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The Tee Times

September 2012 Issue

Gary Schilling: Online Editor

Ramblings From The President

I can't believe the season is already half over. The course is firm and the greens are in great shape. If you're not playing the best golf ever...you're like me.

We really don't have a lot new to report. The Invitational is coming up quickly on August 10th, 11th, and 12th. It is our 75th and will be one to be remembered. There will be a sit down Prime Rib dinner prepared by Gabrielle's and it promises to be fantastic. Sign up with Jon in the Pro shop.

The board met and agreed that due to two major issues, we need to run a fund raiser similar to when we redid the driveway. It will be held on Sunday August 26th at 1:00. The format will be a four person scramble. It will be followed by a bite to eat with the food being donated by the board and by Gabrielle's. Hubie will provide his D J services so we should all have a good time. The cost of \$75.00 per person will help defray the cost of replacing the severely cracked foundation on the front deck.

We also ran into our well pump dying on us during the hot dry spell. The well pipes themselves had rusted through and had to be replaced as well. The water level in the pond dropped to a point where it no longer served our needs so we had to replace the system without hesitation or we would have lost our greens. It was a hefty bill which our budget just didn't have a provision for. We will be soliciting local businesses to buy Tee signs as well to provide advertising for them and to aid our cause.

If you know of someone who may be interested in that, please let us know. There is a sign up sheet in the pro-shop. Thanks in advance for your help. It is our club and our participation is important to keep it viable.

The trap is back in front of the 13th green. I know it's a dirty trick, but keeping the course as close to its past glory is important.

We all owe a special thanks to Ira for all the many hours he's spent on the course volunteering this year. From removing a million tree stumps to putting the sand trap back, he has drastically improved the condition of the course...Many thanks Ira.

Enjoy the course and hope to see you out there!
Tom Bartodziej

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Turf Talk

Most of you will have already played at least one round of golf before reading this column and will have noticed an old friend back on the course after a 3 or 4 year absence.

The term old friend may be misleading, as to some of us the old friend is really a dreaded foe. I'm talking about the new sand trap guarding the 13th green. Jim Schouller worked closely with the grounds crew and laid out the sand trap configuration. Then the "Kubota Man", Ira Fyfe, put his tractor on full speed ahead mode and dug out the bunker. Throw in a little sand and presto, our handicaps go a little higher. A big thank you to both Jim and Ira for volunteering their time and expertise.

The hot, dry weather conditions over the past several weeks have played havoc with the grass on the tee boxes, fairways and greens. We all agree that a few good rain days would help the course immensely. There has been some negative chatter about the fairways and rough not being mowed enough, but as Kenny Cole pointed out, mowing the grass in these conditions will leave long term damage to the course. The greens have been watered on schedule and are in good shape considering the weather conditions. The tee boxes are so hard and dry that sometimes you need a hammer to get your tees into the ground. The maintenance crew has been watering the tee boxes when possible to help remedy the situation.

Something we as players can do to help maintain our course during these hot and dry days, is to avoid driving golf carts on the fairways. The grounds crew has asked that we use the 90 degree rule on all fairways. We do it when we visit other golf courses – we should do it on our own course.

Many of us have noticed the abundance of broken tees scattered about the tee boxes. This condition dulls the cutting blades of the grass mowers and causes down time on the equipment. Please remember to put all broken tees in the "broken tee boxes."

The entire grounds crew thanks all the ladies who have been dropping off care packages of cookies and cakes. They want to remind you that it is zucchini season, as in zucchini bread.

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DELAWARE COUNTY MEN'S AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

The Delaware County Men's Amateur Golf Championship was played at the Delhi College Golf Course on Sunday, July 15th. A number of the men from Stamford Golf Club participated in the three day event.

John Wyberanec took first place in E Flight after a one hole playoff. John's 3 day scores were 93-90-99 for a three day total of 282.

Stamford members who scored in the top ten of their flights are as follows:

Championship Flight: Rich Meade, 7th and Jon Barber , 10th

B Flight: Jim Craig, 10th

C Flight: Jason O'Donnell, 4th and Tom Graziano, 8th

E Flight: John Wyberanec, 1st

75th STAMFORD GOLF CLUB INVITATIONAL



The 75th Men's Invitational finalists, Kurt Swenson and Brad Anderson put on tremendous display of golf in this year's tournament. Brad won the championship on the 18th hole. Congratulations to both players!

Once again the Stamford Golf Club Invitational Tournament was a huge success, as 96 men played in the three day event. Brad Anderson, of Delhi, was crowned this year's invitational champion, the third time he has won the annual event.

In Sunday's championship match, Anderson was pitted against Stamford's, Kurt Swenson. As many of our club members followed the two golfers around the course to watch them play, they were treated to a great display of golf by both men. Kurt was down five after five holes. At the 15th he was down three. He won 15 and 16 and tied Brad on the 17th. Kurt needed to win the 18th to take the match into sudden death, but Brad refused to give in and won 18 and the match.

The tournament committee, consisting of Mark Archibald, Jim Schouller, Tim Flower, Rob Turner, Jon Langer and Tom Bartodziej did a terrific job planning this year's event, which included a top shelf prime rib dinner on Saturday night. Congratulations to the committee and to all the winners of the five flights.

MATCH PLAY RESULTS FOR THE 2012 MEN'S INVITATIONAL

	Champion	Runner-up
Champ. Flight	Brad Anderson	Kurt Swenson
First Flight	Gov Govern	Gary Greyson

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Second Flight	Tom Sherwood	Tony Turner
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Fifth Flight	Grant Swenson	Chris Heath

MATCH PLAY RESULTS FOR BEATENS

	Champion	Runner-up
Champ. Flight	Rich Meade	Jon Barber
First Flight	Pete Schaaf	Dominic Michel
Second Flight	Mark Green	Steve Hubbard
Third Flight	Ben Curns	Pete Schaaf Sr.
Fourth Flight	Lee Swenson	Dave Madore
Fifth Flight	Justin Rybicky	Jim Lamport Jr.

CONSOLATION ROUND RESULTS

First Net	Heinz Zahn
Second Net	Andy Lorimer
Third Net	Jeffery Peni

CLUB FUND RAISER EVENT A HUGE SUCCESS

The 2012 fund raiser, four person scramble was a huge success as 19 teams participated. According to club president, Tom Bartodziej, the event, along with the tee box sponsors, raised over \$5,000. Tom pointed out that the front porch of the club house is in dire need of repair and the money raised will be put towards that project.

All those who participated in the event agreed that it was a fun day that included golf, a roast beef and ham buffet, friendship and some homegrown musical entertainment.

On the golf side of the day, low honors went to the team of Pat Wayman, Joe Rohacevich, Dillon Cole and Jon Langer, with a score of 60. The Kramer/Bianco team and the Wyberanec/Jaret team didn't win the tournament, but went home celebrating the fact that they didn't finish last.

After the buffet, DJ Hubie B played some oldies, much to the delight of the older generation in attendance. Some local talent rose to the occasion and displayed their karaoke talents as they sang their hearts out. A special performance by Lucy "The Bomb" Jessen warmed up the crowd for the feature act, a local Do-Wop group known as the Five Duffers. The Duffers gave their rendition of "Under the Boardwalk" that had the crowd standing and cheering. Jon Langer loved how well the group sang his favorite song. The Duffers, John "I can't sing the high notes" Wyberanec, Tony "I need another martini" Michalowski, Ed (It's my microphone and I'll sing what I want) Matthews, Victor "the voice of silk" Jessen and Tony "why the heck did I get up here to sing" Colleti, were the hit of the evening. If you want to hear them sing, they will be performing at the mid-way at the Syracuse State Fair the last week of September.

In all seriousness, the Board put on a fun event that hopefully will become a yearly tradition!!

HOLE-IN-ONE RECORDED IN 2012 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

An unusual thing happened during the club championship played on Sunday, August 19th - Jon Barber, the low gross winner, scored a hole-in-one on the 17th hole. His playing partners, who witnessed the 158-yard shot into the wind, were Carl Bagnardi, Gary

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Both the men's and women's championship came down to scorecard playoffs. Jon Barber, Jon Rohacevich and John Funck all shot a 73. After their scorecards were matched, Jon Barber was declared the winner. Greg Funck won low net honors with a 65.

The ladies club championship also came down to a card playoff between Lucy Jessen and Bonnie Lockett, when they both shot an 87. Bonnie was declared the low gross winner. Low net also went to a card playoff between Mary Sherwood and Helen Gorlach. Low net honors went to Mary.

Jon Langer said a formula for a tie is to match the last nine holes between the players and if it is still tied it goes to the last 6 holes, then the last three and if needed to the last hole.

STAMFORD ANNUAL FALL GOLF OUTING AT THUNDERHEART GOLF COURSE

Friday, September 21st. Tee times start at 10:00 a.m.

Over the past few years many of our club members have participated in the Fall golf outing at Orchard Creek GC where they played a round of golf and collected as many apples as they could stuff in their golf bags from the hundreds of apple trees throughout the course. Because the late spring frosts destroyed the apple crops in NYS, this year's outing has been arranged at Thunderheart Golf Club, in Greenville, N.Y. (Same distance as Orchard Creek)

This is a beautiful course with great views and we have been offered a great deal: Golf with cart and a chicken BBQ afterwards with all the trimmings in the party pavilion. The total cost is \$50 per person. Full beverage service is available. (Orchard Creek quoted us \$47 per person without food)

As in years past, this outing promises to be a fun event. Please contact Lucy Jessen at 652-2972 or email to lucienne_8@msn.com to sign-up. Sign-up sheet on bulletin board by rest rooms

From The Board

As a reminder, any club member or shareholder may attend and address the Board at any Board meeting. Please contact Jackie Lamport prior to the meeting.

Calendar For September

- 1-3 LABOR DAY WEEKEND
- 5 RALLY FOR A CURE (SCRAMBLE)
- 8-9 MEN'S FALL SCRAMBLE
- 16 FALL SWGA MEETING - 9AM
- 16 LADIES BEST BALL
- 21 OUTING AT THUNDERHEART - 10AM
- 22 JOE BECK MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT - 12PM
- 24 SCHOOL MATCH - 4:30PM
- 26 SCHOOL MATCH -4:30PM

FALL SWGA MEETING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

The Fall SWGA Meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m., Sunday September 16th at the Clubhouse, before the TWO WOMAN'S BETTER BALL tournament. SWGA will provide coffee and homemade goodies at the meeting.

Elections will be held for next year's officers. The nominating committee is presently working on the slate. If you have suggestions, or wish to be considered as a candidate,

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LADIES 2012 INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

The 2012 Ladies Inter-County Championship Tournament was held on August 9th, at the challenging Nick Stoner Golf Course. The Stamford team had a good showing, as eleven of our ladies participated in the final Inter-County match of the year. Results for the Stamford ladies at the championship tournament are as follows:

A Flight: 2nd Low net winner – Lucy Jessen

B Flight: 1st Low Gross winner – Bonnie Lockett
2nd Low net winner – Evie Johns
5th Low net winner – Mary Sherwood

C Flight: 2nd Low net winner – Ruth Baker
3rd Low net winner – Joyce Jaret

Congratulations to all our ladies for a fine season!

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**TWO WOMEN BETTER BALL TOURNAMENT SUNDAY –
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This fun "members only" ladies tournament will be held immediately following the final SWGA meeting. A block of tee times have been set aside for us, starting at 11:00. There is a sign-up sheet on the ladies locker room bulletin board. This is for a fun time rather than "serious competition." This year we are encouraging a "dress-up/costume" event. So, be creative – be original – be comic – show your theatrical talents. This is voluntary, not mandatory. Boring golf attire accepted.

There is a \$10 entry fee and prizes will be awarded for gross and net scores. Please support this event. Support SWGA. Any questions – contact Carol Wyberanec: 326-2913 or carolannwyber@aol.com

2012 QUEEN OF THE CATSKILLS TOURNAMENT

Sixty determined and dedicated women golfers participated in the 2012 Queen Tournament on Saturday, July 28th. Rain showers and downpours may have dampened their outfits and golf clubs, but not their enthusiasm or spirit. This year's tournament was dedicated to two long time members of the club, Jackie Swenson and Marion Hoagland, for their years of service and assistance to the Stamford Golf Club.

After playing 18 holes of golf, the participants were treated to a great lunch prepared by Jim and the Gabrielle's team. All contestants left with a prize either for placing in the event or as a door prize, as well as a bottle of wine. The best tribute came from a first time contestant who addressed the group expressing her gratitude and appreciation for such a well run tournament. She mentioned the great condition of the course, the flower beds and how friendly everyone at our club was.

The Stamford Women's Golf Association, which ran the tournament, gives a huge thanks to all the sponsors of the event, as well as to all the guys who volunteered their time greeting the guests from other clubs and who acting as spotters and judges throughout the day. A special thanks goes to Ben Kern for managing the beverage cart and for his entertainment skills along his rounds.

The Queen Tournament has become one of the major women's golf tournaments in the upstate region. Kudos to Yolanda Trappenburg and to all the committee persons who volunteered their time and expertise.

Queen of the Catskills Tournament Results for Stamford Women

First Flight - 1st Gross - Nicole Axtell and Janet Marnane
3rd Net - Evie Johns and Bonnie Lockett

Second Flight - 1st Gross - Joyce Jaret and Shannon Sprague
1st Net - Jackie Lamport and Ruth Fyfe

Third Flight - 2nd Gross - Lynn Abarno and Marilyn Carley
3rd Gross - Ruth Baker and Carol Wyberanec
2nd Net - Mary Sherwood and Marybeth Getchell (Mother/Daughter)
3rd Net - Jackie Swenson and Jan Hurwitz (Mother/Daughter)

MARION HOAGLAND AND JACKIE SWENSON HONORED AT 2012 QUEEN OF THE CATSKILLS TOURNAMENT



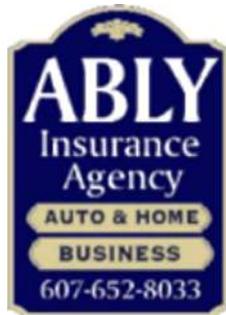
Marion and Jackie are presented with flowers for their many years of service.

This year's Queen of the Catskills Golf Tournament was dedicated to two longtime members of our golf club who have added so much to the club and to our lives. It goes without saying, that we are all blessed to have Marion Hoagland and Jackie Swenson here at Stamford.

Marion, our resident schoolmarm, was the Treasurer of the club for many years and often serves as Chief Registrar at tournaments. For the newer members of the club who might not know who Marion is, you will recognize her as one of the ladies who volunteer as the official scoreboard keeper at the club golf tournaments. If one were to ask some of the old timers here at Stamford who Marion was, the response would most likely be, "She is arguably the best putter the club has ever seen."

Jackie Swenson has served in many capacities at the club, including being a member of the Board of Directors. Jackie has also held many positions in the Women's Golf Association. An avid golfer, Jackie has displayed her golfing abilities by winning the club championship and president's cup over the years. When not perfecting her game, you can see Jackie planting and maintaining the many flower gardens on the course.

We here at the Stamford Golf Club thank both Marion and Jackie for all they have done for the club and for showing us all how to be better people. We wish you both love and continued good health.



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Below are the weeks that the Board has selected as "Appreciation Week."

July 16– 22	Law Enforcement/Support Personnel Week
July 30–Aug 5	Firefighter/EMT Week
Aug 13–19	Military/Veterans Week
Aug 27– Sep 2	Teachers/Faculty/Staff Week
Sep 10– 16	Healthcare Week
Sep 23- 30	Civil Service Week

Tell your friends and neighbors who work in these service jobs that they are appreciated for the work they do. Invite them to play at our golf course.

50 / 50 Raffle

Maybe you haven't noticed but there is a 50/50 raffle available in the pro-shop. Proceeds from the 50/50 will be used to support the club. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. See Jon in the pro shop for more details. Hope you win!

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Last month Pam ran a “guess how many tees are in the jar” contest. The grand winner is Pat Wayman from our grounds crew. Pat guessed 632 tees and the actual count was 633. Pats prize for the winning guess is an all expense paid trip to the PGA Championship Tournament and a 2012 Chevrolet Volt automobile. Now that we have your attention, he actually won a sleeve of golf balls. Congratulations Pat!

Just a reminder, it would be helpful to the staff if you clean out any paper, beverage cans and bottles and any other trash from your golf cart upon returning the cart at the end of your round. Trash cans for bottles and cans are located by the outside entrance of the pro shop.

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“I’m hitting the woods just great, but I’m having a terrible time getting out of them.” Harry Toscano

“I know I’m getting better at golf because I’m hitting fewer spectators.” Gerald Ford



This And That...

Just a reminder that you must use or lose any Stamford Golf Club pro shop gift cards and credits that were issued prior to 2012 before the end of the 2012 season. Any gift cards issued in 2012 are good for one year from the date of issue.

All members receive a 20% discount on all non-sale items in the pro shop. Good news has been received that Bob Preston is now home and recovering from by-pass surgery. Bob, you have been in our thoughts and prayers. We hope you don't think you're getting a higher handicap because of this.

Some interesting facts about the 2012 men's invitational: Richie Beers is the only club member who has played in the 25th, 50th and 75th invitational tournaments. A total of 7 sons and grandsons of Norm and Jackie Swenson played in this year's invitational. As Doc Archibald said, "By the time the 100th comes around there will be 75 Swensons playing. Initially the invitational was called the Catskill Mountain Golf Championship.

Club members were saddened to learn that Diana Barnes, wife of Mike, passed away in August.

Congratulations go to JoAnn Rockefeller who won the B Flight Championship at the 2012 Delaware County Women's Amateur Golf Tournament in Delhi. JoAnn had a winning round of 91.

If you were on the 9th green on Tuesday night during the men's league play and were wondering what all the loud commotion was echoing through the mountain top, it was Jimmy Craig scoring an eagle on number 4.

Our condolences go out to Rob Turner and his family on the sudden death of his daughter, Heather, in Colorado.

15 year old Shannon Sprague, one of our Junior Golf Elite 8 and a member of the Roxbury High School golf team, shot 39 at the Christman's Windham House Golf Course in a win over Stamford High. Shannon plays in our women's Tuesday night league and can be seen playing on our course, out driving most of the men. Congratulations, Shannon!

From The Editors

We are in need of photos of the club events. If anyone has photos to share, please contact Hubie or Randy.

Stuff You Didn't Know You Didn't Know

1. If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you would find the letter 'A'? ----- One thousand
2. Coca-Cola was originally green.
3. It is impossible to lick your elbow.
4. The cost of raising a medium-size dog to the age of eleven --- \$ 16,400

Harry The Rules "Guru"

Harry and I were off to the par 3, 8th hole after finishing number 7, a hole where Harry displayed his new golf rule wizardry by informing me of the rules about a ball stuck in a tree. I teed my ball, took a good swing and the two of us watched as my ball sailed high over the pine trees on the left of the fairway and come down somewhere short, left of the green. With a grin on his face, Harry said he thought my ball landed in the sand trap by the big maple tree.

It was Harry's turn and he struck a mighty shot that went into the large pine tree next to the ladies tee box about 20 yards from where he teed off. Before Harry could throw his club in disgust we watched as the ball came straight down from the tree, bounce 3 times and start rolling downhill along the cart path on the right. The ball picked up speed, rolled past the 9th tee box and bounced left off one of the golf carts of the foursome in front of us. We lost sight of the ball as it rolled through the high grass and as Harry bent down to retrieve his tee, the ball rolled onto the fringe and stopped about 8 feet from the pin. Harry took his club and swung it in the air as if it was a sword and then thrust it into an imaginary sheath on his belt, ala Chi Chi Rodriguez.

We jumped in the cart and took off to see where my ball had landed. Harry had a big smirk on his face and blurted out, "Hey good buddy. I do believe you're in the sand trap." We got out of the cart and walked across the fairway to the sand trap underneath a big maple tree and sure enough, there was my ball. It looked like a fried egg plugged in the sand directly under the lip of the trap. "Looks like an unplayable lie to me," Harry said.

Little did Harry know that any ball in a sand trap is an unplayable lie for me. Before I could say a word, Harry began informing me of my options. " Well, you could try to hit it out as it lies, but we both know you can't do that. So, you can claim an unplayable lie, take two club lengths and drop no closer to the hole or you could take the ball back as far as you want on an imaginary line from the hole to your ball. It will cost you a stroke either way."

I decided to take the latter option and picked up my ball and started walking out of the bunker. "Hold on there buddy. I didn't finish," Harry said. "You can take two club lengths or take it back as far as you want, but the ball has to stay in the trap."

"That's it?" I asked. "Those are my only options? Thanks Harry. I already picked up my ball. What do I do now?"

"Well, you can take the third option and take the ball back and re-hit from the same spot you just hit from," Harry replied. "That will cost you stroke and distance."

So, that's it. Three options for an unplayable lie in the sand trap. The only other option I can think of is, keep it in the fairway and stay out of the bunkers.

MURPHY'S LAWS OF GOLF

1. It takes 17 holes to really get warmed up.
2. One birdie is a hot streak.
3. No matter how badly you're playing, it's always possible to play worse.
4. Golfers who claim they never cheat also lie.
5. The only sure way to get a par is to leave a four foot birdie putt two inches from the hole.
6. Bets lengthen putts and shorten drives.
7. Nothing straightens out a nasty slice quicker than a sharp dogleg to

the right.

8. You can hit a 2 acre fairway 10% of the time and a 2 inch branch 90% of the time.

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9. Never wash your ball on the tee of a water hole.

10. If you seem to be hitting your shots straight on the driving range, it's probably because you're not aiming at anything.

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