



# Stamford Golf Club's



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#### **President's Tee Box**

I'd like to begin by thanking all of our patrons, staff, and volunteers for another successful year at SGC. None of this is possible without all of you. A lot of work went into this season and it was well worth it!

It was so nice to have been able to play some golf in November... I hope you were able to take advantage of that week of warm weather as we get closer to the impending, pestiferous winter weather. We hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday. During these unprecedented times, sometimes the best thing to do is get together with family.

The Masters Golf Tournament was once again a great event to watch, albeit odd in November! Water-skiing ace by [Jon Rahm](#)? Usually we all get to enjoy this event in the Spring at the Stamford Golf Club, lets hope things get back to normal in 2021.

Stockholders meeting was postponed and scheduled virtually on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7pm via ZOOM. We had a few Board members up for reelection and we have new people joining the team.

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We are very excited to get started on our plans for 2021. We have new Board members, teams, and committees, as we prepare to enhance your experience at our golf club and our restaurant.

This is also that time of the year where many of our members fly south for the winter. I can honestly say I am jealous; however, we all hope you have a safe trip. I look forward to seeing you all when the snow melts (May 2021?☺)

Christmas is right around the corner. If you are looking for some good ideas for Christmas gifts, we highly recommend some gift certificates for both Stamford Golf Club & Tavern 1897. You can view and order on our website or you can contact Wayne Lord at 607-434-0014 or email at [info@stamfordgolfclub.com](mailto:info@stamfordgolfclub.com).

[Online Store](#)

## We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season



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#### FAREWELL MIKE FAULKNER

Perhaps some of you have heard that Mike Faulkner is retiring after this year. Mike has dedicated a large portion of his life here at SGC both serving as a member and as Superintendent. He has supported the Stamford Golf Club as long as I can remember, and we certainly have appreciated his efforts. We are sorry to see him leave but, he seeks new life challenges, and we wish him the best of luck. I can honestly say the Stamford Golf Club is a better place with his presence, knowledge and guidance. He will be missed. Thank you, Mike, for all your support.

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



As a token of our appreciation and our knowledge of his love for both Golf & Hockey, the BOD Of SGC presented Mike Faulkner a Hockey Stick Putter. We figured it would only help his putting. Just kidding Mike...Good Luck!



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### 2020 Tournament Recap:

#### Invitational Results:

Championship Flight: Justin Harris  
A-Flight: Bob VanValkenburg  
B-Flight: Joe Lambert  
C-Flight: Mike Ciaravino  
Senior Flight: Steve Hubbard  
Medalist: Duffy Mulford  
HONOREE: Robin Turner

#### Fall Scramble:

A-Flight: Rob Anderson & Matt Moyse  
B-Flight: Mike & Jason O'Donnell  
C-Flight: Pete Sluiter & Ronnie Hull  
D-Flight: Heimerle & Vitzthum  
E-Flight: Duncan Axtell & Dave Hoffman  
F-Flight: Tom & Tommy Greehan

#### President's Cup:

Blue Tee - Ben Curns  
White Tee - Tony Michalowski  
Green Tee - Charlie Palm  
Ladies - Mary Sherwood

#### Club Championship:

Blue Tee - Wayne Lord  
White Tee - Tony Michalowski  
Green Tee - Alex Sharpe  
Ladies - Joann Rockefeller

#### Men's League:

Charlie Palm & Dave Hartwell

#### Joe Beck:

Greg Funck, Jim Natale, Neil Krick, Steve Hubbard

#### Oktoberfest:

Carl Bagnardi, Stephano Bagnardi, Alex Sharpe, Tom Ski

**Congrats to all the winners!**



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It's hard to believe another season has come and gone. Seems like we were just dealing with the uncertainty of COVID and early May snowstorms. All in all, the weather was beautiful for most of the golf season. We saw many new faces at the course this year. It was great seeing a full parking lot on a daily basis. Many thanks go out to all the members and guests who made this year a success despite the circumstances.

We had a couple of events to wrap up the tournament season. We had **Member Appreciation Day** on October 3rd. This was a chance for members to bring guests up to play on a beautiful fall day when the leaves were near their peak. Many comments were made about the beautiful views we are able to enjoy here at SGC.

October 4th was **Employee Appreciation Day**. About 40 employees and guests participated in the scramble event. When all was said and done, Team Jon Rohacevich was victorious. A big thank you goes out to all the Board of Directors who donated their time at the Tavern and in the Pro Shop, which made this event a success.



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Be sure to check your emails in the off season for any specials we may be running. Feel free to email us with any questions or comments at [info@stamfordgolfclub.com](mailto:info@stamfordgolfclub.com). Also, continue to monitor our website, [stamfordgolfclub.com](http://stamfordgolfclub.com), for updates.

We are wishing everyone a safe and prosperous off season. We look forward to seeing everyone back in 2021!

--Director of Golf, Brad Anderson

#### **Golf Slang:**

##### **AFRAID OF THE DARK:**

When the putt ball refuses to fall into the hole.

#### ***Rule of the Month:***

##### **8 Rules Golfers Break...Without Realizing**

#### **Golf Quote:**

“I think it’s more than whether or not you win or lose. It’s having that opportunity on that final round, final nine, To come down the stretch with a chance to win.”

--Phil Mickelson



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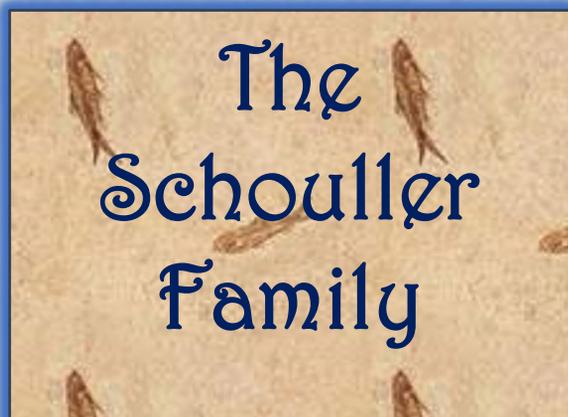
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#### Tavern 1897

Our Tavern Team has already started getting ready for the 2021 season (there is always so much to do!). We have many new ideas to provide all of you with the best experience possible. We greatly appreciate all the compliments we've received throughout the season. It means more than you know and pushes us to work even harder. With new management and a new vision we found a new energy that exploded at the SGC.

A huge thank you once again to our hard working staff. You're greatly appreciated and hope to see you back in the Spring.

We wish everyone a safe and happy off season and look forward to spring 2021.





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#### Greens & Grounds

Well, this year flew by as did the last 20 years. In October we aerated, top dressed and brushed in the sand all before the big storm. It worked out all around for everybody. We have drained the water lines and have taken apart the pump for another year. By the time you read this we will have applied the proper chemicals to put the Greens to bed for the winter, so they will be ready to play next spring.

Blowing of the leaves has been an everyday, sometimes all-day event, especially when the wind changes directions, hahahahahah. All areas have been cut one last time and equipment has been washed and serviced for the winter. I can honestly say that until this year I never came close to losing a green. Take-All Patch came out of nowhere this year and gave me a unique battle, one I hope I won.

I would now like to thank Wayne Lord for bringing me back to SGC four years. Words cannot describe how much I enjoyed doing my job, and the pride I feel when I see golfers enjoying themselves.



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Yes, 20 years have flown by since I first walked onto the course as a member of the grounds crew. So many memories, and so little time. So many friendships with not just members, but with many of the grounds crew over the years. Some of the Highlights for me are: Moving the cart paths on hole 12 away from the green and over through the pine trees. Taking the shrubs out of the 15th and 1st tees and planting the arborvitaes. Building the 17th forward tee in 2007.

In 2008, getting a Toro Workman Sprayer for the chemicals, (we still have the old piece of equipment). Upgrading to 14 bladed reels for the greens mower, giving us a professional cut on the greens. The memories so vast, it's hard to recount them all.

A big highlight was when the board sent me to Cornell in the winter of 2004, where I received a degree in Turf Management. It was quite an honor to have a group people entrust me with becoming the Superintendent of their course. I emersed myself from that time forward trying always to do a better job and keep the course in tip top shape.



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That being said, It is now time to enjoy my golden years, playing more on the course that I fell in love with. Many don't know that I was a member before I became an employee. Thank you to all who helped me over the years and to Joe Rohaevich my brother in arms, my sounding board, my friend. I will miss you the most.

I hope over the winter that all goes well for everyone and that I will see you on the course next year, and maybe play a round.

*--Superintendent, Mike Faulkner*

#### Course Update:

As winter approaches, we have been making some end of the year maintenance decisions on the golf course. We cleaned up the tree stumps behind hole fourteen. We took a few trees down behind hole eleven. We took down some other dead trees on hole one. The BOD would like to send out a special thank you to **Steve Hubbard** for all his work and effort getting this done. I would also like to thank **Bill Lawrence** for taking the time and effort to fertilize our tee boxes before seasons end.



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#### Memory Lane

Senator Warren M. Anderson Expressway (I88) is the stretch of road that connects Albany and Binghamton. The Senator, himself, would frequently make stops in the rural communities that bordered the expansive new trail as he traveled between work and home. Occasionally our own Stamford Gold Course was a destination, as his valet would call for a tee time that day. While booking the times the valet's next question was always, could we extend gratis rate. Joe Pedulla, who was working in the Pro Shop at that time, would always find me to ask if we could offer such a thing. I would always tell him, "No, but charge him the member's rate," knowing well that we didn't have member's rate and he would be charged the full price.

Most days the valet would come in and pay for the round, but on this day Warren himself came in. I was stocking shelves and Joe was behind the counter. As we did to all our guests, we both welcomed Mr. Anderson by his name. Warren stated that he needed to buy some tees and asked how much they cost.

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“Quarter a bag or three for a dollar.” Joe replied, to which the senator replied, “Ok, I’ll take three,” and gave Joe a dollar. We both remained quiet in the shop until the senator left then we exploded with laughter.

--Jim Schouller



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

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