tony and John Michalowski, finished in second place. Jim Natale and Steve Hubbard took second place in the fourth flight. Congratulations, gentlemen.

Free Play Cards

The Golf Club is continually trying to find ways to attract more outside play. This year the Board of Directors will be issuing a free play card for two green fees with cart to each club membership. It is hoped that each member will give out the free play card to someone who hasn't played at Stamford Golf Course before, in the hopes that they will come back and play again or maybe even consider joining the club.

Members Four Person Scramble Tournament

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The team of Dave and Bev Hartwell and Ira and Ruth Fyfe were the first place team in the Members Four Person Scramble, held on June 1st. Pictured above, Walter and Judy Kramer, sponsors of the event, present the winners with the prize money.

Last Fall, club members Walter and Judy Kramer made a proposal to the Board of Directors that they would donate prize money if the Board would consider running a members only scramble tournament in 2013. The Board accepted their proposal and on June 1st a handicapped four person scramble was held, with 11 teams participating.

The group gathered for their instructions and hole assignments at the practice green where board member Evie Johns set the tone for the day when she said the tournament was a perfect way for the members to start the new golf season and then ordered everyone to go out and have a fun day.

First place honors and \$200 went to Dave and Bev Hartwell and their partners Ira and Ruth Fyfe, when they came in with a net score of 49. Second place and \$100 went to the team of Helen Gorlach, Tony Michalowski, Hubie Bianco and one of our new members, Martin Foland. Ruth Fyfe won the closest to the pin competition when her drive



on number 17 stopped 33 inches from the pin. The longest drive winner was Leon Johns when he outdrove everyone on the second fairway. Ruth and Leon each won a dozen Srixon golf balls donated by the Pro Shop.

The good times didn't end with the golf, as everyone gathered at the 19th hole for cocktails and a buffet dinner. By all accounts the tournament was a great day. Those who participated hope that the members scramble will become a tradition at the club. A special

thank you to Walter and Judy for their generosity and continued support to the club.

Appreciation Weeks

The Club has set up a series of appreciation weeks to honor those people who provide service to our community and our country. During the respective weeks indicated below, firefighters, law enforcement officers, military and veterans, teachers, healthcare workers and civil service employees will be able to play our course for \$25 dollars per round. Please tell your friends about this great opportunity and thank them for their service.

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From The Pro Shop

I would like to begin by extending a sincere thanks to Superintendent Ken Cole and assistants Patrick and James Wayman for their tireless efforts in keeping the course conditions as good as humanly possible. These three guys do the work of 10 men and are genuinely concerned that the members and guests are pleased with the overall performance of the course. They routinely check in with me in regard to any feedback I have received and work diligently at addressing any critical concerns or observations that are brought to my attention. The grounds crew would kindly and politely request that we fix divots we make on the greens – that is on those lucky occasions when we do hit the green.



For any golfers who are submitting scorecards for handicapping purposes, I kindly ask you to write your name clearly, sign the card and circle the tee's you hit from. It is a great help and will ensure the handicaps are updated accurately and weekly, available Friday mornings.

Please feel free to stop by the shop, call or e-mail me in regard to products that you would like to have available in the pro shop. Delaware County does not have a sales tax on shoes or apparel under \$110, so we can get you great golf and performance wear at fantastic prices.

Don't forget about demo clubs! Members can demo a club on the range or for a round of golf. Demoing clubs are a great way to get a feel for new products before making a purchase, so take advantage of it.

Golf balls, like clubs, can make a big difference in the overall performance of your rounds. Golf manufacturers have simplified the process by organizing their products into three tiers: Maximum game improvement, Game improvement and Better player/Tour level. This helps us to refine our search and identify products that would be more suitable for our individual games. "Max game" and "Game improvement" balls are designed with less spin to allow for more forgiveness and distance for slower swinging, high handicap players. "Better ball/Tour balls" feature various ranges of spin and require a faster swing speed to achieve optimal performance. For "max game/game improvement" balls I have available Titleist Velocity, Srixon Q-Star, Srixon Soft Feel, Nike Mojo and Bridgestone E6 and E7. For "better player/tour level" balls I have Titleist ProV1/ProV1X, Srixon Z Star and Nike 20X1. Choose a ball that fits your game.

The same three tier system applies to clubs. With a few minutes of research you can accurately target your needs and choose the equipment to fit your game. Don't hesitate to bring any questions and inquiries to me, I am here to serve you and your needs and sincerely appreciate your patronage.

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One of the best friends you can have on the golf course is a pair of comfortable golf shoes. You can have the best set of clubs money can buy and you can use the most expensive golf ball, but if your golf shoes don't feel just right, you're in for a miserable day of pain and blisters.

If you want to be overwhelmed by choice, stop by the golf shoe section at Dick's Sporting Goods, where there are so many shoes to choose from that your head will spin. I picked up a pair of Ecco, World Class GTX calfskin leather shoes with Gore-Tex lining and a price tag of \$450. Being as my entire set of irons cost less, I promptly put them back on the shelf and moved on. There were Nike, FootJoy, Adidas, Callaway and Etonic shoes in so many different styles and colors that pro-golfer Ricky Fowler would have thought he died and went to heaven.

For me, the right golf shoe came down to which one was as comfortable as my bedroom slippers and still gave me the support and traction I needed to traverse the Himalayan like fairways at the Stamford Golf Course. My choice came down to two pair of shoes: one with spikes and the other one the new spike-less kind. I have always been a traditionalist and worn golf shoes with spikes, but I must admit the spike-less shoes intrigued me. After trying each pair on ten times and walking back and forth on the carpet for at least two miles I chose the shoes with the nubs on the sole instead of the ones with removable cleats. My new shoes are lightweight, waterproof and give excellent traction on the course, equal to, and maybe even better than my old spike shoes. My feet thank me every time I wear them. Besides, if they're good enough for Freddy Couples, then they're good enough for me.

A word of caution if you too try the new spike-less shoes: They are designed for grass and not pavement. The misconception about the spike-less shoes is that it's ok to wear them to and from the golf course or even to the supermarket. Doing so will cause excessive wear and tear to the soles. If you wear them only for golf, the little nubs on the bottom will last a lot longer.

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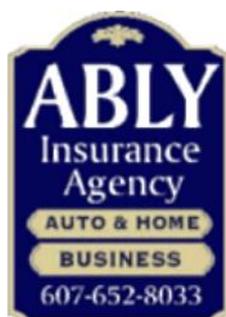
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Golfers Responsibilities On The Course

How many times have you hit your second shot on a par 5 and landed the ball on the green? If you are like me, you can count them on one hand – maybe on one finger. As you walk to the green you most likely have an excited anticipation of making an eagle or a birdie at the very least. Your hopes of one putting dwindle when you reach the green because it looks like a war zone with craters caused by repeated artillery attacks. It is obvious that a lot of golfers playing ahead of you filled the green with pitch marks and left them unrepaired. All of us as veteran golfers know that we are supposed to leave the course in the same shape we found it – or better. So, don't look at this as a sermon, but think of it as a review or reminder of our responsibilities.

1. Repair all ball marks on the greens.
2. Replace your fairway divots.
3. Avoid driving your cart on wet areas of the fairways, especially after a heavy rain
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This and That

Don't forget to sign up for the June club event, a two person modified best ball competition scheduled for June 16th. \$25 for golf, food and prizes.

Junior Golf will be holding a five day clinic on June 24 thru the 28th. The course will be open for play for the public and members.

Congratulations to Kendal Sprague, daughter of Artie and Sue Sprague, who was

awarded the 2013 "Lou Gaeta Golf Scholarship Award." The \$500 scholarship was presented by the Stamford Junior Golf Inc.

The annual Headwaters Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, Jun 15th at 2:00 pm. The next time you play number 16, take a look at the garden with the new bench behind the green. Cora Palm has spent many hours rejuvenating the garden by weeding, putting in new plants and new mulch. Thanks Cora – by the way do you do house calls?

If you reserve a tee time on a Saturday or Sunday and are unable to play, please contact the pro shop as soon as possible so the tee time can be given to another member or to a greens fee'er.

There will be a Stamford Golf Club fundraiser on Sunday, June 30, at 1:00 p.m. The club has run other successful fund raising events in the past few years with proceeds going to such projects as paving the driveway and for the front porch restoration. The format of the tournament is a 4 person scramble. Form a team and sign-up in the Pro Shop. Men's League - If you are unable to play your match on league night, please contact the pro shop as soon as possible so as a substitute player can be notified.

Welcome to our new members for 2013; Stefano Bagnardi of Stamford, Rosemary Barber of Jefferson, Mike Barnes of Stamford, Kenny Cartwright of Denver, NY, Martin Foland of Hobart, Richard Frazee of Stamford and Gael Joyal of Summit.

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