

Stamford Golf Club's



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President's Tee Box

To our hard working staff, volunteers, members, Board of Directors, and community members – thank you! Collectively we all help contribute to making SGC a fun place to be. Our club and tavern simply would not exist without all this support and I am very proud to be part of it all.

Welcome **NEW** Member:

Xavier Bessez Non-resident

Big Thanks:

Jim Natale & Judy Kramer – you two are non-stop and make my job a whole lot easier

Cathy Strauss for repairing and repainting our golf statue

Anne Matthews who designed a beautiful sign for the garden on hole #16

Stephen Schmitt & Taylor Boyle for helping with the landscaping around our Tavern sign in front of the building. Looks great!!

Golf Impressions



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It's September but still lots of golf to play! I know our tournament schedule and social calendar have been necessarily limited this year due to COVID, but we have some terrific events coming up to finish the season strong.

Fall Scramble: September 12th & 13th

Currently full – call to be added to the wait list

US Open Calcutta*: September 16th

US Open @ Tavern 1897*: September 17th – 20th

Joe Beck Memorial Tournament: September 19th

2nd Annual Oktoberfest Scramble*: September 26th

Tremendous amount of fun last year and very popular!!
With a September date – in true Bavarian style!

Member Appreciation Day*: October 3rd

Employee Appreciation Day*: October 4th

Closing Party*: TBD

***Details
Coming
Soon**

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MEN'S INVITATIONAL:

What a great event! This year was the fastest the Invitational has filled up in quite some time, drawing players of all skill levels and geographic locations.

Noticeably absent due to COVID restrictions:

Pete Schaaf Jr, Ryan Curran. You were missed and we look forward to seeing you next year. It was great that **Duffy Mulford** could make it - traveling to NY two weeks before competition to be fit to play! Duffy had the low Friday round with a 67 - shot in the pouring rain with high winds!

Similar to last year, 2020 witnessed another wild finish in the final match of the Championship Flight. Last year's Champion (and relative newcomer), **Justin Harris**, took on challenger and longtime/frequent Championship flight-er, **John Beczak** in an epic overtime battle fitting of Sunday afternoon championship golf. The match remained close the entire round with all 40+ carts following the two players from hole to hole. Justin Harris sealed the deal on the 3rd playoff hole securing his second straight championship title. Congratulations to Justin Harris and all other flight winners.

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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**

We were very proud to honor Robin for the 83rd Invitational. He served on the Board of Directors for many years, put in countless amount of time, effort and wisdom to make SGC a better place. And that was one heck of a speech by **Vic Jessen** – thanks Vic.

****A special THANK YOU to all of our tournament sponsors. Your generosity allows us enhance the tournament each year.**

Thank you to **Doug & Michelle Decker** for working the grill at the shack – we received tons of great feedback!

Thank you to **Jim Schouler** for officiating once again.

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INVITATIONAL SPONSORS:

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Curran Family
Lorimer Family
DeFeo Family
Beczak Family
O'Donnell Family
Jim's Great American
Stewart's
Main Care
Race Printing
Swenson Family

Mountain Eagle Invitational

LESSONS:

I recently took a golf lesson from our resident PGA Professional **Jim Schouler**. I was struggling a bit and Jim got me back on track - I highly recommend! I just wish he'd taught me how not to dribble the ball off the 18th tee in the final round of the club championship...☺
Call the golf shop to setup an appointment.

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Golf Shop

Another month has come and gone, again with mostly beautiful weather. August was a busy one, with the Invitational, Club Championship, President's Cup and a lot of play on a daily basis.

Our most recent raffle winner was **Mike Brown**. Mike brought home the hottest driver on the market today, a Taylor Made Sim. Congratulations Mike! The next raffle is coming soon.

Need a pullover for a chilly morning? How about a new glove, maybe a hat, a dozen golf balls? The Pro Shop is fully stocked! We are also ready to take your special order as needed. Be on the lookout for some awesome sales!

Course Information

Rates

MONDAY SPECIAL

- ✓ 18 Holes **\$39**
- ✓ Cart
- ✓ \$10 Tavern Cash

Golf Slang

Flusher

- A ball that circles the entire cup, then goes in. You might need to wipe after that one.

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CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP:

Each year, both men and women members battle their way through a two day stroke play event to prove who's the best member of the club. This year we had a great turnout in players. The Club Championship saw **Wayne Lord** successfully defend his Championship in the Blue Tee Gross Division with a two day total of 154. That was good for a one stroke victory over **Ben Curns**, who captured the net title. The White Tee Flight was hotly contested as well. After tying in regulation with a gross score of 167, **Tony Michalowski** was victorious in a playoff over **Tom Sherwood**. **John Wisnieski** was the net champion with a score of 143. The Senior Green Tee Division saw **Alex Sharpe** win with a two day total of 141. **Frank Lamport** carded a 139 to capture net honors. The Women's Division saw **Joann Rockefeller** capture the title with a playoff victory over defending champion **Bonnie Lockett** with a two day total of 183. **Mary Sherwood** was victorious in the net division with a score of 139. With their victories, Wayne and Joann earned their choice of parking spaces for 2021! A total of 43 members played under beautiful conditions. We thank all of you who participated and made this event such a rousing success!

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The 2020 President's Cup is complete! The Blue Tee Flight saw **Ben Curns** defeat **Greg Funck** on the 17th hole.

Tony Michalowski also won on the 17th hole with a victory over **Chris Barker** for the White Tees Flight. **Charlie Palm** defeated **Victor Mullen** 2 & 1 to capture the Senior Division. On the Ladies side, **Mary Sherwood** was victorious in a playoff over **Janet Marnane**. Many close matches – championship golf at its best!

Congratulations to all of the winners and a big thank you to all of the participants.

President's Cup Results:

Women: **Mary Sherwood**

Blue Tee: **Ben Curns**

White Tee: **Tony Michalowski**

Senior: **Charlie Palm**

PSA:

**Please do NOT
drive golf carts
thru the tall
fescue**

Labor Day Weekend is coming; please call to schedule your tee time. Thanks again to all of the members and guests that have made this a fun and successful season. We will see you soon!

--Director of Golf, Brad Anderson

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Tavern 1897

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Men's League Dinner:
Tuesday, September 8th

US Open Calcutta:
Wednesday, September 16th

*Specials to be announced very soon

US Open Viewing:
Thursday, September 17th – Sunday, September 20th



*Welcome
New
Staff!*

*Laura
Briana*



HOUSE ACCOUNTS:

With two months of the season remaining – don't forget to use your tavern funds already loaded on your house account. All funds will expire when the tavern closes at the end of the season.

**“Don't play too much golf. Two rounds a day are plenty.
- Harry Vardon**

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Tavern 1897

- ✓ Happy Hour
- ✓ Weekday Specials
- ✓ Chef Paul's
Weekend Specials

**ALL WILL CONTINUE
THRU SEPTEMBER!!**

BREAKFAST:

Served 7am – 11am
Friday – Sunday
+ Labor Day

Koozies for Sale!



Breakfast Menu

Full Menu

Under Par



HOURS

Mon – Thurs: 11am – 8pm

Fri/Sat/Sun: 7am – 8pm

**TACO THURSDAY
has been upgraded!**

Gourmet Tacos

Chicken or Beef

Crispy or Soft Shell

Cheddar-Jack Cheese

Fresh Pico de Gallo

Sour Cream

Jalapeno

\$3/taco

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Greens & Grounds

Well, the Summer is flying by way too fast. August has been an interesting month with the weather, special jobs, and the Invitational tournament. We had a nice dose of rain just days before the Invitational, which really helped the wetting agent we applied to the greens days earlier. Speaking of the greens, we've battled all year with the relentless humidity. I have applied many different combinations of fungicides and wetting agents to help keep them healthy. This has been a battle for all local golf courses this season. We have had an outbreak of Anthracnose, and on one green a disease known as Brown Patch. Both of these diseases are caused by compaction. Remedies include keeping moisture off the greens, making watering a touchy situation (darned if you do and darned if you don't).

This being said, we are **aerating the greens starting September 28th**. It's been quite some time since our greens have undergone this process.

Also, we spent a lot of hours trimming up trees for fair play for all. We also have cut down a few trees to improve not just the beauty of the course but to get more air flow around some greens to help with this humidity.

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Greens & Grounds

I'm looking into new chemicals to combat the host of new insects and pathogens that come from the south as well. Also, a pair of trees in front of the 9th tee came down during the morning storm of August 25th, not by choice. We continue to receive great feedback regarding the tall fescue. The course, as far as I can remember, has never been busier. It is great to see and makes the staff feel like they are doing good work. Please feel free to tell the men that they are doing something nice, before a few of them go back to school. Myself, I want to thank Jon Rohacevich, and Reese Chase for all they have done. I couldn't be happier with conditions considering the way Mother Nature has been throwing her weight around.

September brings 3 big Tournaments, frost, and shorter days. I hope you all have a great month.

Until the next Tee Time, hittem straight, not often.

--Superintendent, Mike Faulkner

Rule of the Month: [Ball Lost or Out of Bounds](#)

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Junior Golf

Edmund Cleary with father Edmund Cleary. Young Ed hit a hole in one last month on hole #1 using an 8iron. He was in our Jr Golf program this year. Camp is paying off! 😊



The Junior Golf Board of Directors is always looking for extra help with our program. Please [email](#) us if interested

**Jr Golf Shirts still available in the golf shop.
All sizes, maroon or blue**

It's great to see all the juniors out on the course!!

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Memory Lane

YESTERYEAR:

Once upon a time the Stamford Golf Club held formal opening and closing parties. Reserved cloth covered tables decorated with candles and/or flowers with prime rib or salmon as entrées. Women wore long dresses and the men in suits or sports jackets with dress shirt and tie. No golf shoes. There was dancing accompanied also by the music of clinking cocktail glasses around the bar and out on the porch. A member was usually awarded for his or her accomplishments or contributions to the club. Those were the days of formality along with fun and camaraderie. I offer up a toast to all those wonderful friends who gathered with us then and to those who are with us in memory only today.

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Memory Lane

CAPTAIN & CREW:

A time when even the most accomplished golfer would donate a weekend afternoon sharing his or her talents with older members and not so serious golfers. There were mixed teams of men and women with various handicaps (some even physical) led by a Captain who was in charge of his crew as they competed in the scramble. Patience was required during all the missed shots but laughter conquered all. I remember “Jonesy” grinning ear to ear with those puffed red cheeks in between, his wife Wilma always having something to laugh about and then Anita Serrie who could be heard loudly cheering us on. It was FUN and we enjoyed playing with each other regardless of who won. Each scramble was followed by optional eating and drinking and more laughs and stories. And then the interest faded. The Captains jumped ship opting for a more serious game with their buddies. And so, the scrambles were scraped, but the memories linger.

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Night Golf:

You're kidding? Don't recall if it was a "one night stand" or if a recurring event. But we lined the lower four fairways #15-#18 with cyalume light sticks hanging from poles stuck along the fairway. The flag was lighted on the green and glow in the dark and yellow golf balls were in play. Flashlights were optional as legal equipment and reflective clothing recommended for safety. The clubhouse was lit up for extra light and the mountains echoed with laughter and yelled calls of "FORE"!! It took forever to play each hole and most of us quit before finishing as it got damp. But there we were ready to party led by Wayne and Judy Lee dressed in nightgown, pajamas and slippers. I understand similar events are held today somewhere using more modern lighting methods, but could never compare to night golf at the Stamford club.

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Memory Lane

HOLE IN ONE?:

Not exactly. Before the “Queen” our famous women’s tournament, we held themed ladies tournaments involving dress and decorations. A Stamford lady member was assigned to each foursome as “hostess”, guide, etc. I was a beginner golfer but offered my services to host the team from Cobleskill. They were serious and excellent golfers, so I held back on the joke telling and comments so as to not distract them from their game. My tee off on #15 was ok, made it to the drop off and the ball rolled over it. My next shot was to the left towards the 18 th tee. It landed in the garbage can!! I mean, IN the can. All four of us were in disbelief. I said the first thing that came to mind,” Well girls, I was assigned to play with you and entertain. I hope you enjoyed my entertainment.”! Ilene Gaffney who was the best lady golfer from Cobleskill, smiled and declared the ruling so that we could resume the hole. (I assume you all know what that ruling was?) FYI: I finished the hole with a Par!!! To this day, Ilene still reminds me of it while chuckling whenever she sees me.

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NEW GAL IN THE FOURSOME:

Many, many years ago, having just become a member, I did not know many of the women golfers. I joined a foursome led by the wife of our town physician. I was impressed by her, but as I was new, I was shy and let the other gals do the conversing as I struggled with my game. Finally at the 15th Tee, I mentioned something to one of the women regarding my job. Vicki who was getting on the tee, must have heard me and for the first time acknowledged my presence and asked “ what kind of work do you do”? My answer was out of frustration for having been ignored up to this point, so I replied quite seriously: “I run an escort service.” A smirk on the gal who knew me, jaws dropped on the others and without a comment, Vicki turned and hit her drive right out of bounds. (the drive may not be exactly as I remembered, but how I envision now.)

Have a memory you'd like to share?

--Lucy Jessen

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