



Newsletter

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President's Message

Well, talk about challenges. April's weather averaged about 10 degrees colder than last year and now, the month of May has dealt us two severe blows with an extraordinary wind storm and a second rainstorm that flooded creek areas throughout the course. About 30 trees were downed or had major branches broken off. A large tree limb fell on the pavilion by #6 tee and punched a hole in the roof and knocked the pavilion from its foundation. Water overflowed the large pipe in the creek crossing by #10 green that eroded a portion of the cart path and wiped out the #10 bunker. The creek reached the #10 green but didn't cause damage. Drainage from the parking lot significantly eroded the landscaping beside the #14 tee. Ducks and geese spent more time in the #11, 16 and 17 fairways than in the pond or creek. Your tolerance through this difficult period is really appreciated as **Mike Madara and his team** continue to recover from the damage and catch up with maintenance.

I can't say enough about the **volunteers** who rose to the occasion and helped speed recovery. There must have been over thirty members who brought out their saws and other tools. They did the backbreaking work of cutting and hauling away logs, branches and debris over major parts of the course. Thanks to **Jon Hardy and Matt Champ**, too, who worked the course hauling and dumping debris on the burn pile. Thanks goes to **Kelly Young** who loaned a chipper to us as well.

Speaking of volunteers, I want to thank the people in the volunteer team who have been helping with mowing portions of the course. The growth of grass has been simply explosive with May's wet weather. I recently learned that some of the mowing equipment just lays the grass over if it gets too high. I think I have it right, the areas of concern are mainly fairways and greens. A plea... for those of you who can help, please contact Mike Madara and volunteer your assistance with course maintenance during this difficult time. We only have a couple weeks until the Member Guest Tournament. We want the course to be in the best shape possible for everyone's enjoyment. If you can it's best to schedule time you can help so Mike can plan.

OK, some more thanks... Thanks to **Scott Scheirer** who donated new laser friendly flagsticks for the course. A second thanks to **Bill DiDomenico** who donated several new water coolers and devised a clever plan to minimize the time it takes to keep coolers

filled around the course. Using the spare coolers, he fills several before going out. He can exchange the full coolers in a big loop around the course instead going back and forth retrieving and refilling empty ones. Bill also helps divot fill boxes and maintain trash containers during his loops.

Our May tournaments were a success. We again received many compliments on the course and golf experience we provide. The Ron Garrison Tournament may have been the highlight, but certainly not the only one. The course, food and food service were excellent. **Thanks go to Jon Hardy, Guy Miller, Mike Madara and their teams for presenting the club in the best light possible.**

Check the calendar at the end of the newsletter for June's events and tournaments. Of particular note is the Member - Guest Tournament June 15, 16 and 17. If you haven't signed up, I encourage you to do so. It's a chance to enjoy the club with a relative or friend. Friday evening there's a cocktail reception with heavy hors d'oeuvres and sliders and entertainment on the deck from 7 to 10. There's also an optional Glow Ball Closest to the Pin contest on #18. Saturday brings golf and more food, a Floating Green Contest (optional), and music 7 to 10. The weekend finishes on Sunday with a 2-man scramble and a noon time Grillin' on the Deck food venue.

Many of you have asked me about club finances this year. The Board has struggled with this issue since the fiscal year began on November 1, 2017. We continue to pay our bills but all too often late with resultant service charges. On a positive note the Iron Membership offer was a success this year. It really has helped financially. So far, we gained 11 members for the golf season. I've mentioned this before, be sure to welcome our new members. If it's someone you don't recognize, introduce yourself and welcome them to the club. If they aren't a new member, thank them for patronizing the club. Every patron helps us.

We will have an important **shareholder meeting on Tuesday June 19th** at 7:00. The Board will inform you about our financial status and answer any questions you have. I hope to see you there.

Sam Kuhn
President

FROM THE GREENS

As many of you know we had tornado force winds causing damage to the course and approximately 20 trees to come down. This also produced heavy rains causing me to close the course. The following week another storm blew in dropping 3 inches of rain within a few hours causing flash flooding and leaving 6 holes under water. This additional storm forced me to close the course again. As of now the course is open to all 18 holes but 16 and 17 have heavy cart restrictions. Please take note of those restrictions and follow cart signs. Those holes are completely saturated therefore it is possible that if we receive more rain in the coming weeks we will need to close the back 9. Thank you to the volunteers that came out after each storm to assist with clean up. In the weeks ahead we will continue to clean up damage produced by the storms and get ready for the Member Guest. *Mike Madara G.C.S.*

Shareholder Meeting

June 19, 7pm

Junior Golf Camp this month!

See page 3 for details.

Pro Shop News

Even after all the severe storms and excessive rainfall we have had, the course is in excellent shape as always! Kudos to Mike Madara and his staff for crafting one of, if not the best condition course in northeast PA! Hope you are getting the time now that the weather is *finally* starting to turn to get out there and swing the clubs. The Pro Shop is still bringing in new merchandise to fit your golfing needs, if we don't have what you'd like in the shop, don't hesitate to ask to special order it for you. No need to travel all the way to Dick's Sporting Goods, our prices are competitive and more often than not beat their prices!

Gary Sohosky will be hosting a **Junior Camp** open to all kids age 5-15 on **Monday and Tuesday June 18th and 19th from 4:30-6:30** p.m. Please call the pro shop to sign up your kids/grandkids. The camp will cover short game, long game and course management. Beverages will be provided.

A big thank you goes out to **Tom Cicini** and **Bart Rado** for putting on a great event for the **Ron Garrison Memorial Tournament** on Saturday, May 12th. We had **54 teams** participate in the tournament! The rain didn't deter it from being a huge success to honor and remember Ron. Congratulations to the overall winners of Jim Breck and Ron Procrinchak!

Another big thank you goes to **Vito Covino Jr.** for hosting the **5th Annual Big Brothers Big Sisters tournament at the B.G.C.** on Monday, May 14th. We had 14 teams play and the overall winners were the team of Bill Allison, Lou DiPippa, Carl Hinkle and Rich Slavick!

Congratulations to **Ilan Dorani** and **George Masich** for their **hole-in-ones** in the month of May!

There's still time left to sign up for the Member-Guest! It's a great Father's Day weekend filled with good food, great golf and many laughs! It kicks off Friday Night, June 15th with the ever popular glow ball contest which will begin around 9:15 p.m. Tournament applications are in the pro shop.

Quote of the Month:

"Golf is quite the unusual game. When you have a good day, you can't wait to get back out there, and, when you have a bad day; you can't wait to get back out there."

-Unknown-

Be on the lookout for the **July 4th Veteran's Appreciation Tournament** application which will be a **9:00 a.m. shotgun** start, it fills up quickly so be sure to sign up early!

June Tournament Schedule:

June 7th Lookout House Tournament 12:00 Shotgun
(Course open 8:00-11:30 and after 4:00)

June 10th Jerry Mullery Tournament 8:30 a.m. shotgun (course open 1:30 p.m.)

June 15, 16, 17 Men's Member-Guest (course will be open approximately after 2:00 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday)

June 30 Knapp Lodge Tournament 1:00 P.M. Shotgun
(course open 8:00-12:00 and after 5:00)

See you at the Club!

Jon

News Flash: The discounted rate deadline for the Berwick Invitational Tournament on July 6, 7, and 8th is July 1st!!! Applications are in the pro shop, as of June 1st we have 48 teams of 100!

Special News Flash- Cut out and bring in this mini-news flash to the Pro Shop and receive 20% off any shirt in the shop. Also, receive \$20.00 off of any bag and \$3.00 off of any hat. This offer is for in stock items only and is good through June 2018.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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						Surprise Birthday Party
3	4	5 First Keystone Community Bank Dinner	6	7 Rotary Lunch; Lookout House Tournament **	8	9
						Smith Wedding
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Gerald J. Mullery Tournament		Lions Club Dinner		Rotary Dinner	Member/Guest Party Night & Glow Ball with Live Music 	Member/Guest Tournament
17	18 Junior Golf Camp	19 Junior Golf Camp	20	21	22	23
Member/Guest Tournament	BOD Meeting	Shareholder Meeting 7pm		Rotary Lunch; Unico Dinner		Class Reunion
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	AGA Junior Tournament	Lions Club Dinner		Rotary Dinner		Knapp Lodge Tournament

**the kitchen is closed for lunch and will open at 5:00 pm



At the BGC Women's Golf Association's opening Dinner, new president, Cynthia Smith (center) welcomes new members Denny Moyer (left, front) and Jean Chapin (right, front). In the back row, are June Trudnak (Secretary/Treasurer), Suzanne Schlotterbeck (Past President), and Marilyn Felock (Vice President).

Junior Golf Camp!

Gary Sohosky will be hosting a Junior Camp at the B.G.C. on Monday and Tuesday June 18th and 19th from 4:30-6:30 p.m. each day! The cost of the camp is \$60 and is open to ages 6-15. The camp will cover the short game, long game and course management. Beverages will be provided. Email back or call the pro shop to sign up. There will also be a second camp in August for a date TBA soon. Thank You!