



"The calm after the storm is worth weathering the rain." - Anonymous

Dear Members and Friends,

What a week it has been at ICC! The Trifecta Tournament, the ICC Cup, open pickleball, a ribbon cutting ceremony, and, to top it all off, a brief but memorable visit from Mother Nature herself- what can only be described as a tornado without the spinning. The dust has settled, the sun is back out, and we are ready for another fantastic week. Read on for all the highlights!

Golf

Twilight League Results- July 6th

1st - John Thompson / Vito Corsini - 38 pts

2nd - Mark Sterritt / Jerry Gray - 36 pts

3rd - Ken Wiberg / Greg Aldrich - 35 pts

Blue Tee Pins

Hole #3: Steve Stone - 24'3"

Hole #4: Jim Twitchell - 12'4"

Hole #6: No winners

White Tee Pins

Hole #3: No winners

Hole #4: Rod Greenwood - 8'9" / Myron Curtis - 14'3"

Hole #6: Woody Petry - 2'2" / Vito Corsini - 4'5"

Twilight League Results- July 13th

1st - Steve Stone / Vern Seile - 41 pts

2nd - John Thompson / Vito Corsini - 38 pts

3rd - Yvan Dupuy / Rod Greenwood - 37 pts

Blue Tee Pins

Hole #3: Stephen Moore - 9'10" / Steve Stone - 37'10"

Hole #4: Jack Shaw - 8'3" / Mark Sterritt - 17'5"

Hole #6: Jim Twitchell - 10'2" / Ken Wiberg - 16'9"

White Tee Pins

Hole #3: Jim McDonald - 23'7"

Hole #4: Vito Corsini - 7'5"

Hole #6: Rod Greenwood - 9'6"

Friday Morning Scramble

Reported by Mark Sterritt

We had five full foursomes this week with zero no-shows- always a great sign! Low Gross went to the team of Mark Sterritt, Linda Allen, Bob Allen, and Jeanette Parker at two under par. Three other teams finished at one under and one at even par. Low Putts were won by Bill Whitman, Tom Danziger, Mike Parker, and Cathy Little with 10 putts.

Ladies Golf- Tri-Club Tournament, July 14th



Reported by Mikey Bannister

It was the Island Country Club's turn to host the Ladies Tri-Club Tournament. The theme was "Red, White, and Birdies" to commemorate the 250th birthday of the country. We had 36 participants- 9 from Castine Country Club, 11 from Blue Hill Country Club, and 16 from the Island Country Club.

Countless volunteers from ICC made the day go smoothly, from course conditions (thank you Keith and crew), clubhouse condition and help (thank you Willow, Ella, and crew), and sandwich and salad prep (thank you Bobby). A huge thank you to the committee- Mikey Bannister, Heather Geikie, Jeanette Parker, Su Oliver, Trish Cooper, Linda Stratton, and Lisa Haynsworth- and to our fabulous Ladies Golf group. So many contributions went into organizing, planning, food, setup, decorations, cart cleaning, pictures, serving, and cleanup. What wonderful ambassadors for the club!

Play was in scramble format with teams made up of representatives from each club.

First Low Gross

Jean Hutchinson (ICC), Carol Shaw (ICC playing for BHCC), Bonnie Paulas (BHCC), Lynn Brown (Castine)

Second Low Gross

Lyn Hoopes (ICC), Linda Kimbrell (ICC), Gert Chisholm (BHCC), Hope McNally (Castine)

Closest to Line - Hole #8

Blue Hill - Frances Barbour

Castine - Susanne Clark

Island Country Club - Lyn Hoopes

Closest to the Pin - Hole #4

Blue Hill - Bonnie Paulas - 33"

Castine - Tie - Marianne Lee and Susanne Clark - 12'

Island Country Club - Lyn Hoopes - 4'3"

Closest to the Pin - Hole #6

Blue Hill - Lesa Netherton - 5'4"

Castine - Hope McNally - 6'4"

Island Country Club - Jean Hutchinson - 9'6.5"

Food flowed all day from breakfast fare to appetizers to a delicious lunch of lobster, chicken salad, and egg salad mini croissants, tossed salad, lemon mixed berry fluff salad, pasta salad, and chips, followed by blueberry upside down cake. A great day was had by all and we certainly set a high bar for Castine, who will be hosting next year!

ICC Cup Tournament

With 23 players and beautiful weather, the ICC Cup made for a wonderful day on the course. In a special touch, the women's foursome opted to play the full 18 holes. Congratulations to all who competed - here are your results:

Ladies Division

1st - Inese Moore - 33 pts

2nd - Pam Fowler - 30 pts

3rd - Anne Douglass - 29 pts

4th - Lyn Hoopes - 28 pts

Ladies Pin - Hole #6

1st - Inese Moore - 28'10"

Men's Division

1st - Kenny Wiberg - 43 pts

2nd - Jim Twitchell - 39 pts

3rd - Claude Hoopes - 38 pts (card playoff)

4th - Ed Black - 38 pts

Men's Pin - Hole #4

1st - Ed Black - 6'9"

Member/Member Tournament- Sunday, July 26th

Mark your calendars! The Member/Member Tournament will be held this Sunday, July 26th. Sign up in the pro shop or by calling the clubhouse at (207) 348-2379. This tournament is restricted to ICC members only. The entry fee is \$25, due the morning of play- please bring cash if possible!

A Note on Tournament Days

A reminder that play is not permitted on the course in the morning before tournaments. Even if you plan to be off the greens before the tournament begins, the grounds crew needs the full morning to prepare - and there are no exceptions to this rule. The full tournament schedule is posted on our website at islandcountryclub.net.

Get Into Golf

Get Into Golf continues this Thursday at 1pm- a relaxed, friendly environment for beginners and returning players alike. Please arrive by 12:45 for introductions and instructions. Call or text Nina at 908-507-1618 to sign up in advance.

Tennis

There will be a tennis clinic with Will Mason this Wednesday, July 22nd at 9am. Be sure to sign up in the clubhouse- spots are limited! This is a great way to hone your skills for the rest of the season. The cost is only \$25 for members. Open Tennis will also be held that day for those who want to try out the new surface on courts 2 and 3.

The Mixed Doubles Club Championship will be held on Saturday, August 8th. Find a partner and sign up for this special event- your name on the club trophy awaits!

Pickleball

Pickleball continues to attract players at ICC, from beginners to advanced. Members and visitors alike are enjoying the new courts daily. Open Pickleball on Thursdays and Saturdays has been fun for all in attendance. Intro to Pickleball sessions are open to all beginners on Wednesdays from 2 to 3pm.

Save the date: August 8th- Let's Get Pickled! More information to come soon.

Putting Green Ribbon Cutting Recap- A New Era at ICC!

Last week, members and visitors gathered to celebrate the ribbon cutting of Island Country Club's brand new Putting Green- a milestone years in the making and a testament to the dedication of so many in our community.

The ceremony included remarks from our volunteer President and the Executive Committee, followed by first putts from a group of honored longtime members, and of course, celebratory cake and champagne in the clubhouse. And in true Maine fashion, the raindrops began just as our first putters were settled in. After a brief moment of debate about whether to carry on or try again later, our determined putters were ushered to the green to play through. The skies opened within moments - but thankfully nothing washed away before our putters christened the green in style, sending everyone rushing inside for speeches, cake, and champagne. A memorable ceremony, rain and all!

Please note that the ribbon cutting was a ceremonial event only. The Putting Green will remain closed until August 2nd.

A heartfelt thank you goes to Lee Levant, Chair of the Long-Range Planning Committee and the Centennial Fundraiser, whose leadership- alongside committee members Ruth Levant, Joan Sorenson, Jeanette Parker, Mike Parker, Vern Seile, and Morgan Eaton- has driven meaningful improvements to our golf course and tennis and pickleball courts. The Centennial Fund's Legacy Walk, which raises donations through the purchase of pavers, benches, and plaques connecting the clubhouse to the new Putting Green and Pickleball/Tennis Courts, continues to grow.

Equal thanks are due to Grounds Superintendent Keith Hoover and his crew- Amy Billings, John Carville, John Dietlin, Bobby Brown, John Thompson, and Mitchell Sulinski- whose daily dedication brought this green to life. We also recognize Willow Weed-Eaton and her clubhouse staff- Pat Leach, Rosalie Robbins, Ella Hutchins, Violet Czuj, Diana Smith, and David Gadsby- whose behind-the-scenes work makes projects like this possible.

The new Putting Green opens August 2nd - we cannot wait to see you out there. Stay tuned for more exciting improvements ahead!





Wine Wednesday

Wine Wednesday followed the ribbon cutting and was an equally wonderful gathering of returning and new members. Join us every Wednesday at 5pm for wine, nibbles, and great company!

Food Pantry Donations

Thank you, Ladies! 150 donations collected since the start of the season. You requested a weekly reminder. When you leave home on Tuesday morning to head to the club, remember: food donation and a \$1 for the Centennial Fund.

I announced last Tuesday that donations this summer will be given to HIP (Healthy Island Project). After 2 failed attempts to deliver to the Island Community Center (the food bank's hours have been reduced, therefore, closed when I have gone there), I met with Barrett and Janet. Seniors have a coffee/breakfast on Wednesday mornings. I will deliver the weekly donations on Wednesday morning ahead of their breakfast. Following the breakfast, they select items from the pantry. Janet gave me a copy of their Wish List. It has 35 of their most requested items on it. I have posted the list close to the collection basket in the Pro Shop. Here are 10 of their most requested items: canned meats, canned fish, jelly/jams, spaghetti sauce, coffee/tea, dried herbs: garlic powder/onion powder. PLEASE READ THE LIST. This is a different list than those items requested by the ICC. These items are specifically requested by and for seniors. Thank you ICC members for your continued support of this effort. HIP is greatly appreciative. "We all have two hands: one to help ourselves, the second to help others." - Unknown

-Jeanette Parker

Fairway Cafe

The Fairway Cafe will unfortunately remain closed this week. We appreciate your patience as we work through an unexpected staffing shortage. As always, the pro shop offers a variety of snacks and beverages to help keep you fueled. We look forward to welcoming you back to the cafe soon!

Island Community Center Auction- Friday, July 24th

On Friday, July 24th, ICC will once again play host to the Island Community Center's fundraising auction. Doors open at 4pm and bidding starts at 5pm. Refreshments are provided and drinks are available for purchase. We hope to see our members there- even if you are unable to make a purchase, your presence reflects the support of our club for our community.

Previews of auction items are available at <https://www.facebook.com/Islandcommunitycenter2>

If you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation, cash or checks can be left with staff at the pro shop or in donation boxes at the Island Community Center. Online donations are also accepted at <https://islandcommunitycenter.org/>

Volunteer Work Morning- Thank You!

A special thank you to everyone who volunteered today- teamwork truly does make the dream work. Your time and energy mean the world to this club and it shows in every corner of the property!

Bridge and Mahjongg

Bridge meets every Monday night at 6:30pm and Mahjongg is every Tuesday from 2 to 4pm. Beginners are always welcome- come join the fun!

A Few Housekeeping Notes

Please remember to sweep the courts after use. If we all do our part, ICC can continue to be the fun and welcoming home away from home we pride ourselves on being.

A reminder that staff have final say on club rules and policies. We value member feedback and opinions, and we understand that not every rule makes sense to every person. However, staff are the authority at the club and enforcement of the rules is part of their job. If you have a concern or disagreement, please reach out to management. In the meantime, staff directives must be followed. Failure to do so could result in disciplinary action. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

The storm has passed and the sun is shining- what better time to get out and enjoy everything this remarkable club has to offer. We will see you out there!

"No matter how good you get, you can always get better- and that's the exciting part." - Tiger Woods

Best regards,
Island Country Club

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