



**August 2018**

## **GOLF SHOP NEWS**

*By: Steve Hlavacek*

Well...July was sure a bummer for weather but let's hope the recent trend continues. Our course continues to be in great condition despite the challenges this type of weather brings. A big thank you to Mark Livingston, our Superintendent, and his crew for keeping the course in great playing condition.

August is Tournament Time here at Stoughton Country Club. Make sure you sign up in the golf shop for these events.

Our Junior Club Championship tees off on Friday July 3rd. 16 to 18 year old division at 8:00 play 18 holes, 13 to 15 year old division at 8:30 plays 18 holes, 7,8 and 10 year old division is nine holes and plays at 9:00. All kids 7 and under are to report at 10:30. There will be an awards presentation and lunch following golf.

Our Club Championship this year will feature the Men's and Women's Championship on the same weekend. On Sunday, a buffet on the patio will follow golf.

The Women's Club Championship will be held on Saturday August 25th and Sunday August 26th. The Championship format has been changed to the weekend to encourage more participation.

The Men's Club Championship will feature the Championship Flight playing 18 holes on Friday the 24th, Saturday the 25th and Sunday the 26th. All other Flights A through D will play 18 holes on Saturday the 25th and 18 on Sunday the 26th.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE**

*By: Mark Livingston*

The weather this year has been crazy. Snow in April that pushed back the opening of the course followed by back to back months of near record rain fall. Then came July which started out with very high temps and ended with cool, comfortable conditions. This back and forth has the grass thinking it should either grow like crazy or die.

The wet spring is also to blame for the inconsistencies in the putting greens. The old push up greens, 1,4,5,6,7,8,10,18 and the putting green, were constructed from soils that do not drain well. They also lack any internal drainage. All the rain in May and June kept these greens extremely wet. This is the time of year we would typically be growing roots to get us through the hot days of summer. The roots simply did not grow or died off during this wet period and we are seeing the effects of it now. The way we try to compensate for root lose is by

frequent, light watering, which in turn keeps the greens softer and bumpier. This leads to more ball marks and foot traffic. Another way we compensate for root loss is to increase the mowing height on the greens. This allows for more photosynthesis and recovery to the greens. The higher cut means slower greens. We have been rolling to try to get the greens to a decent pace but I realize they are not as quick as normal. I appreciate your patience during this unusual weather.

The green expansions are also causing some of our older greens to look unsightly. We started the expansions last fall and expected the dieback we are experiencing. This is what I figured would be a two year transition. We will be seeding and sodding some of the areas when they have the best opportunity for survival. I painted a blue dashed line on the greens so people could see where the collar was last season.

We removed an oak tree near the putting green. We did this because it was suffering from oak wilt and never did recover from the tornado damage. It also would need to come down for the new putting green. No one likes to see mature trees like this go down but it is necessary at times.



The weather will be a lot different by the end of August and I hope the “rough” summer will be a thing of the past. I am sure the greens will be great for the club championship. Until then, let’s hope for some “normal” weather. See you on the course.

**JR. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**FRIDAY AUGUST 3RD**  
**RULES OF PLAY**

**\*18 HOLE CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION**  
**OPEN TO ALL JUNIOR MEMBERS**  
**18 YEARS AND UNDER, PLAY WHITE**  
**TEE’S, 8:00 TEE TIME**

**\*18 HOLE 13-15 YEAR OLD DIVISION**  
**PLAY SILVER TEE’S, 8:30 TEE TIME**

**\*9 HOLE – 10-12 YEAR OLD DIVISION**  
**PLAY FROM 150 MARKERS ON ALL**  
**HOLES, SILVER TEE’S**  
**ON THE PAR 3’S, 9:00 TEE TIME**

**SUMMER RULES-DO NOT IMPROVE**  
**THE LIE OF YOUR BALL**  
**ALL PUTTS MUST BE HOLED OUT, NO**  
**GIMMIES.**

**SORECARDS MUST BE SIGNED BY**  
**SCORER AND PLAYER.**

**DECISIONS OF COMMITTEE ARE FINAL**

**AWARDS AND FOOD FOLLOW GOLF**

# Labor Day Weekend Couples Ryder Cup

Sunday, September 2, 2018 @ 12:30

Entry Fee: \$10/Couple for golf

*(Pays 1st and 2nd Place)*

Buffet dinner on the patio following golf for \$12

Sign up as a couple or individual. We will try and pair you with another single. For the Ryder Cup Format Couples will be Individually handicapped.

**First 6 Holes (Holes 1 thru 6)** Score the **Best Ball**, between you and your partner (both you & your partner playing your own ball until your ball is in the hole)

**Next 6 Holes (Holes 7 thru 12)** You play a **Scramble**, going to the best ball hit between you and your partner, until your ball is in the hole.

**Last 6 holes (Holes 13 thru 18)** You play **Alternate Shot**, one partner tees off and the other partner will hit the next shot, alternating shots until you and your partner's ball is in the hole. This includes your putting strokes being alternated.

Sign up in the Golf Shop

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Club House</b> <b>(608)873-7861</b>  <b>Golf Shop</b> <b>(608)873-8464</b>						
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  <b>Junior Club Championship</b>  <b>Member Dining</b>	<b>4</b>  <b>Sorgatz/ Lamsam Reception</b>
<b>5</b>  <b>Platt/Ketter Reception</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  <b>Chip n Sip Lesson 5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  <b>Member Dining</b>	<b>11</b>  <b>Fitzgerald/Peot Reception</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  <b>Retirement Party</b>	<b>15</b>  <b>Women's Golf League</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  <b>Rehearsal Dinner LKR</b>  <b>Member Dining</b>	<b>18</b>  <b>Stewart/Leeser Reception</b>
<b>19</b>  <b>Family Fun Night</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  <b>Chip n Sip Lesson 6</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  <b>Men's Club Championship</b>  <b>Member Dining</b>	<b>25</b>  <b>Men's &amp; Women's Club Championship</b>  <b>Class of 1968 Reunion</b>
<b>26</b>  <b>Men's &amp; Women's Club Championship</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  <b>Chip n Sip Dinner</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  <b>Member Dining</b>	



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