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## *President's Tee Box*

When Jupiter and Saturn—the two biggest planets in our solar system—meet, it's termed the "Great Conjunction." What's even more special is that it happened on the night of the winter solstice. It appeared as if the planets touch in the sky above. To some, it may appear as a single bright "star." How fitting for Christmastime! And it was visible around the world on the very day of the winter solstice, a.k.a. "midwinter", December 21, 2020. The winter solstice occurs when one of the Earth's poles has its maximum tilt away from the Sun. Why am I telling you this? Well, December 21 is known for the shortest day of the year. Everyday after, we will be getting a little more daylight. To me, this means we start the clock moving towards Golf. This feeling of playing golf is so far away puts me in a state of vexation.

The SGC Board of Directors and myself would like to thank **Govy, Jamie** and the **Govern family** for their generosity of donating funds from the Gene Govern Memorial Golf Tournament toward specific projects the club needs (details to follow). Thank you again for your support.

[Tiger & Charlie Woods - copycat](#)



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The annual shareholders meeting has come and gone, and the votes are in.

Your SGC Board of Directors and Officers are as follows:

**Wayne Lord:** President

**Greg Funck:** Vice President

**Doug Decker:** Treasurer

**Veronica Tramposch:** Secretary

**Larry Tompkins**

**Bill Jaycox**

**Stephen Schmitt**

**We'll be providing an  
*Executive Summary*  
to all shareholders  
to recap the  
2020 season.**

## **ATTN: Shareholders**

- To ensure we have up-to-date contact info (and to receive the Executive Summary), please send [Veronica](#) your current email address

## **Welcome NEW Members:**

**Aydin Cubukcu      Single**

**Justin Lally          Single**

**--Board of Directors President, Wayne Lord**

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## *Golf Shop*

First we would like to announce that our Director of Golf, **Brad Anderson** will be returning for the 2021 golf season. This is exciting news knowing how smooth 2020 went at our club.

It is now 2021, we are already planning the inventory line for our golf shop to fulfill all your golf needs. We have so many brand names to choose from. We will again carry Under Armour, Titleist, Callaway, Taylor Made, Bridgestone, Footjoy and more. Again, this year, we would like to reach out to all of you to see if there are any products you would like to see in the golf shop. If so, you can [email](#) us to make any requests.

**Rule of the Month:**  
[Putting Surface](#)



## *Golf Slang:*

**Barkies:** Hitting a tree but still ending up with a good lie

[Masters 2019 – Golf Shot Fail Compilation](#)



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### **2021 Membership Opportunities**

Application for SGC membership is now available on our website. Click [here](#) to sign up for the Early Bird Special Offer to receive reduced rates (where applicable) if membership is paid in full by February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**Questions?**  
[Email Us](#)

### **NEW MEMBERS**

Stamford Golf Club has a special membership offer for anyone who has not been a member over the last 3 years. New Membership, and all its benefits is **only \$500** plus \$50 concession to be used at Tavern 1897.

### **Why become a member?**

- Unlimited use of driving range
- Participation in member-only tournaments & events
- Up to 20% off golf shop merchandise
- Reciprocal rates at participating neighboring clubs
- Discounted entry fees to all tournaments run by the club
- Free GHIN to manage your handicap

### **Did you know??**

[Ouleout Creek](#) has been added to our reciprocal list for 2021



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## *Greens & Grounds*

The Stamford Golf Club would like to welcome **Joe Lambert** as our Superintendent of Greens & Grounds for 2021. Joe has been part of the Stamford Golf Club family for as long as we can remember. Most of us know him as being a good golfer and a very hard worker. We at the Stamford Golf Club are very excited to have him taking over as Superintendent. By his side is **Jason Gregoire**, a veteran team member and excellent mechanic. Together they will be working to improve the maintenance and management of the course.

The trees on hole #11 are down. Our priority come this spring is to work on this area, re-seed and bring it back to playing condition. This maintenance will significantly help the health of this green moving forward but definitely gives it a different look. Another priority is to get our irrigation system working properly.

The SGC BOD is working hard to assemble the crew to make your experience the best we can.

**“A bad attitude is worse than a bad swing”**

- Payne Stewart



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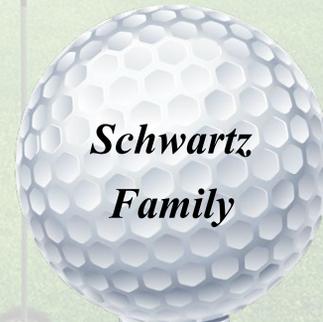
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## *Tavern 1897*

The club continues to look for ways to enhance your experience at Tavern 1897. From decor, service to quality of food, we are excited to keep the momentum going in 2021. With Covid making 2020 hard for everyone we will be diligently working within the guidelines to serve all our customers in the upcoming year. We are optimistically looking ahead to this golf season and invite you to schedule any kind of banquets, parties, retirements dinners, outings, etc. with us

### **Tavern 1897 Employment Opportunities:**

If you are interested in becoming part of Team Tavern and would like to inquire for a job position as a server, bartender, and/or cook, Please [email us](#)





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### *Memory Lane*

As the season has ended, I am reflecting and realizing that this year was different, yet rewarding, in comparison to past years. I also asked myself “where have the past 13-years gone, and how did I end up at SGC as golf and board member”?

I grew up golfing at Shephard Hills in Roxbury throughout my childhood with my father and brother. I have many fond memories of Shephard Hills as a kid. I still do not think there is, or was, a better tournament than their Member Guest back in the day!

After College, I moved to Stamford and decided to travel up Taylor Road and play Stamford since it was closer than Shephard Hills (I also liked playing 18-holes). Well, I never left! I decided I wanted to become a better golfer, so I became a member in 2007 (I believe) and started playing frequently. While going up and playing rounds by myself, I would eventually meet new people in the clubhouse, talk to people on the course, and talk to the employees. This led me to being around more, and I slowly just became a “regular”. Over time, I have met new people and expanded on current friendships.

Here is a recap of some of the people I see the most, and how they made it an easy decision for me as to where I wanted to be a member.



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I remember the first time I met Wayne Lord, I was subbing for Pam Stock in league as they were partners. I get in the cart, introduce myself, Wayne reaches in the back of the cart and said "I brought drinks, help yourself". I am thinking, "okay, I like a drink or two", so I reach in the back and grab an ice cold..... Diet Dr. Pepper! To say the least, I was thinking of different drinks, and was a little let down! That was the start of his and my friendship! Nowadays, maybe it would be a Twisted Tea in the back!

Jon Barber, Jon Langer, Rich Meade, Bobby Van, Brad Anderson, Jim Natale, Steve Hubbard, Bill Giesse and many more I am missing. Each of these guys has been an influence for staying at SGC. You cannot beat their company, or their outlook of the course, and we all like a good Nassau! While playing with this group, I've met Dom Michel and the world-famous Bruno. Dom is a genuine person and I always enjoy playing a round of golf with him. Bruno has inspired some great outfits, club tossing, rants and always letting me know who the new best up-and-coming golfer was going to be at SGC. I believe at the end of 2020, it is Eric...or Rachel...or maybe anyone that hit's a golf ball a long way! Thanks Bruno, you wear that Roxbury hat well!



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Getting to play a little and chat at the Tavern with the crew of Doc, Ben, Tim, Jim & FT. This crew has shown me how quick a round of golf can be played, how some “gimme” putts, could be 3-putted if I was asked to putt out, how to bet on the Ponies and how much a round of drinks costs at D’Raymonds!

Playing golf with Miner Sr. and having a drink with Vic Jessen has given me hope that I can still play this game as I progress in years, and play it well, as they both do!

Playing in the Invitational and getting to meet, and play with, all the “big names” from out of town, has helped me become a better golfer. Being a competitor, and knowing that - Swenson, Bizack, Schaff, Curran, Govern, Trap, Duffy, DeFaio, Krick, Moyse, Harris, Lord, Meade, Madore, Lesta and others are coming, you best be on your game, or your tournament will be over, quick! Thanks for raising the bar, guys.

Being on the board, I have got to know; Wayne, Veronica, Doug, LT, Steve Schmitt, Steve Sibbern, John C, Dave H, Jon Barber and Bill J. This has been a great new network of people to work with.



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## *Memory Lane*

In closing, this is not a specific memory like you read in other Tee Times, but more of a recap and reflection. SGC has MANY great people representing the course as golfers, employees and board members. Without ALL of us coming together over the years, helping each other out, and simply being good people; 2020 would not have been as successful as it was, especially in the middle of a Pandemic. It takes all kinds to make this world run, and we have the perfect mix at SGC that I am proud to call friends. Over the past 13 years here, there has not been a day that I said "I am going to be a member somewhere else".

I would like to thank Wayne Lord and the BOD for their hard work this year making SGC and Tavern 1897 a success. There was so much work to be done, and without Wayne and his BOD, it would not have been possible. Please give them a thanks for their time & efforts if you see them.

I would like to thank all the staff (course and tavern) for their hard work and dedication. I would like to wish Mike Faulkner a happy retirement and thanks for your time and efforts over the years!



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Lastly, I would like to thank the volunteers that have helped a lot over the years. Jimmy Natale, Hubby, Walt and Judy Cramer, Fred Loveless, Jon Barber, Mike Bergleitner, Carl Bagnardi and his wife, Linda Lord, Rick and Barb Funck, Stephan Schmitt, Brad Lord, Bill and Cyndi Lawrence, John Toroni, all the volunteers during Junior Golf, and many others that are not coming to my mind right now.

All the members who continue to support the club. All the greens fee players that come back from year to year...some of you should consider being a member in 2021!

To anyone else I missed, thank you for helping SGC (now and in years past) and Tavern 1897 become a success! Everyone have a safe winter and I look forward to golfing and meeting more people in 2021.

Best,

-- Greg Funck

A special thank you to all who have shared such terrific memories for our Tee Times publications. Our subscribers love reading them, so keep them coming!

**Have a memory you'd like to share?**

**EMAIL THE CLUB**

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