



Tuscarora Golf Club, Inc
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President's Message

As I write this a cold blanket of snow covers the ground. Mother Nature promises us, however, that golf is just around the corner. As Tuscarora embarks upon its 100th anniversary, we look forward to a fantastic golfing season and opening the course as soon as possible. Please keep an eye out for an e-mail from the Pro Shop advising when the course is open for play.

100th anniversary: Please mark your calendars for July 28 and 29 when Tuscarora will celebrate the past 100 years with golf, food, music, fun and a few drinks. A committee is hard at work planning the events and more details will be announced as they are firmed up.

House Operations: Peter Cappuccilli and his crew will return for the 2023 season. Please consider Peter for any parties or events you are planning.

Pro Shop: Jason Wall begins his first year as our Head Golf Professional. Jason has a fine selection of merchandise in the Pro Shop, and he is available for lessons.

Course: Steve Kurta returns as our Superintendent. We are completing construction on a new maintenance facility. Please thank Otey Marshall for the considerable time and effort he has volunteered to the club to make this project possible. Repairs to a trench dug on holes 7, 16 and 17 for water and electric lines to the new structure are ongoing and should be completed by Memorial Day. In addition, trees to the right of the 4th, 5th and 6th fairways have been thinned out to increase air flow around the course and decrease the amount of shade. This will create better conditions to grow grass, particularly in the right rough on holes 4 and 5. The aesthetics of that area of the course will also be improved.

Membership: Our membership remains strong, with a significant waiting list. Any questions regarding membership can be directed to Membership Committee Chairmen Chris Marshall. Nancy Nojaim continues to update our club directory. Please advise her with any changes to your contact information.

Website: Our website has considerable information about Tuscarora's events, rules, regulations and how to book tee times. Please visit the website to take advantage of this information.

Scholarship program: As we have done in the past, \$10 will be added to everyone's membership in your May statement, making every member eligible to win a free membership for 2024 season. As always, a winner will be drawn during the Labor Day Classic in September. Applications for the scholarship should be submitted by Wednesday, May 24, 2023, and the scholarship winner will be announced during our Memorial Day event. Please visit the website for an application or additional details.

I hope to see everyone soon and please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Chris Bednarski
Tuscarora president

Dear Members,

It is with great enthusiasm that I write this letter. I'm still looking at a snow covered golf course but I

know we'll be swinging soon enough! Not only is this Tuscarora's Centennial Year, it's my first year as Head Golf Professional. I have lived the majority of my life around the corner from Tuscarora and played my high school golf on this course. I have an unparalleled respect and appreciation for this club and I look forward to doing my best to preserve what makes this place so special. I want everyone to know that I will always be available and willing to do what needs to be done, so please do not hesitate to reach out with questions or concerns.

We are in the shop preparing for opening day, so we invite you to stop by to say hi and to check out some of the new merchandise that has arrived for the 2023 season.

Staffing

John Sullivan and Josh Marshall will be returning as the Assistant Professional's.

Travis Moore will be returning to head up the outside services.

Shamus Hickey will be helping out in the pro shop during the summer months.

Online Tee Times

One of the Pro Shop Staff's primary goals will be to continue the use of the online tee time system, **Tee-On Golf Systems**. The dedicated use of this system from all members will allow the Pro Shop staff to provide better service and be more prepared and equipped for your arrival. Please contact any member of the Pro Shop staff if you are experiencing issues or have questions as we move forward with the use of this program.

Bag Storage and Pull Cart Storage

The Pro Shop has a few open slots anticipated for the storage of your golf clubs here at the Club House. This is a great opportunity to save yourself the trouble of lugging your clubs around all season long. Additionally, you can keep your clubs looking brand new with complimentary cleaning service after each round. Please contact the Pro Shop for current prices. Spots are assigned on a first come first served basis.

Seasonal Golf Cart Passes

Seasonal cart passes are available for purchase. All members who had purchased cart passes for 2022 will automatically be signed up for the 2023 season. If you wish to cancel your cart pass for this season, please notify the Pro Shop staff immediately so you can be billed accordingly.

Communication

Email is the fastest and most convenient way for the Pro Shop staff to communicate with the members. It is the staff's intention to send at least one email each week with updates and announcements. If you did not receive regular emails last year please provide us your most up-to-date email.

Driving Range

The driving range will open as soon as picking golf balls is permitted. An email will be sent to notify you of when the Range officially opens. The new and improved range mats are expected to be installed in the near future. The driving range tees will be on the mats every Monday and Thursday. Please remember our range is limited to 185 yards, while practicing, do your best to keep ALL shots within the trees and within sight. Hole 17 runs adjacent to the range and any errant shot hit towards hole 17 should be accompanied

with a “FORE”. Please make sure everyone utilizing the range is aware of this.

The Pro Shop staff would appreciate it if all players checked in the Pro Shop before they tee off.

This allows the staff to know who is on the property and can notify you of any group play or incoming weather issues. All play must begin on the first hole unless permission is given by someone on the professional staff.

2023 PGA Junior League & Junior Program

Junior Golf is vital to growing the game and we try to promote that to the best of our abilities. The course will provide a starter clinic to kick off the summer. In the weeks following the clinic, the club will provide the course every Thursday morning for the membership to bring their children and/or grandchildren for golf with their peers. The pro shop will make pairings and set a couple of fun options to get some holes in without the everyday pressure of a busy course. We recommend all juniors to take part in this program as we have seen first hand the long standing positive effects of starting children at a young age. Parents/Grandparents are always welcomed to stay to “caddie” and help guide them around the course.

The PGA Junior League will once again take place here at the club. Registration will begin once the season starts and an email will be sent which will include a registration link and information for the season. If you have any questions please feel free to email the pro shop. The League will have a little league feel to it and even include some travel golf outings at other local courses.

At its core, PGA Junior League Golf is a group of local golf teams who play a series of games against each other, utilizing a nurturing and social scramble format. The program is available to boys and girls, 13 and under, of all abilities. PGA and LPGA Professionals exclusively serve as Captains and are responsible for creating a welcoming environment for all that encourages skill and character development.

Merchandise and Demo Days

The Pro Shop will be fully stocked and competitively priced. Look for great brands including Titleist, Foot Joy, TaylorMade, Callaway, Mizuno, Under Armour, Imperial, Bettinardi, Vineyard Vine, Ping, Straight Down, and a surprise brand we will be introduced in the coming weeks. If the Pro Shop does not have an item or brand you are looking for please let a staff member know so that special arrangements can be made. Demo days are currently being scheduled with representatives from Titleist, Callaway, Mizuno, TaylorMade, and Tsquared. Dates and times will be made available in the upcoming weeks, so that professional fitters from these companies may assist you with all of your club needs.

We are all looking forward to a great year!

Jason Wall, PGA Associate

Greens Report

In like a lamb and out like a lion seems to be the pattern we’re experiencing at the moment with regards to the weather. The good news about these types of years is turf will be relatively unharmed as we had one smooth temperature transition after another. There were no major thaw / rain / freeze events of the type that kill Poa on greens. We expect minimal winter kill on the course and a normal return to growth.

Projects and course work

Our new maintenance facility is nearly complete. In all, the new building will add approximately 8000 square feet of heated space for the staff including repair bays, meeting rooms, chemical storage/mixing.

Teamed with our existing storage spaces Tuscarora is now equipped to meet future demands of equipment, personnel, regulation, and environmental considerations as the golf industry continues to grow to meet the generations of golfers and golf course superintendents to come. It has few equals in our region right now and is something that will serve the club well for at least another 100 years. Look for action when snow melts around repairing the utility trenches to the new shop. You'll notice some light logging near 4/5/6 to increase air flow. Regrassing those areas will take place as weather allows with all areas being back in play by Memorial weekend. More details and pictures in an upcoming grounds department blog post.

Ben Kilmartin & Steve Kurta

Tuscarora Golf Club 2023 Men's Wednesday Night 9 Hole Golf League

League play will begin on Wednesday, April 26th and end on Wednesday, September 6th. Depending on the number of teams that sign up, we may or may not have shot gun starts (at 5:00 pm) for the first three weeks and last three weeks of the league.

The cost of league including skins is \$120.00 per player. Registration for the league will be done online again, as it was last year, so click on the following link (LINK) to complete and submit the registration form. Make sure you indicate whether you will be joining as a league member or only as a sub. Also, include your member number and provide all requested information. Your account will be charged the \$120.00.

As always, if you sign up to play in league, you are expected to be there every week and when you cannot be there, to arrange for a sub to play in your place. We have an active sub list and we would encourage you to be a sub, if you can't commit to playing every Wednesday.

The application form now includes a field for playing in the "early" league. (Weekly tee times between 3pm and 4pm). Please note that the early league will only be needed if the size of the league is too large to get every match out during the normal league tee times (4pm to 6pm).

If you'd like to indicate a "preferred partner" please make sure to include that name when you complete the registration form. Please note that Flights will be based on total handicap of the two-man team.

In order to play in the league this year the board has mandated that all Outstanding Balances and all 2023 Dues must be paid in full by April 1st. No Exceptions.

Register online by Wednesday, April 5th

2023 Men's Thursday 18 Hole Golf League

The Thursday 18-hole Men's League is back for year 4. League play will begin on Thursday, April 27th. Depending on the number of teams, starting times will be blocked out from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The cost of league including skins will be \$ 90.00 per player. Registration for the league will be done online so click on the following **LINK:**https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScvPltPpMnWI7mxqGiMl5wRbBss9ggdbGJ_9F9llsczswAYbg/viewform?usp=sf_link (copy and paste in browser) and complete the registration form. Make sure to indicate whether you will be joining the league or subbing only. Also, include your

member number. Your account will be charged the \$ 90.00. As always, if you sign up to play you are expected to be there every week or arrange for a sub to play in your place if you are unable to make it. **This year we will allow play from the white tees. To play the whites your age + your handicap INDEX must be equal or greater than 90.**

The Format for this league will be as follows: Teams of 3 or 4 players picked by the commissioners based on handicap. Singles match play with handicap, (1-man vs 1 man, 2-man vs 2 man, etc.). Set up your match and play with any other twosome. Pro Shop credit awarded at the end of the season in Mid-September.

As with all play at the Club, the Board has mandated that **ALL Outstanding Balances and All 2022 Dues obligations** must be paid in full by April 1st. **No Exceptions.**

Register online by Thursday, April 6th.

FROM THE RESTAURANT:

Hello Fellow Members,

It won't be long before we reopen our restaurant for the 2023 season. Our plan (weather permitting) is to open for the year with a limited tavern menu on Saturday April 1. On Good Friday April 7 we will have a fish fry dinner followed by our traditional Easter Sunday Brunch on April 9th.

Attached is the Easter Sunday Brunch flyer. Reservations will only be accepted by texting or calling me at 315-380-3656. Please leave your name, telephone number, number in your party and the time you would like to be seated. Please do not call the restaurant and leave a message. In order to have the required time to order the right amount of product and food; the deadline for making reservations is noon Tuesday April 4th.

As we get closer to our opening I will be sharing with you the many new exciting ideas and improvements.

Stay safe and get ready for the fun ahead as we celebrate Tuscarora's 100 year anniversary.

Thank you!

TWGA

The Tuscarora Women's Golf Association was formed to facilitate women's golf at Tuscarora by overseeing leagues, tournaments, projects and events. We invite all women to be part of the TWGA. Please contact Cara Cahill, President ccahill83@gmail.com, Linda Kelley, Vice-President lindakelly1009@gmail.com, Julie Files, Secretary filesjulie@gmail.com or Katie Wells, Treasurer katieo8896@yahoo.com with any questions or concerns.

Here is the link to register for the leagues:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSetj4JhTI7oeyhDU_IU5mFyAZyGARcmqvDCRjR-EbGcJH_Ong/viewform?usp=sf_link

18 Hole League – Tuesday AM

This year's format will be game play. Each week a team of 4 will be made up from the weekly sign-up sheet.

Sign up is on a week-to-week basis. You will not need a sub. The type of game will change every week, and a weekly prize will be awarded to the winning team. The Ringer game will be available this year for those who choose to participate. As always there will be a lot of fun and camaraderie. League Chair: **Jan Anthony** email: memphislumber@gmail.com cell: 315-436-9189

Wed AM 9 Hole League

The league meets from May 3 to September 13. Tee times are assigned and begin at 8:45 AM (or 9:00 on cooler mornings). Format and teams differ each week. Formats may be Captain and Crew, variations of Best Ball, 1-2-3, Low Putts, High-Low, amongst others. Winning teams/individuals are declared each week and accumulated pro shop credit is posted on June 30 and August 31. League fee is \$20. You may also join in on any given week for \$1/match.

Chair: Lynne Cardarelli 315-345-0767, eastwing@twcny.rr.com

Twilight League Tuesdays 4pm – 6pm

Twilight league: format will be 2-person best ball. Depending on league numbers up to 6 positions. We encourage all women member to join. If you do not have a GHIN handicap... just play a couple if 9-hole rounds and advise pro shop. They will assist in creation of handicap.

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Reciprocals for 2023:

The following Clubs have agreed to reciprocal arrangements with Tuscarora for the 2023 season. Those clubs are: Beaver Meadows, Binghamton C. C., Canandaigua Country Club, Cazenovia Golf Club, Cazenovia C. C., Cedar Lake, Clifton Springs, Cornell University, Corning Country Club, Cortland C. C., Elmira C. C., Geneva C. C., Mendon Golf Club, Oswego C. C., Seven Oaks Golf Club, Skenandoa Golf Club, Stafford C. C., Wayne Hills Golf Club, Wyoming Valley Country Club and Yahunandasis Country Club.

En-Joie Golf Club will not be reinstating reciprocal play with us for this year.

As a continuing reminder, please schedule ALL reciprocal play through our Pro Shop as each of these clubs have different policies and criteria for accommodating reciprocal play.

Additionally, all individuals seeking to play a Reciprocal Club MUST be Tuscarora Golf Club members. Please adhere to these policies so that you do not jeopardize future reciprocal agreements or incur personal embarrassment or inconvenience when play is refused because proper protocol was not followed.

Further information re: each club can be found on our website at: www.Tuscaroragolfclub.com