

# Stamford Golf Club's



## TEE TIMES

April 2020



### President's Tee Box

It's been a difficult month and we hope all of you are safe and healthy. You're all family to us, so if there's anything we can do – please let us know.

We've worked very hard this off-season to fill the calendar with fun and exciting events, but given the circumstances several of our Spring events are TBD. We'll be sure to keep everyone up-to-date as decisions are made. Also filling up the calendar are a number of parties, banquets, luncheons, and outings.

[Calendar](#)

### Clubhouse Updates:

Fred Loveless has done a terrific job with kitchen renovations.

Jim Natale & Larry Tomkins hung the new tv and performed other maintenance around the clubhouse. Everything is coming together nicely!

**“Hit the shot you know you can hit,  
not the one you think you should”**

**– Dr. Bob Rotella**

**The SENIOR SERIES  
has been added to our  
website [HERE](#)**

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## Lamont Engineers

### INVITATIONAL:

Planning for the club's flagship tournament is underway. Invitations are set to go out soon.

Sponsorships have already started rolling in.

Under Armour scheduled to attend the tournament and setup a tent to distribute our selected promotional item!

### Help us expand our reach!

We challenge each one of you to help signup at least one other person to our club's subscription list. Our mailings include the Tee Times, announcements, club and restaurant specials, etc.

If you scroll about half way down the HOME page of our website ([www.stamfordgolfclub.com](http://www.stamfordgolfclub.com)) you will see the section below.

Spread the word!

## Keep up to Par

Subscribe to receive emails about club news and upcoming events

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### Golf Shop

April is upon us. However, this April has brought us many more questions than just the weather. With state rules seemingly changing by the hour we will do what we can to make the best of a difficult situation.

On the bright side, all of us with a carpet and a coffee cup should have their putting in mid season form!

New York golf courses are allowed to remain open but must implement all CDC and state mandated guidelines, and promote safe, social distancing. There is to be no access to pro shops, locker rooms, indoor facilities and restaurants/bars (unless for take-out purposes only).

### **Social distancing on the golf course should include:**

- Stay at least 6 feet away from others
- Don't shake hands before or after your game
- Leave the flagstick in the hole
- Don't use rakes, ball washers and coolers from course
- Don't share clubs or any other equipment
- If using a golf cart, limit to one person

**For rules & handicapping guidance during COVID-19, click [HERE](#)**

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We have some new apparel from Under Armour arriving soon. **Our hats look awesome**, with the SGC logo on the front and Stamford Golf Club etched in the back. For those outside the area, email the club to order and we'll get them right out to you as soon as we receive shipment.



We'll be running **Titleist Pro V** promo again this year. Buy 3 dozen, get the 4<sup>th</sup> dozen free along with custom personalization. Price including tax & shipping is \$160. Please email the club if interested or for more details.



Similar deals to be offered for:

- **Bridgestone**
- **TaylorMade**

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### *Golf Shop*

The golf expo in Albany was a huge success. Many people stopped by our booth for discussion. Compliments from people who were introduced to our course last year were plentiful. Many will be returning this season and bringing friends.

**Holes4Hereos** was a terrific topic of conversation with many thinking it's a great idea and hope to make it out. We're just worried about the date now.

We also encouraged non-resident membership as a great opportunity for folks just outside our immediate area. Most loved (and were surprised about) the benefits of membership offered at SGC, primarily free range, free GHIN, and discounted food.

The golf expo in Cobleskill scheduled for late March was cancelled.

***Rule of the Month:***  
*Net Double Bogey*



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### Tavern 1897

Despite not being able to open, our preparation continues..

### TAVERN CHECKLIST

- ✓ Licensing approved
- ✓ Menu sent to print
- ✓ Full inventory taken
- ✓ Point of Sale (POS) installed
- ✓ Water tested
- ✓ 90% staffed
- ✓ Renovations & repairs complete
- ✓ Employee handbook drafted
- ✓ Clubhouse painted
- ✓ Staff uniform shirts designed and ordered
- ✓ Security system installed
- ✓ Insurance
- ✓ Signage



Chef Show and Food Show for our cooks have been canceled; awaiting rescheduling

**SGC is underway with negotiating a deal to bring locally owned Albano beef to the tavern!**

Employment Opportunities  
[Email the Club](#)

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### Greens & Grounds

High grass between holes 1 & 2 has been cut.

The club has been extremely fortunate to have such generous folks in our community volunteering services to get the course ready for play this season.

A special thank you to John Toroni and Jim Natale for chainsaw-ing their way around the course, clearing/hauling fallen branches. With much to do ahead of opening day, support from the community is always greatly appreciated. If anyone else has been up to the course for clean-up – thank you! Please reach out and let us know.

Please note that while under restrictions, the water coolers will not be filled.

*--Superintendent Mike Faulkner*

### Golf Slang

#### **Wall Street:**

- The bailout area on a hole

**Aeration & irrigation to begin  
as soon as weather permits**

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### Junior Golf

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GARY LICALZI

Jr Golf received many generous donations in March, along with a grant from the O'Connor Foundation. Put to good use, the future of the club looks bright!

As a result of school closings, golf lessons at remaining schools are all canceled.

Summer Camps:  
Register  
[HERE](#)



Camp registrations have already begun to trickle in

Camp shirts have been designed for juniors! Stay tuned for a sneak peak

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### Memory Lane

### A TALE OF REVENGE

It all started back in the early 1980's. Wiltwyck Country Club in Kingston used to run an Invitational Tournament patterned after the Stamford Invitational. Qualifying on Friday, Friday night dinner with pairings announced, championship flight playing two rounds Saturday and, if surviving, again on Sunday.

Well this was when I could actually play decent golf and I qualified for the championship flight. At the Friday night dinner I found out I had to play a man named Ralph DeStephano on Saturday morning. I didn't know Ralph at the time so I enquired from a man named Mike Mangi who he was. Mike pointed him out, and being a "GOOD" friend of Ralph's advised me what to do. He said "when you introduce yourself to Ralph on the first tee tell him he's too old, shouldn't be there, and that you are going to kick his a\_\_ into next week." I of course being a gentleman I said there was no way I could do that. I did not even know the guy.....but he convinced me.

Now the first tee at Wiltwyck was surrounded by thick shrubs or a hedge, I forget which. So on Saturday morning Mike is hiding behind them when I met Ralph. Being the gentleman I said "Ralph you don't belong in the same league as me, you're too old, and I'm going to kick you're a\_\_" whereupon Ralph, without hesitation, said "WHERE'S MANGI". I don't remember but I think that's when Mike hid behind his wife who he always said used to be a drill sergeant in the Marines. As luck would have it I did beat Ralph that morning and we became very good friends.

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

**EMAIL THE CLUB**

Fast forward a few years.

Now we are at the Stamford Invitational back in the days when we got 128 players, eight full flights, and had a formal dinner on Saturday night. Still playing quite well I won both of my matches in the championship flight on Saturday and was paired with non-other than Ralph DeStephano early Sunday morning. When the Saturday dinner was just about over I went in to Rob Turner, who had the concession that year, and got two water goblets, one filled halfway with Jack Daniels and the other with the darkest iced tea Rob had. Now being the gentleman I am I went out on the porch where Ralph was finishing dinner with his wife and friends, put the Jack Daniels in front of him, and in my most gentlemanly voice said "Ralph if you don't drink to our match tomorrow you don't have a hair on you're a\_\_'. Ralph's wife said "Don't do it Ralphie, don't do it". I downed my iced tea making all sorts of gyrations like it burned and Ralph did likewise. He didn't even act like it bothered him.

Well, I guess you can tell where this is going. The next morning, as our good friend BIG John Langer would say, Ralph opened up a great big can of WHOOP A\_\_ on me, poured in down my throat, soaked me in it and just otherwise tore me a new one on the course. When it was mercifully over I think I looked like Beetle Bailey when Sarge was through with him. I guess I had it coming. I never told Ralph what I did for several years, fearing for my life.

And this IS a true story.

--Mark Archibald