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COMMODORE CORNER



I hope this note finds all of our membership doing well and enjoying winter in NEPA, a tropical paradise or balmy Florida. Before you know it Pat Healey will be uncovering the greens, Jeanele Ransom will be firing up the kitchen and Spencer Lunger will be hanging out the welcome sign on our new Pro Shop.

I want to personally thank our membership for contributing to the new Employee Holiday Fund. Because of your generosity, all of our trusted and hardworking employees received a token of our appreciation during the Holiday Season. THANK YOU!

The new Pro-Shop has been completed and is ready for its spring debut! I think that you will find it a tremendous addition to our Club. Structural work on the Clubhouse porch columns was also completed. The new supports are ready to last another one hundred (100) years. The Food and Entertainment Committee recently completed their 2016 schedule and it includes some exciting new events. The Golf Course Committee is working on plans for a new Practice Facility—stay tuned! The Golf Committee has already organized the Scratch League and both the Men's and WGO Golf Schedules are complete. House Maintenance Director Jack Chipak is working hard to have the Clubhouse and grounds in tip top shape for this year's opening. Marie King (and her loyal helper Steve!) on Publicity and Bill Bender on Membership continue to take their respective Committees to new heights. Finally, the Long Range Planning Committee has met on several occasions and is formulating a new Club Mission Statement and a true Long Range Plan. I thank all of our Board members, Committee Members and staff for their dedication and hard work this off-season. On behalf of your Board of Directors I thank you for your continued support. Hope to see you soon!! Joe

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATE

Our handbook is currently being updated for the 2016 season. Please let us know if you want phone numbers changed. This is a bear of a job, and quite often a moving target with incoming and outgoing members. Help us keep it as accurate as possible by providing us with new information. You can Email corrections to memberinfo@scrantoncanoecub.com



KING/SCHMERIN DONATION

We recently received a \$1,000 donation from Marjorie L. King at the behest of Dorothy "Dottie" Schmerin prior to her death. Dottie was the widow of Dr. John S. Schmerin, long time Club members. Our grounds crew will be planting memorial trees in their honor. Sincere thanks to the family for thinking of us!



ADVERTISE ON OUR WEBSITE!

Visit our new website at www.scrantoncanoecub.com! Pat Healey's blog and our Facebook Page are accessible directly from the site as will current menus and calendar of events. If you or anyone you know is interested in advertising on our site for a nominal fee, please contact a board member.

Winter 2016 Newsletter

2015-2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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GOLF COURSE

As you are probably aware, the weather pattern for early winter was much like a roller coaster of high and low temperatures. I made the decision to cover our greens on December 2, 2015 based upon the cold long range forecast. December 2nd ended up being a washout with heavy rain most of the day so we covered them on December 3rd. The long range forecast was wrong and we uncovered greens on December 11th because the temperature had risen into the 50's and even low 60's. I felt it would be best to allow our greens to properly vent and breathe. The above average temperatures continued through December and we were able to cover our greens once again on January 10, 2016. The extreme temperature swings do not create a healthy environment for our turfgrass systems. Average temperatures are now the prediction in the long range forecast, but that has been proven to be wrong in the past. I hope the temperatures remain consistent throughout the remaining winter months and the ups and downs of the temperatures are now behind us. I look forward to seeing all of you in the Spring! Opening Day is April 1st! **Patrick D. Healey, Jr., Golf Course Superintendent**

SPECIAL EVENTS

Special event Co-Chairs Candee Cianni and Joe Barrett along with their committee members Ellen Yuscavage, Marilyn Caputo, Sherri Bouselli, Leslie Cadden and Marci McDermott have been busy planning some great new events for the coming season! All events will be added to our website calendar before Opening Day. We think you'll have fun at our new Pasta Throw Down, Trivia Night Happy Hour, Cinco de Mayo night, Kentucky Derby Party, a Chef Jeaneele Cooking Demo and Luncheon, Lobster Jam, Paint Night, and many more! Our first event is a Masters Happy Hour on April 8th!

There was lots of fun to be had at our annual closing event, the Halloween Party, where there were some great costumes. Our Holiday Party was an intimate celebration at the Radisson and it was fun to socialize with members again. Hope to see great turnouts with our new events!

HOLIDAY PARTY



*Jim & Georgette Mecca,
Judy & Commodore Joe Price*



*Planners Ellen
Yuscavage &
Marilyn Caputo*



Don & Carol Ames



*Marci & Bill McDermott, Leslie
Cadden & Mike Hopkins,
Marie & Steve King*

HALLOWEEN PARTY



*Egyptian Royals Candee
Cianni & Gene Cicco*



*Honeymooners Carmen
& Marilyn Caputo*



*Diane Lown, Carol Howell, Dana Lown and David
Howell look like they had a blast!*

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The membership committee has been busy all winter! We have several new members, but a few remain on the waiting list. The Board implemented a \$500 initiation fee for all golf applications received after 1/1/2016.

All Golf Members will be categorized going forward as Individual, Spousal/Partner, or Family Members. Greens Fees (\$10pp) for all guests will now be monitored by the Pro Shop's new Point of Sale System. The Spousal/Partner (\$220/yr. additional) and Family (\$275/yr. additional) dues will be billed shortly. Please e-mail Dick Schwoebel at Rschwoebel@frontier.com to advise him of your preferred category if you would like a Spousal/Partner or Family Membership. If he is not notified by April 1st we will assume Individual Membership is your choice. Thanks for your cooperation!

MEET

ALMA ODELL

Alma Odell, two-time Chair of the Women's Golf Organization (WGO), Decorating Committee Member for our new Women's Locker room and golfer for some 40 years, started on her road to membership first as a waitress at the Club in 1959. "Helped me get through college," she said recently with a laugh. "I still remember the pyramids of beer cans we found on Thursday mornings leftover from the 'Men's Day!'" Alma's mother was the Club Cook at the time, and while the menu wasn't as elaborate as it is today, theme nights were! Who else remembers Princess Winola coming across the lake in a canoe? Volunteers?



Not only did Alma take on leadership roles, but her husband did as well and was Commodore in 1992. The club has been a big part of her and her late husband Charlie's life. So much so, she had the Canoe Club logo painted on his tombstone. Her volunteer work at local hospitals finds her running into members and guests she met years ago while helping with the 3-Day tournament. "Back when we sat on the floor in the ballroom, creating charts from scratch! It's all about friends and fellowship," she continued. Thank you Alma for your leadership and support of our Club!

MASTERS HAPPY HOUR
FRIDAY, APRIL 8TH 2016
COCKTAILS, FINGER FOOD, GAMES AND PRIZES
5:00-8:00pm





Some of our earliest members. What a bunch of characters! They look like a fun group. Bob Lizza, Lizza Studios, Tunkhannock, recently scanned our historic photographs free of charge. The electronic backup means we'll never lose these treasures. Great idea for your own art work!