



# TMC Tee Times

March, 2006



## Message from the President, Chris Yeo

Welcome New and Past TMC Members

On behalf of the TMC Board I would like to welcome back all our past members and all our new ones. We are sure to have another great year of golfing at Skungamaug River Golf Club. We have had a rather mild winter and now it is time to hit the links.

We are looking at adding some new tournaments this year. We would like to hold a **4 Person Trophy Tournament** with the 2 best ball scores counting as your team score. This is a make your own team event. Also this year **we will be awarding a plaque to any TMC member who gets a hole in one during a TMC event.**

The hole in one has to be at a TMC event and not at any other time. The plaque will be awarded at the end of year Championship Banquet. We will also be continuing the ever popular Goat Tournament. This event continues to grow in popularity every year with more matches played last year than any year in the past. It is a great opportunity to meet and play with new people. Please remember to enter your results every week in the "Goat Book" on the table in the clubhouse. **Proximity awards will once again be offered throughout the year.**

### OPENING DAY IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 8.

Continental Breakfast at 8am, with a shotgun start Arizona at 9am. Please sign up in the golf shop in person or call 742 9348 to register. All entries must be registered no later than April 6, 2006.

Thank you again for joining our club. I am looking forward to seeing every one at the course.

Best Regards, Chris Yeo  
TMC President

## Member Guest Tournament

We would like to run a Member Guest Tournament this year and we are looking for volunteers to help organize the tournament. I expect we can target a Saturday afternoon during the Fall for a shotgun start and evening barbeque. The work is not terribly taxing – we'll have to figure out the budget for the carts, greens fees, guest gift, food and prizes. We can get help from nearby businesses to sponsor holes to cover hole in one insurance, proximities, long drive and closest to the line contests. We also need to find people to help as witnesses on the par three hole-in-one holes. Please see Chris Yeo or other board members if you can help.

## Message from the Pro, Rick Nelson

Hello Members.

The end of March is one of my favorite times of the year as the entire golf season, as well as the mystery and drama of this year's tournament season begins to unfold. Who will win this year's trophy events? Who will find "the secret of golf" for a day – playing a round like they have never played before? This is why we all love golf. The game gives us moments of complete happiness only to remind us a short time after that the game of golf can not be conquered, only defeated momentarily. However, those moments of happiness are well worth the struggles to achieve them.

I am happy to report that Brenden will be returning again this year as our Assistant Golf Professional. He has been continuing his education at Springfield College this past winter and is anxious as well for the golf season to commence. He will be attending Level 1 PGA School following the 2006 season -- the first school in pursuit of his PGA membership. Good Luck Brenden!

As for your equipment purchases I ask you, as in the past, to get your best price and then bring it in to the golf shop where we will do our best to save you some money. We usually can save you a few dollars but **we always appreciate the opportunity to serve you and we appreciate your support of the golf shop!**

The Cleveland Browns have done very well<sup>1</sup> in the free agency market making this year one of the most anticipated<sup>2</sup> seasons in recent history. One quick footnote: many of you have expressed concern over the cold temperatures this winter but I am happy to report that the SHRINE is perfectly intact and on display in the golf shop. Thanks for your concern. Unfortunately, the Pasta Connoisseurs of America have advised me to raise the price on the Browns macaroni, but I'm happy to negotiate a reasonable price for this culinary treat.

It has been a long winter but I am sure you will agree with me when I say it is time to play golf! So who will win this year's trophy events? The answers are just around the corner. See you soon in the golf shop. Rick

## Handicap Postings

Please post all scores using the USGA Handicap software on the computer as you enter the clubhouse. If you would like help please ask any members, or Rick or Brendan in the golf shop.

<sup>1</sup> Editor's Note: If you call "begging on your knees for players to return your calls" doing very well in the draft... think Jerry Macguire.

<sup>2</sup> Editor's Note: "Anticipation" like from the Rocky Horror Picture Show

## 2006 Tournament Schedule

<b>April</b>		
Sat	1	Best Front & Back
Sun	2	T's and F's
<b>Sat</b>	<b>8 C\$</b>	<b>Opening Day 4 Person Arizona/ Social</b>
Sun	9	Old Nine <b>*Ringer Board Opens*</b>
Sat	15	Blind Partners
Sun	16	18 or Bust
Sat	22 <b>P</b>	Four Person Best Ball
Sun	23	Fewest Putts by Flight
<b>Sat</b>	<b>29 P\$</b>	<b>Russ Perkins 2 Ball Tournament/ Social</b>
Sun	30	Past Members Memorial Low Net

<b>May</b>		
Sat	6	Garbage Tournament
Sun	7	Worst Hole Reverts to Par
Sat	13 <b>P</b>	<b>4 Person 2 Ball/Best Ball Tournament</b>
Sun	14	Mothers Day Low Net
Sat	20	Low Net / Low Gross
Sun	21	ONES
Sat	27 <b>P</b>	2 Person Best Ball
Sun	28	Jimmy O'Brien's Irish Nine
Mon	29	Memorial Day Flag Tournament

<b>June</b>		
<b>Sat</b>	<b>3 \$</b>	<b>Founder's Cup</b>
Sun	4	Stableford
Sat	10	18 or Bust
Sun	11	Best Front or Back
Sat	17	Best 12
Sun	18	Father's Day Low Net
Sat	24	Match Play Against Par
<b>Sun</b>	<b>25 \$</b>	<b>Men's Invitational / Best 15</b>

<b>July</b>		
Sat	1	Old Nine
Sun	2	Most Net Pars
Tue	4	Fourth of July Flag Tournament
Sun	9	T's and F's
<b>Sat</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Club Championship / Best 17</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Club Championship / ONES</b>
Sat	22	President's Cup and Ladies Classic <b>Qualify 1 / 18 or Bust</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>23 P</b>	<b>Member-Member / T's and F's</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>Beat the Pro/ Social</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>30\$</b>	<b>Ladies Invitational / 18 or Bust</b>

<b>August</b>		
<b>Sat</b>	<b>5P</b>	<b>SRGC 2 Person Championship</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>6P</b>	<b>SRGC 2 Person Championship</b>
Sat	12	President's Cup and Ladies Classic <b>Qualify 2 / Best 15</b>
Sun	13	President's Cup and Ladies Classic <b>Qualify 3 / Best 12</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>President's Cup Day 1 / T's and F's</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>President's Cup Day 2 Ladies Classic Day 1 / Ones</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>President's Cup Day 3 Ladies Classic Day 2 / Stableford</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>President's Cup &amp; Ladies Classic Finals / Old Nine</b>

<b>September</b>		
Sat	2	ONES
Sun	3	Stableford
Mon	4	Old Nine
<b>Sat</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9/11 Memorial Tournament</b>
Sun	10	<i>Army-Navy Course Closed</i>
Sat	16 <b>P</b>	<b>Mixed Scotch Championship / Best Front or Back</b>
Sun	17	PGA Slam
Sat	23	<i>Lyon's Club - Course Closed</i>
Sun	24	LONE RANGER
Sat	30	Match Play Against Par

<b>October</b>		
Sun	1	Best 9 any 9
Sat	7	Best Front and Back
Sun	8	2 Person Best Ball
Sat	14	Best 15
Sun	15 <b>\$</b>	Eliminate 1 and 18 <b>*Ringer board Closes*</b>
Sat	21	Low Net / Low Gross by Flight
Sun	22	18 or Bust
<b>Sat</b>	<b>28 P\$</b>	<b>Awards Banquet Champions Scramble</b>
Sun	29	Reverse Stableford

<b>November</b>		
<b>Sat</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Food for Golf</b>
Sun	5	Ones
Sat	11	Blind Partners
Sun	12	Old Nine
Sat	18	Best 12
Sun	19	Best 15
Sat	25	Best 9 any 9

**C = Committee Pick, P = Pick your own Partner**  
**\$ = Closest to the Pin Proximity Awards**

You must have played in at least 8 TMC Tournaments to qualify for play in the Club Championship, President's Cup / Ladies Classic  
 Goat challenges can be played April 9<sup>th</sup> through October 15<sup>th</sup>. Goat challenges are played as match play full handicap events.

**Please log all Goat Challenge Match results**

Parent / Offspring tournament – date to be determined.

## Goat Tournament Information

As a TMC member, you are automatically entered in the Goat Tournament. The Goat Tournament is an excellent opportunity to meet new players at SRGC. It was developed for your enjoyment, to provide more opportunity for match play, and to encourage our members to mingle and make new friends. One change from previous years is the same pair of players can only play in one challenge match. This is to encourage people to play outside their normal foursome and play with different people.

The Goat Tournament is played during the entire golf season (coinciding with the duration of the Ringer Board from 4/9 through 10/15), comprising Goat Matches where the winner captures his opponent's Goat (token). In past years, this has been a very popular TMC tournament. The payout is based on the number of TMC members in the current year, and the prizes are based on who has accumulated the most Goats (tokens) when the tournament ends.

The Goat Tournament's format is based on match play, where you keep track of who has beaten whom in each of the 18 holes. The person accumulating the most holes won wins the match. If you find you are far enough behind on any given hole, you may concede the hole to your partner. Of course, this only counts for the match between you and your opponent. You must putt out to complete the hole for your stroke play tournament scores.

## Ringer Board

All TMC members are automatically entered in the Ringer Board Tournament. The Ringer Board is a tournament played during the entire golf season, starting on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> and ending on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. Each time you play in a stroke play TMC tournament, you may record your best scores on individual holes<sup>3</sup> on the sheets provided in the clubhouse. These sheets are periodically posted on the Ringer Board display, creating a scorecard of your best scores on each hole throughout the season. You can always improve your scores. For example, if you'd previously posted a PAR on the 12<sup>th</sup> hole and you later BIRDIE the 12<sup>th</sup> hole, record your birdie on the sheet so the Ringer Boards display can be updated.

Keeping track of your best scores can be fun and can give you something to shoot for even if you don't think your current round will win one of the weekend tournaments. There is an optional Gross Ringer Board for an additional \$10 entry fee. Enroll for the Gross Ringer Board in the golf shop.

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<sup>3</sup> Note: Stroke play TMC Tournaments require you to putt out all holes – no “gimmies.”

## 2006 Goat Tournament Rules

1. This tournament is open to men and women, allowing for mixed competition and continues as a **MATCH PLAY** event.
2. You are given two “Goats” (tokens) at the beginning of the season.
3. Any TMC member can challenge any other TMC member to a Goat Match.
4. You **can not** refuse a challenge, but you may postpone the challenge match to accommodate each player's schedule.
5. Matches must be played at Skungamaug, but do not have to be played during TMC weekend events.
6. Matches must be one round of 18 holes, with “sudden death” holes to determine the winner in case of a tie (please check in at the golf shop before continuing).
7. If you are playing a Goat Match, you also have the option to play in a TMC weekend stroke play tournament during the same round.
8. Holes can be conceded as in normal match play, but if you are in any of the weekend TMC stroke play tournaments, you must finish putting out every hole for your proper stroke play scoring.

*Example: You are in the TMC “Best Front or Back” stroke play tournament while also playing in a Goat Match. You are on the green in three strokes and close to the cup and your opponent concedes<sup>4</sup> the hole to you. You win this hole for the Goat Match. However, you **MUST** continue to putt the ball into the cup for your stroke play score to be accurate. Say you miss the short putt and sink the next for a stroke play score of 5. Your Goat Match score is a conceded four, but your stroke play score is five.*

9. You must only play an opponent once, regardless of who challenges whom.
10. At the completion of your match, there will be a notebook (*the “Goatbook”*) by the Ringer Board slips in the clubhouse where you will record your match results.

## CCGA Application Forms

Those of you interested in participating in the Central Connecticut Golf Association tournaments, there are application forms on the bulletin board in the pro shop.

## Putter Exchange

If your putter is acting up, consider trading for one in the golf shop. \$25 and a decent putter in good shape will let you pick one from the special display. Check with Rick for details

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<sup>4</sup> Note: once the hole has been conceded to a player, that player has won the hole for the Goat Match, regardless of the actual stroke play scores for that hole.

## 2006 Tournament Schedule

### Turf and Grounds Maintenance Update

Hello TMC, and welcome back to another season at Skungamaug. Many of you already know me, but I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the rest of the gang! My name is Mike Griswold, and I am Superintendent of the golf course's maintenance operations. I began working for John and Suzy in 1992 while attending UCONN. After graduating with a degree in Landscape Architecture in 1996, I worked outside of golf for a few years, and then returned to Skungamaug in 1998 as John's assistant. I was promoted to Superintendent in 2002, and have been in charge of daily maintenance of the golf course ever since. Oh yeah, along the way, I met my wife Cassy when she worked in the clubhouse in 1995, and we now live in Coventry with our two daughters Evie and Lily (who you may have seen on the course with me since she was a baby). You could say that Skungamaug has been the corner stone of my adult life, and rightly so...it is a wonderful place to work, and I enjoy being around such great people at a great golf course. And with that, on to some greens keeping...

The reason I am writing this column is to inform TMC members about the importance of our maintenance efforts, and explain how and why many of them are done. I would like to start with a quick recap of last season. As you may have heard or read in the news last summer, many golf courses experienced great turf loss, mostly due to the extreme weather conditions we encountered. Here in New England, we grow "cool season" turf grasses, and when temperatures get into the 90's for extended periods of time, they become extremely susceptible to injury or death from any added stress, such as disease, insects, mowing, drought, stagnant air, or even just golfers. We chose to combat these stresses by raising our mowing height on the greens, skipping mowing on extremely hot days, and diligent hand watering, among many other techniques for keeping turf alive in difficult conditions. The down side (which you all must have noticed) was slower than normal green speeds. I spoke with many of you about this last year and I would really like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding as we waited for the hot weather to subside. The result, however, was well worth the price in the long run. We had a terrific fall maintaining our turf, and it appears that we made it through the winter in satisfactory condition. Now we are just waiting for temperatures to rise and everything to green up again...then it's back to business as usual!

I hope you will enjoy this column and find it interesting and informative. Through the season, I will try to go into detail explaining the things we are doing, and planning to do to make your golf experience at Skungamaug the best it can be. If you have any questions about the course, or how we maintain it, feel free to ask me. I plan on playing more TMC events this year, and look forward to meeting (and probably losing to) many more of you as well. Have fun opening day...I'll see you out there!

### Rules ([http://www.usga.org/playing/rules/rules\\_of\\_golf.html](http://www.usga.org/playing/rules/rules_of_golf.html))

#### **25-2 Embedded Ball**

A ball embedded in its own pitch-mark in the ground in any closely mown area through the green may be lifted, cleaned and dropped, without penalty, as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course through the green. "Closely mown area" means any area of the course, including paths through the rough, cut to fairway height or less.

#### **23-1 Relief**

Except when both the loose impediment and the ball lie in or touch the same hazard, any loose impediment may be removed without penalty.

If the ball lies anywhere other than on the putting green and the removal of a loose impediment by the player causes the ball to move, Rule 18-2a applies.

On the putting green, if the ball or ball-marker moves in the process of the player removing any loose impediment, the ball or ball-marker must be replaced. There is no penalty provided the movement of the ball or ball-marker is directly attributable to the removal of the loose impediment. Otherwise, if the player causes the ball to move, he incurs a penalty of one stroke under Rule 18-2a.

When a ball is in motion, a loose impediment that might influence the movement of the ball must not be removed.

Note: If the ball lies in a hazard, the player must not touch or move any loose impediment lying in or touching the same hazard — see Rule 13-4c.

Penalty for Breach of Rule:  
Match play — Loss of hole; Stroke play — Two strokes.

#### **18 Ball at Rest Moved**

##### **18-1 By Outside Agency**

If a ball at rest is moved by an outside agency, there is no penalty and the ball must be replaced.  
(Player's ball at rest moved by another ball — see Rule 18-5.)

##### **18-2 By Player, Partner, Caddie or Equipment**

###### **a. General**

When a player's ball is in play, if:

(i) the player, his partner or either of their caddies lifts or moves it, touches it purposely (except with a club in the act of addressing it) or causes it to move except as permitted by a Rule, or (ii) equipment of the player or his partner causes the ball to move, the player incurs a penalty of one stroke. If the ball is moved, it must be replaced unless the movement of the ball occurs after the player has begun the stroke or the backward movement of the club for the stroke and the stroke is made.

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Under the Rules there is no penalty if a player accidentally causes his ball to move in the following circumstances:

- o In searching for a ball in a hazard covered by loose impediments or sand, for a ball in an abnormal ground condition or for a ball believed to be in water in a water hazard — Rule 12-1
- o In repairing a hole plug or ball mark — Rule 16-1c
- o In measuring — Rule 18-6
- o In lifting a ball under a Rule — Rule 20-1
- o In placing or replacing a ball under a Rule — Rule 20-3a
- o In removing a loose impediment on the putting green — Rule 23-1
- o In removing movable obstructions — Rule 24-1.

### b. Ball Moving After Address

If a player's ball in play moves after he has addressed it (other than as a result of a stroke), the player is deemed to have moved the ball and incurs a penalty of one stroke. The ball must be replaced unless the movement of the ball occurs after the player has begun the stroke or the backward movement of the club for the stroke and the stroke is made.

### 18-3 By Opponent, Caddie or Equipment in Match Play

#### a. During Search

If, during search for a player's ball, an opponent, his caddie or his equipment moves the ball, touches it or causes it to move, there is no penalty. If the ball is moved, it must be replaced.

#### b. Other Than During Search

If, other than during search for a player's ball, an opponent, his caddie or his equipment moves the ball, touches it purposely or causes it to move, except as otherwise provided in the Rules, the opponent incurs a penalty of one stroke. If the ball is moved, it must be replaced.

(Playing a wrong ball — see Rule 15-3.)

(Ball moved in measuring — see Rule 18-6.)

### 18-4 By Fellow-Competitor, Caddie or Equipment in Stroke Play

If a fellow-competitor, his caddie or his equipment moves the player's ball, touches it or causes it to move, there is no penalty. If the ball is moved, it must be replaced.

(Playing a wrong ball — see Rule 15-3.)

### 18-5 By Another Ball

If a ball in play and at rest is moved by another ball in motion after a stroke, the moved ball must be replaced.

### 18-6 Ball Moved in Measuring

If a ball or ball-marker is moved in measuring while proceeding under or in determining the application of a Rule, the ball or ball-marker must be replaced. There is no penalty provided the movement of the ball or ball-marker is directly attributable to the specific act of measuring. Otherwise, the provisions of Rules 18-2a, 18-3b or 18-4 apply.

\*Penalty for Breach of Rule:

Match play — Loss of hole; Stroke play — Two strokes.

\*If a player who is required to replace a ball fails to do so, he incurs the general penalty for breach of Rule 18. There is no additional penalty under Rule 18, except in the case of a wrongly substituted ball (Rule 15-2).

Note 1: If a ball to be replaced under this Rule is not immediately recoverable, another ball may be substituted.

Note 2: If the original lie of a ball to be placed or replaced has been altered, see Rule 20-3b.

Note 3: If it is impossible to determine the spot on which a ball is to be placed, see Rule 20-3c.

## Rule 15. Substituted Ball; Wrong Ball

### Definitions

All defined terms are in italics and are listed alphabetically in the Definitions section.

### 15-1 General

A player must hole out with the ball played from the teeing ground unless the ball is lost, out of bounds or the player substitutes another ball, whether or not substitution is permitted (see Rule 15-2). If a player plays a wrong ball, see Rule 15-3.

### 15-3 Wrong Ball

#### a. Match Play

If a player makes a stroke at a wrong ball that is not in a hazard, he loses the hole.

There is no penalty if a player makes a stroke at a wrong ball in a hazard. Any strokes made at a wrong ball in a hazard do not count in the player's score.

If the wrong ball belongs to another player, its owner must place a ball on the spot from which the wrong ball was first played.

If the player and opponent exchange balls during the play of a hole, the first to make a stroke at a wrong ball that is not in a hazard, loses the hole; when this cannot be determined, the hole must be played out with the balls exchanged.

#### b. Stroke Play

If a competitor makes a stroke or Strokes at a wrong ball that is not in a hazard, he incurs a penalty of two strokes.

There is no penalty if a competitor makes a stroke at a wrong ball in a hazard. Any Strokes made at a wrong ball in a hazard do not count in the competitor's score.

The competitor must correct his mistake by playing the correct ball or by proceeding under the Rules. If he fails to correct his mistake before making a stroke on the next teeing ground, or in the case of the last hole of the round, fails to declare his intention to correct his mistake before leaving the putting green, he is disqualified. Strokes made by a competitor with a wrong ball do not count in his score.

If the wrong ball belongs to another competitor, its owner must place a ball on the spot from which the wrong ball was first played.

(Lie of ball to be placed or replaced altered — see Rule 20-3b.) (Spot not determinable — see Rule 20-3c.)

# TMC Membership Application Form

Please mail this form and \$90/member as soon as possible. Opening day is planned for Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.  
Please make checks payable to the TMC to: TMC, PO BOX 595, Tolland, CT, 06084

Name:		GHIN#	
Phone:		Email:	
Name:		GHIN#	
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[ I am ] / [ We are ] interested in playing in the opening day scramble April 8, 2006: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments / Questions:

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