

The Hole Truth

APRIL 2011

President's Message

With March now in our rear view mirror, we move forward into April anticipating milder weather, the return of many of our "snowbirds", and increased club activities.

Much of the planning that occurred over the winter will now be manifest both in the clubhouse and on the golf course. A great deal of volunteer time went into this planning and much thanks goes to the committee chairs and their members.

The house committee has already transformed the foyer and grill room. They have scheduled a number of "work" days to spruce up the outside of the clubhouse and adjacent areas. As in the past, we will rake, scrape, paint, plant flowers, and generally dress up the outside of the facility. If you would like to join us and/or have a suggestion, please contact either John Taglianetti, House Chair, or Tina Wazny.

Our course is in great shape. The pins are in, the fairways mowed, and the greens manicured. You may notice that some landscaping and "heavy pruning" that took place as Dan Rogers removed some of the older trees, opened up the view and improved air circulation.

I hope you will be able to join us for the "Master's Day" festivities planned for Saturday, April 9th. There is a mini shotgun and food will be served in the grill room. Please contact either Kevin in the Pro shop or Tina in the office. This will be a fun time!

As we prepare for the 2011 season, please remember that the game of golf has tenets that are reflected in our club rules:

- Familiarity with proper code of dress and conduct on the golf course and in the clubhouse is required.
- Similarly, please be mindful of your language - particularly in the grill room.
- When on the greens, please repair your ball marks and don't hesitate to repair a second one, time permitting. The proper method of repairing a ball mark will be posted on the website and on club bulletin boards. Similarly, it will be very important, this year for you to rake the sand traps.

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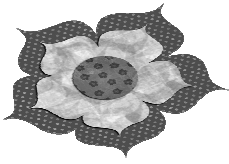
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As many celebrate high holidays of the Judeo-Christian tradition in April, may you all enjoy the peace and tranquility of Passover and Easter with your families and many enjoyable days on our golf course.

Lou Camerota
President
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Women's Association



Hello ladies I hope everyone had a safe and healthy winter. I know we are all looking forward to getting back to playing golf. The golf course looks beautiful and I was fortunate enough to play two weeks ago on a beautiful sunny day.

Registration forms to sign up for the Women's Association were sent out via email. Please fill them out and mail them back to NLCC. You can also register by calling Kevin Shea at the Pro Shop he will take your name and sign you up. The fee is \$60.00 which will be included in your bill.

Women's league starts Tuesday May 3. Sign-up sheets for each league day will be posted in the hall on the bulletin board outside the ladies locker room. Please sign up by the Saturday before. Tee off times can be found on the NLCC web page.

Wednesday night Women's social starts June 1. Everyone is welcome to play 9 holes of sunny evening golf. Tee off times start at 5:00pm.

Anyone that is interested in doing the Women's Association Tournaments may register through Kevin Shea at the Pro Shop. The fee for the Tournaments is \$60.00 and may be included in your bill.

Women's Tournaments:
President's Cup
Member/Member
4 – Ball
Club Championship
Flight Championship

For more information on Women's League tee times and Tournament dates check the NLCC web page on the club's calendar.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone soon. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you might have.

Thank you,
Patty Cleary
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Greens

For the maintenance department and a few die hard golfers the season has begun. A great week in mid march allowed us to get the majority of the golf course cleaned up from a brutal winter. The golf course is in good shape considering the severity of the winter, the only "damage" I can see is some snow mold on fairways which will grow out with a stretch of warm weather.

I was able to open the greens earlier than ever before this season we opened on March 18. I attribute this to having no frost in the ground because of the excessive snow cover followed by mild temperatures and the improvement in the soil structure i.e. drainage over the last 4 seasons of aggressive aeration and topdressing.

In the weeks ahead we will be addressing bunker sand consistency and quality along with cart path repair. We will be doing this on a tight budget so I will need to address only the most severe problem areas. Bunkers need to have adequate sand depth and drainage, as they age they loose both. We will do our best to make these "hazards" as good as we can, keeping in mind they are hazards not manicured surfaces.

We have begun scouting for our friend the Annual Blue Grass weevil, each year this is one of our most troublesome pests. They are difficult to control, very damaging and have adapted too many of the insecticides commonly used to control them. I set traps for them in areas I know they will show up first, I found my first adult ABW Monday 3/21/11. The data I collect from these traps, combined with weather conditions will give me a precise timing window for application. Every course is different and each season is different there is no set day or marker I can use to target the application so monitoring conditions and insect movement is the only way to effectively control the first generation of these pests. I have seen them go through as many as 4 generations in one season at NLCC, controlling the first effectively will substantially reduce populations there by inhibiting further generations.

We are off to a good start and I am looking forward to a great 2011! Please remember to get updated on course conditions and read articles like this at danrogersgolf.com

Dan Rogers G.C.S.

Food & Beverage



Save the Dates:

April 9th—"The Masters"

May 7th— Dinner & A Show
(reserve your seat!)

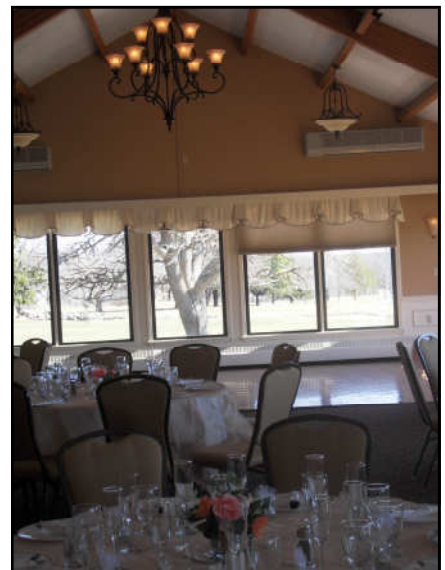
Thank you to all who sent suggestions – they were much appreciated. Please keep them coming!

The St. Patrick's Day party was a wonderful success with more than 70 members and guests attending. Well done, Tina. Let's not forget this weekend's Masters Event and the coming Comedy Night Dinner on May 7th. These are great opportunities to get together with friends and have some fun as well as a time to meet some of our new members.

The Pub will open on April 15th, weekends only. Full service will begin May 9th. One of our cost-cutting measures was to try to do without a cook this year. Tina and her bar staff will be doing the sandwiches, hamburgers and hot dogs. The menu is streamlined but promises to hit the spot after a round of play. Your patience and understanding will be most appreciated during busy times.

Best regards,
Bill Harris

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House



I thought the previous month was busy, but this month has been even busier. Thanks to the fantastic support and talents of the committee members and several donated items we completed the renovations of the foyer and continued to address some minor issues in the pub room. A special thanks to Joe Josephides for refinishing the banquet room center archway, adjoining woodwork, and ceiling tiles. The foyer pictures were taken last fall by Jack Quinn. Jack matted and framed each one. Our focus now will be on the work that needs to be done to the exterior of the clubhouse and the immediate surrounding area.

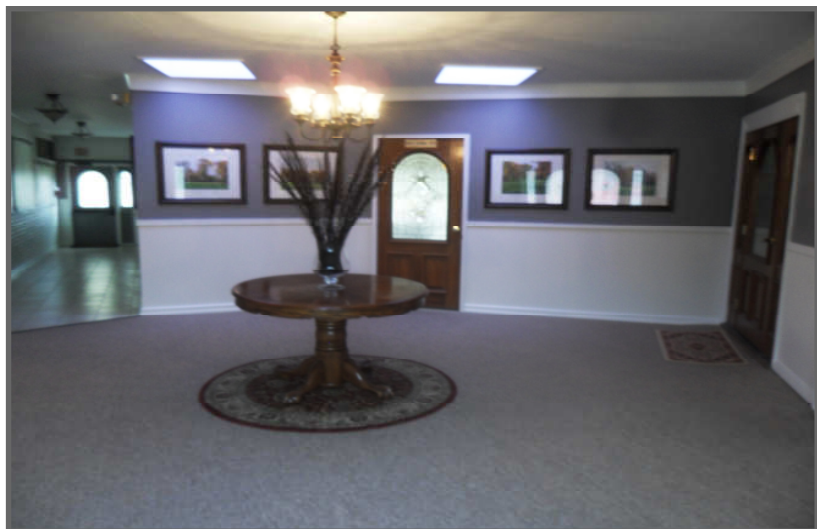
On March 26th several members volunteered to clean the locker rooms. In order to clean and prepare the locker rooms for the coming season it was necessary to empty many lockers. The Lockers are not meant to be used as a storage space though the winter. I would like to apologize in advance for any items that were discarded during the spring cleanup. There were several clubs, shoes and articles of clothing that have been put away in a safe place. Please contact Kevin if you think you might have left something in your locker over the winter. Remember, members are required to clean out their locker each fall. We have begun renovations of the Men's Locker Room by removing the row of lockers adjacent to the Bag Room. The renovations we continue through the season and complete next winter when we hope to replace the worn carpet with either a new carpet or tile similar to the foyer hallway.

On Saturday & Sunday April 30th and May 1st we will hold our annual Spring Cleanup. There are many repairs that need to be made and much painting that needs to be done around the clubhouse. Please contact me if you can support either the Spring Cleanup day. If you have time before the spring cleanup weekend there is much that can be done as the weather permits. There are many independent projects that need attention. Your efforts will be greatly appreciated.

As always, and comments, thoughts, or ideas are always welcome. You can contact me at 860-447-9439 or at

jntag@ct.metrocast.net.

John Taglianetti



Golf

Dear NLCC Members,

Another year is upon us, and we are off to a great start. The greens have been open for several weeks now and the golf course has never looked better so early in the year. The golf shop opened for the season on March 16. I am looking forward to seeing all of you so please stop by and say hello when you get a chance.

Shop Staffing

David Rhinehart is returning as our assistant and is looking forward to another year at our great club. David starts work on April 12.

Tee times begin Saturday, April 16. The bag room and locker rooms will open for the season on April 30.

Golf Shop Merchandise Plan for 2011

I understand these are still difficult times for some and that many of you will most likely spend less than in past years. I ask one thing for those of you who intend on purchasing any golf equipment, that you please consider my golf shop first. My plan for 2011 is to provide competitive prices on all products to all of our members. My standard pricing on golf equipment will be very competitive with Dick's, Golfers' Warehouse and similar retail shops. For example, the 2011 Taylor Made R11 driver is priced at \$399.95 at Dick's and Golfers' Warehouse. My price is \$395.00. There may be times when I cannot compete with a sale price and will advise you to buy it from a competitor; however, I ask that you give me a chance to earn your business. Remember, if you have any problems with anything purchased from my golf shop, I will be there to take care of you. The following are just some of the brand names I will be carrying in the shop this year: Ping, Titleist, Foot Joy, Cutter-n- Buck, Ahead and Sun Mountain. Please keep in mind that if you do not see what you are looking for that I have accounts with all the major brand names and can get you whatever you are looking for (Callaway, Cobra, Adams, etc.).

Spring Instruction / Short Game Tune Up!

The short game usually is the first thing to go and the last thing to come back after the winter lay-off. Most golfers just want to get out and hit golf balls and forget about the most important part of the game – The Short Game! I am offering a three lesson series for \$125 covering Putting, Chipping, Pitching and Bunker play. Please call or e-mail me to schedule your lesson series.

Special Offers:

- Members will receive 20% off on all clothing throughout the year.
- Demo Days (Tuesdays) scheduled for **Ping** on May 17 and **Titleist** on May 24.
- Fitting Days (appointments needed) scheduled for **Ping** on June 1 and **Titleist** on June 7.
- 20% off the re-gripping of eight or more clubs through the month of April.

I hope all of you are doing well and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Kevin Shea
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Golf

Greetings to my fellow members of the New London Country Club. We have had a change in the Golf Committee as Keith Barber has resigned from New London Country Club. The Committee would like to welcome John Gunderman who takes over the reigns for Keith Barber.

Events happening in the month of April:

Tee times will officially begin April 16th, 2011. The bag room and locker rooms will officially be open for the season on April 30, 2011. The first annual Masters Golf and Social will take place on April 9th beginning with a mini shotgun at 10:30 a.m. Social time begins at 2:30 until closing.

The 2011 twilight league will consist of two seven-week halves. The first half will be May 10-June 21. The second half will be June 28-August 9. All play is on Tuesdays with a 5:30 shotgun start. The finals, which consist of the winners of each half, will take place on August 16th. The year-end banquet is August 23 at 7:00 p.m. Sign-ups will be due by April 30th. The league entry fee is \$60 per person and includes the year-end banquet.

Speed Cart Storage:

There are limited spots available (50). The cost of the speed cart is \$100 per year. The deadline to submit your registration form to the office of golf shop is May 1st.

Men's Locker Room:

The Club is updating the men's locker room. Unless we hear from you by April 17th, every member will be assigned a new locker. If you want to stay put, please let us know. Members who have large lockers will be assigned the same locker. Anyone who would like to have a large locker for a one time fee of \$100, please contact the pro shop.

Please note: Members who currently occupy lockers 1-36 will be reassigned.

Tee Time Availability:

Please remember that events scheduled on any particular day do not necessarily consume the golf course for the entire day. Please call the golf shop for open tee time availability/ tee time assignments.

Thank you for your cooperation and we're looking forward to a great 2011 season.

Kevin Willoughby