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# *The Fox*

## *President's Letter*

*Rick Fumaro*

I want to start by welcoming you all back to Ballston Spa Country Club for the 2009 golf season. As we approach the start of the season, I would like to highlight some of the changes that have been made and some of the challenges we are facing this year. There are a number of articles throughout this issue of the FOX detailing these changes.

First, as a result of much hard work by a number of very dedicated members, the dining room has received a significant overhaul and upgrade. The men's room was expanded, new floor to ceiling windows were installed in the room overlooking the 18<sup>th</sup> green and a new ceiling and lighting were installed in the main dining area.

The ladies locker room has received new carpeting and paint. The men's locker room has a thorough cleaning and a new vanity installed.

We have spent significant time working with Villigio Green over the winter. There will be a new bartender / operations manager as well as a new chef. The dining room entrance will be used in addition to the bar entrance. The small dining area overlooking the 18<sup>th</sup> hole will be open at all times with the exception of during banquets. We have agreed to add a 17% gratuity to all restaurant bills for the wait staff.



Despite the heavy runoff, there has been no flooding on #2 or #10 because of the dredging, here on #1

time, we may not be able to attract the same number of new members due to the economy. Will our public play revenue be down this year? How many outside tournaments will we be able to attract? Our revenue will be closely watched as we proceed throughout the year and the Board will make adjustments to the budget to reflect our revenue stream.

If you have any comments, suggestions or complaints, please do not hesitate to contact me. My email address is [tucats@nycap.rr.com](mailto:tucats@nycap.rr.com) or you may call me, (W) 395-6472 or (H) 371-1926

Recently, a Code of Conduct document was developed by a committee of our members. This document will be mailed to all club members shortly. A new Code of Conduct committee will be created. This committee will be responsible for investigating code of conduct violations and recommending disciplinary actions if appropriate. This committee will be made up of Board members and non-board members.

Steve, of course, has been busy this winter as usual. He has dredged some of the creek beds to help with spring flooding. There has been less tree work this winter as compared to past winters. Steve and his crew spent more time on equipment overhauls this winter. We have aging equipment that needs attention to get the most out of it.

Our biggest challenge will be in generating revenue in this very difficult economy. While our membership numbers are about the same as last year at this





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Steve Solsky

## Superintendent's Report

I first want to welcome everyone back. It has been a very long winter. It seemed like this winter it wouldn't stop snowing. I lost count on how many times we had to plow the club out. As the temperatures begin to warm and the snow melts, we can start to see the course. It will only be a few more weeks and we will be playing golf again.

I want to personally thank everyone who so generously donated a gift to myself and my new wife **Annie**, last fall in honor of our marriage. I really appreciate the kindness and support. Thank you.

As I mentioned before, this winter was long and hard. As the snow and ice melt off the course, we can see the effects the ice have taken on the course. Turfgrass cannot stay under ice for an extended period of time. The grass starts to decompose under the ice because it can not breath. There is not really much you can do when the ice builds up. It can be removed by hand if the weather cooperates and you have a large work-force. It is also hard to determine if the ice is solid or not underneath the snow cover. The snow cover is important for insulation from the harsh temperatures, so removing the snow is not good either. The bottom line is that ice cover is bad and we do our best to prevent it.

Early in March we started to plow the snow off our greens. Unfortunately, we found a layer of ice and then ultimately damage from the ice. The worst damage was on 7 of our greens (practice green, 7, 9, 14, 15, 16, 18). March 19th, **Chad** and I aerated the practice green, 9, and 18 greens. This aeration will give oxygen to the roots of plants that are alive and remove dead turf. We also verticut the greens in the hopes of creating channels so we could seed the greens with bentgrass. I will finish the rest of the greens when they dry out. Hopefully, the temperature stays warm so the greens can fill in. It will take some time, but the greens will come back. I hope you will understand.

During the course of the winter **Chad**, **Ed**, **Aaron**, and I were busy fixing equipment, tree work, creek dredging, and plowing snow. The majority of the winter **Chad** spent rebuilding mowers and restoring work carts. **Ed**, **Aaron**, and I spent December doing some tree work on the 3rd, the 14th, and the 16th hole. This selective removal of trees, as you know, is our effort to help improve the aesthetics and turf quality of our golf course. The rest of the winter, we spent dredging the creek. Number 1, 2, 10, and the 11th tee area saw most of the dredging. Muck and gravel was removed from the creek and was used to build up the bank of the creek. Stones were brought in to reinforce the bank and concrete blocks were installed under the bridge behind the 11th blue tee. All this work was done in house and was done in hopes of having a better flow of water through and off the property.



Dredging on Holes 1, 2, 10 and 3 has greatly reduced our flood damage .



Ice damage is being dealt with on 6 holes. Here we see work on the ninth hole



Our new (refurbished) deep tine aerifier will improve green quality.



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Todd Manderson



From the Golf Shop



Jamie Saddock

We would like to welcome everyone back for the 2010 season. New and existing members, this will be an exciting time this season as we all are challenged for the future, and what can be a better time than the present to start enjoying your golf facility? As many things have changed in our lives the past 6 months, now is the time to enjoy Ballston Spa Country Club and everything that it has to offer. So, it's time to play more golf than you have ever played to relieve all that stress over the past few months, start living life to the fullest, enjoy the things that you have control over and try to put behind us the things that we can't control. Golf is a great game and I can't think of a better time to start playing more of it.

This season, I welcome every member to play golf with me, whether it be a few holes or 18 holes. If anyone would like to play golf with me, please don't hesitate to ask, as my goal this year is to play with every member if they would like. If you feel nervous, maybe I can get you over that nervous feeling and give you a few pointers on the course to help you with your game. I am here to help you enjoy your days at Ballston Spa Country Club and whatever I can do to help, I will.

#### Teaching Professional

I have hired a new Teaching Professional this season, as **Denise** has moved on to the south. His name is **Jeff Nackel**. He comes to us from **Stratton Mountain Golf School** where he has been for the last 9 years learning and teaching his skills to all of his students over there. The Golf School looks to be closing in the near future and we now will have Jeff's expertise at Ballston Spa Country Club as well as the Stack and Tilt method that I will be teaching this season. We are here to promote golf and all the good that can out of this game that we play. Jeff will be around sometime in the middle of April.

#### Merchandise

The golf shop will be fully stocked with the top brands this season also. Footjoy shoes will be available on a special order only as I have decided to carry Adidas footwear this year. Footjoy classics will be going away forever as they have decided to close the Brockton, Ma plant this year. There may be some available on closeout so get them while you can. The latest styles from Adidas, Nike, Under Armour, Glen Echo, and Page and Tuttle will be stocked for clothing as well as Jamie Saddock for the ladies. Callaway Golf has a new GPS yardage device which is very cool with a real flyover of the golf course from a satellite. It will give you precise distances to many points and works extremely well.



Adidas 2009



Callaway GPS

#### Staff

**Kyle** will be coming back this season as well as **Brad Krohl**, **Jerry**, most all of the outside guys and my daughter, **Taylor**, will be working some this summer also (she needs to pay for her own ski equipment.) With that being said, we will try to get the range open as soon as we can to get the season rolling as early as possible. We all look forward to seeing everyone soon.

## Would You Like to Run For the Board of Directors?

If you think you can be a positive contributor to the future of our Club and work hard towards achieving our stated goal of becoming a thriving, successful Club, you need to consider running for a position on the Board of Directors.

To do so, you must be a fully paid Shareholder 6 months prior to the May Membership Meeting. You can declare your candidacy by writing to the Board or simply having yourself nominated and seconded on the floor, the night of the meeting. To announce your candidacy in the May Fox, as well as state your reasons for running, please forward an MS Word document of 250 words or less to me at [wtucker2@nycap.rr.com](mailto:wtucker2@nycap.rr.com) by April 20th. No late submissions will be printed. Of the three Board Members whose terms have ended this year, Carl Iovinella is ineligible to run again and John Paolucci has indicated he will not be running again.

# *BSCC Code of Conduct*

Ballston Spa Country Club is dedicated to providing a positive experience for all members, their families, their guests, and our employees.

In order to accomplish this, the Board of Directors is establishing the following code of conduct. All members will be advised of this code and will be obligated to abide by it and report any violation to the Board or the Pro Shop.

## **Behavior**

Golf is a game of integrity that relies on individuals to show consideration for others at all times.

Therefore, all members and guests will conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen, displaying courtesy and sportsmanship while on BSCC property. Drunkenness, disorderly behavior, boisterousness, and lewd or profane language (especially in the presence of women and children) are unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Any member or guest who abuses club property will be liable for damages.

All members and guests will treat our employees with consideration and respect. Any issue with employees should be submitted in writing to the Board.

## **Cell Phones**

Cell phones should only be used when absolutely necessary. If you must use your cell phone, please be respectful of those around you.

## **Dress Code**

Members and guests are required to wear appropriate golf attire. Blue jeans, cut-offs, sweatpants, or other extremely casual attire are not permissible.

To insure that no golfer violates the dress code, all members and guests must check in with the Golf Shop before teeing off. Our golf professional and his staff are responsible for the enforcement of this code and have the full support of the Board to do so.

## **Enforcement**

The Board will appoint a code of conduct committee responsible for investigating all violations of the code of conduct reported to the board. The committee's responsibility will also include making recommendations for any disciplinary action to the Board.

## *BSCC Reaches Out to Local Golfing Families*

We're planning a special deal for local High School Golf Teams and their families this summer. During regular public hours, children from local golf teams will golf for free with a paying parent and a cart. The Membership Committee noticed that our friends have historically been our best "New Members". This promotion will help expand our pool of friends in the local communities. This will also give us an opportunity to demonstrate some of the perks we provide with a Family Membership.

*Ed Schwenke*

## *The Club Ambassador Program*

There are several ways you can be a Club Ambassador, and it's in your best interest, as an owner of BSCC, to participate as enthusiastically as your personal schedule permits. The fiscal health of our Club should be a priority to every Club Owner.

Give Laura the email addresses of any of your friends, colleagues or family who might be interested in joining BSCC. You will be rewarded with Golf Shop credits with every new Member you refer.

Talk to your contacts in Corporations, Institutions, Charities, Credit Unions, etc., who will either post our New Member Specials on their website, in their coffee room, etc., or may be interested in holding a fund raiser tournament @ BSCC.

Be a part of the growth of our Club. Act as if you owned it.....because you do.



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**Steve** and **Chad** have been very busy this Winter.

Work is progressing on the creek beds. Significant

dredging has been done in front of #2 green in addition to the removal of old pine trees to the right of the #2 bridge.

The creek is now deeper and a lot wider.

The bank of the creek in front of the #17 green is being built up. The large cottonwood tree was removed to allow the bank to be made higher which will prevent overflow during the spring or after very heavy rains. Dredging is also planned for the creek in front of #10 green and #3 tee.

Trees and brush have been cleared on the right side of #3 fairway (far side of cart path) near the 150 yard marker.

The work carts are being rebuilt. Research proved that Satch Sales could rebuild the engines of the carts for less than originally budgeted. Satch Sales doing the work will save a total of \$2,000.

*Green  
Committee  
Report*



*Sue  
Kahler*

The deep tine aerifier that we had hoped to buy last fall is still available and is currently in storage in Massachusetts. Steve was able to negotiate a price of \$10,000, a savings of \$1,000 off the expected price. It has our name on it and will be ours this Spring.

This total savings of \$3,000 will be needed for equipment repair. Since we typically buy used pieces, repairs are expected and can often be costly. Most recently we will need to make engine repair to the stump grinder. The grinder has seen a lot of use over the past 3 years and needs to be repaired so we can continue improving the look of the course.

Lastly you will be very pleased to see the work that has been done to the bank of the creek in front of the #1 green. Steve has lined the far side of the bank with large rocks. The look, in combination with the rock wall behind the green, is outstanding and is a beautiful first impression of our great course.

*Men's Tuesday Night League*

March is finally here and I hope it was a happy and safe winter for everyone. Time to start to think Tuesday Night Golf. I would like welcome back past league members and encourage all new members to sign up to play in our league. We had 6 flights of 16 members last season and hope to have that many again this season. We have never shut anyone out if they have signed up on time.

League play will be 9-hole match play within flight. Flights are made up by handicap. A, B and C flights tee off on one nine while D, E, and F flights tee off on the other. Tee off times are between 3:30 and 5:30. You can make up foursomes when you get there.

Our annual preseason meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the clubhouse**. There is a \$100 league fee. Please bring league payment, **by check only**, with you at this time. This is to cover our end of season costs as well as flight payouts. Last season we paid the top six places in each flight for each half as well as overall season. Your place is not reserved until your payment is received.



Each flight usually has a nightly skins game going also and the price of this is determined by the members of the flight and is paid at the beginning of the season for the season.

*Steve Ludwin*

Please tell anyone that may be interested in playing, to go to the website and read this or to attend the meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

If you cannot attend, a sign-up list will be placed on the bulletin board by the men's locker room in the clubhouse. You can also sign up by letting **Todd Manderson** know in the Golf Shop or by calling league Secretary **Tony Lupino** at 587-6559 or league President **Steve Ludwin** at 265-2518 or 899-5401.

# 2009 BSCC Proposed Tournament Schedule

As a reminder we will always try to accommodate Members not participating in Tournaments when possible. However if the course hits its capacity participants will have priority over non-participants.

The Tournament Committee would like to remind everyone how we are going to advertise for all our member tournaments.

1. **Website** - Complete schedule on the Tournament tab. Upcoming events will be on the BSCC News Ticker.
2. **Fox** - Complete schedule is in this month (April) publication. Upcoming Events will be in each subsequent publication.
3. **Pro Shop** - They will have a list of all tournaments and chairperson(s) with sign up sheets.
4. **Flyer's** - All chairpersons are responsible for creating and posting flyers. The flyers should contain all pertinent information or a way to get more information.
5. **Place mats** - They will have Upcoming Events and we will be taking off Tournaments that have already taken place to keep the place mats current.
6. **Cart Card Holders** - In the carts a card holder is in the top middle of the windshield. In that holder all outside & member upcoming events will be displayed.

**E-Mail** - If both the chair & Todd think it is appropriate an email may be sent as a reminder to bolster participation.

May-02	Sat	Opening Scramble w/breakfast @ 7:30	9:00 AM	SGS	Scramble
May-16	Sat	Men's 4 person Scramble	8:30 AM	SGS	Scramble
		Women's 4 person			
May 23 - 25	S, S, M	Match Play Championship		TT	Match play
May-25	Mon	Memorial Day Mixer	1:00 PM	SGS	Waltz
May-29	Fri	Wine Tasting	5:30 PM	SGS	Nine Hole Scramble
May 30 & 31	S & S	M Member/Member	8:30 AM	SGS	BB of Partners (Gross/Net)
May 30 & 31	S & S	W Member/Member	8:30 AM	SGS	BB of Partners (Gross/Net)
June 6 or 7	Sat or Sun	President's Cup (play with your own 4some)		TT	Stroke Play (NET Only)
Jun-10	Wed	Men's Guest Day	12:30 PM	SGS	BB of Partners
Jun 25 - 27	Thurs	Men's Member/Guest		TT	Practice
	Fri			SGS	BB of Partners
	Sat			SGS	BB of Partners
Jul-04	Sat	4th of July Mixer	1:00 PM	SGS	Waltz
Jul-10	Fri	Martini Tasting	5:30 PM	SGS	Nine Hole Scramble
Jul-12	Sun	2 Person Scramble	8:30 AM	SGS	Scramble
July 24-25	F & S.	Women's Member Guest	8:30 AM	SGS	2BB of 4
Aug-02	Sun	McGladrey's Cup Qualifier		TT	BB of 3 (with 1/2 Handicap)
Aug-06	Thu	Men's Senior Member/Guest	8:00 AM	SGS	BB of Partners (Gross/Net)
Aug-08	Sat	Mixed Member/Guest	1:00 PM	SGS	B/B of partners
Aug-13	Thu	Women's mini M/G – 9 holes	4:00 PM	SGS	2 BB of 4
Aug-14	Fri	Margarita Tasting	5:30 PM	SGS	Nine Hole Scramble
Aug. 15-16	S & S	Men's & Women's Senior Club Championship	9:00 AM	TT	Match play
Aug-26	Wed	Men's Guest Day	12:30 PM	SGS	BB of Partners
Sept. 5-6	S & S	Men's Club Champion.	8:00 AM	TT	Stroke play
Sept. 5-6	S & S	Women's Club Champion	11:00 AM	TT	Match play
Sept. 5-6	S & S	Junior Club Champion.	8:00 AM	TT	Stroke play
Sep-07	Mon	Labor Day Mixer	1:00 PM	SGS	Waltz
Sep-13	Sun	Women's League Outing	11:00 AM	TT	
Sep-20	Sun	Men's League Outing	8:00 AM	SGS	Stroke play
Sep-26	Sat	Employee Appreciation	9:00 AM	SGS	Scramble
Oct-03	Sat	Micro Beer Tasting	2:00 PM	SGS	Nine Hole Scramble

# BSCC/SS Chamber of Commerce SCORE Report

After the Facility Improvement Committee's (FIC) Finance Sub-Committee completed their analysis last fall and determined that with our current debt, coupled with the poor fiscal environment, we decided to cease FIC activities until we completed our work with the Saratoga Chamber of Commerce, SCORE consulting group. As members of the Chamber, we are entitled to this great service at no cost.

After preliminary discussions with SCORE, they recommended we establish a group to work with the Board of Directors (BOD) containing representation from each of our diverse demographic membership groups to evaluate where we are now, and most importantly, where we want to be in the future.

This group included:

**Chuck Griswold, Dennis Crimi, Al Squire, Rich Van Buskirk, Matt Riggins, Jim Koehler, Mary Lee Pollard, Mike Farina, Sharon Naftzger, Randy Alexander, Rosanne Greenwood, Keith Atlas, Ginny Charbonneau, Dave Fiser, Ed Schwencke and Keith McNab, Laura McNeil**

BOD members participating:

**Rick Funaro, Tucker, Sue Kahler, Dick Cody and John Paolucci**

Meetings were held this winter, and as a result, tasks were assigned and completed in several core areas. At our first meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup>, the theme was focused on **"what actions do we need to pursue to insure that BSCC, managed as a business, is viable in the future?"** All meeting participants had the opportunity to voice their opinions and ideas, which were used to develop a list of priorities and a member was designated to lead the efforts to work closely with the associated BOD member. Other members also participated and greatly contributed to each group as well. The list of the highest priorities identified, their leader and associated BOD members included:

## Priority

Develop a Code of Conduct  
Define Who We Are  
Vendor/Villagio Relations  
Developing a Marketing Plan

## Leader

**Chuck Griswold**  
**Dennis Crimi**  
**Rosanne Greenwood**  
**Ginny Charbonneau**

## BOD Member

**Dick Cody**  
**Rick Funaro**  
**Dick Cody**  
**Tucker**



*John Paolucci*

One important and positive outcome of this meeting was that the group members were unaware of many of the actions the BOD has already been taking to address some of these priorities, which made the BOD realize we need to improve our communications with the membership. We will continue to work to improve in that critical area.



New, much larger impact resistant windows make for a much improved dining experience in our Dining Room



Recessed lighting, new ceiling tiles, improved air conditioning and new fans in the Dining Room

## Villagio Welcomes All the Members Back for the 2009 Golf Season

My name is John Wain and I will serve as the General Manager of Food Service this season.

We have many new Food Service ideas to be implemented this year that we know will enhance your dining experience. We will have a chef on staff as well as a sous chef to serve all your dining needs.

We would like to encourage the members to utilize their Country Club for special events as well everyday dining. We will keep you updated by email on daily and weekly dining specials.

We are all looking forward to a very successful season.

*John Wain & the Staff @  
Villagio Green*

# Membership & Marketing Report

Tucker

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This year was expected to be a challenge with respect to increasing or even maintaining our membership numbers. In any time of fiscally menacing conditions, it's the toys that are abandoned first and Golf Club Membership is a toy. I get daily blog feeds on what's happening globally vis a vis Golf Club Memberships and it's a sad state of affairs.

We have decreased our advertising budget by about 15% this year, but realize it's important to augment our efforts to promote our Club in an increasingly competitive situation. These are not necessarily diametrically opposing policies. We have become more resourceful in our marketing endeavors and have actually spent our advertising and promotion dollars in ways that have increased our effective exposure as compared to last year's program.

We have over 200 ads on 3 radio stations scheduled for March and early April. We have about 33 TV ads during the same period, most of them during PGA tournaments on NBC, but also in lead-in spots for The Masters on Saturday & Sunday. We have 24 ads in the Gazette Sports Section over an 8 week period ending in late April, as well as 1/2 page color ads in both the TU and Gazette Golf Guides. We have weekly ads in 3 large church bulletins through the end of September and will also have an article by Bob Weiner in the Gazette Golf Guide. We are trying to negotiate the same for the TU.

We received free exposure in Saratoga Today's Living insert, with a several hundred word article. We are also participating in the Stay & Play Show at the Saratoga City Center in April, are placing promotional material in about 15 Saratoga County hotels, are emailing potential Members and walk-ons with promotional offers on a regular basis and are preparing a program to make sure new Members are given an orientation process to make them feel more welcomed. In addition, we have a few ancillary programs going on to promote the Club either to potential members or to potential non-member revenue. We are also encouraging existing Members to recruit new Members with Golf Shop Rewards. Ask Laura or I about this if you're not familiar with the program.

On March 19th, Todd Manderson, Rick Funaro, Bruce Kay and I attended a 7 hour seminar on *Marketing Your Golf Club* presented by a leading professional in the industry and found it very interesting. We hope to implement many of the ideas we picked up at this meeting.

We are also looking to get contacts with large companies and institutions that may cooperate with us in promoting our course from within. If any of you think your company or any other organization might be able to help, please let me know.

I would like to recognize my fellow Membership Committee and SCORE Marketing Committee Members for their help in these efforts: **Keith McNab, Ginny Charbonneau, Chuck Griswold, Mike Farina, Ed Schwenke, Bruce Kay, Dick Cody and Rick Funaro.**

## Barbara Krause Honored @ ACC Ceremony

On March 7th, BSCC Member Barbara Krause was honored as an "ACC Legend" for contributions to the prestige and tradition of ACC Women's Basketball. Barbara played for Duke for three years from 1978 - 1981 and holds the ACC and Duke record for the average # of rebounds/game (10.7 in 78 - 79), career average for rebounds (9.9 over 3 years) and total rebounds collected (732).

As a senior, Krause was one of only 2 players to finish in the ACC's top 10 in points, rebounds, field goal % and free throw %.

After graduating, Barbara spent 2 years in Germany playing professional basketball, then returned to the USA where she enrolled in Cornell, earned a Juris Doctor degree and served as editor-in-chief of the Cornell International Law Journal. She has been Executive Director of the Office of the President at Skidmore since June 2006.

Congratulations, Barbara!







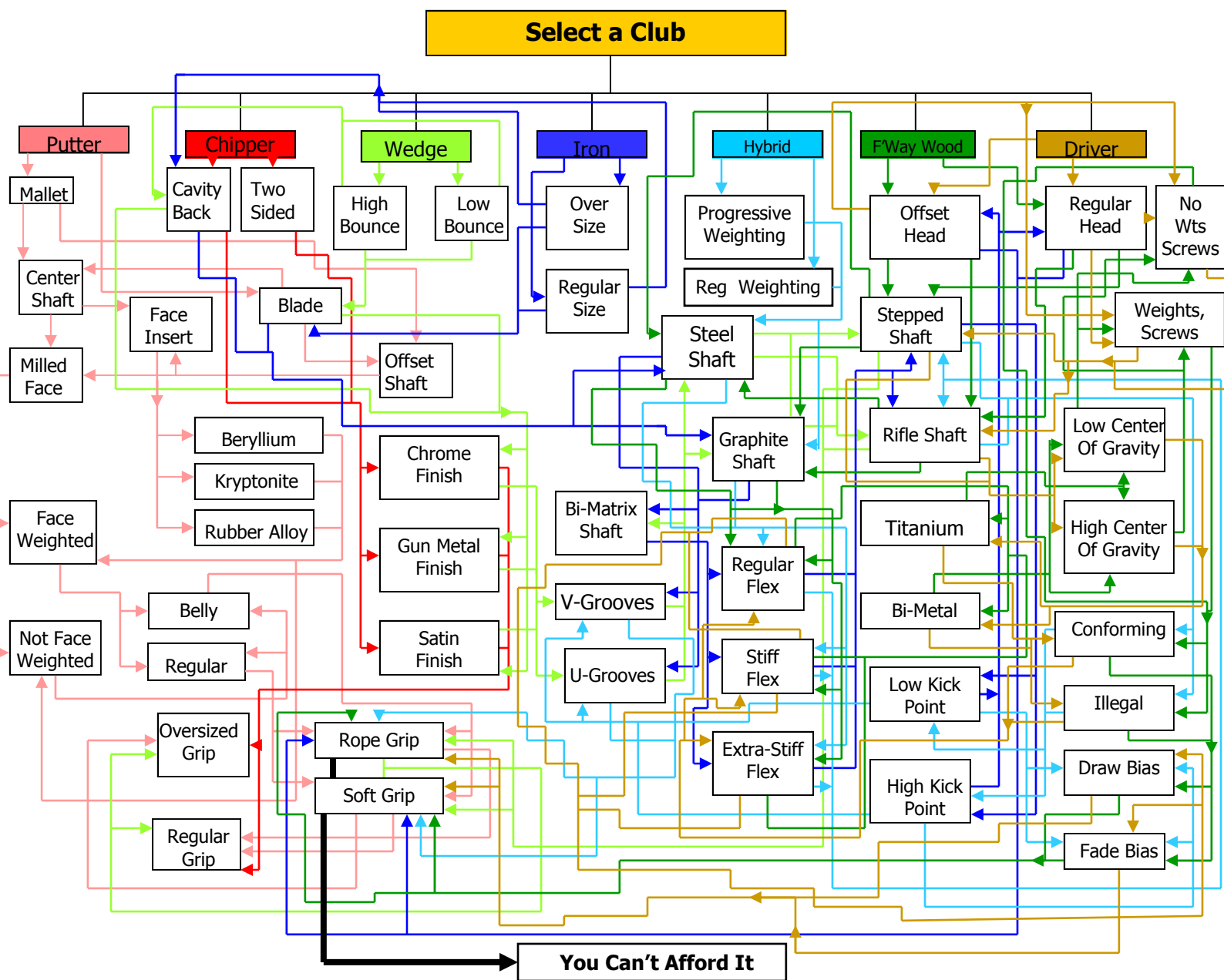
## Parrying the 19<sup>th</sup>



Tucker

It's that time of year again. That moment when our angst regarding the coming season wells up in a tide of astounding doubt about what will indeed happen when first we smite the little white dimpled bugger. When we fear our own naïveté regarding the horrific swing changes that have assuredly been festering all Winter, waiting to manifest themselves on the first tee of the first day of our annual golf renaissance.

Major paranoia requires major binkies my friends, and there is no better pacifier than the purchase of a brand new club to quell the roiling panic. Once again I'm here for you, providing a simple guide to help you make the right choice.



# BSCC: Our Story

Our club history to date has never been written in one document. It is our intent to remedy this situation to the best of our abilities, starting with last year's first issue. We will be dedicating a page in the Fox every month or so until we have as much of the history on record as possible. The full history will be posted on our website and eventually published. If any of you, your family or friends have any documents, pictures or anecdotal material that might be of interest to this endeavor, please submit them to the Fox by contacting: Tucker

wtucker2@nycap.rr.com

or

893-7646.

Thank you.

## In the Beginning Part Six

The consensus of the Board to acquire land for 9 more holes was made in 1960. It was projected that an additional 145 acres were needed to round out the 18 hole layout. The former project had been dropped because of lack of funds. Another committee, composed of Don Nichols, George McDonough, Paul Powers Gino Turchi and Jim Farina was appointed to inquire into the land acquisition possibilities. An all-out effort was made to build the second nine, but Nichols reported that the cost was too high for the 30 acres needed that was estimated by Jim Farina. *(editor's note: the 130 acres/45 acres discrepancy is not explained.)*

**1960** - A windfall came in the form of an \$1,100 inheritance from Mrs. James Weed.

The first woman Board Member was Clair Walbridge.

The sum of \$1,000 was authorized to be spent on fairway and tee work.

\$7,000 was realized from green fees, keeping the dues from increasing.

**1961** - The committee reported that the Melander property was offered to Ed Tracy as Club representative for \$12,500. The Club did not buy the land because the family wanted to sell the entire plot. Edward Johnson was subsequently approached about 24 acres located to the rear of the course. Another property that came under discussion was the Madison land, on which a survey was done and the proposed additional 9 holes mapped out.

Finally, the 21.2 acres of the Burton Madison property was bought for \$2,541 and the 9 holes laid out by Gino Turchi and Farina, which were to be checked out by Jim Thompson and Armand Farina, who were course developers.

Contractor Archie Craig of Rochester was to look over the land and prepare an estimate of the cost of adding the 9 holes. He was hired in 1962 and estimated the cost at \$88,000 for the work. Work began in 1962 to remove the stumps and rough out the holes.

**1962** Financing the project came in 1962 through the efforts of R. Bailey Tiel, assistant treasurer of the Schenectady Savings bank, which was prepared to extend \$75,000 to the Club with a ten year mortgage at 6% interest. Ten more acres were purchased for \$1,000 to lengthen the holes.

The Craig Construction Company began work in October 1963. The project ran into trouble with work behind schedule, resulting in Mr. Tiel advising the Club, after an inspection, to withhold payment to the contractor until he meets his commitments. The final payment was made in 1964.

***Next Month: The 18 hole course opens as a par 72***

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*Dick Cody*



*Bruce Kay*

## House Report

been enhanced with the addition of 2 three ton units for the dining area and the barroom supported by extensive electrical work.

The ladies will appreciate the new carpeting and the new vanity and sinks in their locker room. The men's locker room has new sinks on a renovated vanity, a new mirror and major re-grouting of the shower stalls. New vanities and sinks in both the men's and women's. The ladies received new carpet. Grout work was done on the men's showers. All the lights and ceiling tiles were repaired and the ice machine was moved. The furnaces were serviced and larger duct work to the bar added. The electrical service was upgraded and an additional box was installed to handle current and future needs.

The dining area has a fresh coat of paint and new drapes that were made by a few of our female members. Their will be fresh paint in the women's and men's locker. You will notice a beautiful painting of our golf course on the dining room wall backing up to the barroom. Our member carpenters will construct movable flower boxes that will serve as a divider between the main dining area and the dining area overlooking the 18<sup>th</sup>.

All of this work could not have been accomplished without the skill, expertise and patience of **Stuy Morris**. Stuy had expert qualified help from **Tim Preston, Mike Zegarelli, Bob Miskanin, Steve Monnat, Mike Farina, Dennis Crimi, Pete McNamara, and Mike Peters**. **John Caputo** understood the problem male members and guests have faced for years and expanded the men's restroom facilities. Our resident painter **Don Gallagher** as usual put the important finishing touches of paint on the dining room.

**Rosanne Greenwood, Sue Kahler, Sue Mansfield, Sharon Naftzger and Max Tucker** chose the paint colors and these folks will make the curtains for the dining room. Max's beautiful painting will add real class to an all around outstanding Ballston Spa Member Renovation Project.

You will notice new signs as you approach the clubhouse from the parking lot directing patrons to the bar or the restaurant. Using the restaurant entrance should be more family friendly for members and guests. This year the deck overlooking the ninth hole and the dining area overlooking the 18<sup>th</sup> green will be open every day for dining.

Villagio owners **Louie and Anthony Addonio** are committed to make this year a very pleasant and satisfying experience. We will be welcoming an all new restaurant staff. As we discussed at our December meeting there will be an automatic 17% gratuity added to all food and beverage table service which will make it easier for staff and more convenient for the membership and our public patrons. **John Wain**, manager and bartender, has over the thirty years experience in the food service business. He promises us a professional atmosphere and excellent service. We will also have a new chef, who will offer a varied and interesting menu. We have formed a new committee who will interface with the BoD and provide feedback and input from the membership. **Rosanne Greenwood** will chair this committee.

We are finalizing details with Villagio regarding the snack shack and the beverage cart. Watch your email for updates.

As soon as the weather permits, we will be sprucing up the exterior of the clubhouse by power washing the vinyl siding, painting the deck and landscaping around the clubhouse. We hope many of you will be available on project day to assist with this project as well as numerous needs on the course.





# PHOTO BSCC CONTEST

We know our Members have a lot of talent. Some of their talent is even golf related. But there are other areas of expertise that we may never know about and it is with this in mind that we are launching a BSCC Photo Contest. The idea is that every 2 months we will solicit and publish photos submitted by our Members. They will be published anonymously in the Fox and on our website, judged by an anonymous panel of three, and published again with the top three winners acknowledged by name. Winners will receive prizes yet to be determined.

We need 3 volunteers to be the judges. Please submit your qualifications to me at [wtucker2@nycap.rr.com](mailto:wtucker2@nycap.rr.com) or by snail mail at 23 Hovey Road, Greenfield Center. The contest will not be open to the judges or myself and the judges will make their decision without knowing who submitted the photos.

The photos must be taken on the BSCC premises. They can be people, flowers, animals - whatever floats your Nikon.



The winning photos will become the property of BSCC and may be used in our advertising or promotion or whatever we want to use them for.

The first deadline for photo entries will be May 20th, so dust off the old Kodak Daisy and get out there and get us some great shots.

## And Speaking of Expertise

Member **John Mooney** came up with what we thought was a great suggestion. We have over 300 people in our Club with vast knowledge in diverse subjects and skills. We need to mine this wealth of expertise to help make our lives a bit easier.

The idea is to create a blog on our website that allows members to discuss questions they may have regarding anything from computers to their dog's bad habits, to how to get rid of that nasty duck hook.



This idea is still in the Conceptual Stage, but more details will become available in the next issue or before that by email alert.

In the meantime, start thinking of what you may be able to contribute to solving the day to day problems of your fellow Club Owners. You're all smarter than you think and have knowledge you take for granted that we may need.

