

# The Hole Truth

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## President's Message

As May commences, the golf course and clubhouse have never looked better. Dan has completed the extensive aeration work. The greens are healing nicely, and already beginning to run fast and true. The fairways are lush. Dan has made several subtle changes to the course. Most noteworthy is the work he has done between the 6th and 7th fairways, the 7th green, and a little challenge he came up with for the long hitters on #2. Given its condition, New London Country Club's golf course is one of the finest in the region!

John Taglianetti and the House Committee volunteers were at the club early this past week-end tending to the worn and tired areas around the clubhouse which, once again, shine as a result of a good scraping, cleaning, and a bright new coat of paint. Additionally, flowers adorn various spots on the course and around the clubhouse courtesy of Patty Cleary and some of our "green thumb" golfers. As chair of "House" John also focused on an ongoing problem that we've been experiencing with our well worn server. Bottom line: Without a server, our operation ceases. Therefore, with the board's approval, we have contracted with Flagship Networks for a new server and collateral services to insure it serves the club well for many years to come. Thanks also goes to Bill Mayo who lent his expertise to the process.

May is a very social month with occasions like Mother's day, graduations, and First Communion, to name just a few. So too is the social schedule at NLCC. This Saturday, May 7th, we will feature "Dinner and a Show" in the banquet room. There are showers, and a few sweet sixteen parties booked, as well. Please be aware that we are open for business to accommodate parties and gatherings. Should you be thinking about one of these or, if you know of someone who is, please contact Tina Wazny in the office. She will be glad to accommodate any request. In addition to one of the area's best golf courses, NLCC is a beautiful venue for any one of a number of social events.

New London Country Club is poised to offer you, our members, a season of great golf and amenities. Moreover, there is a new spirit of enthusiasm that a number of our members and employees have noticed and commented on. To those of you who have had a hand in this, I thank you. To those who have not yet played a round, you have something to look forward to. Among our many undertakings, we have worked hard at making NLCC a place where our members feel comfortable and welcomed. **We just need more of you!** Consequently, we have undertaken an aggressive membership drive that will involve social media, face book, and collaboration with the local Chamber of Commerce.

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However, **YOU**, our members, remain the best advocate and greatest asset of the club. If you know of someone who might enjoy membership in NLCC, please let us know so that we can contact them.

As the season commences, remember that golf is a game of manners and etiquette. As such, please extend every courtesy to your fellow members both on and off the course and be attentive to the dress code.

Lastly, to our Ladies: Happy Mother's Day!

Lou Camerota  
President



# Food & Beverage

## Save the Dates:

May 7th– Dinner & A Show

June 4th– Welcome back dinner/ cocktail party

June 25th– Women's Night out!

July 8th– Men's Night Out!

August 6th– Clambake

This weekend the Grill Room will be open for regular hours instead of weekends only. One of our goals was to select the wines we want to offer for the season and we went through a detailed selection process. The choices need to be good to the taste buds and the budget. In addition we wanted to keep the choices to varieties that we thought would be most popular. Therefore, we chose a Pinot Gregio from Angelini Wines, a Chardonnay from Greystone, a Cabernet Sauvignon from Greystone, a Merlot from Greystone and a Pinot Noir from Angelini.

I think there is something here for almost everyone who enjoys wine and I think we were able to keep the prices within our budget but please give us your feedback.

Don't forget about Saturday's Dinner Show. Cocktails begin at 5:00PM.

Bill Harris



# House



Our computer system network and hardware have continued to age and become unreliable. The problems have been somewhat transparent to our members due to Tina's fine efforts. The basic functions that we take for granted, such as nightly backups of all data on the server, have become more and more unreliable and place us at great risk of a catastrophic event. Over the past year we incurred significant repair bills and continue to operate with persistent performance and risk issues. We interviewed and solicited proposals from three IT firms that specialize in establishing a stable computer network system, providing network health monitoring, and taking remedial actions to ensure that we can provide secure and uninterrupted service to our members. We narrowed our search to two of the three IT firms and solicited bids from those two IT firms to replace our server and peripheral support hardware. We evaluated those bids in conjunction with making a decision to enter into an agreement for continuous IT support. At the April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting the Board of Directors voted to enter into an agreement with Flagship Networks, Inc to replace our aging network server and to provide continuing network services to ensure a consistent operating environment with the assurances that we will not encounter any significant failures that might interrupt services to our members. On April 27<sup>th</sup> we finalized the agreement and over the next month Flagship will replace the server and provide a baseline report of the entire network.

This past weekend we had a very successful Spring Cleanup weekend. Approximately 15 members gave up their Saturday and/or Sunday to help with painting, repairs, and flower planting. With the help of these very enthusiastic volunteers we painted the front of the pro shop, the entranceway, the kitchen back entrance and fence, the storage shed, and end of the clubhouse that borders the 5<sup>th</sup> fairway. In addition, several plantings and flower pots were prepared and placed out. Please be sure to take a look at all the work that was accomplished. The spirit with which these volunteers worked added to the meaning of membership. A great big **THANK YOU** to all that helped!

As always, any comments, thoughts, or ideas are always welcome. You can contact me at 860-447-9439 or via [jntag@ct.metrocast.net](mailto:jntag@ct.metrocast.net).