

# The Hole Truth

New London Country Club

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June 2010

## President's Message By Shawn Maguire, President



Let me first start by thanking Deborah Benson for her leadership, service and guidance during the last two years at NLCC. Deborah has been a valued Board Member and, although she is stepping down as President, she will remain on the Board. Her dedication and love for NLCC was very apparent when she accepted the role of President during tough economic times. Deborah tackled the issues head on and helped to turn the ship around. We have her to thank as we head into brighter days! As President, I will continue to put NLCC's best interests first as we continue to build upon the outstanding product that members and guests have come to enjoy.

And now onto the housekeeping details. In keeping with the ongoing effort to cut costs at NLCC, the Board has cancelled the \$700,000 insurance coverage we had on the bag room. This move will save us \$1,100 a year in expenses. Therefore, members will store their clubs at NLCC at their own risk. Any loss incurred would be covered by your homeowner's insurance.

At our last meeting, the Board voted to reinstate the monthly Food & Beverage minimums based on recommendations of several members. For the months of June, July, August, and September, all primary members will be required to spend at least \$50 per month on any combination of food, liquor, cart sales, tax and gratuity. Families will not be charged extra. The pros and cons behind this decision were thoroughly discussed and, in the end, we felt that it was a necessary measure to help ensure the financial stability of our club. Monthly minimums will offer the following benefits to our club:

1. More opportunity for members to enjoy the club;
2. More stability of service and quality of product;
3. Build camaraderie between members through social interactions;
4. Provide additional opportunities for staff to earn more money, thus increasing their job satisfaction and reducing the risk of turnover;
5. Create more revenue for the club by motivating members to use the Pub more often;
- and,
6. Ensure a better experience for present and future members and guests.

We have been working hard to provide you with a quality product and, so far, the feedback has been very good. We are providing great service, consistent hours, and quality food. With more consistent patronage, we can continue to build upon the positive changes we have made.

Last week, NLCC was struck by lightning and our IT servers were damaged. The computers were down for a week as a result, so some May payments may not show on your online statements, but they will be posted as we catch up. Speaking of payments, please be aware that electronic payment requests to your banks need to be submitted a week ahead of time. Those requests are actually turned into paper checks by the banks and then they are mailed to us. If you request that a payment be made through your bank during the last couple of days of the month, that payment will be late and incur a late fee. That is not the case with Jonas online payments, which are accessible through your member statements on our web page. If you use the Jonas online payments, the electronic transfer reaches NLCC much quicker. However, that too should not be done during the last couple of days of the month.

I want to thank Kevin Shea and his Golf staff, Dan Rogers and his Greens staff, Christina Marlow and her F&B staff, and our fearless leader in the office, Vickie Videll, for the great effort they are putting forth to provide membership with a quality product of which we can be proud. The vibe from membership around the club is very positive, and it has not gone unnoticed.

Special thanks to the members who have gone out of their way to help around the club with different jobs. You're not always singled out and you aren't looking for acknowledgement, but the membership is glad you lend a helping hand. The Board thanks you.

Great weather is upon us, and membership continues to grow each week, so get out, enjoy the course, and stop into the Grill Room for a refreshment or lunch.

Shawn Maguire  
President  
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# GOLF

By Shawn Maguire, Chairman

June 2010

## Upcoming Events for June

June 2 Ladies social golf night begins  
June 2 PING Demo Day 2-6pm  
June 6 Jack & Jill Club Day 1:30pm  
June 8 Women's Member/Member  
June 8 TITLEIST Fitting Day (buyers need to schedule an appointment)  
June 12 FREE short game clinic 3pm  
June 17 Men's Member Guest 1:30pm  
June 18 Family golf night begins 6pm  
June 19 Men's 4-ball finals 10:30am  
June 22 Women's Member Guest 9am  
June 26 & 27 Men's Players Championship tee times starting at 7am  
June 29 Junior Summer Clinics begins (flier included)

## Golf

**3-Day Golf Classic** is scheduled for July 16-18. Please send or hand in your entry form right away, so you do not miss what promises to be our best one yet. Please contact the pro shop if you have any questions about the event or need an entry form.

## Driving Range

Please use the yellow flight restricted balls when hitting driver/woods that are able to fly over the end net. We hope to lose fewer balls with your cooperation, therefore saving driving range budget money. If you find that you still can hit it over from the front practice tee, please refrain from doing so.

**Family Golf Night** begins Friday, June 18 anytime after 6:00pm. This is a casual night designed for our members to bring their children or grandchildren out for a few holes of golf. This year for the kid's enjoyment, we will have a set of family night tees more suitable for their age and ability. Some adults might even find this to be a fun par 3 course for themselves. We will have tee markers out on the course on these nights and a special scorecard showing the length and par for our family night golf course. We encourage all kids to carry their golf bags. Please contact the pro shop if you have any questions.

**Ladies Social Golf** begins Wednesday, June 2 at 5 pm and runs every Wednesday through September. This is an evening of casual golf for those women looking to play 9 holes. There is no sign up sheet. You just need to show up a little before 5 pm and groups will be made based on the number of women that show up. This will be a relaxing and fun evening for all.

**June Guest Special** bring three guests for golf and lunch for **\$140**. Carts and drinks are not included and you must bring a foursome, no exceptions. Each member will be allowed to do this once in the month of June. If it goes well we will run it again in July. Make sure you pick up your lunch ticket in the golf shop when you sign in!

**Junior Summer Clinics** start June 29<sup>th</sup> and run for 8 weeks every Tuesday. Please see attached form for details.

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## TOURNAMENT RESULTS

### 2010 Spring ABCD Jamboree

### Sunday, May 16

#### A/B

1st	Maguire, S / Crowley, S	58(mc)	\$50 Each
2nd	Stelik, C / Ryder, J	58	\$40 Each
3rd	Taylor, P / Cavalieri, J	62(mc)	\$30 Each
4th	O'Neill, J / Roseman, B	62	\$20 Each

#### C/D

1st	Baxter, J / Tracy, D	62(mc)	\$50 Each
2nd	Gianakos, P / Zanghetti, M	62	\$40 Each
3rd	Patterson, B / Falk, M	63(mc)	\$30 Each
4th	Hoelck, N / Brooks, W	63	\$20 Each

#### AB/CD Team of 4

1st	Maguire / Crowley / Shenasky / Heap	125(mc)	\$50 Each
2nd	Stelik / Ryder / Bell / Log- ioco	125	\$40 Each
3rd	Flannigan / Santangelo / Gianakos, P / Zanghetti	127	\$30 Each
4th	Orenstein / Murano / Hoelck / Brooks	128(mc)	\$20 Each

#### Closest to the Pin

#3	Murano (Orenstein) & Flannigan (Santangelo)	14'1"	\$10 Each
#14	Sculli (Coonrod)	9'9"	\$20 Each

# More Winners!

## 2010 SPRING MEMBER/MEMBER

Flight One			Flight Two		
1st	WILLOUGHBY	98	1st	O'NEILL	92
\$70 Each	TALMADGE		\$70 Each	RYDER	
2nd	O'REILLY	103	2nd	LEITKOWSKI	97
\$55 Each	O'REILLY		\$55 Each	POBLETE	
3rd	DILLON	104mc	3rd	SECCHIAROLI	100
\$40 Each	BARBER		\$40 Each	BARNES	
Flight Three			Flight Four		
1st	MURANO	89	1st	JOSEPHIDES	96
\$70 Each	MORSE		\$70 Each	CARR, B	
2nd	MORIN	102	2nd	APPLEBY	105
\$55 Each	BURNS		\$55 Each	HOELCK	
3rd	ROSEMAN	104	3rd	TAGLAINETTI	106mc
\$40 Each	CROWLEY		\$40 Each	BAXTER	
Women's			Closest to Pin		
1st	SMITH, P	68	Division 1 & 2	BARNES	14'1"
\$40 Each	HUPFEL		\$20 Each	SECCHIAROLI	
2nd	SMITH, D	69	Division 3 & 4	MURANO	26"
\$30 Each	MAYO		\$20 Each	MORSE	
3rd	SCHMIDTKNECHT	70			
\$20 Each	COOK				

Shawn Maguire  
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Golf Chairman

## **GREENS**

**By Dan Rogers, Superintendent**

Believe it or not, June is here and so begins 100 days of stressful weather conditions. Warm nights and warmer days drive disease pressure and drought stress. These pressures are a fact of life and are out of our control. We do our best to create firm, fast conditions at the same time being careful not to stress the turf beyond repair. This we can control.

Here are two stress factors that are created just by the act of playing golf and we can control these factors. First, fixing ball marks; if a mark is fixed within the first five minutes, it will heal in 24 hours. If left unfixed for 24 hours, it will not completely heal for 30 days. Second, keeping carts in designated areas...out of fescue, on paths where possible, off fairway bunker banks, and away from green and tee surrounds. There is no need to drive on these areas with paths so close to the tee surrounds. As a rule of thumb, if your cart is off the path and on an angle (tee or bunker surround), you should not be there. Many people have noticed the thicker, healthier turf inside the roped areas. Respecting the rope lines and other boundaries will become even more noticeable as the summer progresses.

Thank you all for your cooperation as we continue to grow and improve NLCC.

Dan Rogers



Welcome Sleepy George Mason Rogers  
Born May 5th, 2010  
9 lbs. 14.5 oz.  
Congratulations Dan & Sam!



## FOOD & BEVERAGE

By Tim Burrows, Chairman

As you read in the President's report, the Board has approved a minimum of \$50 per month per primary member for June, July, August and September in "The Pub." Spousal, Child, Junior and Limited members will not have minimums, but their purchases will be added to primary members' purchases, if applicable. The Food and Beverage Department is very excited about this. We are proud of the product and service we are providing and this will only help us to improve. We are very confident that the members who have not tried us yet will enjoy coming to The Pub.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Jim O'Reilly for fixing a few of our bar stools. Fixing those chairs saved us hundreds of dollars. I would also like to thank Bruce McCutcheon, who built some dividers for our beer coolers. This will make it much easier for the staff to stack beers in the coolers. I would also like to thank the many members who have taken the time to give their positive feedback to Christina, the staff and me. The staff works very hard and it always brightens their day to hear positive reinforcement. It goes a long way, especially when it has a monetary value!!!!

We will continue to provide more service on the course. The cart hours will be extended and we will continue to have someone on the 10<sup>th</sup> hole during busier times. As the business grows, so will the service. Let's hope the weather will cooperate and we all have more birdies than bogeys.

### Did you know?

At the 1987 Kemper Open, Greg Norman lost his temper and tried to throw his ball into a water hazard. It became obvious his golf swing was better than his pitching arm after he hit playing partner Fred Couples in the chest! Please remember to be alert if your playing partner has a temper.

As always, please send me an e-mail with any comments at [timburrows11@gmail.com](mailto:timburrows11@gmail.com)

Cheers,  
Tim



## Women's Association

By Tracy Shoor, President

Please welcome Jane Herbig, Mary Jean Kanabis and Pamela Wolejko to the Women's Association. Jane is a new member to NLCC this year. Please be sure to introduce yourselves to Jane, Mary Jean and Pamela.

Our tournament season began with the President's Cup on May 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> and you couldn't ask for better weather. The sky was blue and the weather was warm with a little wind. The greens were back to their standard fast speed. I hope that everyone enjoyed playing. Congratulations to our **President's Cup** winners:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Low Net	Eve Manthous	141
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Low Net	Diane Smith	146
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Low Net	Debbie Cook	146

1 <sup>st</sup>	Low Gross	Sue Schmidtknecht	180
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Low Gross	Astrea Hupfel	182

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Our Annual Spring meeting will be held on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Corporate Cater-ers is catering the luncheon. The meeting is open to any female member of NLCC. So, if you can make it, please join us.

The Wednesday Evening Social will be starting on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. The mentoring program has invited all new female members to join us on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will meet on the club patio at 4:30 and join the Wednesday Evening Social group at 5:00 to play 9 holes of golf. An informational session will be held following golf. All NLCC women are invited to meet our newest members.

If you are interested in being mentored, please contact Susan Schmidtknecht, our Mentoring Program Chairperson.

The Two-Day Member/Member Tournament is scheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup> and June 9<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to sign up on the sheet posted in the breezeway located outside of the Ladies Locker room.

Many of you are looking for partners for either the Member/Member or Four Ball Tournament. If you are looking for a partner, please contact the Tournament Chairman, Pat Smith.

Save the date of June 22<sup>nd</sup> for the Women's Member/Guest tournament. It will be a 9:00 shotgun start.

Sign up sheets for the Thames Valley League and Shoreline Interleague are posted in the breezeway. Check the dates and don't forget to sign up.

I look forward to hearing from you. The easiest way to do so is to e-mail me at: [LouisB@snet.net](mailto:LouisB@snet.net).

Tracy Shoor  
President



# Women's President Cup May 26th



## NLCC NEWEST MEMBERS

THOMAS R. BORDNER	MILITARY	4-May-10
GISELLE GIORDANO	SPOUSE	5-May-10
ERIK SNODGRASS	JUNIOR	7-May-10
ZACHARY LEWIS	JUNIOR	10-May-10
NICHOLAS GRAMOLINI	JUNIOR	10-May-10
NICOLE AGER	JUNIOR	12-May-10
MAXX DELANEY	CHILD	17-May-10
ANDY LEAL	REGULAR	24-May-10
MATTHEW LAWRENCE	JUNIOR	24-May-10
JEFFREY DREW	JUNIOR	25-May-10
ANDREW PAPATHANASIOU	JUNIOR	25-May-10
SAMUEL WILENSKY	CHILD	25-May-10
WILLIAM KANE	ASSOCIATE	25-May-10





## 2010 Summer Junior Clinics

PGA Professional Kevin Shea  
& Assistant Professionals Dave Rhinehart & Matt Nolan  
will be conducting clinics throughout the Summer.

Age Groups: 5-8 years, 9-12 years & 13-17 years  
Dates: June 29; July 6, 13, 20, 27; August 3, 10, 17

\*\*\***Every Tuesday for 8 weeks**\*\*\*

Times:       Ages 13-17 from 12:30-1:15 + 4 holes.  
              Ages 9-12 from 1:30-2:15 + 4 holes  
              Ages 5-8 from 2:45-3:30

**HAVE FUN!**

**WIN PRIZES!**

**Each weekly clinic will have a theme:  
Driving, Putting, Chipping, etc. ....**

**Emphasis will be on:** Rules, Etiquette, Pace of Play, Safety, Course Management,  
Technique for all golf shots, etc. ...**AND MORE!!**

**\$150 for Ages 9-17 and \$125 for ages 5-8**

Volunteers needed each week to supervise kids while playing (pace of play, etiquette, safety, etc. – please sign up at the Golf Shop – **Thanks!**

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Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Hand in completed entry form to the golf shop or e-mail  
[kevin@newlondoncountryclub.org](mailto:kevin@newlondoncountryclub.org) as soon as possible / limited space available.