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NEWSLETTER



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President's Message



It feels like just yesterday that I was getting ready for the holiday season and it came and went. Then I was preparing for sunny Florida and that came and went. Now, here it is the start of another season... *arrrre you ready?* It's time to get your game face on and no one should need a reminder that opening day is Wednesday, April 5th, 2006.

In order to make our league play more competitive the tournament committee has made some modifications by expanding the length of the season and moving Flight C players from the forward tees back to the middle tees (see details in this issue).

Our outings are all put into place and I expect the buses to both of 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 making plans to be there.

At the present we have 88 members in our ranks. We do have a waiting list for the coming season, but if you haven't done so already now is the time to invite prospective members into our club.

With the construction going on at Clearview Golf Course, reporting in will tend to be so what hectic. As we

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League Play to start on Opening Day... Flight C Players to Tee Off from Middle Tees

League Play format will basically remain the same, however, the start of league play will begin on April 5th, 2006 and end on August 16th, 2006. Last year several members missed qualifying for the Match Play Tournament (MPT) by a week or two. Just to refresh your memory in order to qualify for the MPT you must finish in the top eight places in you respected Flights. Only the ten lowest net scores will count. Last year due to rain outs, etc. it left less than sixteen weeks for members to qualify. This year by starting to record all scores from day one it will give everyone a better chance to be eligible for the MPT finals. In the event of a tie for the eighth place position an eighteen hole playoff will be required. Following are the handicap break down for each flight: Flight A 10 to 19, Flight B 20 to 24, Flight C 25 to 31 and Flight D 32to 38. The plan is to adjust the stroke differential in each flight and maintain an approximate equal number of members within each of the flights.

The other major change to take place is to move all in the Flight C group from the forward tees back to the middle tees. Previously the C & D Flights both hit from the forward tees. After evaluating the scores and handicaps and realigning the Flights,

the Tournament Committee has decided that for the 2006 season the C Flight will hit from the white tees and the D Flight will use the forward tees.

Tournaments, Prizes & Tidbits:

The year-end **Club Tournament** will be eligible to all members that did not qualify for the Match Play Playoff and members that lost in the first round of Match Play Playoff. Only the top four finishers will receive prizes in the Match Play Championship. 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 start-

ing with the first hole. The **Spring Tournament** last year was a two-man team total net score event, plans are to re-evaluate this format and perhaps modify it to make it more exciting. The **Fall Tournament** will be a four-man team best ball scramble event. **Sweeps**, because of budget cuts, will be discontinued and if feasible it may go back to how it was run in the past. **Closest to the pin** will continue 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 from 6:30 am to 8:15 am. Due to the construction going on we need your cooperation now more than ever, please cooperate! **Forward Tees** will continue to be used by the players in the D Flight only.

Bill Doyle and Joe Salvato contributed to this article.

2006 COMING EVENTS

1. Wed., May 24th—Spring Tournament
2. Mon., June 5th—Shawnee Outing
3. Mon. to Fri., July 24th-28th—Hudson Valley Outing
4. Wed., September 13th—Membership Annual Luncheon
5. Mon., September 18th—Shawnee Outing
6. Tues., October 3rd—General Membership Meeting
7. Wed., October 11th—Fall Tournament
8. Thurs., October 19th—Awards Dinner and Dance



OPENING DAY...WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5TH, 2006



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Joseph Valenza

Proposed Budget 2006

Following is the proposed budget for the 2006 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		\$ 1,100.00
Awards Dinner & Dance		
Band—Johnny Lane	300.00	
Members cost for Dinner & Dance	3,000.00	
Miscellaneous	130.00	
Awards Dinner & Dance Total	\$ 3,430.00	\$ 3,430.00
Bank Service Charges		\$ 25.00
Board of Governors Luncheon		300.00
Board of Governors Meetings		75.00
Club Awards		
Championship Awards	\$ 1,000.00	
Special Tournaments	400.00	
Weekly Closest to the Pin	240.00	
Year End Tournament	400.00	
Total Club Awards	\$2,040.00	\$ 2,040.00
General Members Meeting		150.00
Good & Welfare		50.00
New Members Shirts & Hats		120.00
Office Supplies		60.00
Postage		150.00
Wednesday Collation		130.00
Total Budget		\$ 7,630.00

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY: JOE SALVATO, TREASURER

Shawnee Outings and Hudson Valley Updates

This year both day outings are scheduled for Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort on Monday, June 5th and Monday, September 18th. When we heard that Mt. Manor was sold and the new owners were not sure if they were going to book golf outings for 2006, a committee of our Board Members began a search for a replacement. Golf Courses from Long Island to Upstate New York and Pennsylvania were solicited. One of the biggest problems was negotiating a shot gun start and most of the courses wanted a guarantee of 120 golfers. Some courses on Long Island would accommodate us but the prices for the outing would cost you \$135 and up. Courses in NY and PA did not have June dates available. Shawnee Inn knowing how upset we were on the condition of the golf course last year were very apologetic and made us an offer that we could not refuse and it guaranteed that the golf course will be in tip-top shape. Therefore with the prices that we were experiencing from other venues we will be able to hold the price at \$100 per person for each of these outings.

Hudson Valley outing is scheduled for Monday, July 23rd to Friday, July 28th 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. The price this year is \$537.00 for Golfers and \$425.00 for Non-Golfers (double occupancy, plus tax and gratuities). 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.

President's Message

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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

GOOD AND WELFARE

Mort Kraus, Chairman

Long time member Shelly Friedman under went a hip operation in Dec. and is doing fine.

Please call Mort if you hear any news about a past or present member, their family or friend. Thank You.

GOLFER'S PRAYER

Now I lay me down a ball,
I pray, good Lord, you'll let it fall.
Upon the green and not the sand
As if it were just what I'd planned.

Lord, I know how great you are
Can you keep me under par?
And also it would be so nice
If you would take away my slice.

I pray, dear Lord, for you to bring
Your guidance to my every swing.
And Lord, before my life is done
Please grant me just one hole-in-one.

KNOW OF A PERSPECTIVE MEMBER

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God Bless America