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NEWSLETTER



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President's Message



It's that time of the year again, so lets get the rust off of ourselves and start to grove our golf swing. The time I spent in Florida was great but I must admit that too many of my golf shots found the water. It seemed as though the golf courses there had lakes or streams on every hole. It was a lot of fun but it's nice to be back. As an added reminder opening day is Wednesday, April 6th, 2005.

In order to make our league play more competitive the tournament committee has decided to add a Flight D to the league play format. I'm excited about the addition of the fourth flight as it will cause each of the four flights to be smaller and more competitive. It will also provide eight more players to be eligible to participate in the Match Play Championship (see details in this issue).

Our outings are all put into place and I expect the buses to Mt. Manor and the Shawnee day trips to be filled to capacity. The Hudson Valley Outing is expected to be another outstanding event and I strongly recommend that you start now to make plans to be there.

At the present we have 89 members in our ranks. We do have a waiting list for the coming season and our bylaws does not allow us to exceed 100 members in our

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New Set-up In League Play Format Will Divide Members Into Four Flights A, B, C and D

This year the League Play Format will be expanded to four Flights A-D. Members will be divided by their handicaps at the start of the year and they will remain in the assigned flight throughout the year. Even though handicaps will be calculated each month members will be locked in their assigned flights should their handicap change to a different flight category. Following are the handicap break down for each flight: Flight A 12 to 20, Flight B 21 to 26, Flight C 27 to 33 and Flight D 34 to 38. The plan is to lower the stroke differential in each flight and maintain an approximate equal number of members within each of the flights. This will also add eight more members to compete in the Match Play Championship at the end of the year. The prize fund will be adjusted to conform to the new format. League play will begin on April 27th and end on August 17th 2005. The best ten league scores will be used to qualify members for the 'Match Play Tournament'. In the event of a tie for the eighth place position an eighteen hole playoff will be required. The Match Play Tournament will be conducted the same as 2004.

Tournaments, Prizes & Tidbits:

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. **Tournament of Champions** that was held last year where the winners of Flight A, B and C competed for the overall club champion. Due to a lack of interest this will not be held this year. **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 and everyone will be eligible to participate at no cost to the member. The prize fund will be announced at a later date. **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. **Weekly Check-in** time span for reporting in will be expanded from 6:30 am to 8:00 am. **Forward Tees** met with such success last year it will continue to be used by the players in the C & D Flights only.

Hudson Valley Preview

By Sal Tobacco

Hudson Valley outing is scheduled for Monday, July 18th to Friday, July 22nd. The week will include: Three Gourmet Meals Daily, Unlimited Golf, Tournaments and Prizes, Mini Golf Tournament for the Non-Golfers, Cocktail Parties, Nightly Music and Dancing, Night Club Show every evening and a Wednesday Day Trip at Monticello Raceway.

Once again it is an honor to be teamed up with Vinny Buccheri to provide what will be the highlight of this year's outing. The Mighty Gaming at Monticello Raceway features 1,800 of the hippest Video Gaming Machines, including Video Poker, Live Racing and Simulcasting, Free Buffet and Cash Bonus.

All for the price of \$487.00 for Golfers and \$387.00 for Non-Golfers (double occupancy, plus tax). Don't miss out on this great summer getaway. Early registration for ALL our members, their family, friends and guests of friends would be appreciated.

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Proposed Budget 2005

Following is the proposed budget for the 2005 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		\$ 750.00
Awards Dinner & Dance		
Band—Johnny Lane	300.00	
Members cost for Dinner & Dance	2,625.00	
Miscellaneous	250.00	
Awards Dinner & Dance Total	\$ 3,175.00	\$ 3,175.00
Bank Service Charges		\$ 75.00
Board of Governors Luncheon		300.00
Board of Governors Meetings		175.00
Club Awards		
Championship Awards	\$ 1,000.00	
Special Tournaments	560.00	
Sweeps	480.00	
Weekly Closest to the Pin	240.00	
Year End Tournament	400.00	
Total Club Awards	\$2,680.00	\$ 2,680.00
General Members Meeting		150.00
Good & Welfare		60.00
Miscellaneous Expenses		70.00
Office Supplies		120.00
Postage		150.00
Wednesday Collation		450.00
Total Budget		\$ 8,155.00

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY: JOE SALVATO, TREASURER

Golf Shorts

- "I'm not saying my golf game went bad, but if I grew tomatoes, they'd come up sliced." ~ *Lee Trivino*.
- "Bob has a beautiful short game. Unfortunately, it's off the tee." ~ *Jimmy Demarest, on Bob Hope*.
- "If you want to help yourself and the game, don't play slowly. Your concentration wanders." ~ *Gene Sarazen*
- "What's nice about our tour is you can't remember your bad shots." ~ *Bob Bruce about the Senior Tour*.

2005 COMING EVENTS

1. **Wed., May 25—Special Tournament**
2. **Mon., June 6—Mountain Manor Outing**
3. **Mon. to Fri., July 18-22—Hudson Valley Outing**
4. **Wed., September 14th—Membership Annual Luncheon**
5. **Mon., September 19—Shawnee Outing**
6. **Tues., October 11—General Membership Meeting**
7. **Wed., October 12—Special Tournament**
8. **Thurs., October 20—Awards Dinner and Dance**

KNOW OF A PERSPECTIVE MEMBER

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS CAN BE FOUND ON OUR BULLETIN BOARD AT THE CEARVIEW GOLF COURSE OR HAVE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN, FRANK M. SAVARESE 1-718-423-7693 MAIL YOU ONE.

President's Message

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club. I expect to see us reach that mark this year, so if you plan to sponsor a new member may I suggest that you get his application in as soon as possible.

There are two areas of concern that I plan to bring before our Board of Governors and they are the club's dress code and the poor attendance at our general meeting.

As we start the season I ask that you adhere to the tournament committee's Wednesday sign-in procedures by being on time and keeping the committee informed whenever you have a change in your availability for your scheduled tee time. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

JOE VALENZA, PRESIDENT

POINTS OF INFORMATION

Directory—This year we have included Spouses names. Please let me know of any errors or omissions. Thanks to M. Kraus, B. Doyle and J. Salvato who helped compile the list.

Golf Permits—Need to be renewed, be sure to have your new permits before the start of our season.

Dress Code—The Board of Governors will set the guidelines and the dress code will take effect in May.

General Membership Meeting—Absenteeism will not be taken lightly, expect penalties to be invoked for those who fail to attend.



God Bless America