



Newsletter

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President's Message

Welcome Back Jon Hardy! Jon is slowly dragging good weather back to Pennsylvania. It's been tough. Watch for Jon's emails on course conditions, cart availability and other golf events. I see that several members have already been working around the weather and getting their games in good shape this year.

We scheduled our Annual Spring Cleanup day for Saturday April 7 from 8 to noon. Guy will have a light lunch available for those who help. If weather doesn't cooperate the alternate date is April 14. Hope to see you there. Our help is a big assist to the Greens Department. Obviously, there is much work to recover from the winter to get the course and grounds in great condition for golf. Also, we want to show off the facility to our community and potential new members. A side note, I've heard that an unusually large number of pine cones have fallen to the ground. Rumor is that it's related to golfers. Seriously, see Mike Madara for a list of things that will help his team the most.

I hope you were able to come out and enjoy the Easter Buffet and also, rekindle some of your friendships for the upcoming season.

The Board has continued to work on ways to increase revenue. I've mentioned before that this year presents some of our most challenging financial problems to date. In the past we were able to work through many things to reduce costs and increase revenue. Things like negotiating lower taxes, cutting recurring equipment costs, installing more efficient lighting and air conditioning and offering special once in lifetime membership offers have helped a lot. This year we will add some raffles like golf clubs during tournaments. Our Tournament Committee under chairman Mike Lally is looking into some additional tournaments. Our clubhouse is attempting to get more bookings and has some success already.

You may have seen our advertisements in the newspaper. The Board has agreed to offer a special promotional one-time membership again to hopefully attract new members and generate revenue. Also, the Board agreed to offer a Spring Special for non-members available until April 30. Optimistically, we hope to entice some new members to join in November. Please make anyone who takes one of these offers feel welcome. They are helping us. If you know of someone who might be interested

please let them know of these opportunities. I might as well make a plug, keep contacting anyone you know to join as regular members, too.

Another new cost savings initiative is salary caps for the Greens staff. The budget necessarily required reductions in wage expense, and we need to control them too. I want to let everyone know that this will reduce manpower for course maintenance and may have the potential to adversely affect conditions. The Board will work continuously with the Greens staff to do the best we can under the financial limits.

To help the smaller Greens staff we need volunteers. Many of us have routinely helped in the past, and that's been much appreciated. This year we want to make it a little more structured. We need to reserve the young bucks (Greens staff, mostly) for more physical work. We would like to form a team Mike can rely on to regularly cut grass. If we get a lot of volunteers our target is to get this down to about one time per volunteer in a month. Mike will align volunteers to easier areas and less complicated equipment. He'll teach us how to run the mowers (it's not too tough). Also, help for may odd jobs, such as filling divot jugs and water cans will help. Mike is developing a list of potential jobs. The Adopt-A-Tee program is another option. That said if you would like to volunteer please let Mike Madara, Breann or myself know.

If you want to help plan club events, please contact Rick Talanca, chairman of the House Committee. Let Breann know and she'll pass your name to Rick. We need more fun events for the membership too!

Special thanks goes to Tom Gray. Tom donated the refrigerator for the Pro Shop. This will help Jon with drinks. He won't have to deal with ice on a daily basis. Thanks Tom!

Springtime golf is coming. I hope to see you on the golf course soon!

Sam Kuhn
President

Course Cleanup Day April 7
(see page 3 for details)

Pro Shop News

Finally, it's starting to feel more like spring! With the rise in temperature hopefully your golf handicap can go the other direction this season! New merchandise is starting to filter into the shop, as always if we don't have a particular item we will be more than willing to special order it for you. The **Buyer's Club Program** is gaining a lot of steam from our members, for *only* a one time fee of \$20, it will get you 10% off all merchandise through the year!

Our first member tournament of the year will be the ever popular Points Tournament on Saturday and Sunday, April 28th and 29th. It's a two-person team scramble format where you play every team in your flight once during the two days. Your team receives 1 point for a win of a hole, ½ point for a tie and zero points for a loss of a hole, total team points at the end of the tournaments will determine flight winners. Sign up in the pro shop individually, and a couple days before the tournament you'll be paired with a partner based on handicap. All flights will be within a handicap range to make it fair and competitive among the flights. Be on the lookout for the Men's Member-Guest (June 16-17th) and Berwick Invitational (July 6-8th), applications to be out early this month. The full tournament schedule is almost complete and when it is it you will be able to find it on our website www.berwickgolfclub.com and in the pro shop.

On Saturday and Sunday mornings when no tournaments are taking place, the Breakfast Group aka "Rudy Group" gathers in the pro shop and all members are welcome to join in and play. This is a great opportunity for any golfing member to play with different members and get a game very easily by just showing up! Spring months they congregate around 9:30 and tee off at 10:00 a.m., transitioning into the summer months it's a little earlier with an 8:30 gather and tee off at 9:00 a.m. Contact the pro shop if you interested in participating with this great group of guys. The Tuesday and Thursday Night Leagues are always looking for subs each week, if you would like to be put on the sub list please let the pro shop know.

A Friendly Reminder: *Before each round please come into the pro shop and **sign in!** This **includes walkers**, so we can get an accurate count of rounds being played and in case of an emergency we can locate you promptly on the course.*

Golf Quote of the Month: "The best exercise for golfers is golfing" – Bobby Jones


See you at the Club!

Jon

News Flash: Titleist is again running their Loyalty Rewards Program until April 20th. With the purchase of 3 dozen proV1 or proV1x golf balls you will receive 1 dozen FREE! Free custom personalization of your choice. Contact the pro shop for further details.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Easter Buffet 	2	3	4	5 Rotary Lunch	6	7 Course Cleanup Day
8 7th Day Adventist Church	9	10 Lions Club Dinner	11	12 Rotary Dinner	13 Freestone Fly Fishers	14
15	16 BOD Meeting	17 BPW; Sorority Sisters	18	19 Rotary Lunch; Unico Dinner	20	21 Banyas Wedding
22	23	24 Lions Club Dinner	25 1st Keystone Bank Dinner	26	27	28 Points Tournament
29 Points Tournament	30					

Course Cleanup Day April 7

Please help our club and our grounds crew by volunteering on Saturday April 7. Work begins at 8 AM, and will end around noon. A light lunch will be provided. Any time you can give will be greatly appreciated.

If you can please bring rakes, shovels, trimmers, leaf blowers, etc., routine gardening equipment. Thanks for your support. We are looking forward to spending the day with you! Any questions can be directed to Breann in the office at 752-6691 or email bwkgolf@gmail.com OR Jon in the Pro Shop at 752-2506 or the "NEW pro shop email, proshop@berwickgolfclub.com

(Rain date April 14)

FROM THE GREENS

The course is fully open and has fared well through the winter. We will be limbing up trees and cleaning up the course over the next few weeks. A Member Work Day is scheduled on April 7th from 8-12 (rain date-April 14th). On Monday, April 9th we will be aerifying and topdressing our greens. If all goes as planned the course should reopen by that afternoon. We will also be aerifying our tees shortly thereafter. As soon as dirt is delivered this week, bunker renovations will be finished. We did an irrigation start-up and will be making repairs in the next couple of weeks. Please be aware of cart signs and caution flags. Thank you in advance for the members who are able to come out on April 7th to help work on the course. Please bring your own rakes and leaf blowers, if possible.

Mike Madara G.C.S.

New Golfing Member Salute:

Joe Kelchner
Scott Myrthel
Jim Hyde
Robert Tarnowski