



## *President's Letter*

*Roger Laime*

### **President's Message**

They say that this is the new normal and I can't say that I like it but it seems like things have started to improve over the way that they were. People are able to get out and about a little easier and we are now starting to plan for upcoming golf tournaments!

The course is in the best condition that it has ever been and kudos go out to our maintenance staff and Superintendent. The weekends are very busy and the new tee time format seems to be working out just fine, I have heard nothing but compliments from all of our members.

I just want to remind everyone that we still have to follow the social distancing rules both on and off the course. Even though we are now in Phase 2 and will soon be in Phase 3, we can't let our guard down or we could suffer setbacks in the spread of the virus.

As always, if you want to reach me to discuss anything, please send me an email at [roger.laime@aecom](mailto:roger.laime@aecom) or call me on my cell phone at 518-772-7754.

Please be considerate of others, be safe and think warm weather.

Roger Laime



## *Treasurer's Report*

*Rick Funaro*

### Treasurer's Report

June 15th, 2020

I want all of our members to be aware, especially our newer members that you will see a bunker renovation fee on your July invoice. This is our final year of our 5 year bunker renovation project as Steve and his staff have recently completed #13. The fee will be 3% of dues for your membership category. This will raise approximately \$20K and will cover all of the expenses for the work on #13 and #14 which was completed in the fall.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Steve and his staff as they have completed all of this work on time and within the budgets that we set 5 years ago.

We have collected to date, \$543,000 in membership dues. We expect to collect an additional \$126,000 from those who are paying monthly for a total of \$665,000. This far exceeds our budget of \$600,000.

At our last Board meeting on May 18th, the BoD decided to accept only 5 additional memberships, singles and couples only (no students, young adults or JE memberships). We quickly filled those remaining memberships and are no longer accepting new members. We have created a waiting list and there are currently 8 people on the list as I write this news letter.

We continue to lose revenue in greens fee and carts as compared to 2019. Here are some data points through the end of May.

YTD carts is \$12,790 behind last year (\$39,318 in 2019 vs \$26,528 in 2020).

YTD green fees are \$28,986 behind last year (\$75,380 in 2019 vs \$46,394 in 2020).

May carts was nearly identical to last year (\$17,894 in 2019 vs \$17,620 in 2020).

May green fees were \$15,910 behind last year (\$38,153 in 2019 vs. \$22,243 in 2020).

We have completed our 8 weeks to spend our Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan this past week. We certainly met all of the requirements for the loan to be forgiven. Over the next month or so, I will be providing BSNB all of the necessary documents so we can then request that the loan be forgiven.

This year we have our iPad working for use on the beverage cart. This will allow for a more accurate accounting of member charges on the cart. They will bring up your account and you will be asked to sign for your purchase. This should eliminate any of the account errors that had occurred in the past when they wrote down your number on a piece of paper and entered them later into the system. As always, please be sure when signing, it is your account.

A friendly reminder we will be checking who is late in making their payments starting July 1 (those who have a balance from May ) and those individuals will be put on the no play list. If we keep on top of this, we won't have to expend hours upon hours tracking members down once the season is over.

Bri will be reaching out to those who are late via email and / or phone calls to make those members aware of the situation. I ask for your cooperation and understanding.

With the renovation of the mens locker room complete, there seems like there is more interest in using a locker this year. Once we open the clubhouse to members, you will be able to select a locker and get a lock from Bri. She will document what lock you have, give you the combination and give you a locker tag to put on your locker. We have determined that the fee for a locker for the 2020 golf season will be \$50. When getting a locker, Bri will simply add that fee to your account. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

As always, if you have questions on anything that I have mentioned or you have been wondering about, please email me ([tucats@nycap.rr.com](mailto:tucats@nycap.rr.com)) or talk to me when you see me at the course. I would be happy to provide you any info you need.

Sincerely,

Rick Funaro,  
Treasurer



## *Membership Report*

*Cindy Walkanowski*

Fox Membership 6/2020

We are into summer golf and the weather is cooperating with the calendar. Thank you to all the members for your patience during this season. It has been quite the experience. The membership count below has been adjusted to show only golfing members, so the social membership category has been removed. Therefore, as you can see the number of golfing members has hit 370. Since golf is one of the few games in town, we have been extremely busy. The BOD has approved a temporary cap on new memberships and currently we have a waiting list. Just to give you some perspective, I thought it would be interesting to review the membership numbers over the past several years. We've come a long way. Our goal is to continue to grow new membership at a reasonable rate, while retaining our current membership. If you are interested in joining our committee as we look towards the future, please let me know.

Category	Count	%
Corporate	13	3.51%
Couple- Restricted	20	5.41%
Couple-Unrestricted	30	8.11%
JE Couple	6	1.62%
Jr. Executive 25-26	25	6.76%
Jr. Executive 27-29	16	4.32%
Jr. Executive 32-33	7	1.89%
Jr. Executive 30-31	5	1.35%
Lifetime Member^	4	1.08%
Member Children	9	2.43%
Senior Couple 70+	25	6.76%
Senior Single 70+	38	10.27%
Single	105	28.38%
single w/children	10	2.70%
Student	22	5.95%
Summer Couple	2	0.54%
Summer Single	4	1.08%
Weekend Single*	4	1.08%
Young Adult	25	6.76%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
^*Not offered to new/current members since 2015/2016		

Year	Count
2015	230
2016	240
2017	280
2018	345
2019	360



## Superintendent's Report

*Steve Solsky*

As we make our way into June, the course has really shaped up nicely. The turf is nice and tight throughout the golf course. The past few weeks we have been irrigating a lot. Dry and warm conditions put a lot of stress on the plant and it needs water to survive. There is a lot of acres to water out there when you add up all greens, tees,

approaches, and fairways. We can use up over 100,000 gallons of water a day. Our pond is fed from the creek and as long as the creek continues to flow, we will have enough water. There is no irrigation in the rough so a lot of that will burn up. When we get some rain and cooler weather it will grow back.

We finished the #13 green surround last week. This was a large project to do in house. I want to thank my crew. We completed everything ourselves and I think it turned out pretty nice. We started to mow all the new sod. Sometimes when you first start to mow you scalp some grass. Over time things smooth up and everything will green back up. Thank you to the membership for there patience during this 5- year project. It has been a lot of work but I think we made a huge step in improving the golf course. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped. Couldn't have done it without you. Thank you to our crew. It is a full-time job just keeping up with the golf course let alone adding on big projects.

Now that #13 green surround is completed, we are in our summer time maintenance mode now. Mowing, watering, spraying, and setting up the golf course takes up all of our time. The golf course has been getting a large amount of play so far this season. It is great to see so many people out enjoying the golf course. Over time the course will show some signs of stress. Please keep up with ball marks on the greens. My crew and I will try to keep the bunkers raked as much as we can and do the divots on the tees.



*Golf / Assistant Treasurer*

*Tony Lupino*

Little by little we are getting back to normal. We still have restrictions on golf carts and safe distancing and the restaurant is slowly opening up. The golf course has been very busy, some days we have up to 190 people playing. We have put a hold on taking more members and have a waiting list. I haven't seen a waiting list since I joined sometime in the 1980's. I also had to pay an initiation fee at that time.

Todd is doing some new things with the tee times on weekends to get all the people that want to play out by putting people on both the front and back for all tee times and lengthen the time between tee times. We are allowing some outside play and guest play during the week now but members come first.

Todd is also working on how to organize our in house tournaments so we can have the maximum number of members play that want to play. Hopefully we will be able to start allowing the outside tournaments to play. The problem now are the carts with only one person per cart. We don't have enough and can't get enough rental carts to accommodate most tournaments. Also it is very expensive to rent them. Also there are still limitations on how a restaurant can operate and most tournaments want food too. Considering the amount of play the golf course is getting, it's in great shape. Great job Steve.

Hit them long and straight but most of all lets have fun.

Tony Lupino

## **AJGA Tournament Update Sponsors, Housing and Volunteers needed**

We have been in contact with the AJGA regarding this years event, which is scheduled for July 19th through July 23rd. It has been a challenge to say the least to even determine if we could hold the event. Working with the AJGA and local officials, we do not see anything that will prevent us from holding the event. It is only a short 5 weeks away.

We are just now starting to seek out sponsors and members who might be willing to host some of the AJGA staff in their homes. We have been recruiting volunteers for the past month so if you volunteered last year, who have probably seen those emails. For all of our new members or those who could not volunteer last year and would like to help out at this year, please contact Joyce Bassett at [joyceb10bassett@gmail.com](mailto:joyceb10bassett@gmail.com). Joyce is our new volunteer chairperson.

If you know of a business that would like to receive some positive recognition and be a

sponsor for the event, please let me know. Hole Sponsorships start at just \$250, if they would like to play in the event, team sponsorships are \$1200.

We want to raise as much money as possible for the two benefiting charities, the Double H Ranch and the ACE Grant Program. Sponsorships and money raised as part of the golf event will be split 50 / 50 between the charities.

We are still looking for housing for AJGA staff. If you have room in your home and would be willing to house a staff member, please contact me as soon as possible. If you can house multiple people, that would be great. Housing the AJGA staff saves the AJGA hotels costs, reduces the tournament costs and therefore allows more money to be donated to charity.

The AJGA has a significant list of protocols that will be in place for the players. As a result of these protocols, BSCC will see a smaller field of players and they will be required to leave after their round is over and not practice. They will also adhere to the many protocols all golf courses are using, no touching the flag stick, no rakes in bunkers etc.

Last year we generated over \$15K for the week of the event which includes the few days before which was used for practice rounds by the participants. We will certainly not do as well this year but with all events to date having been cancelled or postponed, this will be a welcome boost to our revenue.

I thank you in advance for your help and for supporting junior golf and these very worthy charities.

Sincerely,

Rick Funaro, UHY Albany Junior Tournament Chair

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## *Parring the 19th*

*Tucker*

**1896:** John Shippen, whose father was African-American and whose mother was Shinnecock Indian, plays in the second U.S. Open at Shinnecock Hills, where he worked as a caddie, at the age of 17. Some of the professional players threaten to boycott the event when they discover his race, but back down when USGA President Theodore Havemayer defends Shippen and another entrant, Shinnecock Indian Oscar Bunn. Shippen ties for sixth and wins \$10. He goes on to play in five more U.S. Opens.

Cheyenne Woods was asked: Did the lack of diversity in golf ever discourage you from playing? She responded, "Growing up, I loved the fact I was usually the only girl in school or only black person at tournaments. I enjoyed the feeling of being different. I can't count the amount of times I've heard the words "Wow, you don't look like a golfer".

**1899:** George Grant, a dentist in Boston, invents the modern wooden golf tee.

According to the National Golf Foundation, only 3 percent of recreational golfers are African American — and that drops to 1.5 percent when it comes to competitive golfers. While the PGA tour has three African Americans, the LPGA tour has just one member.

**1922:** Joseph Bartholomew begins his career as a golf course architect by creating a new course at Metairie Golf Club in his native New Orleans. Because of the club's segregation policy, however, he is never allowed to play the course or even practice there. He goes on to create several public courses in the New Orleans area, but isn't allowed to play them, either, for many years.

James Beatty, executive editor of African American Golfer's Digest, said that while there are ongoing efforts to increase diversity in golf, much more needs to be done. "More than I think any other sport, golf has historically been dominated by white players," he said. "The golf

industry has been slow, in my mind, to invite people of color, especially African Americans, into the economic mainstream of the sport.”

**1926:** Robert Hawkins stages his first tournament for African-American players. He stages another in 1927, and in 1928 creates the United Golf Association, which ultimately established a tour for players excluded from PGA events.

Lane Demas, a history professor at Central Michigan University and the author of “Game of Privilege: An African American History of Golf,” said that golf’s status as a symbol of wealth and privilege made desegregating it an important, if contentious, goal for the civil rights movement.

**1939:** Clyde Martin is named head professional at the segregated Langston Golf Course in Washington, D.C. He would go on to become Joe Louis' golf instructor.

**1948:** Ted Rhodes becomes second African-American to play in the U.S. Open.

1948: Black golf pioneers Theodore Rhodes, Bill Spiller, and Madison Gunther filed a lawsuit against the PGA for civil rights violations over the association's "Caucasians only" clause. Despite a settlement that rescinded the clause, the PGA changed their policy to an "invitation only" format in an effort to prevent African Americans from competing in tournaments.

**1961:** The PGA of America removes its "Caucasian-only clause" from its Bylaws and opens the door for all players to participate in professional golf tournaments.

Golf is a unique sport. Young people don't play golf because they see it in movies. Young people get into golf through connections, because their friends are playing or, even more importantly, because their family is playing. And that's very unique in the world of American sport.

**1961:** Charlie Sifford becomes the first African-American player to earn a PGA Tour card. He wins the 1967 Greater Hartford Open Invitational and the 1969 Los Angeles Open, as well as the 1975 PGA Seniors' Championship and the 1980 Suntree Classic on what is now the Champions Tour.

**1963:** Tennis great Althea Gibson becomes the first African-American to compete on the LPGA Tour.

By some estimates, there are nearly 800,000 black golfers in America -- twice as many as there were before Woods' win in 1997.

**1975:** Lee Elder becomes the first African-American to play in the Masters. He misses the cut but goes on to win four times on the PGA Tour and eight times on the Champions Tour.

Golf administrator and co-founder of the Augusta National Golf Club, Clifford Roberts was well-known for his racism and famous for the quote, "As long as I'm alive, golfers will be white, and caddies will be black."

**1979:** Calvin Peete wins the 1979 Greater Milwaukee Open, the first of his 12 career PGA Tour victories. Peete was the most prolific African-American winner until Tiger Woods came along.

In 2015 Tiger offered this explanation for the paucity of blacks on the PGA Tour: "I honestly believe that we don't have any African-Americans out here playing on the Tour or even a lot on the mini tours is because of the advent of the golf cart," Woods said at the Players Championship at Sawgrass on Tuesday. "That took away a lot of the caddie programs. They would go out and loop, carry for 36 [holes], hit a few balls here and there. At least they got introduced. They got to watch it, simulate it, got to be around it.

**1979:** Lee Elder becomes the first African-American to play in the Ryder Cup.

Sergio Garcia was asked about whether or not he would consider hosting Tiger at the 2013 U.S. Open. He said he would. "We will have him 'round every night. We will serve fried chicken"

**1990:** Businessman Ron Townsend becomes the first African-American member of Augusta National Golf Club, site of the Masters.

1990: Hall Thompson may be known for developing Shoal Creek Country Club in Birmingham, Alabama, but he is infamous for not accepting African Americans for membership into his country club. When asked about his membership policy, he said "The country club is our home, and we pick and choose who we want. That sort of thing just isn't done in Birmingham...We have Jews, women, Lebanese and Italians—but not blacks."

**1994:** Tiger Woods wins the first of his three straight U.S. Amateur titles.

1994: In early July, while touring one of his courses near Vancouver, British Columbia, Nicklaus was asked by a Vancouver Province reporter about the paucity of blacks in golf. Nicklaus responded by saying "Blacks have different muscles that react in different ways." He also said he didn't "buy" that he and other players could have taken stronger action in helping end discrimination in golf.

**1997:** Tiger Woods becomes first African-American to win the Masters, as well as the youngest winner, and his 12-stroke margin of victory also sets a new Masters record. He goes on to win the PGA Tour money title for the first time and captures his first PGA of America Player of the Year Award and PGA Tour Player of the Year Award. He also ascends to the No. 1 spot in the world ranking for the first time but stays there only a week.

Everyone's talking in 1997, saying the floodgates are going to open and the PGA Tour will be all black and all these things. What we've seen, of course, is that that's totally not true. There's fewer black golfers today than there were before Tiger.

**2004:** Charlie Sifford becomes the first African-American to be inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame.

Fuzzy Zoeller made comments about the Masters Champions Dinner where the defending champion chooses the menu: "Tell him not to serve fried chicken next year...or collard greens, or whatever the hell they serve."

**2010:** The PGA and USGA join together to create a centralized repository for artifacts and documents related to the history of African-Americans in golf. The repository will be located at the USGA Museum in Far Hills, N.J.

Kelly Tilghman, a Golf Channel anchor, said on a broadcast last week that the younger golfers on the PGA Tour should "lynch Tiger Woods in a back alley."

**2011:** Joseph Bramlett makes his debut on the PGA Tour after earning his playing privileges at Q-School in late 2010. The former Stanford star is the first player of African-American descent to make the PGA Tour since Tiger Woods.

Look, I grew up in Gastonia, N.C. I had nothing. No nice clothes, no lights, and hell, sometimes no buck-fifty to eat lunch in high school And you know what? The people who pushed me to succeed were old white and black men at my local muni. They were the ones helping me with clothes, bills, and food. The white guys aren't racist, and the black guys aren't either. I would call myself lucky, but that'd be undermining everything I believe. I'm not insensitive to reality. I'm realistic about the innate good I see in people. Harold Varner, PGA Tour Professional

## *Gleaning From Past Newsletters*

*Tucker*

### **September 2007 Fox Tournaments**

Women's Senior Club Championship: 50-55: MJ Crowley

55-60: Max Tucker

61-69: Pat Stack

70+: Gail Wayand

Overall Winner: Max Tucker (175)

Men's Senior Club Championship: A Flight: Stan Ziobrowski

C Flight Jimmy Bryant

H Flight Mike Radzevich

Overall Winner: Stan Ziobrowski

### **October 2007 Fox**

President Dick Cody reports membership at 330 adults, money was tight and the prospect of opening the course for limited outside play on weekends was considered but rejected as an option, citing the results of a 2006 membership survey.

### **Tournaments**

Labor Day Mixer : 2nd Gross: Jack & Debbie Cottrell John & Roxanne Andrews

1st Net: Steve & Penny Monnat Mark and Betty Thornhill

Women's Club Championship:

Championship Flight 2nd: Sue Kahler

1st Flight : Suzie Mansfield

2nd Flight 1st: Beth Bassett 2nd: Pat Stack

4th Flight: 1st: Lauren Petraske

5th Flight: 1st: Rayette Johnson 2nd: Sue Pollard

### **Amazing Golf Anagrams**

By rearranging the letters in the following phrases and names, some interesting results can be had:

United States Open Golf Championships = Seeing men flop chips and putts is a hoot

The Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers = A greater bunch of unemployed highborn fools

Eldrick Tiger Woods = Stick wielder, or god?

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