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# The Tee Times

*The official newsletter of the Stoughton Country Club*

## General Manager's Corner

by Brad Calaway, PGA  
General Manager & Head Golf Professional

Hang on tight, June felt more like July or August already and the course could use some rain. Summer is officially here, and we have a lot going on. We have Men's and Women's Classic matches in full swing, Men's President's Cup gaining momentum and the first of many Chip-n-Sip lessons are in the books.

Gentlemen, if you're looking to improve your game, we have assistant golf Professional Ryan Milsap offering dates for Pints and Pitching, where he combines a love of beer with a thirst for golf improvement. Sign up in the golf shop.

July is a great month to be a golf fan. We had the Am-Fam Insurance Championship conclude how most wanted, as Steve Stricker finally won his event. We are so happy for him. Many members traveled to Sentry World in Steven's Point, WI June 27th - July 2nd for the 2023 U.S. Senior Open Championship.

We had the largest revenue producer of the year, The Men's Invitational, just wrapped up. Congratulations to Larry Donaldson and Nick Schreck for winning again this year.

Big thanks to J.J. Hegge for organizing our SCC Golf for Women's Health outing and putting our ladies in everything camouflage.

Couples 9 and Dine is in full swing with our 1st Friday event won by Joel and Stephanie Erstad. Reminder, 9 and Dine is the first Friday of each month into September and is scheduled with a fun event followed by dinner.

The Clubhouse got its paint job as Epic Painting laid down Extra White and Hunt Club (Augusta Green) colors that truly pop.

With the new members that have joined in June and the new paint job on the Clubhouse, our future sure does look bright.

Growing the game,

Brad Calaway, PGA

## To Score or Not to Score

by Brad Calaway, GM & PGA

I'd suggest not keeping score until you are ready. As a beginner, the score is unimportant. Focus on taking a good swing and hitting solid shots. There is no reason to put pressure on yourself to try and make low scores right from the start.

Focus on working on your golf swing and your short game. Learn to hit the ball well and get off each green after just a few putts. When you can do this consistently, you are very likely ready to start keeping score.

If you want to challenge yourself before you are ready to keep score, you can do things like keep track of fairway hits, try to get through nine holes without losing a golf ball, or not take over three putts on each green.

## From the Grounds Crew

by Mark Livingston, Golf Course Superintendent

I'm not sure if any of you have noticed but it is a little dry out there. I have been having flashbacks to the summer of 2012 when we set both heat and drought records and the crew spent all summer hand-watering areas where we don't have irrigation as well as trees. I am hopeful that we will not get to that point this summer but with the weather lately you just never know.

The warm, dry conditions we are dealing with cause us to do things a little differently around the course. The main thing we do is water, a lot. The warm, dry air is making it difficult to keep up with the irrigation. During a "normal" weather pattern I might water certain areas 2-3 times per week and that is more than enough. This year there have been stretches where I am watering every night and it isn't close to being sufficient. We end up putting out additional water during the day as well as running hoses and portable sprinklers where we can. It also becomes quickly apparent if a sprinkler is malfunctioning or simply not covering the area it should be. We have spent a lot of time chasing dry spots due to the irrigation system not performing the way we would like. The height of the cut has been slightly raised to help it withstand the additional stress, and we are not mowing the unirrigated areas unless needed.

There are a couple of things you can do to help during this time of additional stress:

- Please understand that it will be necessary for us to run water during the day. With our irrigation system and grasses, we are not able to just water during the overnight hours, especially on fairways.
- Do not drive on dry burnt-out spots. Keep your cart where the grass is still green and growing.
- Most importantly, keep carts away from tees and greens and make sure all four of your tires are on the path. I have noticed way too many carts off the paths and near the greens. I understand if you have a flag in your cart and cannot walk well but most of the "violators" appear to be able-bodied younger golfers that need to keep their carts on the paths.

Enjoy the summer and see you on the course.

welcome

**Please join us in welcoming the following new members to SCC...**

Matt Hults  
James and Christie Stark  
Brian Mueller  
Greg and Angela Rice  
Tom Wiesbrock

Take a moment to say "hello" and introduce yourself!



# Have you thought about boating to the Club?

We'd like to remind our members that it's one if by land, and two if by sea. It's twice as much fun to come to the Club by boat. Come for golf (as often happens on Men's Day). Members call ahead and request a cart or two to be parked at the steps leading to the dock. Come for lunch or dinner, get takeout, or dine in. What better way to entertain your friends or family than to visit by boat? If not hungry, stop in for drinks to go or dock the boat and enjoy the patio. There are plenty of ways to enjoy the members' benefit of access "by sea".



Tyler Nordness and Mark Carmichael are pictured here leaving the Club after a short visit.

# News From Behind the Bar

by Tim Gille, Bar Manager

## JULY BAR FEATURES



**TRANSFUSIONS**  
Ready to drink vodka  
canned cocktail  
Grape - Cranberry  
\$3

**DELLE VENEZIE**  
Pinot Grigio  
Italy

Refreshing, light, and cool.  
An easy-to-drink wine  
bursting with notes of  
citrus, apple, and pear.  
\$8 glass      \$32 bottle

**TROPICAL SUNSHINE MOCKTAIL**  
Pineapple Juice - Sprite - Grenadine  
\$5

# To Keep You Laughing

Golf balls are like eggs...

They are white,  
They are sold by the dozen,  
And a week later,  
you have to buy more.



## CORRECTION



In last month's edition of The Tee Times, we inadvertently misspelled Aimee Jo Castleberry's first name.

We are very sorry for this error.

## We ask that you please be respectful of our neighbors

Owning a home on the edge of a golf course is a dream come true for many. Not only do they enjoy prime proximity to their favorite game, but golf course homeowner members also benefit from increased property values, expansive views, and access to amenities like the bar, restaurant, patio, and practice areas.

These property owners usually find the bothers of an occasional stray golf ball or noisy golfers small prices to pay for such a prime location.

Maintaining a healthy and respectful relationship with homeowners is important. Most do not mind if you walk onto their property to retrieve your golf ball close to the property line.

Never take a cart onto someone's property and please stay off property that has been clearly marked by the homeowner as "no trespassing".



## 150-Yard Poles

Many of our golfers have been asking, "Where did the 150 poles go"?

The answer is simple, it was decided by the Board that they are no longer needed, a dated look, and most importantly a maintenance hindrance.

We will be placing painted white pavers like the current red (100) and blue (200) markers where needed.

While not all the holes will receive their new 150 markers, we can ensure the holes that would benefit most will.





## 2023 Golf For Women's Health "Camo for a Cause"



Wednesday, June 28, was a great day for the annual Golf for Women's Health event. Over 80 participants joined in the fun!

# What's Happening

## JULY

- 1 (Sat):** Private Party
- 2 (Sun):** Independence Golf Outing
- 7 (Fri):** Couples 9 and Dine
- 10 (Mon):** Pints & Pitching
- 11 (Tue):** Chip-N-Sip
- 14 (Fri):** Musical Entertainment w/ Dining – Dean Richard (Classic Rock & Old Soul)
- 14 (Fri):** Lonigro Golf Outing
- 15 (Sat):** Private Party
- 18 (Tue):** IFMA Golf Outing
- 22 (Sat):** Private Party
- 24 (Mon):** Pints & Pitching
- 25 (Tue):** Chip-N-Sip
- 25 (Tue):** Stoughton Chamber Golf Outing
- 28 (Fri):** Musical Entertainment w/ Dining – Ron Denson (60's, Rock, Blues, Country, & Current Hits)
- 28 (Fri):** 30th Annual Mad Man Outing

## AUGUST

- 4 (Fri):** Couples 9 & Dine
- 4 (Fri):** Lobster Boil
- 6 (Sun):** Private Party
- 7 (Mon):** Pints & Pitching
- 8 (Tue):** Chip-N-Sip
- 12 (Sat):** Casino Night – Member Representative Needed
- 14 (Mon):** Stoughton Girls Golf Tournament
- 19 (Sat):** Private Party
- 21 (Mon):** Pints & Pitching
- 22 (Tue):** Chip-N-Sip
- 25 – 27 (F-S-S):** Club Championship
- 28-29 (M-T):** Aerating Greens

*\*Please note: Events and dates are subject to change or cancellation if not enough member interest, etc.*



Just a reminder:

Members with private carts, children must be 15 years old to drive your golf cart on SCC property.

If using a SCC golf cart, drivers must be 16 years old to drive.