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President's Letter

The Fox

Mike Zegarelli

As I write this article, tonight is the last official night of the Tuesday night men's league. The Saratoga flat track is scheduled to close this weekend. No denying it, summer is nearing its inevitable end. As for BSCC, the golf season continues with warm days and excellent conditions.

There remain a good number of member events on the schedule, which I hope you participate in. The course remains in excellent shape despite the amount of play it is getting. Take full advantage of the weather, as it will not last forever.

As for the upcoming fall, there is a members meeting scheduled for Friday October 3, 2014. At this meeting new Board members will be elected and important information will be discussed. Please schedule to attend.

One item, which will be on the agenda, is, our current business model and what if anything should we do to improve our financial future. As you are aware, our current model is heavily weighted on membership dues to generate income. With declining golf memberships, (not just at BSCC, but industry wide), how can we change to secure a financially sound future? More outside play? More tournaments? Generate more income from the clubhouse via events? An open discussion with constructive ideas will help guide the new Board in the coming year.

As for our financial standing, despite the rumor mill and the “people who know all”, there will NOT be any assessment on the membership for 2014. We should finish the year at a break-even point, based on current projections and some adjustments to our budget. Despite the fact that membership is down, greens play, outside tournaments, restaurant incomes are all up.

For 2013 during our budget meetings it was anticipated that we would have a 5% reduction in membership. The actual number exceeded 5% so the adopted budget needed adjustment to once again be in balance. With the guidance of our Treasurer, the necessary changes were made.

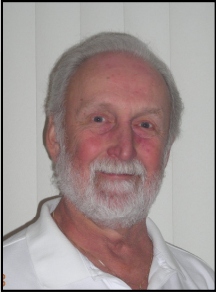
BSCC is a very viable business, which provides excellent golf for the golfing community. How we keep it on good footing and how to keep the member-owners happy is open for discussion.

As I get ready for my last match tonight against a good friend, I am confident that with hard work and a group commitment to improve, BSCC will last for many years to come.

BSCC Annual Stockholders' Meeting

Friday, May 18, 7:00 PM

Please attend this important meeting, or send us your proxies.



Greens Report

Bob Miskarin

As some of you have noticed, there are 3 dead spruce trees near the 7th tee. Samples have been sent to the local Cooperative Extension to determine the cause and if there is anything we can do to stop the spread. We have been informed it is a fungus called "Rhizosphaera Needlecast on Spruce" and it is moving into the northeast. The dead trees on 7 will be removed this fall/winter, when Steve has time, and we will determine if the remaining trees can be saved. We will also check on other trees on the course and try to prevent the spread, which happens in the spring. I would like to thank Maxine Tucker for her efforts in researching this problem.

As mentioned previously, the greens cover raffle is on hold until spring. There will be a 50/50 for the "Men's year end" outing and the cross country. Rick Funaro and Steve Ludwin are working on details. This could give us enough money for at least 1 additional cover for the coming winter.

As this is being written, we are planning to aerate the entire golf course the first week of September. As you all know this is a necessary process in order to maintain our course in the great condition that we have come to expect. Thank you for your patience.

As usual, I remind everyone to continue to fill divots on the course whenever you can. Thank you



From the Golf Shop

Todd Manderson

September Events

We will have many small groups that will be having their year end events at Ballston Spa Country Club this month so we ask that you please call ahead to make a tee time or online to book the time. This will make things much easier for all and allow all to enjoy the course at a time that they will be least inconvenienced. We are lucky to have all of these players play our facility as the condition of our course has gotten out and our outside play has increased significantly this season.

Calendar of Events

As the season continues to move on, we will still have a some events on the calendar. All scheduled events are on the Calendar on our website so please continue to check these out as Member Events and Outside Events will continue for the month of September.

Golf Stats

I wanted to give the everyone some insight as to some results of scoring after the NENY PNC Golf Event held here at Ballston Spa. With 37 Golf Professionals in the field and an average scoring of 76.01 over a 36 Hole Event, once again the back 9 wins. The average on the back 9 was 39.45. Some notes of which holes played most difficult as follows. Hole #14 was the most obvious choice of the most difficult as the stroke average was 5.09. Some unique others were the par 3's. Holes 6,15, and 2 were in the top 6 of most difficult holes on day 2. Hole #6 was the 3rd most difficult hole over a 36 hole total. I thought that this was really interesting information as it held the test with the controversial tree that was removed and the many opinions that felt the hole would be easier with it gone.

Hole #1 was ranked 2nd on day one and ranked 14th on day 2. The big reason for this was the hole location. On day one, the hole was cut dead center but in the front of the green. On day 2, the hole was cut in the center also but towards the back of the green. I thought this was quite interesting as to how the holes ranked and changed from day to day. The main reason for this was the placement of the hole for each day. This shows that the handicap rank for each of our holes is unique and can change quite a bit based on where the hole was cut. Our 4 par 3's were in the top 8 for the 2 days. Once again, this was all information that gathered from all players competing from the Blue Tee markers. One last note, the professionals played from the 10th tee when playing the 4th hole for the 2 days.

Tournaments

Beth Todd

**Ballston Spa Country Club
Men's Club Championship
August 9th & 10th 2014
2014 Men's Club Champion Eli Moskal**

Championship Flight

Place	Player	Round 1	Round 2	Total	Pay
1st	Elias Moskal	73	74	147	\$114
2nd	David Fizer	73	76	149	\$86
3rd	Todd Szwetkowski	81	69	150	\$57
4th	Taylor Dwyer	81	73	154	\$29

B-Flight

Place	Player	Round 1	Round 2	Total	Pay
1st	Tom Hudy	82	72	154	\$106
2nd	Richard Funaro	80	79	159	\$79
3rd	Richard Fox	82	79	161	\$53
4th	Todd Shimkus	85	77	162	\$26

C-Flight

Place	Player	Round 1	Round 2	Total	Pay
1st	Joseph Olbrych	86	84	170	\$106
2nd	Peter McNamara	85	87	172	\$79
3rd	Mitch Johnson	86	92	178	\$53
4th	Roger Laime	88	91	179	\$26

D-Flight

Place	Player	Round 1	Round 2	Total	Pay
1st	Michael Radzevich	87	92	179	\$62
2nd	Stan Walkanowski	108	94	202	\$26

**Ballston Spa Country Club
Men's Senior Member Guest
August 12th 2014**

Results from the Gross event

1st place winners Rick Funaro and Mike Gaetano with a round of 1 over par 72
2nd place score of 73 Carl Jahn and John Rutnick
3rd place finish Jim Merola and John Canfield shooting 74
4th place finishing with a 77 Mike Radzevich and John Tokryman

Results for the Net event

Stan Walkanowski and Paul Galbraith placing first score of 58
2nd place Ken Stevens and Mike Stout score of 59
3rd place score of 60 Bob Miskanin and John Ravelli
4th place finishing with a 61 Dennis Crimi and Steve Iannacone

Men's Senior Club Championship

Dean Herrick winning the Championship Flight over Tom Shannon on the first playoff hole both had 20 ½ total points

1st place of the First Flight winner Charlie Kowantz with 23 points
2nd place First Flight John Rossi total of 19 points
Stan Ziobrowski winning the Second Flight with 23 points over the 2nd place finisher Ken Koran with 18 points

Third Flight champion Gary Lyons with 24 total points
Randy McQuiston finishing second with 19 ½ points

The Fourth Flight champion Mike Radzevich with 25 total points
2nd place with 19 ½ Joe Kerbelis

Ladies Senior Club Championship

1st Net champion Mary Assey with a score of 151
1st Gross champion Jody McQuiston shooting 192

Women's Club Championship Match Play Event

2014 Women's Club Champion Sue Kahler
1st Flight winner Max Tucker
Rayette Johnson 2nd Flight winner

Member Communications

Paul Steves

The date of the Annual Meeting will be October 3rd, 2014.

The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to elect three (3) members for the Board of Directors. At the conclusion of the election the number of Directors will have been reduced from the current 9 to 8.

Elsewhere in the Fox you will see Meet the 2014 Board Candidates with a short essay from Rick Funaro, Cindy Walkanowski, and Don McClooum announcing their intention to run for a seat on your Board. Nominations for the Board are made at the Annual Meeting so there is still time to throw your hat into the ring.

Written notice shall be served to each shareholder not less than ten (10) days nor more than forty (40) days before the meeting. As I write this the notices are scheduled to be mailed not later than early September. If you do not receive your notice by September 15th please contact Laura in the office at 885-1603.

If you cannot attend the October meeting please review the 3 options contained in your notification letter and ensure that your vote is counted.

Pictures wanted. In this high tech era everyone seems to have a phone with a camera on them as they traverse the golf course. When you see an "oh wow" moment click away and send it to me at psteves1@nycap.rr.com and I will post on facebook.

A new and improved updated Membership Directory has been uploaded on the website. Must be Jerry Woodard has too much free time on his hands. The newest version now includes your email addresses that were on file in the office. Please review and make sure we have the current information that you want shared with the other members. Go to Member Resources and then Membership Directory. Please let Laura know if any corrections are required. If you have any ideas or suggestions that will keep Jerry busy on rainy days you can email suggestionbox@ballstonspacc.com.

Meet the 2014 Board Candidates



Rick Funaro

Dear Fellow Member,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and ask for your support as I seek a position on our club's Board of Directors. My name is Rick Funaro and I have been a member of Ballston Spa Country Club since 1992. As a former member of the Board of Directors, serving from May 2001 through May 2007 and again from May 2008 through May 2011, I was involved in many areas and chaired a number of committees. Having served as co-chair of the Green Committee, and chairperson in charge of membership, advertising, and insurance allows me to bring a great deal of club experience to the BOD. Serving as Club President for 6 years, from May 2004 to May 2007 and May 2008 to May 2011, provided me the opportunity to be involved in all aspects of club business. I feel I can offer the club a great deal as a result of my experience and would continue to work hard for the benefit of our entire membership. I recently retired from Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory where I worked for 33 years and managed 3 different IT organizations during the last 22 years. I feel I would be able to devote even more time to the business of the club and help in any way that I can. I have enjoyed my past involvement in the club and working to make Ballston Spa Country Club the best it can be. The existing Board has done an outstanding job and I would like to continue to be a part of shaping our club's future direction. I would certainly appreciate your support at our annual membership meeting. I appeal to all of our members; Please make sure your voice is heard and vote for the candidates that you feel will make Ballston Spa Country Club a vibrant, respected and desirable place to join.

Sincerely,
Rick Funaro

Meet the 2014 Board Candidates



Cindy Walkanowski

My name is Cindy Walkanowski and I am asking for your support in my candidacy for the Board of Directors for the Ballston Spa Country Club. I am currently serving on the Board, as I volunteered to fill a request for a vacancy left in April. I currently am a math teacher at Ballston Spa High School, where I have worked since 1998. I believe my teaching experiences as well as my involvement in activities in the club make me an excellent candidate for this position. My husband, Stan, and I have been members of the club since 2006. Throughout my membership, I have been involved in many aspects of the club. I have been the women's league coordinator for the past seven years and I have served on the tournament committee for the past five years. You may also know me in my Purple and Gold as the Ballston Spa High School Varsity Golf coach, which I have coached for the past 11 years. I have also helped coordinate several outings at the club for the women's association, the high school and the golf team. If elected, my goals for the Board are to increase new membership, retain current members, and improve the membership experience. I believe this can be done with transparency and communication. As many members stated, this club has a sense of community and my goal would be to develop and enrich that experience. I would like to thank you for your consideration, and would appreciate your vote.

Meet the 2014 Board Candidates

Donald McCollum

Member since 2010

Retired Military (U.S. Coast Guard)

It would be my pleasure to serve on the Board of Directors for BSCC. I feel that I can contribute to BSCC and help move it forward. I feel the primary goal of the Board is to preserve the long-term viability of the course we all enjoy so much, while maintaining its values / necessities (i.e. greens, tees and fairways). We are a golf club not a country club in the true sense of the meaning. This will not be an easy task when you think of the current state of other clubs in the area and the current decline in the general population wishing to take up the game.

I have heard over the last four years from members and outside players, that the course has never been better and we accomplished this on a very tight budget. "Bravo Zulu" to our superintendent and his staff. We also were able to accomplish a lot of positive things for the membership such as maintaining dues at a reasonable rate, course wide improvements and the recently installed fire pit. I understand that what is relevant to some members may not mean much to another, but we no longer can maintain the status quo. We need to look at every option and think outside the box for the future of this course and the love of the game and the relationships we developed because of it.

We realize we are living in some rough economic times. The club needs to generate more revenue in order to meet our budget. The preferred method would be to get more members but that is not the current trend if less people want to play golf. The other option is from outside play. We cannot do things as we did in the past due to the financial constraints that we are facing. We must be careful in planning efforts and be creative in order to survive this downturn. We have to do everything possible to protect our beloved course and be accountable for our expenses.

In my 30 years in the military I became adept at optimizing our resources while minimizing the impact it had on our operations. This skill should not be confused with "finding the cheapest way to do something", rather I made financial decisions, which looked not only at the short term cost but also included the long term impact. It would be an honor to be able to use my skills as a member of the Board of Directors. I would appreciate your vote of confidence so that I may assist the club in anyway possible.

A vertical photograph of a male golfer in mid-swing, wearing a white shirt, white pants, and a white cap. He is positioned on the left side of the page, with a forest background. The image is partially obscured by an orange banner at the top and a dark brown banner on the right.

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There have been a few request to publish the membership numbers for 2014 for the club.
These are the numbers as best as can be determined as of the end of July 2014. FYI.

2014 Memberships

Single	104
Couple-restricted	2
Couple-unrestricted	27

Jr. Ex.	6
Student/Young Adult	14

PM Single	1
Weekend single	7
Summer single	1
Summer family	1
Senior Single	29
Senior couple	2

BOARD

Single	3
Couple	2
Couple restricted	1
Senior	1

Lifetime	3
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TOTAL	204
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Passing the 19th

Tucker

Your Golf Intelligence Quota

Regular readers of this post may remember a couple of posts wherein I reported stupid golf questions from a site called wiki-ask or something. While these questions were obviously submitted by certified whackos, I often hear comments from veteran players who show a degree

of ignorance about golf. One that stands out is the insistence of using the plural “greens” instead

of the singular.

The phrase “through the green” is used by the USGA to identify the area where a lot of rules don’t apply, such as touching, marking or teeing your ball or grounding your club, etc.

Hence the

terms “green fee” “green committee” and “green keeper”. All singular.

It got me thinking that there may be a degree of ignorance out there that could be surprising, so

I put together this test to allow everyone the chance to measure their Golf I.Q. Please feel free to

report your results. There is a four hour time limit and you will be assessed a one stroke penalty

for every 15 minutes over that time.

The GIQ Test

1) A Shotgun Start is:

a) A provocative threat made to slow players as a means of getting them off the first tee as quickly as possible.

b) A means of distracting your opponent on his first tee backswing.

c) A method of starting a tournament which ensures that no one gets a longer nineteenth hole

than anyone else.

2) The Golfer of the Century is:

a) Jack Nicklaus

b) St. Nicholas

c) That ringer Fred brought in for the Member-Guest who had the 22 handicap, but was 6 over for the tournament.

3) Scotch Doubles is:

a) Grammatically incorrect.

b) Played in kilts.

c) A normally rather short round in which the participants knock back 3 ounce Johnny Walker shooters after every hole.

4) An Unplayable Lie is:

a) Something a Real Man never declares.

b) That story you fabricated to explain to your spouse why you got home at midnight when you had a 6:45 AM tee time.

c) A situation that you suspect occurs quite often to your opponent when he is out of sight in

the woods, but which is never declared (see "foot wedge").

5) A Bunker is also:

a) The Beach

b) The Bogey Dust

c) A right-wing 70's TV bigot

d) All of the above

6) Casual Water is:

a) Usually found behind trees adjacent to the fairway on holes that are furthest removed from

the course rest rooms.

b) That bog in the woods that has been there since dirt was invented, but which now harbors

your drive off the twelfth tee.

c) Water on the fairway or green as the result of a recent downpour which allows a player to lift his ball and place it nearer the hole without his opponents noticing.

7) An Automatic Press is:

a) To be avoided at all times.

b) A means of complicating a betting process which is already beyond the comprehension of a CPA.

c) Like a shotgun start (see 1A above) but utilizing an AK-47 instead of a 12 gauge.

To score your GIQ, take all the answers you feel are reasonably close to being correct, divide by

your handicap, and then deduct it from your score the next time you play.