The Hole Truth New London Country Club February 2011

President's Message, Lou Camerota

Fellow members:

Thank you for the many emails received regarding the upcoming survey. While it would be difficult to reply to each one, your suggestions are all read and given serious considered.

Thanks also for your continued encouragement and support as we begin the 2011 season. Your backing is the foundation on which we build our future and the strongest support is demonstrated by those who have renewed their membership for 2011.

Despite the white blanket that covers the course , there is a great deal going on within the club house walls.

As you may know, the food and beverage operation will remain in house and be under the supervision of Tina Wazny, our office manager. Tina is developing a menu that incorporates the most popular food items requested last season as well as a few items that she feels will be well received by our members. When completed, the menu will be available on the club's web site for you to see. I think you will find it appealing.

Diane Smith is leading a committee in reviewing policies covering such things as hiring, establishing job descriptions, ordering, and general proper business operation. These policies will be documented, approved by the board and adhered to. Doing so will ensure fiscal responsibility and ensure that proper business procedures are consistently followed.

Kevin Willoughby, our golf chair, is working closely with Kevin Shea to continue to deliver a high level of service to our golfing members. "Willow" has also set up a volunteer group to assist on Mondays with tournaments. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact either Kevin Willoughby or Kevin Shea.

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Rob Renehan continues to work closely with Dan Rogers to maintain the course in the excellent condition that we have come to expect. Dan has been fine tuning both his plans and equipment in anticipation of the day he can cut the first blade of grass that will herald the beginning of the new golf season.

John Taglianetti has taken over the "House" duties, has formed a committee and is familiarizing himself with his charge. John already has a laundry list of things to attend to and has already convened his committee's first meeting.

Kevin O'Reilly has taken the reins of membership and has already conducted two committee meetings. During the first, the list of former members was divided up and we have been contacting those former members about rejoining NLCC through our special offer. Additionally, a sub committee is being developed to organize several special events during the course of the year aimed at increasing member interaction, attracting new members, and generally fostering a pleasant and more social environment at the club.

Finance is working overtime on restructuring our debt, maintaining low dues ,eliminating the possibility of special assessments, and selling the land. It is the goal of finance to maintain New London Country Club as a private, fiscally sound entity where members can come, relax, enjoy a game of golf and the camaraderie of their fellow members.

Your renewed membership for 2011 will help us realize this goal. 2011 is going to be a social and fun year. We want you with us to enjoy it.

Think Spring!

Lou Camerota President



Golf Report, Kevin Willoughby

Dear Fellow Members,

As a newly appointed Golf Chairman, I would like to welcome everyone to the upcoming 2011 golf season. This year's Golf Committee will be compromised of Hap Murano, Keith Barber, Patty Smith, and myself. We are looking forward to serving the members in the best way possible too ensure that everyone has a fantastic 2011 golf season. As most of you are aware, the declining enrollment of our membership and the cuts that were made to the golf budget, it is up to us as members, to come together and help out as much as possible. The 2011 calendar is full of many upcoming outside golf tournaments in which we will be asking for assistance during the course of the year. We are hopeful that the revenue from these outside tournaments will continue in the future so that our dues will be maintained at the lowest possible rate. Some of the duties will include helping out on the range, monitoring the golf course, assisting in the bag room and making sure that everyone has a good time. Due to the cuts in the golf budget, we will be asking members to donate used golf balls for the driving range which graciously would be appreciated. I know that if we all come together through these hard times, we will be able to get through this season with moderate inconvenience.

If you have any suggestions for the Golf Committee, please do not hesitate to approach any of the members on the committee. The committee will be meeting early in February to discuss way's to generate revenue and to bring new ideas to the table.

I can't wait for this white stuff to disappear and see the green grass at NLCC once again!

Kevin Willoughby

Golf Chairman



Dear Members,

SPRING can't get here soon enough! For those of you here in New England for the winter months let the thoughts of spring golf warm your hearts. The Masters along with Spring will be here before we know it.

The board of directors has been working extremely hard to come up with a lean budget over the last couple of months. It becomes a difficult task to make cuts without taking away member services. Golf chairman Kevin Willoughby and I along with the Finance committee have looked over the golf budget and discussed where cuts could be made that saves the club money but doesn't give up a lot of the member services you're accustomed too.

I have talked with my assistant David Rhinehart and he is very excited to be returning to our wonderful club. He is well aware of the clubs situation and had stated many times to me over the winter that he will do whatever it takes to get the job done. David is a hard worker and his professional skills will be required to make sure you receive a lot of the member services you're accustomed too. Although cuts have been made I am confident that my staff and I together will provide you with the member services that you're accustomed too (bag room, driving range, etc.).

Unfortunately, some tough cuts had to be made and will be losing the services of my assistant Matt Nolan. Matt's easy way and wonderful personality will be missed. Matt is currently pursuing his true love, music. He is very excited about the number of singing engagements he has booked so far and thinks he will have a busy year performing. There is a chance we could see Matt a couple of times a week working in the bag room but will not know until the Spring. I know I speak on behalf of the entire membership in wishing him well!

Also, I would like to thank all of members for joining this great club again. 2010 was a great golfing year and there is no reason not to believe this year won't be better.

My wife, Mary Beth and I are looking forward to seeing all of you at the club party on February 11.

Kevin Shea

PGA Professional





House, John Taglianetti

I was elected to the Board of Directors this past December and volunteered to serve as the House Committee chairman. I volunteered because I am committed to NLCC and want to contribute to our club's continued success. I hope to build upon the success of our previous House Committee chairman, Phil Orenstein. A special thanks to Phil for his efforts.

I've had a chance to take stock of the condition of the Clubhouse and several areas have been identified that need attention. Along with some minor electrical repairs and a needed cleaning that we will get done while the snow prevents any outside work, the areas that have been targeted for minor carpentry repair, scraping or sanding, and painting this spring include the clubhouse entranceway, the fence erected last spring at the kitchen back entrance, the food & beverage storage building, and the adjacent refuse area fence. I plan to schedule a Spring Cleanup Weekend in April. Please consider contributing some of your time and talents to help make that a success. I will provide more information in next month's report. There are several other items that will need attention and I will highlight them in future reports. I'm currently working through an issue with the fire protection alarm system and I'll let you know more about that in next month's report.

Several members have expressed an interest in transforming the grill room environment into an atmosphere more conducive to all members and their families. We will work with the Food & Beverage Committee and make that a priority. Several members have volunteered to work on the House Committee to help improve and maintain the clubhouse and its perimeter area. But more help will be needed. Each of you have special talents, besides being superb golfers, and I ask that you begin to look at the clubhouse perhaps a little differently than you may have in the past. I'm asking you to think of the clubhouse not as 'the clubhouse' but rather as 'your clubhouse'. If you know of some items in and around the clubhouse that need attention please identify them to me. And if you would be willing to fix it, clean it, paint it, or in any way improve what you see, your help will be very welcomed. If you are willing to lend you talents to improving or maintaining the clubhouse in anyway please let me know ... no one will be turned away. After all, it really is <u>our</u> clubhouse.

Certainly there are many factors that go into the decision for a new member to join NLCC, but we shouldn't under estimate the condition of the clubhouse on that important decision. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me either by phone at 860.447.9439 or by e-mail at <u>intag@ct.metrocast.net</u>.

John Taglianetti, House Chairman

New London Country Club Current Member Count	
Regular	191
Spouse	33
Associate 35-39	3
Associate 30-34	5
Associate Under 30	0
Pautipaug	15
Pautipaug Spouse	4
Military	1
Junior	8
Limited	24
Social	1
Child	11
Trial 2011	2
Former Members	0

FOOD & BEVERAGE



Save the Dates:

- <u>February 11th</u> Valentine/ Cocktail Party. Come enjoy hors devours & cocktails while showing your love and support for NLCC!
- <u>March 19th</u> St. Patrick' s Day Celebration. Enjoy corned beef &cabbage, green beer & cocktails, and the company of your fellow NLCC members. Don't forget to wear green!!
- <u>May 8th</u>- Mothers Day Breakfast. Bring mom out for a wonderful breakfast at NLCC. Serving pancakes, fresh fruit, bacon/ sausage, and mimosas! Reserve your table.

Draft 2011 Grill Room Menu

Wraps & Sandwiches

Turkey– lettuce, tomato, cheese

Ham– lettuce, tomato, cheese

Chicken Salad

Tuna Salad

<u>Sides</u>

Potato Salad

Coleslaw

Pasta Salad

Fruit Salad

Chips

*Hotdogs will be available!

<u>Grill Room Hours</u>

Monday– Closed for Tournaments

Tuesday-11a.m- 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday- 11:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.

Thursday- 11:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Friday- 11:00 a.m.- 9:00 p.m.

Saturday- 11:00 a.m.- 9:00 p.m.

Sunday 11:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.

Beverage Cart Hours

9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

*Grill room will be closed if the course is closed and during heavy rain.

<u>Snacks</u>

Shrimp Cocktail

Chips

Candy-bars

Coookies

Granola Bars

Popcorn

Chips & Salsa

Spinach Artichoke Dip

Nuts

Soups & Chili will be available on a limited basis.