



"The game of golf is 90 percent mental and 10 percent mental." - Bob Hope

Dear Members and Friends,

We are well and truly in the swing of things now! The calendar is filling up, the courts are coming alive, the walls of the clubhouse have gotten a makeover, and there is plenty of exciting news to share. It is shaping up to be a wonderful start to June- let's get into it.

Golf

The sign-up sheet for the Men's Presidents Cup, beginning Monday, June 8th, is posted on the men's bulletin board. If you have been meaning to add your name, now is the time- don't wait until it's too late!

Twilight League kicks off today, June 1st! Kenny is still looking for one more player to round out the league, so if you are interested, please call or email Kenny or the club to get signed up. A reminder to all members that the course will be closed to tee times starting at 3pm every Monday while Twilight League is in play. We appreciate everyone's understanding as we make room for the league.

Tennis

It's official! Tennis court #1 is now available for use! Thanks to the grounds crew for preparing the surface for us. Open tennis will begin on Wednesday morning at 9:00 am. on court #1 and also be held on Sunday afternoon from 2:00 - 5:00 pm. each week. Come enjoy some friendly round robin games with other players.

Here's an update on courts 2 & 3. As you may know, they have been converted to hard surfaces in order to add pickleball courts. This has been in the works for several years and is finally going to happen. We are in the process of choosing court colors and will keep you posted. This is an exciting new offering for the ICC and we welcome your participation. - Linda Allen, Co-President of the Tennis Committee

And as always, if you are looking for a partner, don't forget to put your name on the Find a Partner sheet on the tennis bulletin board.

Art in the Clubhouse

If you have been in the great room recently, you may have noticed some beautiful new additions to the walls. If you haven't had a chance to see them yet, you really should stop in! Club member Dennis Wade, owner of Catbird Gallery in Stonington, has generously agreed to loan us some of his pieces to brighten up the space. And here's the best part- if you fall in love with one, you can take it home. Fifty percent of all proceeds from any purchases will go directly to the Friends of the Club fund, which helps us cover improvements and unexpected expenses. A win for the walls and for the club!

In the News

Our president Lisa was recently asked by a reporter for The Ellsworth American what she likes to do for a fun day out. Her answer will come as no surprise to many of you: a day trip to Island Country Club to play golf! We couldn't agree more, Lisa- there is no better way to spend a day.

WORD ON THE STREET

Q: What's your favorite day trip?

"Cobscook Bay."



Erin Walker
Deer Isle

"A day trip to Island Country Club to play golf."



Lisa Haynesworth
Deer Isle



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BY TIM PLOUFF

Since the 1975 debut of the innovative CVCC engine, American Honda Motor Co. has been a mainstay automotive brand in the American marketplace. From those diminutive early Civic models to the current crop of four crossovers, one pickup and three cars, Honda has consistently been a highly rated car brand as well as a top-selling automotive product.

Generations of buyers started out with those early fuel-miserly Civics, grew into Accords, embraced the sporty Prelude (which is available once again as a compact hybrid coupe) and readily embraced early wagon/crossover models that cemented the brand's reputation for another group of buyers

Long recognized as one of, if not the largest engine maker in the world — from cars to outboards, from motorcycles to ATVs, from generators to outdoor power equipment — Honda knows a thing or two about internal combustion propulsion.

Yet, the last few years, and especially last year, have been tumultuous periods in Honda's American story. Honda was hurt badly by computer chip shortages during the pandemic, losing tens of thousands of sold opportunities due to the inability to build enough vehicles.

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We also want to extend a heartfelt congratulations to Evelyn Siebert on her retirement! After an incredible 47 years of work, Evelyn was celebrated in style with a party here at the clubhouse yesterday. There was laughter, love, and decorations that were a beautiful tribute to just how special Evelyn is to everyone lucky enough to know her. Congratulations, Evelyn- you have more than earned it!



Centennial Fund Update

Thanks to people like you giving to the Centennial Fund, you can already see many improvements at ICC including the new putting green, new golf tee boxes, converted dual use tennis/pickleball courts and clearing for the new golf short game practice area. Looking ahead to 2027, multiple golf greens and hole #3 will be substantially renovated while the courts' fencing will be improved.

When you donate to the Centennial Fund, you may allocate to where it is most needed or you may direct it to golf, tennis/pickleball or a combination therein. Please write on the memo line of your check, one of the categories below:

- Centennial Fund - Most Needed
- Centennial Fund - Golf Improvements
- Centennial Fund - Tennis/Pickleball Improvements

Each person's donation to the Centennial Fund is appreciated. The Centennial Fund is meant to honor the historic legacy of the past, embrace the needs of the present and ensure a bright future. Improving the golf course while updating the tennis/pickleball courts will enhance the club's offerings for all members and promise sustainability of our beloved club. Thank you for your continued support!

The Kitchen is Coming!

Big news- we are anticipating a soft opening of the kitchen on Wednesday, June 10th. There will be a limited menu to start, with hours and days to be determined as we gauge demand. Stay tuned for more details next week. We know many of you have been waiting for this one!

Here's to a fantastic first week of June. The season is finding its rhythm and there is so much to look forward to. We will see you on the course, the courts, and in the clubhouse!

"Golf is a puzzle without an answer. I've played the game for 40 years and I still haven't the slightest idea how to play." -- Gary P

Best regards,

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