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NEWSLETTER



CLEARVIEW SENIORS GOLF CLUB

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President's Message



June is the month when our club begins to get on a roll and our activities and tournaments start falling into place.

Liam O'Reilly did another great job as chairman of the Spring Tournament. The Shawnee Outing was again an outstanding success under the direction of general chairman **Sal Tobacco** and co-chairmen **Joe LaRocco** and **John Yacovone**.

Now our attention must turn to the Hudson Valley Outing. **Joe DiMaggio**, chairman, would like to hear from you and the sign up is now in progress. The men behind the scenes **Sal Tobacco**, Outings General Chairman has the arrangements for the Monticello Day trip. **Bill Doyle**, Tournament Chairman will again have the two tournament days filled with many prizes to compete for. Ladies, don't forget non-golfers tournament with **Mort Kraus** back as chairman; now is the time to sharpen up your game. **Sal Italiano** asks that you stop by the Hospitality Room on Monday, check-in day, where refreshments will be served.

League Play is starting to take shape so be sure to watch the standings. Only the top eight positions in the standings will qualify for the Match Play Championship at the end of the season.

Frank Savarese, Membership Chairman, has informed the Board of Governors that our books are closed for additional new members and that a wait list will be carried over to 2008.

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Clearview Club House Renovations A Class Act



The Clearview Park Golf Course opened in 1927 as a private golf course. It later became a public course and when the Clearview Expressway was built some of the property along the fifth fairway was taken away by the city and changes were made on the golf course. Over the years the outer structure of the Club House remained the same with internal upgrades done from time to time. I'm not sure when but during the later years the Club House was declared an Historic Site. This meant that the building could never be torn down and when plans were made to renovate the building it became a huge undertaking.

In April of 2005 a new general manager, Chris Robertson, arrives at Clearview and shortly thereafter plans were put into place to renovate the club house. For the next two years the complete operation at the club house was moved into three trailers positioned in the parking area. We watched as the building was gutted and then rebuilt. At the east side of the building a new pavilion was added which looks out over the first hole and will serve as a picnic and barbeque area. As you enter through the main entrance the vestibule that cuts

through the building to the rear is basically the same. The outdoor patio where we once entered into the snack bar and pro shop has been closed in and now is a trophy room to the bar area and the new pro shop which is west of the rear doors over looks the pond and first tee. In place of the old snack bar there now is a very big oak bar/grill room. You can't but help to marvel at the big mirror behind the bar that has a picture of the Throgs Neck Bridge etched in it, quite breath taking. The kitchen was expanded and all new state of the art equipment was installed and very professionally done. The room that we used to set up in has been done over with new patio doors which exit to the picnic area. The locker room is gone and now is a restaurant/catering dining room (top shelf). We now use this room for our check-in and breakfast on Wednesday Tournament Days.

Chris Robertson among his many duties the past two years had found the time to get married and is now Vice President of Touchtone Golf in Texas. We wish him the very best in his new position. Below is the new managerial staff at Clearview and we hope to build a long working relationship with them.

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KEVIN COPPINS,
General Manager

Hometown: Naperville, IL

College: Southern Illinois University

Began at Clearview Park Golf Course in August, 2005 as Assistant General Manager and Director of Food & Beverage.

STEVE S. PYO

Assistant General Manager

Hometown: Los Angeles, CA

College: Ohio University

Began at Clearview Park Golf Course in 2004 as a part time employee and in December, 2006 he became Assistant General Manager.



NOTE: WEDNESDAY, JULY 4TH TOURNAMENT DAY RE-SCHEDULED TO

Tony Yacovone Hole-in-One

May 30th, 2007 on the 16th hole Tony uses his driver from the tee box. The ball hits the left side of the green and rolls to the back which appeared to roll off the green. After looking for the ball on the back side of the green Tony decides to look in the cup—BINGO!—Congratulations.

HUDSON VALLEY RESORT & COUNTRY CLUB

Monday, July 23rd to Friday July 27th, 2007

Your Week Includes

Three Gourmet Meals daily...Unlimited Golf...Two Club Tournaments (Barbeque afterwards)...
Cocktail Parties...Nightly Music and Dancing...Night Club Show every evening...
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Joseph Valenza

Rates

Golfer—\$537.00...Non-Golfer—\$425.00. Double occupancy.
Single occupancy Golfer—\$657.00...Non Golfer—\$545..00
(Prevailing New York State Tax will be added to the above rates.)

Shawnee Inn Outing Slow Start...Great Ending

After waiting more than an hour and a half for the bus to pick us up everyone settled in and enjoyed the beautiful weather and mountain view on the ride up. Upon arrival at Shawnee and after a quick breakfast we were then ready to go. The golf course was in beautiful shape but those 500 yard par 5's really separated the men from the boys. The course played tough for most of us and you really had to crank it up in order to score well.

Following are the first place winners:

FLIGHT A: Dennis Ring...Net 81 **FLIGHT C:** Pat Segrave...Net 72
FLIGHT B: Yoo Wook Won...Net 70 **FLIGHT D:** Tony Yacovone...Net 75

CLOSEST TO THE PIN:

Red Course—Hole 2, Dan O'Donnell Hole 8, Ed Chen
Blue Course—Hole 5, Bill Doyle Hole 9, Lou Stovell

STRAIGHTEST DRIVE:

Red Course—Hole 6, Sam Ioannucci

Congratulations to all the winners.

Outings Chairman, Sal Tobacco and Co-Chairmen, John Yacovone and Joe LaRocco did a great job coordinating the outing and thanks to all who served on the committee for a job well done and especially all who attended.

Total Net Score Partners Of Stroke Play

By Liam O'Reilly

The USGA spends much time dealing with 'Equity'. Golf Rule says that any unresolved situation can be resolved by 'Equity' (the USGA does not define 'Equity', that's why there is a 700 page book to explain decisions made during a round of golf).

We are also faced with equitable (almost equity) when pairs have to be matched as equitable as possible! Usually the low handicap is paired with the high handicap—easy to say. We have in our club maybe nine or ten members whose handicap is 30, so we have to evaluate by index (raw score, no slope) to determine who partners with whom. Players not showing up create a problem, as they have to be replaced with a player of similar handicap. When a card is not turned in the players involved are disqualified.

Last weeks 'Blind Pairs' was well matched as the results show. Five pairs were separated by only three strokes. Individual scores are worth mentioning. Nine players netted 70 or better with McGonigle, Puleri, Rivera and Segrave at 67 net. Alex Materasso was low gross at 86.

The Results:

1st Place—C. Baran & Sal Tobacco, Net 141 / 2nd Place—B. Doyle & D O'Donnell, Net 143
3rd Place (Three way tie...Net 144) : J. Liebowitz & P McGonigle
L. O'Reilly & M. Pirone / A. Rivera & L Stovell

Congratulations to the winners and to the members on a fine tournament. Have a great summer.

President's Message

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Finally after a review of the budget for 2007 the Board of Governors passed the following increases to provide additional income. New member dues is raised to \$100. The guest fee at the Awards Dinner will be increased. Membership dues for 2008 is increased to \$100.

JOE VALENZA, PRESIDENT

Point of Information

Change in schedule: Wednesday, July 4th is a holiday and there will be no golf that day. It has been re-scheduled to Monday, July 2nd.

Thanks to Liam O'Reilly. Inserted in this mailing of the Newsletter is a copy of USGA Golf Rules in Brief. It's a handy little booklet and a must read.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Mort Kraus, Chairman

The following members have been sick or hospitalized and we extend our sincere best wishes for a speedy recovery:

Julie Eckstein Ed Kenny
Pat McGonigle Jimmy Byrne
Carmine Esposito Lou Monschein
Sandy Valenza Mary Baran

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



God Bless America