



**November 2018**

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

*By: Dean Retzleff*

I was elected for a two-year term at the January 2017 annual meeting. Next, I was appointed Chair of the Finance Committee, which is now the Finance and Audit Committee. One of the committee's goals was to bring the accounting inside of SCC. This required:

- 1) Upgrade to a new Point of Sale Software (POS) done November 1, 2017.
- 2) Online QuickBooks Accounting System done January 1, 2018.
- 3) CPA services to support the new POS, QuickBooks and Bill.Com done January 1, 2018.
- 4) Install Bill.com to increase internal control done June 1, 2018.

These changes put a very heavy burden on the office, bar, restaurant and golf course staff. Without their help, the committee goals would have failed. Thank you, Tami, Steve, Claire, Tim and Mark.

More importantly is where is the club financially. The Club's finances started to improve back in 2016. This was the first of several years the Club did not borrow money on its line of credit to pay its bills. The club did not borrow on its line of credit in 2017

and it appears we will not borrow on the line in 2018.

Here is a summary of the August 31, 2018 Balance Sheet:

- 1) Cash position \$293,000.00.
- 2) Accounts receivable \$126,000 (Projected to be around \$50,000 on December 31)
- 3) Capital Improvements and Equipment Purchases \$124,000.
- 4) Accounts Payable \$80,000 (Projected around \$65,000 on December 31)
- 5) Long term debt \$597,000.
- 6) Borrowing on Line of Credit "Zero"
- 7) My personal projection is Cash of \$150,000 on December 31 compared to \$90,000 as of December 2017.
- 8) Stoughton Country Club Cash Liquidity (ability to pay operating bills without borrowing) is improving.

Here is a summary of August 31, 2018 Year to Date Profit and Loss:

- 1) Bar Sales \$182,000 up from 2017 \$165,000
- 2) Restaurant Sales \$216,000 up from 2017 \$170,000

- 3) Membership Dues—Because we rolled the 2018 Course and Club Special Assessment into Membership Dues, plus we rolled the 2018 Bathroom Special assessment into Membership Dues, whereby the numbers are not comparable to 2017. At the August 28, 2018 Board meeting the Membership Committee reported 230 golf members as of August 31 compared to 240 as of December 31, 2017.
- 4) Salaries and wages for 2018 remain about the same as 2017.

### **2018 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS**

Thank you to all members that participated in this year's Club Championship. Whether you were a player, caddie or a spectator, we greatly appreciate your participation. The board and staff here at Stoughton Country Club hope that our members had a great experience and enjoyed the changes made this year. Having the golfers finish on the ninth hole made for a great tournament feel as a golfer and a great way for spectators to mingle on the patio with a drink in their hand as everyone came in.

Stoughton Country Club would like to congratulate Matt Ellingson on his third victory in a row in the Championship Division, naming him the Club Champion once again. Matt shot a total of 233 over the course of his 54 holes, giving him a 7-shot lead. Our runner up this year was Bill Buckles, shooting a score of 240 over the course of his 54 holes.

Mike Burie put on a wonderful display of golf this year in our A – Flight Division. Mike shot an 80 on Saturday and a 78 on Sunday, putting him in first place with a 158 over 36 holes. Our runner up in this division was Jim Peterson with a score of 167 total.

In the Men's B – Flight, we had three men that made the finish on Sunday very eventful. On Saturday Rod Bakken came out firing an 84,

putting him 5 shots ahead of Gary Weum and Larry Donaldson with 89's. Gary and Larry handled the pressure very well on Sunday knowing they had to shoot a good score to get themselves back into contention. They both finished with 83's to get themselves into a three-person playoff with Rod on hole number nine. Rod was first to approach the green and unfortunately put his ball in the water, which then took him out of the running for the win. This then left Gary and Larry to battle it out for first. Gary had to punch out of the tree's laying up before the water. He then hit his third shot over the green leaving himself a very difficult up and down for a bogey. As all of this was going on Larry hit an outstanding second shot over the flag stick leaving him about an 18 ft birdie putt down the hill. By Larry hitting it on the green Gary had to get up and down to have a chance and put his chip to about 8 feet forcing Larry to putt first. Larry stood up to his putt confidently and with no hesitation put the ball in the bottom of the cup, giving him the 1<sup>st</sup> place title in the B – Flight Division. That being said, congratulations Larry Donaldson on the victory.

The C and D – Flights were not short of well-played golf either. The C – Flight champion was Dave Bisbee shooting a 178 with an outstanding 87 on Sunday. Trailing him by 4 shots was Dave Mannis. Dave shot an 88 on Saturday putting him in a great spot going into Sunday. However, he fell just short shooting a 94 on Sunday. Right in front of that group was the D – Flight. Day 1 John McPartland and Paul Becker were neck and neck. John shot a 98 and Paul shot a 99. However, with it being so close on Saturday, Paul pulled away shooting a 101 to win by 5 shots over John.

Yet, last but certainly not least we have our Women's Championship Flight. This year the committee decided to have the women play the same weekend as the men. It was a wonderful time having them and a total success. In third place we had Maureen Caravella, shooting a 227 after 36 holes. Our runner up was Stacy Stolen shooting a 93 and a 94 for a total of 187. The women that came out on top and our Women's

Club Champion for the first time is Ashli Stolen. Day 1 Ashli shot an 81 and on day 2 she chipped in on the last hole in front of a big crowd to shoot 80 for a total of 161. Lastly in this division we have Marla Frey. No Marla did not win, however she did something else spectacular that had everyone talking and laughing. Marla decided she would play in the skin's game without even knowing how the game worked. Having played very well on the par 3's, she canceled out two other skin's giving her the only skin of the day. That skin was worth \$500 dollars and a lot of smiles.

## WOMEN'S GOLF

*By: Beth Murphy*

The Women's Fall Frolic was a fun time for all even with gloomy and rainy weather. The theme this year was "Tailgating". The decorations around the club both inside and outside looked amazing with many different sports teams represented.

To kick **OFF** the morning tailgate off there was a Bloody Mary bar along with lunch.

Most foursomes were able to play 9 holes before the rain came.

A special thanks to those guys who helped sell raffle tickets on holes 3 and 13 (Ron Ritchie, Dave Schultz, Don Law and Kevin Murphy). We were able to get pictures of most foursome on hole 13 as they came by:

<https://www.amazon.com/photos/share/uvAErul0Vua0QMuxQv4cJY0p55pdqurFZtw9i6r14rw>

Jordan Ray helped many groups scores with the purchase of a drive on hole 15. And boy was that worth the price.

We greatly appreciated the donations/prizes provided by Susie Haviland, The Blakes', Eugsters, Steve Hlavacek, Cathie Taylor, Stoughton Garden Center, and Fitchburg Farms.

A dinner buffet tailgate style was included prior to prizes, raffle and a new Heads or Tails game.

Early on the committee decide to donate half the proceeds from the day to the Stoughton Girls Golf Team. We wanted to provide the team with equipment that would stay with the school, so the golf coach suggested range finders. After all was said and done the committee purchased 3 Bushnell range finders for the girls. Coach Steven Stokes received these just in time for the girls' sectional matches.



A special thanks to this years' committee members Sandy Burie, Beth Murphy, Dottie Swalheim, Carla Richie and Cathie Taylor.

## SCC's Beth Murphy, Beth LePine and Terri McNamara representing Stoughton Women's Golf

[https://www.wwhf.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/WWHF-Fall-NL\\_-FINAL.pdf](https://www.wwhf.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/WWHF-Fall-NL_-FINAL.pdf)



## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

*By: Mark Livingston*

The 2018 golf season is winding down. To say it was a challenging year would be an understatement. To start things off my assistant Mitch took a new position in early June. His departure left me shorthanded going into the busiest time of the season. Next came the never-ending rain and humidity. The combination of heat and excessive moisture caused extensive root loss and disease development to the turf particularly on the greens and fairways. This in turn led to increased fungicide applications and mowing height/frequency as well as softer playing surfaces. On the plus side, I didn't need to run the irrigation as much as on a "normal" year. The crazy weather this past summer also hampered our green expansion project. I expected turf loss with the lowering of mowing heights but with the lack of roots we lost more turf than I had hoped for. I knew going into this that it would be a 2-year process but I had hoped they would look better than this at the halfway point. In spring we will be aggressively seeding and plugging/sodding areas that have little to no grass in hopes that they will be in good shape for the summer.

The nice weather days will be few and far between at this point so take advantage of it when we get them. I will be communicating with Steve when we get to the point of course closure. Please check in with the Pro Shop before playing to make sure we are open and that there isn't a frost delay.

### **Upcoming December Events:**

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| December 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Christmas Brunch   |
| December 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Gingerbread Houses |
| December 31 <sup>st</sup> | NYE Party          |

# November 2018

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>McFarland</b> <b>State Bank</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  <b>Men's Turkey</b> <b>Open</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  <b>Uniroyal</b> <b>Customer</b> <b>Appreciation</b>
<b>11</b>  <b>McFarland</b> <b>Boys Soccer</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  <b>Oregon Town</b> <b>&amp; Country</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  <b>New Member</b> <b>Promotion</b> <b>Night</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  <b>Private Party</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  <b>6:00 FOLKS</b> <b>Meeting</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	



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