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President's Message

Fellow Members,

Several years ago the Board of Directors established a Tiered Membership to attract new members at the BGC. Since the Tiered Membership was instituted many current members have dropped from the standard Gold Membership to Copper or Silver. Current members that dropped to these lower tier memberships and the declining number of members have significantly affected the financial status of the BGC.

At the last Board of Directors meeting it was voted to combine the Gold, Silver, Copper and Associate Memberships into one level at a reasonable price to encourage members to utilize the club more often. The new Gold membership is unlimited golf not including cart rentals. The monthly food chit was also changed to \$50.00/month for the remainder of this year. The upgraded Chit will include both **FOOD & BEVERAGE** purchases. Members desiring to upgrade to from Copper to Gold should call or stop by the Office and notify Breann (570-752-6691). Dues adjustments for current Gold, Silver and Associate will be adjusted starting April 1, 2019. Below are price changes for the remainder of this year.

Platinum Single/Family – Dues unchanged, Chit to \$50/month

Gold Family – Dues \$185/Month for the remainder of the year, Chit to \$50/month

Gold Single (Silver/Copper/Associate) – Dues \$130/Month for remainder of the year, Chit to \$50/month

Social Membership – unchanged, Chit \$15/month (food only)

The above membership changes are effective April 1, 2019 and back fees are being waived for upgrading to the new Gold Membership.

The sole purpose behind changing memberships at this time is to increase club usage by our members and increasing club revenue so we can continue to operate. There is no doubt the core group of members we have left love the Berwick Golf Club and want the club to continue to succeed. We need, now more than ever, for you to use the club. Bring your family out, bring your friends; give us constructive feedback on how we can make the BGC experience better for you. We appreciate your continued support and are trying our very best to work through these difficult times.

It is time to be pro-active on this matter. Please realize the quality of the course depends on additional revenue. Please make a positive response.

Best Regards,

Tom Gray

President Berwick Golf Club

From the Office

Another year March hasn't cooperated well with Golf Season and we're hoping April turns things around. It hasn't been quite warm enough yet, but Spring is trying it's hardest to get here. I'm sure you all are ready to get back on the course to swing your clubs and hit some balls.

Fish "Fry"day's have been very successful and we thank you for your support. There are only a few Friday's left in Lent, so if you haven't been out yet to try our fish themed menu, we definitely recommend doing so. With Lent coming to an end, Easter is right around the corner. Check your emails for the Easter Buffet menu for April 21st. Reservations can be made by calling the office at (570)752-6691. Also, beginning Palm Sunday, we will be starting a Sunday Brunch, which will then be held every second Sunday of the month going forward.

Friends of Joe Youshock, who recently passed away, are exploring several projects which will improve our golf course. Any member willing to contribute to the Joe Youshock Memorial Fund can forward all money to our front office. If you have any questions about this fund or about the improvement projects, contact Joe DeMelfi at (570)594-1119 or (570)759-8074.

See page 5 for our new Social Golfing Membership.

Breann

Office Manager

From the Greens

April 1st all 18 greens will be open for play. We will be having a member workday on April 6th from 8 to 12, with a rain makeup day the following Saturday, April 13th. If you are able please bring a blower, rake or trailer to help with cleanup. Please obey cart signs due to the flood damage repair efforts. This spring there will be more cart restrictions than normal. Projects on 17 fwy, 14 green and 11 green will be buttoned up this spring. All other efforts will be directed to repairing irrigation and flood damage. Aerification is scheduled for Monday April 8th and if all goes well the course will be open by the afternoon. Tarps will be out on some tees and around 14 apron and approach to speed up recovery from flood damage. The driving range is open for practice. The grass front or the mats in the back will be used for the hitting areas. The majority of the tee will remain covered until soil temps reach 55 degrees. Thank you for your patience during our recovery. We will be working hard on the course to get it back to the high standards we all expect.

Mike Madara, Greens Superintendent

GAP/AGA News and Upcoming AGA Events

AGA/GAP Tournaments

- April 17, 2019 – **AGA/GAP Modified Stableford Tournament** - Huntsville Golf Club – Registration now OPEN
- April 26, 2019 – **AGA/GAP Ben Marshall Spring Four-Ball** - Irem Country Club – Registration now OPEN
- May 18-19, 2019 – **AGA/GAP John Moore Memorial Tournament** – Stonehedge Golf Course and Valley Country Club – Registration begins March 15, 2019.
- June 18, 2019 - **AGA/GAP Spring Stroke Play** - Glenmaura National Golf Club - Registration begins May 6, 2019

To sign-up for any AGA/GAP events use MY GAP LOCKER on the GAP website at <http://www.gapgolf.org>.

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[2019 Rule Changes – Major Change Time limit for searching for a ball is now 3 MINUTES](#)

Rule 7 - Ball Search: Finding and Identifying Ball

Purpose of Rule: **Rule 7 allows you to take reasonable actions to** fairly search for your ball in play after each stroke.

- But you must be careful, as a penalty will apply if you act excessively and cause improvement to the conditions affecting your next stroke.
- You get no penalty if your ball is accidentally moved in trying to find or identify it, but you must then replace the ball on its original spot.

7.1 How to Fairly Search for Ball

a. You May Take Reasonable Actions to Find and Identify Ball

You may fairly search for the ball by taking reasonable actions to find and identify it, such as:

- Moving sand and water, and
- Moving or bending grass, bushes, tree branches and other growing or attached natural objects, and also breaking such objects, but only if such breaking is a result of other reasonable actions taken to find or identify the ball.

If taking such reasonable actions as part of a fair search [improves](#) the [conditions affecting the stroke](#) there is no penalty. But if the [improvement](#) results from actions that exceeded what was reasonable for a fair search, you get the [general penalty](#).

b. What to Do If Sand Affecting Lie of Your Ball Is Moved While Trying to Find or Identify It

You must re-create the original [lie](#) in the sand, but may leave a small part of the ball visible if the ball had been covered by sand.

If you play the ball without having re-created the original [lie](#), you get the [general penalty](#).

7.2 How to Identify Your Ball

You may identify your ball by seeing it come to rest or seeing your identifying mark on the ball.

For more information on how your ball may be identified.

7.3 Lifting Your Ball to Identify It

If a ball might be yours but you cannot identify it as it lies, you may lift the ball to identify it. But the spot of the ball must first be [marked](#), and the ball must not be cleaned more than needed to identify it (except on the [putting green](#)).

If the lifted ball is your ball or another player's ball, it must be [replaced](#) on its original spot.

If you lift your ball when not reasonably necessary to identify it, fail to [mark](#) the spot of the ball before lifting it or clean it when not allowed, you get one penalty stroke.

Penalty for Playing Incorrectly [Substituted](#) Ball or Playing Ball from a [Wrong Place](#) in Breach of Rule 7.3: [General Penalty](#).

7.4 Ball Accidentally Moved in Trying to Find or Identify It

There is no penalty if your ball is accidentally [moved](#) by you, your [opponent](#) or anyone else while trying to find or identify it. If this happens, the ball must be [replaced](#) on its original spot (which if not known must be estimated). In doing so:

- If the ball was on, under or against any [immovable obstruction](#), [integral object](#), [boundary object](#) or growing or attached natural object, the ball must be [replaced](#) on its original spot on, under or against such object.
- If the ball was covered by sand, the original [lie](#) must be re-created and the ball must be [replaced](#) in that [lie](#). You may leave a small part of the ball visible if the ball had been covered by sand.

Penalty for Breach of Rule 7.4: [General Penalty](#).

Scott Scheirer

Golf Chairman

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		<h1>April 2019</h1>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
	1	2	3	4 Rotary Lunch	5 <i>Fish 'Fry'day</i>	6 Johnson Bridal Shower		
7	8	9 Lions Club Dinner; Kiwanis Dinner	10	11 Rotary Dinner	12 Fly Fishing Club <i>Fish 'Fry'day</i>	13 <i>Galli</i> Baby Shower		
14 <i>BGC Breakfast Buffet</i>	15 <i>B.O.D. Mtg</i>	16 B.P.W Mtg	17	18 Rotary Lunch; Unico Dinner	19 <i>Fish 'Fry'day</i>	20		
21 <i>Easter Buffet</i>	22	23 Lions Club Dinner ; Kiwanis Dinner	24	25 Rotary Dinner	26	27 Mayor's Ball		
28 Jordan Bridal Shower	29	30						

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			1	2 Rotary Lunch	3 Richie Molinaro & Mr. Lou Dinner Dance	4 V.F.W Golf Tournament
5	6 Delphians	7 Women's Golf League Opening Dinner	8 Press Enterprise Job Fair	9 First Key- stone Communi- ty Bank Break- fast; Rotary Dinner	10 Serv Pro Golf Tournament	11
12 Mother's Day Buffet	13	14 Lions Club Dinner; Kiwanis Dinner	15	16 Rotary Lunch; Unico Dinner	17 Millville Prom	18 Paisan / 2 Day Invitational; Confair Gradua- tion Dinner
19 Paisan / 2 Day Invitational	20 B.O.D. Mtg	21 B.P.W.	22	23 Rotary Dinner	24 V.I.P Golf Tournament	25 Swisher/Ruckle Wedding
26	27 BGC Me- morial Day Tournement	28 Lions Club Dinner; Kiwanis Club Dinner	29	30	31 Jesters Golf Outing	

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 27th and 28th**. 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, 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 amongst the flights. Be on the lookout for the **Men's Member-Guest (June 15-16th)** and **Berwick Invitational (July 12-14th)** applications to be out early this month. The full tournament schedule you can view on our website www.berwickgolfclub.com.

News Flash: Titleist is again running their Loyalty Rewards Program until April 15th. 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.

Course cleanup will be held on **Saturday, April 6th starting at 8:00 a.m.** Mike and Keith are looking for backpack blowers, rakes and if you have any sort of trailer to haul limbs and branches to the burn piles. A light lunch will follow in the bar.

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

*****Newsflash***** We've have added a new membership to our list for Social Golfers. At just \$120 a year you can now play up to 10 times at a discounted rate. Social members, if you don't have the time to play every day, then here is your chance to upgrade your membership to play a little more without becoming a golfing member. Golfing members, do you know somebody who would love to be a member at the BGC but can't, because they also, just don't have the time to get out there everyday? This is the perfect membership



Berwick
GOLF CLUB

JOIN BY MAY 1

RECEIVE
1 FREE YEAR
OF BAG
STORAGE
(A \$40 VALUE)

**Social
GOLF
MEMBERSHIP**

Membership Details:

- \$120/Fiscal year (ending 10/31/19)
- \$15/month Food Chit
- Maximum of 10 Rounds/year
\$35 per round (Greens & Carts Included)

Membership Benefits Include:

- Full Clubhouse Privileges
- Exclusive Member only events
- Select Club Tournaments
- Free Locker
- Free Rental of Banquet Hall

MORE INFO & REGISTRATION
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