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The Fox

President's Letter

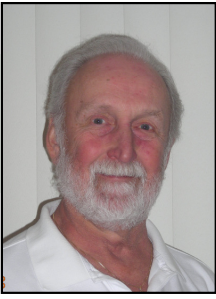
Mike Zegarelli

August, the heart of golf season. I have been playing as much as possible and I hope that you have also. This has been one weird weather year to say the least. Rain, more rain, heat more heat, then rain again. Somehow, the course has handled these conditions in remarkable fashion. Steve Solski and the entire grounds crew deserve a hardy "Thank You" for a job well done. Please be sure to tell them whenever possible that you appreciate their dedication to perfection. In addition, I have received nothing but great reviews for our restaurateur.

I can also report that many members have told me that they have gotten great reviews of our course from players in the Capital district. Our reputation is growing in a very positive direction, which can only help with member recruiting. Concerning new members, you as current BSCC members can and should be a large part in helping to increase membership. Invite a golfing friend or neighbor to play a round and test their skills. The availability of our course has never been better. Tee times on weekends, (for those who work), is excellent and a strong selling point. Our leagues and tournaments are great fun, for players at all skill levels. Want to play a few holes before Sunday dinner? Not a problem. Play nine holes, six holes or as many as time allows. You can't do that as a greens player, (or you wouldn't want to and pay for the full eighteen hole fee). I believe you get the picture.

On another note, in October, we will have our annual meeting of the shareholders. New Board members will be elected to carry out the important work of operating the golf course. It is not too early to consider running for election. Anyone who has served on the BOD can tell you that it is hard, but rewarding work. I have listened to many opinions on how things should be done these past three years. It is now time for those with the time ideas and dedication to step forward and lead, not just observe from the sidelines.

In closing, I believe we are having an outstanding golfing season. Please take advantage of our great course and enjoy the day. As you play BSCC you will see many plaques commemorating past members who have come before us. Unfortunately, their time has come and gone. This is our time to enjoy BSCC. Make the most of this opportunity.



Greens Report

Bob Miskarin

I would first like to say that the course is in fantastic condition. "Well done" to Steve and his crew.

Steve has done some work on the 1st green, in the back/right corner, to allow water to drain from the green and allow better grass growth. This will help the ice damage we had over the winter. He is planning the same type of work on the left/front of the 9th green for project day.

The greens cover raffle is on hold until spring, due to issues with printing of tickets. There may be a 50/50 for the "Men's year end" outing and the cross country. Rick Funaro and Steve Ludwin are working on details. This could give us enough money for at least 1 additional cover for the coming winter.

The green committee continues to develop a plan for the right side of the 8th fairway. It involves moving hardwood trees from obscure places on the course to the area on the right side of 8th fairway, a few at a time. We would also continue to remove additional pine trees from the pine grove to allow more sun light on the fairway, without eliminating the hazard. This work will continue at a slow pace to allow the transplanted trees to develop.

I mentioned last month that a member has purchased divot mix containers that hook on your bag. This will be much more convenient for walkers to carry. The containers are located on a rack mounted between the office and the pro shop directly under the bulletin board. Please feel free to use and return them to that rack. They can be refilled from the mix on the par 3's. As you know, we all should be filling as many divots as possible.



Superintendent's Report

Steve Salsky

This past month, my crew and I have been busy keeping up with setting up the course daily. Keeping up with the mowing consumes the majority of our time. The frequent thunder storms have made this challenging. Trees have been damaged and the winds knock leaves and sticks down everywhere during each storm. The wet areas of the course stay wet and the turf thins out due to this saturation for so long. We top-dressed the greens last week to help cure the black algae problem on our wet greens. This happens when you get too much rain coupled with humidity. Again it is great to have some rain occasionally but several inches a week is not good for the turf.

This past week we worked on a project to help cure a wet area. The 1st green has a low spot on it that continues to die because water collects there with every rainstorm. This area died this spring because of water laying on the green and freezing. We have seeded this area several times in the attempt to fill in the damaged area. But the rain would puddle here and the seedlings would die. The collar and rough on the right side of the green were lowered to allow excess water to run off the green during heavy rainstorms. Now the seedlings will have a better chance to survive if they are not under water several times a week. Hopefully this will solve the problem so we can have a healthy, full green that will not puddle up after a light rainstorm.

All in all I think we are in good shape. I have heard lots of compliments while out on the course lately. We will continue to seed areas that still need to fill in. The area on #1 is one area that needed more attention than just seeding. This low area will always be a problem until the water can move off the green. So taking the time to fix it right will be better for the future. This area and others will continue to get attention until the entire course is full and lush. Thank you to our volunteers who have been doing fairway divots out on the course. I cannot keep up with the divots without your help. Thank you.



From the Golf Shop

Todd Manderson

Bunker Raking

I would just like to take a quick moment to remind all to please rake the traps when you are finished in them as it makes a big difference for the next player. If you happen to see someone you are playing with not cleaning up after themselves, it is ok to let them know that they need to do the right thing and clean up after themselves. We appreciate your help in this tiny matter. Remember, we are all in this together.

Outside Events

We would like to thank all for your patience in allowing the outside events that we have had this season on other days than Mondays as it is crucial to Ballston Spa Country Club to meet our budgeting needs and keep the dues structure in tact. As we all fight for members out there in the golf industry, we do our best to balance the mix of outside events with members.

Calendar of Events

We once again are reminding all to use our website for all Events that happen at the club. All golf and non golf events that happen at Ballston Spa Country Club will be posted to the site on the calendar. This makes it easier for all to know when events are happening for the season. There is a brief description of the event and the time of the happening.

Golf Tip for the Month

One important fundamental in the game of golf is Alignment. It is a key part of hitting a good golf shot. There are times when you may hit a straight shot but it may be left or right of the actual target. Your body may have been pointed in that direction before you ever started your backswing. Take the extra 10 seconds to pick out a point between your ball and the target where you are actually trying to hit your golf shot. I think you will be amazed at the results. The direction your body FEELS like your pointing is not always the reality of where you are pointing.

Tournaments

Beth Todd

This Summer is proving to be very busy with both club events and outside tournaments. These events help subsidize our membership fees so please support them whenever possible. All our club and outside tournaments are posted outside the pro-shop and on line, so please be sure to check the schedule before making your golf plans.

Calendar of Events

Men's and Women's Senior Club Championship- July 26th and 27th

Men's Invitational- August 2nd

Women's Invitational- August 6th

Men's and Women's Club Championship- August 9th and 10th

Senior Men's Member Guest- August 14th

Mixed Member/Member- August 30th

Winner's Circle Results

Ballston Spa Country Club 2014 Tournament's

Women's Member Guest 7/19/14

Flight A

Gross

1st- Harkins, Kathy
Nevulis, Donna
Trumbull, Maryellen
Burke, Carol

2nd- Mansfield, Suzie
Liberatore, Flo
Kahler, Sue
Pollard, Sue

Net

1st- Harkins, Heidi
Golden, Karen
Castelli, Gina
M. Harkins, Kathy

2nd- Todd, Beth
Giachetta, Carol
Terpening, Barb
O'Brien, Pam

Flight B

Gross

1st-Tucker, Max
Scurba, Beth
Horton, Ruth
Heskett, Donna

2nd-Joseph, Pat
Ingraham, Judy
Koehler, Tina
Lundberg, Susan

Net

1st - Laime, Paula
Smith, Patty
Field, Mary
Higley, Janet
2nd - Nevins, Sharon
Assey, Mary
White, Rita
Platt, Nancy

Men's Member Guest 6/25/14---6/27/14

Nicklaus Flight

Fizer, Dave
Taub, Jay

Lema Flight

Lockwood, John
Lupoli, Nick

Palmer Flight

Shannon, Tom
Mcclure, John

Sarazen Flight

Krogh, Kevin
Kyer, Chris

Jones Flight

Chapman, Jon
Ovren, Spencer

Player Flight

Olbrych, Joe
Luna, Freddy

Nelson Flight

Kerbelis, Joe
Rosebrook, Dave

Overall winner: Lockwood, John
Lupoli, Nick

Presidents Cup 6/15/14

Women

T1st- Nevulis, Donna
Harkins, Kathy

Men

1st- Gass, Gene
2nd- LaVinge, Bob
3rd- Hefferon, Pat
4th-Walkinowski, Stan
T5th- Hudy, Tom
Stevens, Ken

Women's Member-Member 6/6/14

Gross

- 1st- Harkins, Kathy
Nevulis, Donna
- 2nd- Walkinowski, Cindy
Oppedisano, Kate
- 3rd- Mansfield, Suzie
Andrews, Roxanne

Net

- 1st- Kahler, Sue
Laime, Paula
- 2nd- Horton, Ruth
Crowley, MJ
- 3rd- Tucker, Max
Lake, Linda

Men's Member-Member 6/6/14

Flight A

- 1st- Fizer, Dave
Tedesco, Jim
- 2nd- Szwetkowski, Todd
Mcnabb, Keith

Flight B

Gross

- 1st- Andrews, John
Cottrell, Jack
- 2nd- Steves, Paul
Thornhill, Mark

Net

- 1st- Demarco, Bob
Furman, Bill
- 2nd- Cody, Dick
Lake, Ed

Flight C

Gross

- 1st- O'Connor, Dave
Ludwin, Steve
- 2nd- Symanski, Ron
Markiewicz, Dan

Net

- 1st- Bryant, Jim
Bryant, Kyle
- 2nd- Highfield, Tom
Costello, Peter

Flight D

Gross

- 1st- Brenestuhl, Gary
Jahn, Carl
- 2nd- Kerbelis, Joe
Olbrych, Joe

Net

- 1st- Flavin, Rich
Talmon, Harry
- 2nd- Walkanowski, Stan
Todd, Gerry

Member Communications

Paul Steves

Hard to believe!!! The Men's and Woman's Leagues are in their second half. The days are getting shorter and sunset as I write this is 8:25 PM. Track Season is upon us with last week's opening day. Get out and enjoy the great weather and your great golf course before it is too late. I cannot remember a time when the course was in better shape. Below are a few reminders that I would like to share with the membership:

Number of reciprocal courses has grown to eleven (11) with the addition of Seven Oaks Golf Course at Colgate University. Course is located in Hamilton NY which is about an easy 2 hour drive. Listing of all reciprocals can be found on the website. Go to home page, then the drop down box under golf, follow the reciprocals link. A few things to remember while playing reciprocal courses:

- Always carry proof of membership
- Recip rate applies to BSCC members only. Non Members will be charged full green fees
- Only BSCC golf shop employees may make tee times
- Be aware of dress codes and other local rules at the host club

Leads pertaining to recip courses come from members. Know a course that you think would be a good recip for BSCC. Todd is always looking for quality courses that we can partner with. Let him know and he will investigate.

In the June Fox I wondered when we would top 300 likes on our Facebook page. Here are the latest statistics:



Week of Jul 14 - Jul 20

Ballston Spa Country Club

Build Audience • Promote Page

See Insights

	Last Week	Previous Week	Trend
Total Page Likes	500	497	0.6%
New Likes	3	0	0.0%
Weekly Total Reach	2,144	1,597	34.3%
People Engaged	156	60	160.0%

Like us on Facebook and ask your friends to like us. When will we top 1,000 likes???

During the June membership meeting it was suggested that we needed to update the Membership Directory on the website which was dated 2012. A new and improved Membership Directory dated 2014 has been uploaded on the web site. Go to Member Resources and then Membership Directory. Thanks to member Jerry Woodard for figuring this out for us. Jerry's next mission is to add cell phone numbers and email addresses.

Mark your Calendar

The date of the Annual Meeting will be October 3rd, 2014. Please mark your calendar and plan on attending.

The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to elect three (3) members for the Board of Directors and to conduct other club business that the Board sees as necessary. At the conclusion of the election the number of Directors will have been reduced from the current 9 to 8.

Written notice shall be served to each shareholder not less than ten (10) days nor more than forty (40) days before the meeting. If you do not receive your notice by August 21st please contact Laura in the office at 885-1603.

No Director shall hold office for more than two (2) consecutive terms. A Director shall be elected and serve for three (3) years. He/She must have at least three (3) consecutive years of membership and be a Member in good standing to be eligible to serve as a Director. He/She must also own at least one share of stock in the club to be eligible to serve as a member of the Board.

Now is the Time for all Good Men & Women to Come to the Aid of Their Golf Club
If you would like to serve on your Board of Directors, please let Laura know and send a short essay (no more than 250 words) and a photo if desired to the Fox so we can publish your platforms in the September issue of the Fox. Send a Word Document submission to: psteves1@nycap.rr.com not later than August 25th, or drop it off at the Office.

Women's Tournament

Ballston Spa Women's Invitational Tournament

Wednesday August 6, 2014

And they're Off ...

The Ballston Place to Be



The Win: Better Ball of Two ~ Maximum of 30 Handicap
Deadline for Entries 7/18 - Field limited

The Place: Ballston Spa Country Club
Registration 7:30 a.m. ~ Shotgun Start 8:30 a.m.
\$170.00 per team
Includes Carts, Continental Breakfast, Lunch, Gross & Net Prizes, Tee Gift.

The Show: (518) 885-7935- Pro Shop.
Questions? Call Beth Todd- 518-580-1942 email: Beth1275@yahoo.com

Checks only~ Paid to Todd Manderson
Mail to: Beth Todd
102 Elm St. Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

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Restaurant Report

Doug Young

Dozer's is in full swing and Kate Boyce is open to all suggestions about menu, drink preferences, or anything else the membership would like to discuss. New beer taps are on order, so you can expect an expanded selection of draft beers sometime in the next few weeks. A new beverage cart has been leased and is now in operation. Watch your e-mail for upcoming events and specials.

Social

The fire pit construction is well underway. The gas line has been installed and next steps are to build the fire pit and block wall. If you wish to make a donation toward this project please contact Mike Farina, Heidi Harkins or Sue Kahler.

FIRE PIT PROJECT

Most of you have noticed that the fire pit project is progressing nicely. Rich Milenow of Sunshine Landscaping did a beautiful job building the pit and surrounding hardscape. To finish phase one we need to install the hardware, complete the gas line hookup and purchase Adirondack chairs. Before any of that can be done we need your help. To date we are \$1,600 short of our goal of raising \$5,000. The Women's Association has generously agreed to pledge \$500 to the project and is offering a challenge to the Men's leagues that they match it.

Let's make this a real family affair! This new addition to the face of our club is guaranteed to make a great first impression to prospective members. Please see Laura in the Business Office, Heidi Harkins, Susan Kahler or Mike Farina to offer you support to this project so that we can all enjoy it as soon as possible.

Thank you to the following who have donated to date:

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| 1. Debbie & Jack Cottrell | 21. Dan Lowenstein |
| 2. Todd Manderson | 22. Mabel Siler |
| 3. Kate Oppedisano | 23. Dean Herrick |
| 4. Fran Wayand | 24. Linda & Ed Lake |
| 5. Cindy & Stan Walkanowski | 25. Mary & Ron Symanski |
| 6. Heidi Harkins | 26. Mark Cacozza |
| 7. Carl Jahn | 27. Mary Lee Pollard & Mike Farina |
| 8. Lauren Petraske | 28. Rich Flavin |
| 9. Rayette Johnson | 29. Paul Steves |
| 10. Suzie Mansfield | 30. Larry Rogers |
| 11. Roy Williams | 31. Joe Krebelis |
| 12. Roxanne & John Andrews | 32. Paula & Roger Laime |
| 13. Bruce Kay | 33. Mark Sisson |
| 14. Susan Kahler | 34. Gary Lyons |
| 15. Don McCollum | 35. Women's Association |
| 16. Gina Castelli | |
| 17. Mike Zegarelli | |
| 18. Fred Dente | |
| 19. John Caputo | |
| 20. Fred DeCelle | |



Passing the 19th

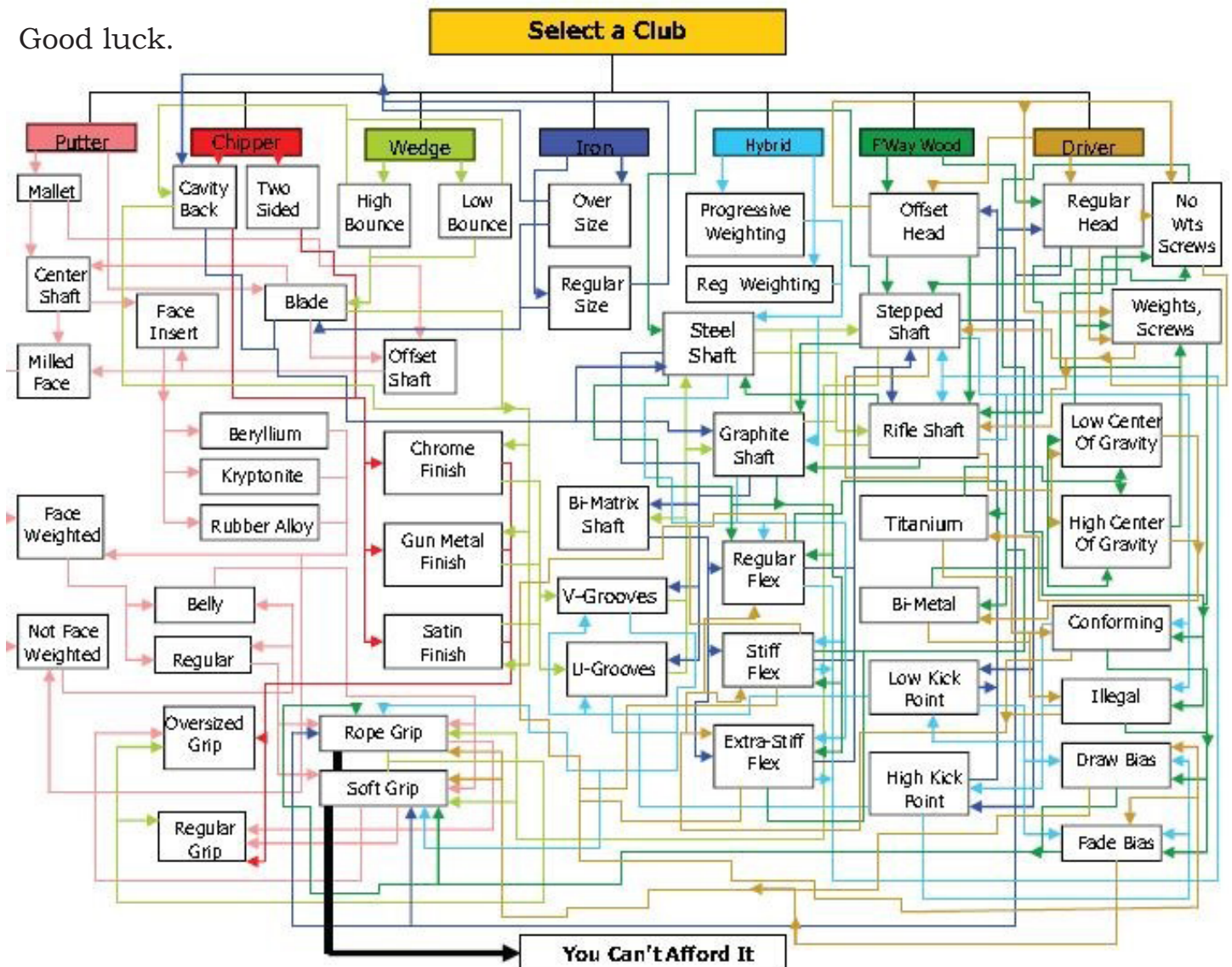
Tucker

Back in the day, club selection was a no brainer. You simply went to Sears and got a whole bag of them for \$39.95, bag included. Before that it was "Sandy, I'm needin' a bloody mashie tae get oot o' the tracks on the eleven hole." Now it's more complicated, not to say expensive.

Which is why I've developed the following chart to help in your decision.

You're welcome.

Good luck.



BALLSTON SPA COUNTRY CLUB MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL

MID SEASON SPECIAL

Starting July 1, 2014

Join Ballston Spa Country Club today for the entire 2014 season at a very special rate of 35% off the regular rates.

Special Deals are available on many membership categories. For example:

- ❖ A single membership for \$2,555 will only cost \$1660
- ❖ A Family membership for \$3849 will only cost \$ 2502

- Full Membership benefits
- Certain membership categories have limitations.
- Flexible payment plans available

Sign up today and take advantage of the best course in the area. Plush fairways, smooth greens and beautiful views.

If you are interested in becoming a member of BSCC, please visit or contact our Business Office or Membership Director to answer any questions.

Business Office
Hours 9:00am – 4:00pm
(518) 885-1603 | (518) 885-0122 fax

[Email the Membership Director](#)

