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President's Letter

William Tucker

George Bernard Shaw reminded us that progress is impossible without change. If GBS was correct, it follows that we have made some significant progress over the winter at BSCC.

After what we believe has been several decades, we have proposed some changes to our bylaws, some significant, some merely a means of clarifying or streamlining the existing document. The proposed bylaws can be found in the Office and online. Major changes include shrinking the Board of Directors to seven from the existing nine members, moving the Stockholders' Meeting to October and providing for the Board of Directors to pay a portion of their dues. We are also looking to involve more Members in the business we own and are looking to create more standing committees to deal with various aspects of running the Club.

It's important that you vote on acceptance/rejection of these bylaws, as we need 67% approval to implement them. Be sure to submit your proxy vote on this issue if you can't attend the May Stockholders' Meeting. Thanks go to Tim Provost and Paul Steves for their hard work on this project.

We were aware that support for our existing Operating System for the Golf Shop was about to be discontinued and were struggling with the coordination of the separate systems in the Golf Shop, restaurant and Office. Our new OS makes our reconciliation of these systems much easier, as everything is under one umbrella. Dave Runyon spells out the advantages this new OS brings to our system in his Fox article.

We also have a new website that you can check out online. Again, look for Communications Director Dave Runyon's article in this edition.

Steve Solsky has had a busy winter as you will see in his comprehensive report in the following pages. He has cleared out the area on the right side of the creek on #12, as suggested by the USGA report we had done last year, as well as the right side of #11 and #16. See the photos Steve has after his article.

Panza's will be with us again, with new management and new menus. Bob Miskanin and Doug Young fill in the details in their article on the House & Restaurant. Speaking of the restaurant, we will be hosting a Wine Tasting on April 12th at 7 PM. The primary purpose of this will be to recruit new members. We have sent an invitation to several hundred new homeowners in the area and hope to convince many of them to join our great club. See Mike Zegarelli's article and the menu. Members are also invited, however the number of places will be limited depending on potential member attendance.

All in all, a busy off season for all concerned. I look forward to seeing everyone back on the course.

Now is the Time for all Good Men & Women to Come to the Aid of Their Golf Club

Sue Kahler, Bruce Kay and Tucker will be leaving the Board after serving the last six years. 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) to the Fox so we can publish your platforms in the May Fox. Send a Word Document submission to: wtucker2@nycap.rr.com by April 25th, or drop it off at the Office. You must be a fully paid stockholder to run for a Board position.



Superintendent's Report

Steve Solsky

I would like to welcome our faithful Members back and extend a hello to our new Members. I am sure that everyone can't wait to get the season underway. This latest snowfall will delay our opening - I guess the groundhog was wrong this year. Prior to this latest storm, the snow on the course had melted and the frost was out of the ground. All we needed was some warmer temperatures like we had last year and we would have been on the fast track to an early golf season. But Mother Nature shows us who is boss and we will have to wait for spring a little longer.

This winter has been great for working on the course. We began our winter course maintenance following recommendations from last year's USGA report.

Our first project was focusing on the #12th hole. If you remember, in last year's USGA report, they had recommended removing trees along the creek on the right hand side. Opening this area up eliminates the double hazard and gives a player a fair second shot after hitting into the creek. Volunteers, spearheaded by Jimmy Bryant, started this project last year. They were able to almost complete the project leaving us with just hauling out the debris and bringing in fill to smooth the area. During this project, the creek was also cleaned and lined with rocks.

The second area that we focused our attention on was the #16th hole. A large stand of pine trees was on the right hand side of the green. These very large pine trees shaded the fairway, rough, and the green. If you remember a few years back, we took out a large grove of trees at the beginning of the fairway. The beginning of the fairway has since filled in beautifully. This is the goal for the end of the fairway and green: fewer tall trees equals more sunlight, which in turn equals better turf. While working to improve the course conditions, we were also able to gain monetarily to benefit the club. The logs that were taken from this area brought in over \$5,000. The entire area was cleaned and then covered with aeration plugs. These aeration plugs have been rotting in a pile so they are perfect for topsoil and making a seedbed for grass to grow. The area still needs to be smoothed and seeded but that will be done in the spring.

The last area we worked on this year was #11. As you know, this is one of our wettest holes. A good way to dry a consistently soggy area is to get more sunlight and air movement into that area. We took the majority of the tall trees out on the south [right] side of the hole. This will help the entire length of the hole but the main focus is the green. The green will get more sunlight now with these trees gone. Due to the proximity of the property line right behind the green, we opened this area as much as we could. I have said it before, the more sunlight you can give grass the healthier it will be.

As you can see, it has been a very busy winter. The work for these projects has gone very smoothly. The areas have been cleaned very well and all they will need in the spring is a good raking and then seeding. We have also been keeping up with cleanup throughout the course. I am very pleased with the way things look as of right now (except of course the blanket of snow burying the course). The course is extremely clean: sticks and pinecones have been removed as have leaves and pine needles, all of which have blown down during winter storms.

The greens appear to have survived the winter without damage. For a few days last week (March 11th), the covers were pulled off to give them some air and they look great. The snow mold chemical we sprayed last year worked unbelievably well on the greens, tees, and fairways. There was one small pass I missed on the #14 fairway that had about 80% infected turf. This is a great example of how much damage we would have suffered if we did not spray.

Throughout the winter, Chad has been working on our equipment. This is a tedious, frustrating job. He first conducts routine end-of-season maintenance: sharpen blades, greasing, changing oil, etc. Then he turns his attention to preventive maintenance: checking for tired, almost worn parts that need to be replaced or fixed before the upcoming season.

All in all, we look great and we just need to melt this latest snowfall so we can get this 2013 season underway.



Work on # 12 implementing the USGA's recommendations.



The result of not spraying snow mold inhibitor can be seen in this missed patch on #14



Right side clearance of # 11 will provide much more sun and air to the usually wet hole and green.



Clearing the right side of #16 should help a green that's been a maintenance challenge over the years

Members:

Over the winter, much work has been done to revamp the Club's computer systems. This work was mandatory, and even though our expense budgets are tight, we needed to perform these activities because the systems we used last year are no longer supported by the respective manufacturers.

We have replaced the telephone and internet provider with Time Warner Cable, and have acquired bundled services from TWC with phone, internet and TV in one package. This was done to save the Club money. The installation was reasonably smooth. Our new service will give us the capability to do more with phones later on if we want to. One feature that we are taking advantage of right away is related to voice mail messages for the Office and Proshop. In the past, if someone was on either phone when you called, you would get a busy signal. With the new service, you will be able to leave a voice mail while the person is on the phone which makes it easier for you since you do not have to call over and over.

The computer system upgrades will also bring some very helpful new features to make everyone's experience better. Going forward, all portions of your account of charges and credits (restaurant, proshop, office) will be within a single account and on a single statement. Better still, you will be able to view your statement on-line anytime you want using a link off the "Member's Resources" page on our website. There are provisions in the new system that can allow you to pay your monthly charges on-line as well. We are not certain that we wish to implement that and are still analyzing it for safety.

Another great feature available from our web site, that also links directly to the new system, is the ability for you to make tee times yourself right online. This will not allow you to make tee time during the Lottery times, but it will allow you to do so other times. We will have a much improved "club calendar" online with all the events and tournaments listed. You'll even be able to access the calendar from your smartphone if you like. The calendar will contain future events, and results from tournaments held in the past. We look forward to working with this new feature and perfecting it throughout the year. We will have much more information as the web site work is completed and more features are added. You can check it out anytime you want and watch the progress as things are added and improved.

Shareholders:

The current Bylaws, which is the set of rules that prescribes the manner in which the Club conducts business, have not been revised in many decades (if ever), and are antiquated. In our most recent member's survey, you overwhelmingly told the Board that you were in favor of modernizing the Club's Bylaws.

Therefore, over the winter, a committee was formed to create new Bylaws. The committee consisting of Tim Provost, Paul Steves, and Dave Runyon worked to create new Bylaws as a means of moving our club forward with a new set of working rules and principles. The Board of Directors then took the output of their work to hone that into what you see today.

The new Bylaws make some significant changes to the governance of the Club. First, it will cause the number of Board members to be reduced from the current total of nine, to seven over a two year transition period. It then moves the operation of the club in some important ways, from the Board itself and into a group of Standing Committees, which are to be staffed by the Club's members. We feel that in doing this, the members will have a more hands-on role in the club and can shape our activities in the way the members will like.

The standing committees that these Bylaws stipulate are the Executive Committee, the Finance Committee, the Golf Committee, the Grounds and Greens Committee, the House Committee, the Membership Committee, and the Social Committee. The definitions of these are detailed in the draft.

A copy of the new Draft Bylaws, and the existing Bylaws are available on our web site in the "Members Resources" section. If you would prefer, a hard copy can be provided to you in the Club office. I hope you will take the time to read and review these Bylaws. Please direct any questions or comments that you have on them to any Board member.

It is the goal of the Board to have these voted on at the Annual Meeting of Shareholder's in May of this year. As you know, passage of amended Bylaws requires an affirmative vote of at least 2/3rds of the Shareholders. For us to be successful, we will need everyone to participate either through attendance at the Annual Meeting, or by Proxy Vote for this Bylaws resolution.

The Bylaws proposition will be separate from voting for new Board members at the Annual Meeting. In this way, you can (for example) vote by proxy for-or-against the new bylaws, and separately you can decide if you would rather come to the annual meeting and vote for Directors in-person or via a proxy. You can do whatever you prefer.

If you have any questions or comments, please ask any Board member or stop by the office.



From the Golf Shop

Todd Manderson

Checking in at the Golf Shop

We are asking that all players check in at the Golf Shop this year before going out on the golf course. We have a new Point of Sale System this season and it has a lot of great new features that come along with it. The first being that Members will be able to make tee times via the computer, smart phone or ipad. This will be easy to do via our website.

Players will need to make tee times this season so that we will be able to maximize our revenue during down times. These tee times are set up to be real time, this is the reason that all players need to make a tee time. We will be able to track all rounds for the entire season and it will make forecasting the future much easier. Members will be able to see what times are available each and everyday and will be able to make times 7 days in advance. However, we will still be using the lottery system for weekend and holiday tee times. These times will be blocked out until noon on those days. Members will still be able to fill out the lottery tickets online via our website or in the golf shop with the manual process.

We are all trying to maximize revenue in order to keep the membership dues down for the members. With this being said, we are in need to track as much as possible to make the future bright. So please check in the golf shop if you are just going to show up to play. There will be a link on our website to book the times for the membership and the non members will have to use Golfnow.com to book online or call for a tee time.

Member Accounts

One new item on the table for this year for the member accounts has to do with the credit books. A Member will no longer be able to apply credits to a previous balance. This means that if a member owes \$100 on their account and they win \$20 in golf shop merchandise a week later, that credit will not be able to be applied to their balance. The Club will be sending out one statement this year for Restaurant and Golf Shop and cart and guest fees. This credit will not be allowed to be credited because the golf shop winnings are for golf shop merchandise not for the bar/restaurant. This is the reason that the system does not allow this to happen.

A good example is if you go to the grocery store and purchase grocery items and pay for them at that point You now receive a gift card one week later for that same store. That store does not allow you to go back and deduct that gift card from your groceries from the week prior. I hope this does not cause any confusion to anyone and that is the reason we are making everyone aware of this change before the season starts.

Golf Fitting Experience

This past winter, my family and I were able to go to visit my brother in San Diego. The Titleist Test Facility is out in Oceanside, CA. I was able to go to this and went through a 3 hour club fitting that encompassed wedges, irons, hybrids, fairway woods and drivers. They used a launch monitor called a Trackman. This measures many different things including smash factor, launch angle, ball speed, spin rate and a few others. All of these items have a direct effect on where and how a player's golf ball flies. The findings for my golf swing were very impressive as to how certain equipment adjustments really straightened out my golf ball. Length of shaft, weight of shaft, lie angle, loft of club, weight of clubhead. These factors that changed as I went through this process were very amazing to me. My point is that technology really does make a difference when the proper club fitting is done.



I am sure that many of you are now wondering if I can do the same for you as I had done for me. The answer is "to a certain extent". Myself and many others will not have the technology to go through that extensive of a fitting for the simple reason of not having all of the equipment to try the products to find the ones that work for you. I wish that I could but a trackman has a price tag of \$25,000 on it. I would have to sell a significant amount of golf equipment to break even on that, probably over a 10 year span. I do feel confident that I can help you get the majority of the equipment to help you with your games. This experience was one that I will never forget and is a major reason why tour players expect so much out of each one of their shots.

Membership Committee



Location, Location, Location. The mantra of the real estate world. Membership, Membership, Membership, needs to be the mantra of all the Ballston Spa County Club members

You are going to get tired of me talking about membership, but it is by far the biggest issue we have facing us this year and in the years to come. All the other concerns we have, such as equipment, clubhouse, labor costs etc really all relate to membership, (perhaps the dues generated by membership is a bit more accurate). At any rate I believe you are getting my point regardless of the term I use to describe the issue.

Mike Zegarelli

As an example of what I'm getting at, dues are a concern near and dear to all members. What drives the dues? Most simply, the cost associated with operating the course. If for arguments sake say it costs \$500,000 to run the course each year and we have 200 members, (ignoring the other sources of income to keep this simple) each member would be charged X dollars for dues.

If we had 400 members, does the operating budget double? Not even close. So in this scenario, if our membership doubled, what happens to the dues structure? Couldn't the course afford some new equipment, or other improvements and also lower annual dues? I say we can, and the logic and math does support this conclusion.

The economy does appear to be making a slow yet steady improvement which does offer a reason to be optimistic of improving membership. The other courses in the area also are looking to increase their membership. We all have to work hard to increase the number of members we have. I sent a letter to all members asking you to assist in securing more members. Are you willing to help?

We all need to take ownership of this problem and as a member owned and member run golf course we are all responsible for what we are. Tucker, Dave R and I have been working this off season to come up with the best plan for success. We need your help.

In an effort to get more members we have scheduled a wine tasting event to be held on Friday April 12, 2013 at the clubhouse. Please consider joining in this event and help sell our course to our guests.

This is another call to action to the membership. I am confident that if we ALL work on membership we can make improvements in our membership numbers and secure a bright future for BSCC. As always, if you have any ideas to help with membership, please feel free to share your thoughts. Hope to see you on the 12th or on the course in the short grass....

April 2013 - Tournament Committee Report

Below is the Tournament Schedule for both the Members and Outside Events. Please note that on days of outside events (Red print) the course may be closed so please call the Pro-Shop before you decide to arrive that day.

We can accommodate all Tournaments big & small (small may have other events at the same time). Please contact Todd Manderson at golfshop@ballstonspacc.com or call 885-7935 for more details.

If you have any questions about a specific Tournament please bring them to the chairperson(s) or Todd. If you have any concerns that should be brought to the Board of Directors please email me at tomhudy76@yahoo.com I will be sure to address all issues forwarded to me. Please do not bring your concerns or issues to our Restaurant or Pro-shop staff as for the most part it is not their responsibility.

2013 BSCC Events

Date of Event	Name of Event	Time
<i>Sun, Apr 21</i>	<i>Interclub Schuyler/Albany</i>	<i>11 TT</i>
<i>Mon, Apr 29</i>	<i>ENYGA</i>	<i>7- Noon TT</i>
<i>Mon, May 06</i>	<i>Open</i>	
<i>Sat, May 11</i>	<i>Men/Women 4 Person Scr</i>	<i>9 Gun</i>
<i>Mon, May 13</i>	<i>Open</i>	
<i>Sun, May 19</i>	<i>Interclub Shaker</i>	<i>11 TT</i>
<i>Mon, May 20</i>	<i>Open</i>	
<i>Sat, May 25</i>	<i>Match Play Champ.</i>	<i>TT</i>
<i>Sun, May 26</i>	<i>Match Play Champ.</i>	<i>TT</i>
<i>Mon, May 27</i>	<i>Match Play Champ.</i>	<i>TT</i>
<i>Sat, Jun 01</i>	<i>Men's/Women's Mem Mem</i>	<i>8:30 Gun</i>
<i>Sun, Jun 02</i>	<i>Men's/Women's Mem Mem</i>	<i>8:30 Gun</i>
<i>Mon, Jun 03</i>	<i>St. Mary's</i>	
<i>Wed, Jun 05</i>	<i>Interclub Mohawk</i>	<i>11 TT</i>
<i>Fri, Jun 07</i>	<i>Martini Tasting</i>	<i>5:30 gun</i>
<i>Mon, Jun 10</i>	<i>NYSERDA</i>	<i>12:00 Gun</i>
<i>Sat, Jun 15</i>	<i>Men's/Women's Presidents Cup</i>	<i>TT</i>
<i>Sun, Jun 16</i>	<i>Men's/Women's Presidents Cup</i>	<i>TT</i>
<i>Sun, Jun 23</i>	<i>2013 Men's NYS Amateur Qualifier</i>	<i>11AM TT</i>
<i>Thu, Jun 27</i>	<i>Men's Member Guest</i>	<i>TT</i>
<i>Fri, Jun 28</i>	<i>Men's Member Guest</i>	<i>8:00 Gun</i>
<i>Sat, Jun 29</i>	<i>Men's Member Guest</i>	<i>8:00 Gun</i>
<i>Thu, Jul 04</i>	<i>Mixed Event Waltz</i>	<i>1 Gun</i>
<i>Mon, Jul 08</i>	<i>Mark Rider Memorial</i>	<i>1 Gun</i>
<i>Fri, Jul 12</i>	<i>Nite Golf</i>	<i>Dark</i>
<i>Sun, Jul 14</i>	<i>Interclub Burden Lake</i>	<i>11 TT</i>
<i>Mon, Jul 15</i>	<i>Open</i>	
<i>Sat, Jul 20</i>	<i>Women's Member Guest</i>	<i>8:30 Gun</i>
<i>Mon, Jul 22</i>	<i>Open</i>	
<i>Wed, Jul 24</i>	<i>NENY PGA</i>	<i>7:30 TT</i>
<i>Sat, Jul 27</i>	<i>Senior Club Champ.</i>	<i>TT</i>
<i>Sun, Jul 28</i>	<i>Senior Club Champ.</i>	<i>TT</i>

2013 BSCC Events

Date of Event	Name of Event	Time
<i>Mon, Jul 29</i>	<i>Jill Paolucci Memorial</i>	<i>1 Gun</i>
<i>Sat, Aug 03</i>	<i>Mixed Member/Guest</i>	<i>12 Gun</i>
<i>Mon, Aug 05</i>	<i>Galway Educational Found</i>	<i>8 Gun</i>
<i>Mon, Aug 05</i>	<i>Challenge Cup</i>	<i>1 Gun</i>
<i>Fri, Aug 09</i>	<i>Margarita Tasting</i>	<i>5:30 Gun</i>
<i>Mon, Aug 12</i>	<i>Bob Eckert Memorial</i>	<i>1 Gun</i>
<i>Sat, Aug 17</i>	<i>Men's/Women's Club Champ</i>	<i>TT</i>
<i>Sun, Aug 18</i>	<i>Men's/Women's Club Champ</i>	<i>TT</i>
<i>Mon, Aug 19</i>	<i>Open</i>	
<i>Mon, Aug 26</i>	<i>Open</i>	
<i>Sat, Aug 31</i>	<i>Mixed Member/Member</i>	<i>12 Gun</i>
<i>Mon, Sep 02</i>	<i>Labor Day</i>	
<i>Sun, Sep 08</i>	<i>Women's Outing</i>	<i>11 TT</i>
<i>Mon, Sep 09</i>	<i>Visiting Nurses</i>	<i>1 Gun</i>
<i>Sun, Sep 15</i>	<i>Tuesday Men's Outing</i>	<i>8:30 Gun</i>
<i>Mon, Sep 16</i>	<i>Delaware Engineering</i>	<i>1 Gun</i>
<i>Wed, Sep 18</i>	<i>GTC</i>	<i>12 Gun</i>
<i>Sat, Oct 26</i>	<i>Cross Country</i>	<i>12 Gun</i>

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 Calendar tab. Upcoming events will be on the BSCC News Tournament and Events.
2. **Fox** - Complete schedule is in the 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. **Flyers** - 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 new 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.

Lastly, we are selling space on our 2013 place mat in which we print at least 10,000 of them and they are in full color. These are seen by between 260-275 members and their guest every time they eat or even sit at a table. We also have over 2,000 outside Tournament participants that will see your ad and think of your business. The first 15 – 20 businesses will get this offer on a first come first serve bases. All you need to do is get us a business card (electronically preferred) to tomhudy76@yahoo.com fill out the Advertiser Form along with \$195 (double ad \$380). The Tournament Committee will use the profit on these advertisements to purchase trophies and refreshments for the Club Championship.

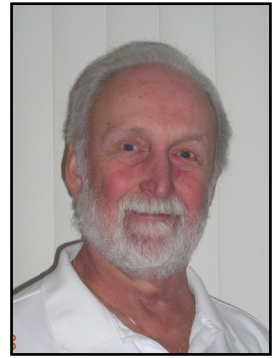
Thank You,

Tom Hudy
Tournament Chair

House & Restaurant Report

Spring appears to be here, although Old Man Winter seems to want to hang on a little longer. After receiving about a foot of snow over the last two days, it's obvious that we will not be opening as early as we did last year, but rather in mid- April as we have in the past.

We have done only minor work in the clubhouse in an effort to save money. The card room off of the men's locker room will be available again this year, although it was underutilized last year. This will be available for our Members' use during reasonable hours. It is expected that the people using the room will clean up reasonably well for the next group to use it. If the room is used, we will continue to improve and upgrade the setting. We hope it works out well for the membership. Please let us know your feedback or suggestions on how we can continue to improve the environment in our clubhouse.



Bob Miskamin

Panza's is again our vendor for the restaurant/bar. We are very happy to welcome new management for Panza's on the Green. Jose Arteche will be the head-chef/manager and Rich Miller will be banquet coordinator. Jose has developed a new menu for the restaurant that I'm sure all will like. It contains the traditional Pub Fare and will have larger dinners available in the evening. There is also a banquet menu for events. Both will be available on the BSCC web site in the very near future.

Doug Young

By working as a team on the Clubhouse and Restaurant, we feel we can provide a better service to the membership and respond more quickly to any concerns that might arise. We are both connected to Jose and the Panza's staff and are looking forward to a great start to our 2013 golf season. Please feel free to reach out to either one of us at your convenience.

THINK SPRING!!



See Chef Jose Arteche's New Menu For 2013

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Welcome to Panza's on the Green at Ballston Spa Country Club

Teeing Off

Soup Du Jour Cup 3.25 / Bowl 4.25

Ask your server about the house crafted soup of the day.

Italian Nachos 8.00

Fried to Order Pasta Crisps, Marinara, Crumbled Sausage and Mozzarella Cheese

The Meatballs 8.00

Classic Ma Panza Meatballs with Marinara and Parmesan

Mozzarella Sticks 6.50

Choice of Marinara or Raspberry Sauce

Back Nine Wings 7.00

9 Crispy Bone In Wings tossed in Classic Buffalo or Garlic Parmesan

Full Course Wings 14.00

18 Crispy Bone In Wings tossed in Classic Buffalo or Garlic Parmesan

Junior Training Wings 7.00

9 Crispy Boneless Chicken Wings with choice of sauce

Steamed Mussels 9.00

One Pound of Farm Raised Mussels with White Wine, Garlic Butter and Herbs with Grilled Bread

Hitting the Greens

Panza Insalata Mista S 4.00 / L 6.00

Mesculin Field Greens with Vegetables Du Jour tossed in Creamy Italian Dressing

Chef Salad 8.00

Chopped Romaine with American Cheese, Cheddar, Ham, Turkey and Tomatoes
With choice of dressing

Ballston Spa Country Club Salad 9.00

Romaine Salad with a Scoop of Tuna Salad, Chicken Salad and Potato Salad
with choice of dressing

Bryant Salad 7.00

Mesculin Field Greens with fresh sliced Pears, Gorgonzola, Candied Walnuts
and Balsamic Vinaigrette

Classic Caesar Salad 7.00

Romaine Lettuce tossed with Caesar Dressing, Parmesan and Croutons

Black n Bleu 14.00

Grilled and Sliced Steak over Greens with Gorgonzola, Melted Onions, Tomato
and Balsamic Bleu Cheese Dressing

Add Grilled and Sliced Steak 9.00

Add Grilled or Crispy Chicken 6.00

Morning Pitching Wedges

(Breakfast Sandwich Available All Day Long)

- Egg and Cheese Breakfast Sandwich 2.50
Scrambled Egg and Cheese
- Bacon Egg and Cheese Breakfast Sandwich 3.95
Two Slices of Apple Wood Smoked Bacon, Scrambled Egg and Cheese
- Ham Egg and Cheese Breakfast Sandwich 3.95
Black Forest Ham, Scrambled Egg, and Cheese\



Sand Wedges

- Build your Classic Sand Wedges \$7.00 or Classic Clubs \$8.50
Choice of Wheat, White, Rye, Wrap or Hard Roll
Choice of Turkey, Ham, Tuna Salad, Chicken Salad, Grilled Chicken, or Bacon
Choice of American, Swiss or Cheddar
Available Fixings: Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Sauerkraut
Choice of Mustard, Mayo or any available Dressings
Includes Freshly Fried Saratoga Chips and Pickle

- Half Sand Wedge and Cup of Soup 6.00
- Extra Meat 1.00
- Extra Cheese 0.50
- Substitute Side 2.00

Can't Decide? Here are some Fair Ways.

- Grilled Chicken Ceasar Wrap 7.00
Flour Tortilla with Romaine, Caesar Dressing, Parmesan and sliced Grilled Chicken
- BLT Wrap 7.00
Flour Tortilla with Crispy Bacon, Garlic Aioli, Romaine, and chopped tomatoes
- Grilled Cheese Sandwich 7.00
Grilled Wheat Berry Bread with Melted American Cheese and Cheddar
- Turkey Reuben 7.00
Grilled Rye Bread with Turkey, Russian Dressing, Sauerkraut, and Swiss
- Steve's Ham and Cheese 7.00
Grilled Wheat with Grilled Ham, Melted Cheddar and Sliced Tomatoes and a side of Ranch
- Crispy Chicken Sandwich 8.00
Crispy Breaded Chicken, Honey Dijon Mayo, LTO on a Toasted Hard Roll
- Grilled Portabella Sandwich 8.00
Grilled Marinated Portabella, Tomato Mayo, Gorgonzola and Caramelized Onions.
- Shannon's Buffalo Chicken Sandwich 8.00
Buffalo Tossed Crispy Chicken, Coleslaw, and side of Ranch
- The Proshop Tuna Sandwich
Hearty Wheat Toasted, Light Mayo, Crisp Lettuce, and Tuna Salad

Simply Grilled For the Par

- The Hole in One Burger 4.50
Buttered Bun, Simply Grilled Angus Burger, LTO
- Double Eagle Sliders 6.00
Three Mini Sliders with Caramelized Onions and American Cheese
- Par Dogs 4.50
No Frills, Two Dogs, Two Buns
- Add Bacon 1.50
Additional Topping 1.00
Additional Sides 3.00
Chips / Fries / Onion Rings
Potato Salad / Coleslaw / Pasta Salad
Side House Salad / Side Caesar Salad



Sliced and Hooked Pizzas

- Cheese Pizza 8.00
Thin Crust Grilled Pizza, Red Sauce, Mozzarella
- White Pizza 8.00
Thin Crust Grilled Pizza, Mozzarella, Parmesan, Garlic Herb Butter
- Andrew's Classic Pizza 9.00
Thin Crust Grilled Pizza, Mozzarella, Sausage, Peppers, Onions

Available Toppings: Crumbled Italian Sausage, Mushroom, Chicken, Ham, Peppers, Onions for 1.00 each
Ask your Server for any unlisted toppings available.

Clubhouse Entrees

(Available Daily after 4pm. Ask you server if you want it before hand)

- NY Strip Steak and Frites 19.00
One Pound (16oz) Steak with Hand Cut Fries and Garlic Butter
- Tempura Battered Haddock and Frites 13.00
Hand Battered Fried Haddock with Coleslaw, Hand Cut Fries and Tartar Sauce
- Chicken Marsala over Pasta 12.00
Pan seared Chicken Breast with a sweet Marsala Wine and Mushroom Sauce.
- Grilled Atlantic Salmon 14.00
Seared Fresh Salmon over Potato Pancakes and Field Greens with a Garlic Honey Cream
- Pasta Ala Michael 12.00
Crumbled Sausage in Vodka Sauce over Pasta
- Daily Ravioli MKT Price
Daily Selection of Stuffed Ravioli's with Complimenting Sauces and Vegetables
- Meatballs Classico 12.00
Hand Formed Meatballs, Marinara and Pasta.
- Mussels Fra Diavolo 12.95
One Pound of Mussels Tossed in a Spicy Marinara Sauce over Pasta

Happy Endings

Toll House Cookie Pie 4.00

Warm Chocolate Chip Cookie in Pie Crust with Whipped Cream and Chocolate Sauce

Classic Mud Pie 5.00

Oreo Cookie Crust, Vanilla and Coffee Ice Cream, Fudge Topping with Whipped Cream

NY Style Cheesecake 5.00

Raspberry Sauce and Whipped Cream

Ice Cream Sundae 4.50

Ask for available flavors and toppings.



A Short History of BSCC Forward Tee Handicapping

The forward tees have undergone some serious changes over the past twenty-five years in terms of their handicap ratings.

Traditionally, holes on opposing nines are either all even numbered or odd numbered in their handicap status. This is done so that nine hole matches won't favor one player over another. For example, if we were to handicap each hole based solely on its individual degree of difficulty, we could conceivably have most of the difficult holes on one nine versus the other.

If a 5 handicapper were playing a 15 handicapper on a nine that had 8 of the toughest holes, the higher handicap would get 8 strokes, whereas under the even/odd system he only gets 5. One could argue that because of the degree of difficulty, the higher handicapped player should indeed get these strokes - let the chips fall where they may.

This sounds fine until you consider that it has been statistically proven that it really doesn't matter where a player gets his/her strokes, it will make no difference to the outcome of the match. Indeed, back in the late 20th century, one of the first handicapping systems involved "bisesques" - strokes that a higher handicapper could use anywhere, anytime. Applying the stroke to a just completed hole was quite common.

Despite this, in the mid 1990's the BSCC Women's Association undertook an ambitious project to re-assign red tee handicaps based solely on the relative degree of difficulty of each hole. They accumulated thousands of scores from women's scorecards over an extensive period and applied the resulting information to the red tee handicap.

Since then, they have reverted back to the traditional system of even/odd hole handicapping for each nine. I have no idea why this occurred, but there may have been some USGA input that affected the decision. At any rate, the handicaps were changed to a "Let the Chips Fall" method in 1997 and then back again at a few years later. Below are the pre-1997, revised, and re-revised handicaps of each hole.

Hole #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Pre 1997	12	16	2	4	10	18	8	6	14	90	1	15	5	3	7	13	11	17	9	81
1997 Revised	13	16	9	1	12	14	3	7	18	93	2	15	5	8	11	6	10	17	4	78
Re-Revised	13	15	7	1	9	17	3	5	11	81	2	16	6	10	14	8	12	18	4	90

The "Total" column is included to show how the two nines varied in perceived difficulty over the years. A higher number represents an easier nine, with both nines adding up to 171. The big difference is in the last revision, where the front nine got 12 points (7%) easier, and vice versa for the back. Holes 1,2,8,10,11,12 and 17 hardly changed at all, however the rest made fairly serious adjustments, with 3,9,13,14, and 15 making 7 point swings during the period two revisions.

Another interesting observation is the ratio of difficulty between the nines, with the most dramatic being during the '97 revision, where there's a 15 point differential between them (93 - 78.) This demonstrates the point I made above. In this case, in a 9 hole match between our 15 and 5 handicappers, the higher handicapped player would get 3 strokes on the back nine, but only 2 on the front, assuming (s)he got half her/his handicap in both instances. In addition, the pre '97 and re-revised versions decided to switch nines, with the odd numbered holes being on the back in one case, the front in the other.

I would be interested in hearing any theories as to why the large changes in a hole's perceived difficulty occurred over the years. Some things, such as physical changes to the hole may be a factor, however in one instance, the change to the front of #16 (we went from a shaved false front to a fairly heavy fairway at one point) didn't seem to make much of a difference. Please feel free to give me your input. wtucker2@nycap.rr.com





Parrying the 19th

Divots. Although not all golfers take divots, it is generally accepted that a divot is necessary on all non-teed, full shots, from the mid-irons to the short sticks, putter excluded (although I've seen some dandy putter divots in my day). You must hit the ball on the downswing if you want your ball to get up in the air. That's one of the many anomalies of the game. The resulting arc naturally carries the club head through the ground beneath and beyond the ball. The object created by this exercise is our topic of the day.

Admit it: this is the first article you've ever read devoted entirely to divots.

The divot is, and has been, a component of the game that gets very little ink, and I am here to right that wrong. **Divot Man** to the rescue.

"Divot" is exclusively a golf word, meaning "a lump of turf dislodged during a stroke". Even non-golfers, however, are familiar with the admonition to, "please replace your divots" found on most golf courses. We see them fly every time a pro hits a shot on televised tournaments. If the camera were to follow a pro's divot, it would be seen to mime a shot's trajectory in miniature. Given some of the drivel we hear on golf telecasts, it would be refreshing if, once in a while, we got some divot commentary, for the divot can tell us as much about a shot as almost anything else.

The way I envision it, there would be a divot-cam devoted exclusively to recording each golfer's mining efforts. From time to time, a slo-mo replay would follow the flight of the divot as it arced through the air, zooming in on the dormant clump as it came to rest. This would be followed by a short divot analysis between the announcer and the caddie as he replaced the sod.

Interviewer: How would you describe this turf, Fluff?

Fluff: Well, as you can see Rossie, this divot has excellent bi-dimensional symmetry, with a very uniform taper from front to back, suggesting a swing plane that would generate backspin. As you can also see, the trench left by this divot points directly at the hole. I'm not at all surprised that she holed the shot.

When you think about it, the divot is the only evidence we have of our swing. The only tangible information that can supply a clue as to why we pulled that last shot into the clubhouse. We hardly ever take the time to examine this grassy document, and it's a shame.

Let's get back to that well-known plea to replace your divots. There is a movement afoot (or possibly underfoot) to amend the phrase to read, "Please leave your divot where it lies; in fact we'd be real pleased if you took a couple of extra swats at them to discourage anyone else from replacing them."

Divots have entered the same realm as forest fires. There are good arguments to suggest that some forest fires should not be extinguished by Man. There are also logical reasons why divotectomies should not be healed by re-attachment, but by natural replacement.

If you are playing on Bermuda grass, the underground root system will replace the grass within a few days. If your course is primarily bluegrass, or bent, there is little chance of it re-rooting itself quickly unless there are cool evenings and moist soil conditions. The most likely fate of a divot, is to be rudely displaced the next time a course maintenance vehicle passes over it. The practice of supplying every cart with seeded sand to fill in divots is spreading, and with good reason.

In closing, I'd just like to point out that the term "divot" in golf is unique in the sense that it describes both the turf you displace (please replace your divots) as well as the area it used to occupy (my ball ended up in a divot).

Which just makes divots all the more fascinating. (Illustration by John Bowler)



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