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NEWSLETTER



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President's Message



Spring is in the air and soon a new season will be under way. I know those who stayed home over the winter will be glad to get back into the swing of things. I on the other hand went south for a period of seven weeks and was able to meet with quite a few club members, sharpen up our game and prepare for the coming season.

Not to be repetitious but opening day will be Wednesday, April 7th and hopefully we will be blessed with good weather throughout the year.

The tournament committee has planned an exciting season that will culminate with the playoff round to decide an overall club champion. However, our main priority this spring will be the Special Tournament scheduled for Wednesday, May 26th and our day outing to Mt. Manor on Monday, June 7th. So be sure to get a jump-start and sign-up for these two exciting events.

One of the goals this year is to be more efficient in our weekly check-in procedure. Discussions have been going on to have the picking of bingo balls replaced with an easier system to set-up and schedule of foursomes.

I hope all of you find the time to review the Directory.

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Match Play Winners Are To Compete For The Overall 'Club Champion'

Since the start of our League Play program and the Match Play Championship the idea of having a playoff between the winners of Flights A, B and C to determine an overall Club Champion came to light. At our year-end Board of Governors meeting one of the hot issues was what to do to make the League Play format exciting and competitive. For starters it was decided that the highest handicap a member can have was changed from 36 to 38. This conforms to the USGA standards for the slope and rating indexes of Clearview Golf Course. Second, the handicaps that form the Flights A, B and C were adjusted as follows: Flight A would range in handicap from lowest 13 to a high of 21, Flight B—22 to 30 and Flight C—31 to 38. This would group members in each flight within 8 or 9 strokes of each other. The Board of Governors favored changing the qualifications for each flight so that there would be a more balanced distribution of players and good competitiveness within each flight. Third, there will be sixteen weeks of league play. League will begin on April 28 and end on August 18th, 2004. The best ten league scores will be used to qualify members for the

'Match Play Tournament'. In the event of a tie among any of the top eight finishers an eighteen-hole playoff will be required. Fourth, the Match Play Tournament will be conducted the same as 2003. The top eight finishers in each flight will compete for the championship. Finally it was decided to have the first place winners of Flight A, B and C compete for an overall Club Champion. This is something that never has been attempted before and this year it will be presented as a trial basis. The Championship round will be Stroke Play (Net Score) one round Playoff. However, the finalist will be required to score the total number of strokes taken to hole out after each hole. Therefore the stroke maximum after each hole (four over par) will not apply during this round. Granted that a high handicap player will have an edge if he scores an average round. This would require the lower handicap players to do better than average to win. In essence, to be crowned as the overall Club Champion one must rise to the challenge. The prize fund will be adjusted to conform to the new format.

Our goal is to plan an exciting finish to an exciting season.

Tournaments & Prizes:

The year-end **Club Tournament** will be eligible to all members that did not qualify for the Match Play Playoff. The Club Tournament will be a two-week event similar to those held in the past years.

The prize fund for the Club Tournament and the Special Tournaments will be announced at a later date. **Tiebreakers** in the Match Play Tournament will be decided by a sudden death playoff. Tiebreakers in the Club Tournament will be decided by a matching of holes starting with the first hole. **May Special Tournament** will be a two-man team total net score event. **October Special Tournament** will be a four-man team best ball scramble event. **Sweeps** will be run most of the weeks during the season when applicable. **Closest to the pin** the plan is to conduct them every week on one of the par threes on the front and one of the par threes on the back with a \$5.00 prize going to the winners.

For this to be a fun season we need your patience and cooperation. On Wednesday mornings please be punctual and keep us informed of any change in your weekly availability.

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Proposed Budget 2004

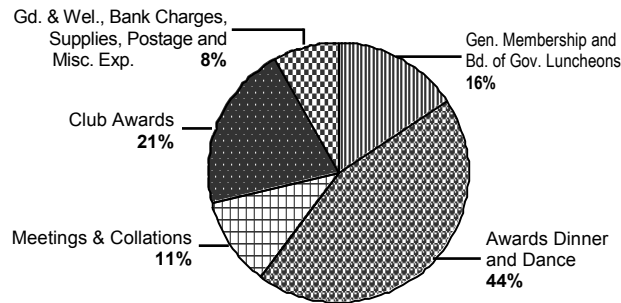
Following is the proposed budget for the 2004 season which will be presented at the next Board of Governors meeting for approval. Should you have any questions regarding the budget please present them to one of our officers or any member of the board so that it can be addressed at their meeting.

BUDGET

Annual Members Luncheon		\$ 950.00
Awards Dinner & Dance		
Band & Dinner for Band	375.00	
Cookies for each Table	180.00	
Gratuities for Dinner & Dance	600.00	
Maitre d' Gratuity	200.00	
Members cost for Dinner & Dance	<u>2,150.00</u>	
Sub Total	\$ 3,505.00	\$ 3,505.00
Bank Service Charges		\$ 75.00
Board of Governors Luncheon		300.00
Board of Governors Meetings		175.00
Club Awards		
Championship Awards	\$ 750.00	
Special Tournaments	400.00	
Weekly Closest to the Pin	180.00	
Year End Tournament	<u>300.00</u>	
Sub Total	\$1,630.00	\$ 1,630.00
General Members Meeting		150.00
Good & Welfare		120.00
Miscellaneous Expenses		60.00
Office Supplies		240.00
Postage		150.00
Wednesday Collation		<u>540.00</u>
Total Budget		\$ 7,895.00

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY: JOE SALVATO, TREASURER

DUES BREAKDOWN



2004 COMING EVENTS

1. Wed., May 26—Special Tournament
2. Mon., June 7—Mountain Manor Outing
3. Mon. to Fri., July 19-23—Hudson Valley Outing
4. Mon., September 13—Shawnee Outing
5. Tues., October 5—General Membership Meeting
6. Wed., October 13—Special Tournament

KNOW OF A PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS CAN BE FOUND ON OUR BULLETIN BOARD AT THE CEARVIEW GOLF COURSE OR CALL MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN, FRANK M. SAVARESE 718-423-7693 AND HAVE HIM MAIL YOU ONE.

President's Message

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On the inside front cover are phone numbers that should be used if you have a change in your weekly availability. Also in the centerfold the page 'Ready Golf' it cannot be stressed enough to put these tips to use; *Play Faster, Play Better.*

At the present we have 80 members in our ranks. We do have a waiting list for the coming season and may I suggest that if you know of anyone who is interested in becoming a member have them submit an application as soon as possible.

As we start the season I am quite impressed by the enthusiasm and work ethics being done by our Officers, the Board of Governors and the Committee Chairmen. Please show them your respect, support and cooperation. Thank you and let the games begin.

JOE VALENZA, PRESIDENT

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Long time member and
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May they Rest in Peace!



God Bless America