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President's Letter

As this is my last President's letter for the FOX, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you (Members and Board Members alike) for all of your support during my 6 years on the board and in particular, the last 3 years as President. I would also like to congratulate the new incoming board members, Susan Kahler, Tucker and Bruce Kay.

No one person does it all and I could not have been successful without the wonderful, dedicated and hard working people that I've served with on the Board of Directors. While we may not have always agreed, we were able to discuss the situation or issue and I knew that everyone was truly trying to do what they thought was in the best interest of Ballston Spa Country Club.

When emergencies arose, the support and cooperation that I received from my fellow board members was outstanding. The perfect example of that was when we needed to hire a new superintendent. We had a meeting the last week in December 2004, mapped out a plan, solicited and screened resumes, interviewed candidates and made an offer all in less than 4 weeks. That does not happen without everyone working together.

The Members at large have all been very supportive and I have appreciated all of the input that I received over the years, both the positive and negative. I have tried to be fair and honest with everyone that I interacted with. A number of you have been and continue to be supportive of the club in donating your time or expertise to a particular initiative at the club. The generosity of our Membership is one of the things that makes Ballston Spa Country Club such a special place.

Thank you again for all of the support.



Rick Funaro

Newest member of the Ex-President's Club



President's Letter

We all owe Rick Funaro, Kate Oppedisano and Paul Bachorz a thank you for their many hours of dedicated service to the Club as Board Members. Our club has accomplished much in the past three years. We hired a new superintendent, maintained a strong relationship with our pro, hired a new office manager, contracted with Home Style caterers to operate our restaurant, reduced our debt, initiated a review of our corporate structure, fully repaid shares of stock for members who left the club, and focused on strengthening qualitative reporting of financial data. In addition, we surveyed our Members for input and future direction, invested several thousand dollars in equipment for the course, made thousands of dollars of improvements in our clubhouse, relocated the business office, leased new golf carts, introduced corporate memberships, and established a direction for advertising and new membership in a highly competitive golfing area.

Congratulations to our newly elected board members Sue Kahler, Bruce Kay and Bill Tucker. In their pre election presentations to members, their priorities included continued improvement of our golf course, creative approaches for increasing our membership, improving our financial status and maintaining the club's image as a quality golf course at a reasonable price.

I know I share the thoughts of other members when I say we must focus on continued improvement of our golf course. Our superintendent must have the necessary equipment and this will mean the cost of maintaining existing equipment and purchasing additional machinery as necessary. We must continue to: improve the club's financial picture by paying down our debt and being prudent managers of the club's finances; examine the pros and cons of a not for profit structure to determine if that is the best course for the club; and, develop a five year program and financial plan for our club. As you repeatedly heard over the years, our membership dues are our primary source of revenue. We must meet the golfing and social needs of our Members and we must attract new memberships.

Dick Cody



Superintendent's Report



Steve Solsky

I have a few things that I want to update everyone on. Project Day turned out to be very productive. I want to thank everyone who attended. We accomplished a tremendous amount of work. Work that would have taken half the summer by myself. The flower beds were cleaned and mulched. The new updated bed behind number one has had a lot of new plants added. The area next to the practice range was sodded and mulch was added to the new trees that were planted the day before. I want to personally thank Max Tucker for her selection of trees and shrubs for our course. Her design work and landscaping has truly helped the appearance of Ballston Spa Country Club. Thank you everyone again.

Myself and my crew have been very busy trying to keep up with everyday mowing and setting the course up for everyday play. I will not have my full crew until the students get out of high school and college, so I would hope that the Membership would be patient. I only have so many employees and there are only so many hours in a day. I apologize if the course is not totally mowed and prepared perfectly every day. It is not my intent to have long rough or unraked bunkers.



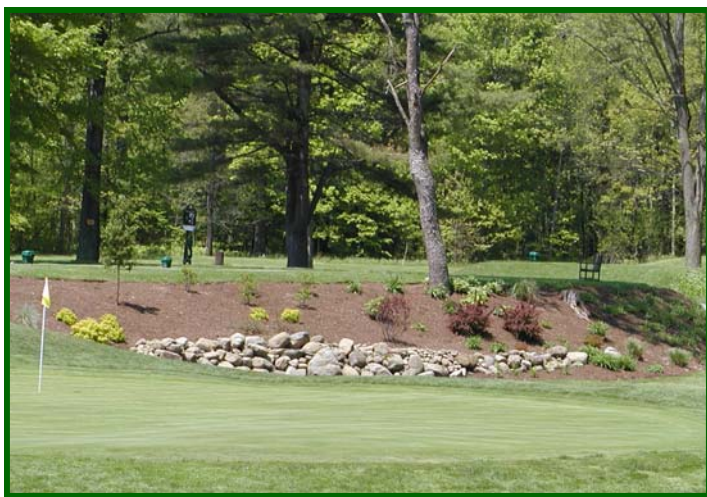
I would love to have the rough mowed at two inches every day and have the bunkers rolled and raked every day. We just don't have the equipment or the manpower to accomplish this every day. The rough mower we use is 12 years old and the other mower we purchased last year is 5 years old. This new mower will be the only way we will get through the year. I hope we will have a good financial year so we can retire the two gang mower and purchase a self-propelled mower that would be twice as productive.

Another project that we have been working on is the pesticide building next to the practice range. This building will update the Club to new DEC regulations that deal with the storage of chemicals that we use throughout the year on the course. The concrete is being poured this week and hopefully the framing will go up in a few weeks after that. This building is very excit-

ing for myself and my crew. Today, we store the chemicals in our shop. This building will keep the material away from people and machinery that could bump or tip over pesticides. The building will also house our sprayer that is used to spray the material that makes the course look as good as it does.

The last thing that I wanted to update everyone on, is aeration. I decided to only aerate the practice greens and #16 green. I felt that these greens are our worst greens and they need this to make it through the year. The rest of the greens look pretty good now and I wanted to give the Membership the best possible conditions early in the year. I will aerate the entire place after Labor day at the end of the season.

Throughout the rest of the Fox, you will see the results of the Mini Project Day on our flower beds.



From the Golf Shop



With gas prices as high as they are now; the right thing to do to save a little money for the club would be to have only 2 carts per group. The golf carts are new and it only makes sense for the carts and the golf course to have 2 per group to save wear and tear on the course. We thank you for caring for your course and hope that all of us adhere to this procedure.

Summer Rules

The Board of Directors has voted to play summer rules on the course this summer. This means that when players get into Pins and Skins for the day and Men's Association for the day that they must play the ball "down". This means summer rules. The fairways are in very good shape and we can now play summer rules. We are in the process of marking the entire golf course with new stakes and this will make it easy to determine the hazard lines on the golf course.

Board of Directors

I would like to thank Rick Funaro, Kate Oppedisano, and Paul Bachorz for their continuous work for the club during their terms on the board. They all worked hard and did a wonderful job for the facility.

Reciprocals

The following are a list of all of our reciprocals for the 2007 Season. Utica area reciprocals are Cedar Lake Club, Skenandoa Club, Kanon Valley, Cazenovia Country Club. Syracuse reciprocals are Drumlins and Lakeshore Yacht and Country Club. We also have Oneonta Country Club, and Berkshire Hills Country Club. If anyone would like to play these courses, please call us at the golf shop and we can arrange for a tee time for your group for the day. You can not call on your own as it has to be arranged ahead of time.

Golf Clinics

Jim Rossi will be giving 2 golf clinics on June 15, 16 from 6 to 7pm. The fee will be \$15 per person for the hour and will cover irons and woods and some basic fundamentals on the range on June 15th and the short game will be covered on June 16th from 6 to 7pm. It is open to all skill levels both male and female. All members are welcome and if anyone would like to bring a friend, that would be allowable also. There is no sign up in advance for this as you can just come the day of. The dress code must be adhered to for any guests that attend.

Todd Manderson

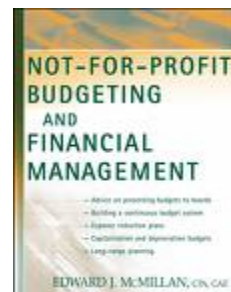


To Profit Or Not to Profit



The following items were presented to the Membership at the May 18th Annual meeting.

1. As a not-for-profit, income tax liability is not a factor and the Club could accumulate funds without having to share them with the IRS and NYS. For example: Federal tax on a \$20,000 profit for the year would be \$3,000, with NYS wanting approximately \$1,400 more, leaving the Club with \$15,600.
2. What happens to individual shareholders if we switch? Each shareholder would receive one bond in the new Corporation with equal face value. Shareholders retain equal value rights in the new organization and as Member-Bondholders would control the Club just as is done now.
3. Approval to form a new Corporation and then merge the existing Corporation into it, would require a two-thirds approval by the present Member-Shareholders.
4. Will our real estate taxes be reduced as an NFP? Maybe! We can't apply for that until the new Corporation is in place and NYS has refused to commit until the application for real estate reduction is filed.
5. We definitely will have to pay sales tax on restaurant Purchases. As with real estate, we must apply for removal of sales tax on Club purchases (equipment and supplies for the course.) This again is a big maybe.
6. One added advantage is that with a new Corporation, new bylaws will need to be drawn up. That will enable the Club to function with a clear set of guidelines.
7. Most of the private and semi-private courses in the area function as NFP corporations.
8. If no obstacles arise, the BOD will likely call a special meeting later this golf season to obtain a decision. In the meantime, feel free to discuss this important issue with any Board Member.



Jan Holick

Stan Ziobrowski, Member Since 1952



The Official Starter at the USGA Junior Amateur Championship in Tulsa Oklahoma looked up at the late arriving chubby 13 year-old and said "Son, if you got here 10 seconds later, you'd be one down on the second hole." It still wouldn't have done much for his 16 year-old opponent, Stanley Ziobrowski, because the kid was Jack Nicklaus and he would go on to defeat Stan 7&6. Stan shot 77 that day, but what the hell - he played the Golden Bear head to head and how many of us can say that?

Stan Ziobrowski has belonged to BSCC since 1952. He is 72 and a single digit handicap.

Lonny Parks urged Stan, as a teenager, to join a club so he could get a handicap and play in official tournaments. So, in 1952, he plunked down \$35 and joined BSCC as a student. The going rate for adult Members at that time was \$60.

He had begun playing the game at the age of 7 at the Edison Club, where he started as a caddie, then worked as a shagger before moving on to the Pro Shop. He would carry 2 bags for 18 holes for \$5 plus a 50 cent tip, but he honed his skills to a +1 handicap in the process. He qualified for the 1952 Junior Amateur in Ann Arbor Michigan, where he tied for 24th.

He was offered a job in Sarasota Florida as an Assistant Pro, but wisely declined the offer, taking a golf scholarship at Florida State instead. The Florida State team used to scrimmage with the University of Florida, and as a result Stan ended up playing quite often with Doug Sanders who was, as Stan puts it "a sharp dresser, even then."

Stan went on to become a Supervisor in the Rotterdam-Mohonasen School District for 38 years. He remembers BSCC as it once was.

"In 1952 it was a 9 hole course, and we used to have a tennis court out by route 67," he recalls. "There were 4 Memberships for the tennis court and we had 2 on the waiting list. I don't understand why that was, but it was."

As a matter of fact, Stan believes the fence guarding the 6th green from the 7th tee was originally part of that tennis court.

At one point, the Club tried making the 10th hole the 1st hole, in order to get the hilly part of the course as the front nine, but there was no control of the tee from the Pro Shop and the idea was abandoned.

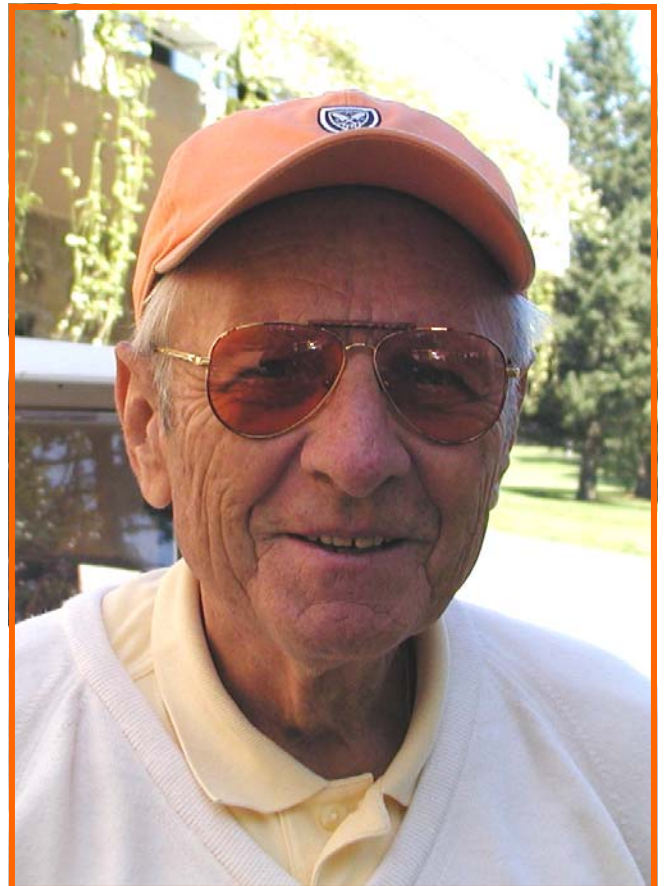
The practice range used to be where the 3rd hole is now and the first hole was a par 5 with the tee where the practice range is located today.

On Saturdays and Sundays everyone played in the afternoon and stayed for dinner and sometimes a dance.

Stan has seen 5 Golf Professionals in the Golf shop - Jimmy Farina, Dick Osbourne, Mike Schpur, Jim Hefti and of course Todd Manderson. He was on the Board of Directors from 1996-99, won the Schenectady City Amateur in 1955, and has 11 aces to his credit. He has been Club Champion and Senior Club Champion three times each.

A golfing life to be proud of.

Tucker



Tournament Results

Opening Breakfast Scramble

1st: Todd Swetkowski, John Paolucci, Mike Lavigna, Linda Stefanik

2nd: Larry D'Alberto, Gordon Hallenbeck, Clarence Vaughn, Jan Holick

3rd: Sue Delanoy, Bill Baker, Beth Bassett, Ed Duval

Men's Scramble Gross

1st: Bruce Kay, Ken Koran, Ken Stevens, Dave Wellington

2nd: Dave Myers, Bill Furman, Charlie Greenwood, Ron Penpraze

3rd: Tom Hudy, Tim Bethel, Bill Franck, Ed Schwenke

Women's Scramble

1st: Peggy O'Day, Beth Bassett, Pam McGuire, Mary Lee Pollard, Karma Sees

2nd: Beth Todd, Lauren Petraske, Amy Upjohn, Jeri Carr

Men's Scramble Net

1st: Steve Ludwin, Leo Bouleris, Dave O'Connor, Ron Symanski

2nd: Don Welton, Dan Vignone, Carl Jahn, Dan Quinlan

3rd: Bob Charbonneau, Jim Stefanik, Steve Monnat, Mark Thornhill

Tournament News

The Senior Member/Guest

This tournament will be held on 6/21/07 with an 8:30 shotgun start. The cost is \$100/man. Sign up in the Golf Shop. There will be a tee prize, gross and net prizes for the first three teams, cash skins, pins and lines. Full prime rib dinner to follow.

Adult/Child Tournament- June

This tournament is open to Members as well as area children from **the public**. I put something in the Schenectady Gazette on Sunday and got my first interested family last night. If you or a "Junior Golfer" you know is interested, sign up with Todd soon. We only have room for 30 teams and I don't want Members to miss out.

Tournament Schedule

June 1 Wine tasting 5:30 SGS 9Hole Scramble \$25

June 2-3 President's Cup (Own Foursome) TT Stroke Play Net \$20

June 6 Men's Guest Day 12:30 SGS B/B of Partner \$70

June 9-10 Men's Mem/Mem 8:30 SGS B/B of Partner \$20

June 9-10 Women's M/M \$20

June 16 Adult/Child 9 Holes 2:00 Alternate Shot \$50 Mem \$60 Non

June 21 Men's Sr. Mem/Guest 8:30 SGS B/B of Partner \$100

June 28-30 Men's Mem/Guest SGS TBA

Outside Events

June 4 St Mary's 1:00 SGS

June 11 Ballston Spa PBA 9:00 SGS

June 18 Open

June 25 Bentleys/Rusty Nail 8:30 SGS

July 2 NEWGA 8:30 SGS



Parring the 19th

Once again the hyenas of my neuroses have encircled a concept and will now proceed to badger, nipping at it from all angles, until it collapses, spent from the unrelenting hectoring, weak from the loss of blood, and passes, peacefully, into Truth, unhindered by Logic, Reason, or any form of intelligence. You still with me?

Today's stalking has hunted down the oft repeated idea that Life is an abstract of Golf. However, many have also extolled the interconnection of Life and Love over the centuries, making them the inextricable Yin and Yang of our being, what separates us from the Simian Hordes hanging one-handed from Banyan trees, munching bananas, scratching their..... well, you get my point.

If Golf is Life and Life is Love, it follows then, that Golf is also the mirror gazed upon by Cupid.



To prove my point, I'll relate a history of my Love Life. Or is it a history of my Golf Life? I'll let you decide. I'll tell you a story and you will be asked to fill in the

blanks with the appropriate female, love **OR** golf-related terms.

It was my buddy Norbert's fault. All of a sudden, in his early pubescent years, he started daydreaming in class and wasn't available to spend as much time with me. After harrowing him relentlessly about what had happened to him, he confessed he had become obsessed with ____.

I was so compelled by his passion, I started thinking about it. Norbert said ____ was the best thing ever, I should give it a try. He set me up and we went out as a foursome. I had never been so nervous.

The first few times were bumbling humiliations, but I felt the stirrings of What Could Be, and my devotion to ____ increased exponentially as I got more involved. As everyone knows, you can't hit a home run on the first tee, nor can you get an ace the first time you're at bat, but as my ardor grew, I knew it wouldn't be long before I started scoring.

Inevitably, at the height of my early ____ Life, the inevitable fall came. As someone famous once said, "____ is an exploding cigar that we willingly smoke." Out of nowhere, my world collapsed. For no apparent reason, ____ decided to abandon me. I became depressed. I was so bad, no one wanted to be with me.

Of course, with time my ____ Life was resurrected. As fast as it disappeared, it returned, although with some alterations in technique. This roller coaster lasted all through my salad days, with me making many changes, until one day I decided to devote myself to ____ completely.



Tucker

This decision made me a more mature, stable person. The more my ____ life progressed, the less interested I became in the tinsel and shallowness of what I experienced in youth and started valuing my comfort, self-assuredness and happiness with a steady, semi-predictable and rewarding relationship with ____ that I cherish to this day.



Oh sure, there are times when the relationship gets a little rocky. ____ would be boring without some ups and downs to keep us on our toes and remind you never to take ____

for granted. But we all hang in there, never forgetting the great Truth brought to us by John, Paul, George and Ringo - All You Need is ____!



House Report

As you'll see elsewhere in this issue of the Fox, the Board has reshuffled assignments for the coming year. I shall retain lead role in the Not for Profit issue. More about that in a few weeks. The Board has also asked me to take responsibility for House Operations.

At this time, I want to give a great big THANK YOU to Carl Iovinella for his selfless work with the House Committee over the past several years.

Also, many thanks to all the Club Members who have contributed to House Operations. I want to acknowledge Randy Alexander and Don Gallagher who renovate, repair, restore and keep our historic clubhouse a place we can all gather and relax before and after (or even instead of) golf.

As we go forward, I would like Member feed-back on the viability of a House Committee. The course has benefited from the work done by the Green Committee. Perhaps a similar committee can stimulate activity in the realm of House Operations.

One thought is to have representation from each of the Leagues combined with any Member that wants to participate, to bring concerns, special needs and suggestions to the Board and the Restaurant Manager quickly and positively.

Hopefully, the assigned Villagio Manager will want to sit in on meetings. The primary rule will be that a positive approach is required for the good of all the Club.

Members who wish to participate in the House Committee may contact me at jansr@nycap.rr.com or by calling me @ 859-6574.

Jan Holick



Board Notes

Immediately after the Shareholders' Meeting, outgoing President Rick Funaro called a Board meeting to order. The purpose of the meeting was to elect officers for the 2007-8 season.

Rick Funaro, Kate Oppedisano and Paul Bachorz ended three year terms on the BOD, effective May 18, 2007.

At the May 18, 2007 Shareholders' Meeting, Members of the BSCC elected Susan Kahler, William Tucker and Bruce Kay to three year terms on the BOD for 2007-8.

The BOD elected the following Members as officers for 2007-8:

President: Richard Cody

Vice President: Carl Iovinella

Treasurer: Tom Hudy

Secretary: Susan Kahler

BOD Members agreed to serve on the following Committees:

Golf Shop: John Paolucci

Green: Dave Runyon (Susan Kahler)

Membership/Advertising: Tucker (Bruce Kay, John Paolucci, Dick Cody)

House: Jan Holick (Bruce Kay, Dick Cody)

Tournaments: Tom Hudy





Mini Project Day 2007 - Thank You to All of the Volunteers