



TMC Tee Times

May, 2005



Message from the President, Andy Brown

Greetings TMC Members!

Welcome to the 2005 TMC Golf Season at Skungamaug! It seems like just a minute ago we were "teeing it up" in teh Opening Day Arizona and it was warm. Here we are well into May and it has been cold and raining every weekend. New England golfers are tough though and a record number of members played in the Russ Perkins 2 Ball Tournament. Despite the foul weather, three teams ties at 62 resulting in a 9 hole playoff the following week. Rick Drasch and Bob King were the winners over the teams of Doug Delaney and Stan Stawski, and Dave Ulm and Karen Yeo. Thanks to all the teams who played and to those who attended the wonderful social event that evening.

The TMC Board of Governors has had numerous inquiries regarding one of our biggest events we used to have – the Member-Guest Tournament. We found that if the TMC Board organizes, plans, and puts on a Member Guest tournament, it can not do the everyday necessary work it has to do. We would like to bring this tournament back however, but we would need help from volunteers to serve on a Member-Guest Tournament Committee (see the Help Wanted section for details). The committee would plan and organize a future event and present the proposal to the TMC Board at an upcoming Board Meeting.

We are very pleased to report that the SRGC website is now up and running. Please visit <http://www.skungamauggolf.com>. It has just come on-line at a new hosting site where we should have more flexibility to include pictures and make updates. We decided we would open the TMC Members section so it is no longer password protected. We have begun adding new information and expect to expand the coverage to include a Winner's Circle, the "Blue Book" describing the various tournaments we play and other rules and guidelines. We have established several email addresses to make it easier to make suggestions:

tmc@skungamauggolf.com monitored by Andy Brown
teetimes@skungamauggolf.com monitored by Nat Mills
websupport@skungamauggolf.com monitored by Laura Stone

Thank you to Laura Stone and Nat Mills for making this happen. Laura has agreed to join the TMC Board as Chairperson of Communications to help manage the TMC website. Welcome and thank you very much for volunteering.

Even with the frost, cold, rain and near flood conditions, our course is in great shape. Kudos go to everyone who works so hard to allow all of us to enjoy playing at Skungamaug.

In closing, I'd like to thank all of you for joining us again this year, and to the TMC Board Members for all they do for all of us.

Sincerely,

Andy Brown
TMC President

Message from the Pro, Rick Nelson

Hello Members!

The 2005 season is off and running and although the weather has not totally cooperated, we have still managed to get most of our events in. Of course, I am hoping the weather will improve and we can have some nice, sunny and WARM weekends to play golf. But, as you all know, there is nothing we can do about the weather.

As some of you already know, our golf shop assistant, Brenden Arey is now our Assistant Golf Professional. Brenden has entered the PGA Apprentice program and has started working towards PGA membership. He has been working at Skungamaug since 2001 in the golf shop and has decided to pursue a career in golf. I am sure I can speak for all of the TMC members when I say we are all proud of you and will help you in any way possible. Congratulations Brenden!

I am often asked what becoming a PGA Professional involves so I will briefly describe what Brenden has ahead. First, a candidate becomes eligibly employed at a recognized golf facility working directly with a PGA member. You must then take your player's ability test. This test is a one day, 36-hole event with a preset target number. A couple of 75's will pass.

Once you pass, you may register in the Professional Golf Management Program. You now receive your study materials for the first of three schools. There is a total of 600 hours of home study involved. Once you have completed the required study materials for School 1, you are off to Florida to be tested on that material. If you pass, you remain at school for the week. You then receive your study materials for School 2 and so on through the completion of School 3.

An assistant must accrue 36 credits during his apprenticeship, receiving 1 credit per month under a

PGA member. After completing the schools, there are several final preparations including a slide presentation that is made to the membership committee. Once all criteria have been met the candidate will be elected to PGA membership.

An apprentice has up to 6 years to complete the apprenticeship. If 6 years time elapses before it is completed, you must start all over again from the beginning. So, when you see Brenden, be sure to congratulate him and wish him luck. As I told him, he has a great club to begin his apprenticeship and I am sure he will be successful.

See you all in the golf shop soon.

Rick

Opening Day, April 9th

We opened the season with our annual Opening Day 4-person Arizona on Saturday, April 9th. There was a delicious continental breakfast followed by laughter and golf. Many thanks to Karen Yeo for preparing all the food for the breakfast.

Parent Offspring, Friday July 22nd

Please note the updated tournament schedule includes a new entry for the Parent Offspring tournament on Friday afternoon, July 22nd. This tournament was a huge success last year with over 20 teams competing. Teams can be any combination of parent and offspring including Father/Daughter, Son/Mother, Step Mother/Daughter, etc. Children under 12 play from special tee boxes. Dinner and an awards ceremony follows this 9 hole tournament.

Congratulations to Rick Drasch and Bob King for winning the Russ Perkins Tournament.

TMC Board Members Needed

The TMC is still looking to fill one seat on its board:
Treasurer: The treasurer manages the money for the TMC, keeping track of incoming member payments and paying our bills. This position is a voting member of the TMC board and would be requested to attend periodic TMC Board meetings throughout the year.

If anyone is interested in this position, please contact Andy Brown or Chris Yeo. If you are interested in the treasurer's position, you may also want to speak with Keith Percy who has done an excellent job for us in the past.

Member-Guest Committee Forming

People interested in helping to determine if we can hold a member guest tournament should contact Andy Brown, Chris Yeo or other TMC Board Members. A committee will be formed as soon as possible.

Goat Tournament Rules Revised

Now, if you have lost all your goat's, you can purchase a new one in the golf shop for \$5. This allows you to continue to challenge people and hopefully win more.

- 1) This tournament is open to men and women and is 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.
- 4) You **cannot** refuse a challenge.
- 5) You may re-schedule a challenge to meet each player's schedule.
- 6) Matches must be played at Skungamaug, but do not have to be played during TMC weekend events.
- 7) You and your opponent must inform the golf shop you are playing a goat match in addition to whatever event you are entered in.
- 8) Matches must be one round of 18 holes.
- 9) If you are playing a Goat Match while playing during a TMC tee time on the weekend, you have the option of also playing in the TMC tournaments that are stroke play.
- 10) Holes can be conceded as in normal match play, but if you are in the weekend TMC tournaments, you must finish or "putt out" every hole for proper scoring. For example: you are in the TMC "best front or back" tournament while playing in a Goat Match. You are "on in three" and close to the cup and your opponent concedes the hole to you, you **MUST** putt the ball into the cup for your stroke play score to be accurate. In this example, say you missed the putt. Your Goat Match score is a conceded four, but your stroke play score is a five.
- 11) You may only play an opponent once.
- 12) At the completion of your match, the "Goatbook" must be filled out at the Clubhouse, with the players names, the winner, and number of "Goats" each player has.
- 13) If a TMC Member runs out of "Goats"; he or she may purchase 1 token from the Golf Shop for a \$5.00 fee. This may be done only if you have lost all of your token's and have none left.

Post Your Scores

When you have finished your round of golf, please post your score on the computer as you enter the clubhouse. Unless otherwise noted in the golf shop, you do not need to enter the score as a Tournament score.

Founder's Cup Social

Please join us for the social immediately following play in the Founder's Cup tournament on June 4th. You are sure to enjoy the delicious sandwich buffet.

Proposed 2005 TMC Tournament Schedule

Please Call for Reservations: 742-9348

April

SAT	2	Best Front & Back
SUN	3	T's and F's (2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15)
SAT	9 C	Opening Day 4 Person Arizona ①
Sun	10	Old Nine *Ringer Board Opens*
Sat	16	Motsy's Monsters
Sun	17	18 or Bust
Sat	23 P	Four Person Best Ball
Sun	24	Fewest Putts by Flight
SAT	30 P	Russ Perkins 2 Ball Tournament ①

May

Sun	1	Garbage Tournament
Sat	7	Worst Hole Reverts to Par
SUN	8	Mother's Day Low Net
Sat	14	Most Net Pars
Sun	15	Low Net / Low Gross
Sat	21	ONES (1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 16, 17, 18)
SUN	22 P	2 Person Best Ball
Sat	28	Jimmy O'Brien's Irish Nine
Sun	29	T's and F's (2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15)
Mon	30	Memorial Day Flag Tournament

June

Sat	4	Founder's Cup ①
Sun	5	Stableford
Sat	11	18 or Bust
Sun	12	Best Front or Back
Sat	18	Best 12
SUN	19	Father's Day Low Net
Sat	25	Motsy's Monsters
SUN	26	Men's Invitational / Best 15 ①

July

Sat	2	Old Nine (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12)
Sun	3	Most Net Pars
Mon	4	Fourth of July Flag Tournament
SAT	9	* BUICK Scramble *
Sun	10	T's and F's (2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15)
Sat	16	Club Championship / Best 17
Sun	17	Club Championship / ONES
Fri	22	Parent Offspring (afternoon tournament)
Sat	23	President's Cup and Ladies; Classic Qualify 1 / 18 or Bust
SUN	24 P	Member-Member / T's and F's
Sat	30	Beat the Pro

SUN 31 Ladies' Invitational / Motsy's Monsters ①

C = Committee Pick P = Pick your own Partner

① = Proximity Awards MIXED EVENTS IN ITALICS

You must have played in at least 8 TMC Tournaments to qualify for play in the Club Championship and President's Cup / Ladies' Classic. Parent/Offspring tournament - date to be determined.

August

SAT	6 P	SRGC 2 Person Championship
SUN	7 P	SRGC 2 Person Championship
Sat	13	President's Cup and Ladies Classic Qualify 2 / Best 15
Sun	14	President's Cup and Ladies Classic Qualify 3 / Best 12
Sat	20	President's Cup Day 1 / T's and F's
Sun	21	President's Cup Day 2 / Ladies' Classic Day 1 / ONES (1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 16, 17, 18)
Sat	27	President's Cup Day 3 / Ladies' Classic Day 2 / Stableford
Sun	28	President's Cup / Ladies' Classic Finals / Old Nine

September

Sat	3	ONES (1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 16, 17, 18)
Sun	4	Stableford
Mon	5	Old Nine
Sat	10	9/11 Memorial Tournament ①
Sun	11	* Army-Navy Course Closed *
SAT	17 P	2 Person Best Ball
SUN	18	Mixed Scotch Championship / Best Front or Back
Sat	24	* Lyon's Club - Course Closed *
Sun	25	Motsy's Monsters

October

Sat	1	Best 9 any 9
Sun	2	Best Front and Back
SAT	8	2 Person best ball
Sun	9	Best 15
Sat	15	Eliminate 1 and 18
Sun	16	Low Net / Gross by Flight *Ringer board Closes*
SAT	22	18 or Bust
SUN	23	Best 17
SAT	29 P	Awards Banquet Champions Scramble ①
SUN	30	Hardest Nine (1,6,7,10,12,14,16,17,18)

November

SAT	5	Food for Golf (please donate if possible)
SUN	6	ONES (1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 16, 17, 18)
SAT	12	Greens Keeper Revenge
SUN	13	Old Nine
SAT	19	Motsy's Monsters
SUN	20	Best 12
SAT	26	Best 15
SUN	27	Best 9 any 9

Goat challenges can be played from April 10th through October 16th. Goat challenges are played as match play full handicap events. Please log all goat challenges.

TMC Membership Application Form

Please mail this form and \$90/member fees payable to the TMC to: TMC, PO BOX 595, Tolland, CT, 06084

Name:		GHIN#	
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*** **New Members** *** I was asked to join the TMC by this TMC Member (one name only please):

Comments / Questions:

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