

THE CLUB

February 2010

“1st Tee”

New Officers and Directors– At the October annual meeting the following officers were elected: Mark Truax – President; Frank Bush – Vice President; Dan Caruso – Secretary and Jim Girard – Treasurer. Joining the Board as new Directors are Tammy Kulp, Rick Newvine and Joe Reilly. Filling out the Board are Ralph Brungard, Ray Fournier, Nelson Lawrence, Bonnie Porter, Larry Rosbrook and Ted Totten. The chair of each committee is the first name listed in the accompanying brochure. The brochure outlines all dues and fees for the coming year.

Course Improvements – Current plans call for replacing the drainage from in front of the #1 green to the ditch on #2. In addition, new drainage will be placed in front of #1 tee. Work should be done prior to play in the spring. The old carpeting on #18 men’s tee has been removed. It will be replaced with sod in early spring and should be open for play by late spring.

Perks For Paying by May 1st– For those members paying their dues in full by May 1, 2010 you will have your choice of two free guest passes, a \$25 gift certificate redeemable in the Pro Shop or Restaurant, or a Driving Range Pak (10 baskets). **Please indicate your preference on your dues statement or we will assume you want the two free guest passes.**

Time Payment Plan - For those who wish to pay their **Membership Dues** over a three-month period, we offer the following time payment plan. Pay 50% of your dues by **May 1st**. Make a 25% payment on **June 1st** and make your final 25% payment by **July 1st**. A \$10 service charge will apply.

Introductory & Military Memberships – We are once again offering Introductory & Military Memberships for the 2010 season (**Family- \$405, Husband/Wife - \$380, Single \$305, plus 7% tax**). Currently over 40% of our membership joined through this program. It is an excellent opportunity to introduce friends or neighbors to Gouverneur Country Club.

Unlimited Cart Usage – For the yearly fee of \$380 (Single) or \$460 (Family – one cart in use by family at one time) you can use one of the Club’s carts anytime you play golf. It has proven a popular option with 22 users last year. We will continue to add to our fleet to accommodate additional users.

Discounts at 14 other courses – Your membership entitles you to a discount on greens fee/cart at several courses. We encourage you to take advantage of these reciprocals where prices range from \$20 to \$45. The courses require that you call ahead for tee times and show your membership card when you sign in. Participating courses are: Carlowden, Clifton-Fine, Highland Greens, Highland Meadows, LA Golf Club, Malone, Massena, Meadowbrook, Partridge Run, Potsdam, Prescott, St. Lawrence, Tupper Lake and Watertown Park. For your convenience, the insert lists the courses and their telephone numbers.

New Supplier added to the Pro Shop – Mike Tuohy has added Taylormade to our list of suppliers. They along with Titleist, Cobra and Footjoy give us the ability to provide some of the best in equipment, golf balls and apparel. Special orders are usually received in 2-3 days. Check us out before you buy. Also look for our spring clearance sale of all apparel.

Driving Range Discounts – The Driving Range Pak (10 baskets of balls) is available for \$25. Regular charge per basket is \$4 for a small (28 balls) and \$5 for a large (40balls). For those who really want to fine-tune their game, unlimited use of the Driving Range is available at \$85 for a single user or \$115 for a family.

Use of Senior Tees – For all club sponsored member events, the use of the senior tees is open to anyone 65 years of age and older. For other league play, check with your chairperson to determine whether the senior tee option will apply.

Golf Handicap Service – Your membership includes the provision of a USGA handicap. The computer is updated every two weeks and provides you with a handicap and index. Your index is critical in determining your handicap for any course or set of tees. You are encouraged to enter all your scores both 9 and 18 holes. Nine-hole scores are combined by the computer to give you an 18 hole score. If you need assistance in entering your scores, please check with the Pro Shop.

League Starting Dates and Chairpersons –

Tuesday AM Women May 4th – Anne Bennett

Harrisville Men May 4th - Tom Dickinson early shift & Mark Truax late shift

Wednesday Women May 12th - Sue Newvine

Thursday Men April 29th – Pro Shop

Friday night coed May 28th - Pro Shop.

Contact the chairperson or the Pro Shop at 287-2130 to sign up.

Qualifying for 6 Man and 6 Woman Teams – Besides qualifying many other events take place on these weekends.

Men - Saturday and Sunday - July 10/11

Women - Saturday and Sunday - July 17/18

Search for The Queen of Hearts Raffle – We will be introducing this very popular fundraiser starting the week of April 25th with the first weekly drawing on Thursday May 6th at 8:00PM. There will be a winner every week with different cards paying different odds. Anyone lucky enough to pick the Queen of Hearts wins 60% of the Grand Prizes Pool. There is the possibility that the Grand Prize could reach \$50,000. More information and rules covering this raffle will be displayed in the Club House.

Sustaining Memberships – Looking for a 20% discount on your dues? Join 53 others and become a sustaining member. Invest \$2,000 in a fully refundable certificate – may be paid in four one-year installments. You then become a voting member with an active voice in the direction of the club. You can be a part of it today. Contact Dan Caruso or Jim Girard for details on becoming a sustaining member.

Golf Course Closed until 9AM on Mondays – This will allow our crew to apply insecticides and complete other maintenance requirements without interruption. In addition, the restaurant is closed all day with limited bar service available.

The Web Site – www.gouverneurcountryclub.com. Shari Barnhart continues to work with us to make it a great source of information as well as outstanding advertisement. In addition to posting information at the clubhouse, the website will be updated on a regular basis.

Looking forward to good friends, good times and **GREAT** golf – **keep it in the short grass!**

The Board of Directors