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## *President's Letter*

*Mike Zegarelli*

The 2014 golfing season has officially been started! Excellent news. Of course, this is the week that my back has decided that it really is 65 years old despite what my mind thinks.

The golf course is in remarkably good condition, considering the horrific winter weather. The greens covers did their job and Steve and the crew did their best to keep the ice off to prevent damage. Our crew deserves a hearty thank you for an excellent job.

Speaking of Steve and his wife Annie, they were blessed with a baby boy on April 17, 2014. The newest member of the BSCC community was named Michael Steven, eight pounds twelve ounces. Everyone is doing well. Excellent news. Make sure to congratulate Steve when you see him working away as he always is.

Our restaurant is now open. Stop in and introduce yourself to Kate and her crew. We are all looking forward to an excellent year in the restaurant. More excellent news, as of the writing of this message, we now have a liquor license so your beverage of choice is now available.

More excellent news. Members have started to volunteer for committees to help operate the course. An audit committee is being established to review our procedures and policies. The committee consists of Tina Koehler, Tony Lupino, Betty Thornhill and Jeff Many. Please thank these people for stepping forward to help.

More excellent news. Cindy Walkanowski is joining the Board of Directors as of April of 2014. As she is filling a vacancy on the Board she will serve until the next annual election which is October 2014, (per section 7.4 of the by laws). Thank you Cindy and welcome aboard. Also, thank you Kate Oppedisano for suggesting Cindy for the position and for your continued support for the BSCC community.

*We have a number of new members for 2014.*

More excellent news.

They are:

Allan and Linda Sagendorf

Rick and Judy DiLorenzo

Jake Whitbeck

Joe Olbrych

Mike Brewster

Nick Laposta

David Miller

Tyler Keegan

Grady Gawrys

Rich Winkler

Grant Bode

Chris Douglas

John Murnane

*Thank you for joining and welcome to the BSCC  
golfing community.*

So far I have used the word “excellent “ eight times in this article, (I guess nine if you count the word in quotes). I do have a somewhat limited vocabulary but I purposely used this word because I believe we WILL have an excellent year, (OK make that ten times). I feel great about the course, our financial position and the membership. Now if I could just get my back to cooperate.... See you on the course.



# Superintendent's Report

*Steve Salsky*

As we make are way into late April we can see the course shaping up nicely. The grass seems to be getting greener and greener each and every day. Sometimes we forget that just a few weeks ago we still had snow cover. It almost seemed like spring would never come. Despite this, we were able to open only a week later this year than last. I know that I was amazed that we were able to pull off an opening this early based on the hard, long winter that we had. Once the frost came out of the ground, the course seemed to dry out quite well. Being able to get golf carts out will help everyone get around out there on the course. Please everyone be aware of the signs and ropes out on the course, because there are still some wet areas out on the course that cannot be driven on by carts.

As the course starts to green up, we can see some turfgrass has died during the winter. Ice, cold, and wind are some of the reasons why the weak poa grass dies when we have a harsh winter like we had this past winter. The damage appears to be minimal and will come back fairly quickly. Once the soil temperatures warm, most of these areas will fill in on their own. In the next few weeks we will be aerifying all of the greens, tees, approaches, and any spots in the fairways that have some winter damage on them. Seed and fertilizer will be applied to these areas so they will fill in as quickly as possible. Please understand that this work needs to be done in order to ensure the entire course is full and lush. Check your email or call the pro shop for updates on aerification being done on the course. Volunteers are needed to help with the greens aerification. As in the past, we will aerify the front nine one day and (weather permitting) the back nine the next. The more volunteers, the quicker we can have the aerification process completed. Thank you to all who have helped in the past and to those who will help this year.

All in all I think we are off to a great start to the season. Let's hope Mother Nature is kind to us this season so we can get in some great golf.



## *From the Golf Shop*

*Todd Manderson*

As we get started into the heavy months of the season here, I would like to remind everyone to please use the CALENDAR on our website to see what is going on at the facility. Anything and everything that happens at Ballston Spa Country Club will be on the calendar whether it is golf related or banquet related. We hope that this will enhance your scheduling of play for the season.

### *ONLINE TEE TIMES*

You all have the ability to book tee times 24/7 and 7 days prior to the day on the website. I have outlined the steps for this. This will eliminate having to call the golf shop and possibly getting a busy signal.

1. Log onto the website using your last name and member number for the password.
2. Under the Member Only Content, click on Member Tee Times.
3. Next Click on the Members May Book a Tee Time Online Here. It is a link and it is red lettering.
4. Next, you will be taken to the Pro-Shopkeeper site. Put your email that we have on file for you at the club and the password will be your member number once again.
5. Click on the date that your are looking for and the number of players that you have in your group. Sort through the times, next you can put the names in your group in the boxes provided.
6. Click on submit

If you have any questions on this, please ask us in the golf shop and we will show you how to do this. It is very easy and will save you time and you can book anytime and anyway.

## NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome all of the new members to the Ballston Spa Country Club. Also to welcome all the existing members back this season. Just a few benefits that come along with your membership.

1. Access to 9 different Reciprocal golf facilities.
2. Member only golf events.
3. Men's and Women's Member only golf leagues.
4. Discounts on golf merchandise in the Golf Shop.
5. GHIN handicap access.
6. Ability to make Tee Times 24/7 and 7 days in advance.
7. Unlimited play at Ballston Spa Country Club
8. Camaraderie amongst friends.

If you have any questions regarding anything that you think the staff in the Golf Shop can help you, please don't hesitate to ask us as we will be glad to assist you.

## E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Just a quick note to notify us so we can notify you. If you are not currently receiving our notices then please notify Laura or myself so we can get your email updated in our system to keep all updated for the information sent out.

## GOLF TIP

There are many reasons why we play this great game of golf. Some do it for business, some do it for fun, some do it for the challenge of perfecting a sport. Whatever the reason, the game has many rules to it that can both benefit your game and sometimes hurt your score. One item that allows us all to enjoy the game is playing from the proper starting position. I see many players that are losing some distance off the tee but refuse to move up to the shorter teeing ground. What is the reason for this more of an ego thing than anything else. So rethink where your starting point is for your teeing ground and try moving up. The color of the tee marker has nothing to with the game being played to have fun at it. The color of the tee marker doesn't make a swing for you so why not try moving up a bit to have a shorter distance into the greens. Try it, I think you might just like it.



# Women's League

*Cindy Walkanowski*

## Happy Spring

It is finally time to hit the links. The women's league will be starting on May 1st and run through August 28th . The league is divided into 2 sessions and the cost is \$40 per session. The league is divided into flights and we play match play within each flight. You can sign up for either one or both sessions in the pro shop. Details of the league are on the website or you can contact Cindy Walkanowski at 587-8356 or [cindyski@nycap.rr.com](mailto:cindyski@nycap.rr.com).

# Restaurant Report

*Doug Young*



Route 67, Ballston Spa, NY 12020

Our food is prepared to order for you!

We encourage you to call ahead!

Thank you for supporting a local, family-owned and operated establishment!

**GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE**

I am Kate Boyce, owner and operator of Dozer's Bar & Grill located on Geyser Rd in Saratoga Springs. I am happy to announce that we will be providing you your restaurant services At Ballston Spa CC this year.

I have been in the business since 2004 and in addition to the Geyser Road location operated the restaurant at Brookhaven Golf Course for 3 years. I believe I have an understanding of what golfers want and am more than willing to listen to your suggestions. We are building our team that will serve you and will highlight the team in a future edition of The Fox.

The question that has been asked of me the most is how did we come up with the name “Dozer’s”. If you look at our logo and menu you will notice a picture of a beautiful Saint Bernard. That is the baby picture of the real boss “Dozer”. He is 11 ½ years old and the rumor is the he paw prints the employees pay checks. I am looking forward to a great year. Please bear with us as we learn what pleases you the members.

<p><b>PUB FOOD – BURGERS SPECIALTIES</b> CHOICE OF FRESH CUT FRIES, KETTLE CHIPS, OR SIDE OF THE DAY</p> <p>HAMBURGER .....\$7.50 CHEESEBURGER .....\$8.00 BACON CHEESEBURGER .....\$9.00 ADD MUSHROOMS, ONIONS, PEPPERS...\$0.50 EACH FRESH GROUND BURGER FROM SANDERS MEAT MARKET</p> <p>8 OUNCE STEAK WITH MASHED POTATOES OR FRIES .....\$14.99 HOT TURKEY DINNER WITH GRAVY AND MASHED POTATOES OR FRIES .....\$9.50 HOT ROAST BEEF DINNER WITH GRAVY AND MASHED POTATOES OR FRIES .....\$9.99 HOT MEATLOAF DINNER WITH GRAVY AND MASHED POTATOES OR FRIES .....\$9.99 DOZERLOAF SANDWICH GRILLED MEATLOAF W/AMERICAN CHEESE.....\$8.50 PHILLY CHEESE STEAK WITH PEPPERS, ONIONS AND MUSHROOMS....\$9.50 CHICKEN PHILLY CHEESE STEAK WITH PEPPERS, ONIONS AND MUSHROOMS....\$9.50 FRIED HADDOCK SANDWICH CHOICE OF TARTAR OR COCKTAIL.....\$9.50 REUBEN CORNED BEEF, SAUERKRAUT, &amp; RUSSIAN ON GRILLED RYE.....\$9.99 GRILLED PASTRAMI WITH SWISS &amp; GULDEN'S ON RYE.....\$9.99</p>	<p><b>PUB FOOD – BURGERS SPECIALTIES</b> CHOICE OF FRESH CUT FRIES, KETTLE CHIPS, OR SIDE OF THE DAY</p> <p>GRILLED TURKEY WITH SWISS AND RUSSIAN ON RYE .....\$9.99 GRILLED ROAST BEEF WITH SWISS AND RUSSIAN ON RYE .....\$9.99 GRILLED HAM AND CHEESE .....\$8.99 GRILLED CHEESE .....\$6.50 2 MICHIGAN DOGS WITH MEAT SAUCE, ONIONS, AND GULDENS MUSTARD.....\$7.50</p> <p>MACARONI AND POTATO SALAD, COLE SLAW ALSO AVAILABLE (MAY VARY DAILY)</p> <p>TO-GO ORDERS ADD \$0.25 PER CONTAINER</p> <p>GIFT CERTIFICATES AVAILABLE</p>	<p><b>DOZERS BAR and GRILL</b></p> <p>At BALLSTON COUNTRY CLUB</p> <p>518-602-9995</p> <p>Route 67, Ballston Spa, NY 12020</p> <p>Our food is prepared to order for you! We encourage you to call ahead!</p> <p>Thank you for supporting a local, family-owned and operated establishment!</p>
<p><b>BREAKFAST SANDWICHES</b></p> <p>EGG AND CHEESE ON A GRILLED HARD ROLL.....\$2.75 ADD BACON, HAM OR SAUSAGE .....\$1.00 EXTRA MEAT .....\$1.00 COFFEE OR TEA .....\$1.60 JUICES .....\$2.00</p> <p><b>APPETIZERS</b></p> <p>MOZZARELLA STICKS .....\$5.99</p> <p>BREADED CHICKEN FINGERS (5).....\$7.50 FINGERS WITH FRIES.....\$8.99</p> <p>FRESH CUT FRENCH FRIES Small.....\$3.50 Large.....\$4.99</p> <p>PRETZEL STICKS.....\$7.99</p> <p>ARTICHOKE HEARTS WITH SUNDRIED TOMATOES AND BLACK OLIVES IN A PESTO CREAM SAUCE .....\$7.99</p> <p>QUESADILLAS, SERVED WITH SALSA AND SOUR CREAM Cheese .....\$7.99 Veggie, Mushroom, Onions, Peppers .....\$8.99 Steak, Chicken or Taco Meat .....\$9.99 ADD Jalapeños .....\$0.50</p> <p>POTATO SKINS, WITH BACON, CHEDDAR, SCALLIONS AND side SOUR CREAM .....\$8.99</p> <p>NACHOS SUPREME.....\$8.50 ADD Grilled Chicken, Philly Steak, or Taco Meat.....\$9.99</p>	<p><b>DOZER WINGS OR HOME MADE BONELESS WINGS</b></p> <p>SERVED WITH BLUE CHEESE AND CELERY</p> <p>10 WINGS PER ORDER or 10 OUNCES BONELESS.....\$8.99</p> <p>6 WINGS PER ORDER or 5 OUNCES BONELESS.....\$5.50</p> <p>50 WINGS PER ORDER or 50 OUNCES BONELESS.....\$33.99</p> <p>(MILD, MEDIUM, HOT, BBQ, GRILLED, BUTTER GARLIC PARM, OR GARLIC PARM WITH YOUR CHOICE OF WING SAUCE ADDED)</p> <p><b>SOUPS AND SALADS</b></p> <p>SOUP DE JOUR CUP .....\$3.75 BOWL .....\$5.50 QUART .....PRICE VARIES FRENCH ONION SOUP BOWL.....\$5.99</p> <p>GARDEN MIXED FIELD GREENS SMALL .....\$4.50 ADD CHICKEN .....\$5.99 LARGE .....\$6.50 ADD CHICKEN .....\$8.50</p> <p>CHEF SALAD.....\$9.50 OUR LARGE GARDEN SALAD OF MIXED FIELD GREENS LOADED WITH HAM, TURKEY CHEESE &amp; A HARD BOILED EGG</p>	<p>COBB SALAD.....\$9.99 MIXED FIELD GREENS, BLUE CHEESE CRUMBLEES, BACON, TOMATOES, EGG AND GRILLED CHICKEN</p> <p>CAESAR SALAD SMALL.....\$4.99 ADD CHICKEN.....\$6.50 LARGE.....\$8.99 ADD CHICKEN.....\$9.50</p> <p>DRESSINGS RANCH * BLUE CHEESE * RUSSIAN * ITALIAN * CAESAR HONEY MUSTARD * RASPBERRY VIN</p> <p><b>DELI SANDWICHES</b> MASTRIANNI BREADS (WHEAT, WHITE, RYE) CHOICE OF FRESH CUT FRIES, KETTLE CHIPS, OR SIDE OF THE DAY</p> <p>ROAST BEEF, TURKEY, OR HAM AND CHEESE SANDWICH OR WRAP.....\$8.50</p> <p>CLUB SANDWICH: ROAST BEEF, TURKEY OR HAM AND CHEESE.....\$9.50</p> <p>TUNA SALA SANDWICH OR WRAP.....\$8.99</p> <p>GRILLED TUNA MELT WITH AMERICAN CHEESE AND BACON .....\$7.99</p> <p>EGG SALAD SANDWICH OR WRAP.....\$5.99</p> <p>BUFFALO BONELESS CHICKEN WRAP BONELESS CHICKEN BREAST, LETTUCE, BLUE CHEESE, AND CHOICE OF WING SAUCE.....\$8.50</p> <p>GRILLED CHICKEN WRAP WITH LETTUCE, TOMATO, ONION, MAYO .....\$8.50</p> <p>BLT SANDWICH OR WRAP.....\$7.50</p> <p>CHICKEN CAESAR WRAP .....\$8.50</p> <p>CHICKEN SALAD SANDWICH OR WRAP.....\$8.50</p> <p>HEATER SANDWICH GRILLED CHICKEN WITH LETTUCE, TOMATO, AMERICAN CHEESE AND CHIPOLTE MAYO ON A</p>



## Passing the 19th

Tucker

You would think there would come a time in a golfer's life when the brain's experience lobe would be so saturated with the same recurring patterns of electronic input that it would recognize certain situations and send a more mature directive to Process Central to set things straight. I'm not talking about anything so complex as swing mechanisms and putting strokes; we wouldn't have a game worth playing if we had absolute control of that part of the sport. No, I'm talking about the inability, after over fifty years, to come to grips with reality.

I'll give you an example. Every year, as March starts throwing the odd warm day at those of us still inhabiting the North-east, I begin planning my best golf year ever. As the weather starts its annual tease, I send a message to my Cranial Pledge Headquarters that promises to make the most of the long days of Spring. I promise I'll get up early in the warm mornings, get to the club by 6:30 AM, and practice for an hour before beginning my day's activities. I anticipate this daily discipline cutting my handicap in half by July, and I relish the resulting burden of having to keep looking for new course records to break.

In fact, I actually followed this routine for four days.... two years ago. Not four days straight, mind you. They were over the course of a few weeks. I have never come close to fulfilling this resolution, yet every year I renew it with the same intensity as the very first time, undaunted by the experience of years of non compliance. My failure rate is not limited to this single resolution, however. Nosiree, I've got other goals which I regularly foozle.

As in Play Smart. Now there's a laugh. This commitment usually stems from the computer golf games I play over the Winter. I'll play a twosome and ascribe certain strategic personalities, such as aggressive, or conservative to each of the digital duffers. Without fail, the aggressive (stupid) player loses the match decisively to the conservative (smart) player. Every year I proclaim that I have finally learned my lesson. Instead of trying that low hook punch shot out of the trees that has to somehow rise halfway through its flight to clear those saplings and then bite real hard when it hits the green, I'll just smile the smile of maturity, play a pitch back to the fairway and then get up and down from there. I will become known as a Grinder, the kind of guy who will just par you to death.



Pledge number three is a promise to forget about a bad hole (not that bad holes will happen at all, what with my Practice Regimen and Smart Play), and just play each shot as it comes. The ancillary theorem to this vow, which applies to both good and bad rounds, is to forget about your score and concentrate on the shot at hand. Anyone who has been in the position of just having to get up and down from the fringe to win a match, and is thinking the Big Thought (I've got this match!) rather than concentrating on the shot at hand, knows that a scuffed chip and a three-putt are automatic in this situation. I actually was faithful to this pledge once, well into the first week of May (1987), and revived it for a hole or two during several other years.

The last of my excursions into the heartland of pie-in-the-sky, concerns The Short Game. How many articles have you read, how many times have you heard, how many moments have you spent in the revelation that "The short game is the key to scoring well"? This is a truism that is right up there with some classics involving the Pope's religion of choice and a bear's bathroom habits. Which is why I make a yearly promise to shun the driving range and practice the short game ad nauseam until the game improves. Unfortunately, the nausea kicks in after about ten min-utes of chipping and putting practice, and I'm off to the course or the practice tee so I can beat the hell out of the ball for awhile.

I rationalize my lack of success in fulfilling these oaths with what I like to call The Onset of Maturity and the resultant appreciation of what is important in life, such as sleeping in and not unnecessarily disrupting my game with practice and concentration. It's what my wife, The Amazing Max, calls Geezerism and The Onset of No Discipline Whatsoever, a rather cumbersome phrase, but one not lacking in perception.

One day, I'm sure, I'll steadfastly adhere to all the above promises and achieve scandal-ous new levels of golfing prowess. In fact, I even know which day it will be - it'll be the day a bear is converted to Catholicism and the Pope finds he prefers relieving himself in the woods.

