

# Stevens Point Country Club

*“The secret of golf is to turn three  
shots into two”  
- Bobby Jones*

## NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

### HOURS OF OPERATIONS

**Upper Lounge Lunch & Dinner Service**  
11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. **Wednesday - Friday**  
5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. **Saturday**  
**Reservations encouraged.**

**Golf Shop**  
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Tuesday – Sunday**  
**Hours may vary dependent on weather  
conditions.**

**The Club house continues to be open for  
member’s use.**

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear SPCC members,

Hopefully as the golf season wraps up you are all sitting on lower handicaps than last year and have started to learn the nuances of our course changes. Thanks again to all members for their patience during renovation and as the course matures.

I'm happy to report that our membership numbers keep on the upswing in all categories. We are excited to have a lot of interest from the public in recent weeks as we make it a priority to promote the club through the fall and winter in many ways. Our Facebook page and other social media outlets are becoming a very important way for us to showcase the club and are gaining more hits every day. And the city was nice enough to build an overpass that presents amazing views of the golf course and has brought people off the street to inquire more about our facility. With all that we still need word of mouth from our members to friends and neighbors to help promote for us and give us a strong, active and full membership.

In November we will start a little more work on site that goes with our overall renovation plans. Lower level locker room and bathroom remodeling starts soon as well as our new bag storage area. No more storage trailers for 2018! Parking lot work and some paving around pro shop will take place this fall also.

Keep updated through the newsletter about exciting fall social events and if you are getting ready to head south for the winter I wish you safe travels and hope you stop by the club whenever you are back.

Hit 'em Straight.

**-Jason Allen, Club President**

## MESSAGE FROM THE GM

I hope everyone had a great 2017 golf season. We have plenty of Member events planned for this late fall and the holiday season; our regular winter hours for the bar and restaurant are starting. I invite you to make the club part of your winter routine!

I'm enjoying getting to know our Membership and I want to thank everyone again for the warm welcome. If you have any concerns or suggestions, or simply want to chat about the club, my door is always open for you. Please come see me in the office or track me down on the dining room floor.

I'd like to give a special Thank You to the families who joined us for Fall Festival. The team prepared games and surprises for kids of every age, and they had a wonderful time! Please see page 4 for pictures from the event.

**-Tim Burkhart, PGA General Manager**



EVENTS

# OPEN HOUSE

**Saturday, November 11th, 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.**

Our kitchen will showcase a seasonal buffet paired with Fall inspired cocktails. Cash bar featuring local breweries and select wines will be available for purchase.

Get in the “groove” with live music entertainment provided by Cadillac Pete and the Heat. In addition, Grouve Event, an interactive photo app, will be here that will give our guests a chance to **win prizes** such as Dining Certificates, Complimentary Drinks, Private Golf Lessons and even a **Social Membership!** If you can, please attend as ambassadors of our club! ☺



Download the app today to be prepared!



**Please RSVP today!** \$25 per person

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Or Email [tmueske@stevenspointcountryclub.com](mailto:tmueske@stevenspointcountryclub.com)

## Scotch & Cigars at Sunset



**Thursday, November 9th, 4 p.m.- 6 p.m.**

With the weather cooling down, we are looking for something to warm you up. Join us for **Scotch and Cigars** night at Lower Level by the Firepit- rain or shine! Or in Wisconsin’s case, snow or shine! Dress accordingly! Even though extra heaters will be available, bring hats and gloves!!

**Dinner Specialties** will include

- Smoked Salmon on Rye with cream cheese and capers
- Stilton Cheese & Apples
- Brie & Port infused cherries

**\$15 per person**

Members are welcome to invite their friends

**Please RSVP** by Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>

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## Wine Down Wednesday

**Wednesday, November 15th, 6 p.m.-8 p.m.**

Join us for complimentary Wine Tasting and vote for your favorite to be added to our **Winter Wine Menu**. You will be able to sample six different wines from both New World and Old-World wineries.

In addition to complimentary wine tasting, we are offering 50% off appetizers from our Dinner Menu.

Check out our Facebook page for more details  
<https://www.facebook.com/TheSPCC/>



## Fall Festival Photo Recap

Little princesses, pirates and superheroes took over SPCC this past weekend! Thank you for joining us at our Fall Festival/ Halloween party! Kids had a blast at Scavenger hunt! We had costume contest and prizes for everyone, pumpkin painting and movies



## What's Cooking?

### *Pecan Pie*

Thanksgiving is right around the corner,



Hannah, chef at Stevens Point Country Club, shares her secret pecan pie recipe! 😊

#### **What you will need:**

3 oz. butter  
 1/4 cup sugar  
 3/4 cup corn syrup  
 2 tsp vanilla extract  
 1/2 tsp orange zest  
 1/4 tsp salt  
 3 eggs  
 2 cups of pecans  
 premade pie shell

1. Melt the butter, whisk it with sugar.
2. Start adding all ingredients in one by one, finish with adding eggs and set the mixture aside.
2. Fill the pie shell with pecan and pour the mixture on top of the pecans.
3. Bake 350 for 50 minutes to 1 hours.

**Enjoy!!!**

*Don't Feel Like Baking? We Will  
 Do it for You!*

STEVENS POINT COUNTRY CLUB

**PIE  
 SALE**

ORDER NOW AND PICK UP  
 BEFORE THANKSGIVING

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 PUMPKIN PIE,  
 APPLE PIE

**\$ 11**

CALL TO ORDER:  
 715-345-8900



***Thanks Hannah!!!***

## Turf News

November is upon us and there is a definite chill in the air. The course is still open although cart use has been suspended for the season and we are in the process of getting everything pulled in off the course for winter storage and turning our attention to the trails for hiking, skiing and biking. If you do come out to golf during these later season rounds we ask that you make sure there is no frost, either with the Pro Shop or with the grounds and for those of you who enjoy walking the golf course during the off season, we would like to encourage the use of the Native trail during times of frost when there is no snow cover.

Work has begun on the new ski trails which total 3.1 miles in length and are marked by the red wire flags which can be seen when walking the golf course. Our goal is to have a well-maintained trail for all our members to enjoy during the winter months, whether it be classic cross country, skate skiing or even fat tire biking.

For these areas to remain healthy and beautiful it is an absolute must that we keep cart traffic away from the Fescue areas. Thanks for your consideration and have a great month.

**Please repair ball marks & repair Divots ☺**



## Golf Updates

The weather the last few days has been a good indication that the end is near for the 2017 golfing season.

Many plans are being made for an exciting 2018 season. Tournaments and golfing programs are being added to the calendar that will include a variety of formats for women, men, and children.

Orders have been placed for new product for the golf shop that will include several new clothing lines as well as some manufacturers that are familiar to you. Plans have been made for the end of the year golf shop sale to begin on Wednesday, November 15th and continue through the Sunday the 18th.



## Did you Know?

Your golf ball will not go as far when it's cold out; unless the ground is frozen.

## My Tip

To combat this issue, play a softer golf ball, swing at 75% of normal speed, and use a longer club. A softer ball will allow a player to maintain a reasonable amount of the distance they are used to.

**-Mark Puls, PGA Director of Golf**

## Tournament Results

Dear Membership,

2017 marked the year of 1<sup>st</sup> crowning champions for long standing events on a new beautiful golf course. Be sure to congratulate all our tournament champions and runners up! We look forward to seeing you on the course next year.

### Ladies Tournaments 2017

#### Individual Match Play

Champion: Karen Fadner  
Runner Up: Melissa Blenker

#### Director's Cup (Team Match Play)

Champion: Jill Williams & Lisa Meier  
Runner up: Patti Henning & Julie Herzog  
Consolation Flight  
Champion: Diane Sawyer & Jeri Kopecko  
Runner Up: Karen Fadner & Mary Ann Nigbor

#### Club Championship

Gross Champion: Melissa Blenker  
Net Champion: Gina Freels  
Flight A  
Gross Champion: Sandy Dzikoski  
Net Champion: Betsy Weinkauff  
Flight B  
Gross Champion: Sue Miller  
Net Champion: Karen Fadner  
Flight C  
Gross Champion: Janet Fagan  
Net Champion: Jeanne Herder

#### Senior Club Championship

(18 Hole Division)  
Gross Co-Champions: Karen Fadner & Sandy Dzikoski  
Net Champion: Debbie Martin  
Runner Up: Carol Pringle

(9 Hole Division)

Gross Champion: Lori Schneider  
Gross Runner Up: Ann Shannon

Net Champion: Janet Fagen  
Net Runner Up: Cynthia Berg

#### Ladies Closing Day

Champion: Julie Herzog / Carol Pringle / Lisa Meier  
Runner Up: Karen Fadner / Carol Risberg / Jeri Kopecko

### Men's Tournaments 2017

#### Individual Match Play Championship

Champion: Kurt Thompson  
Runner Up: Jeff Martin

#### Green Jacket (Team Match Play)

Champion: Pete Meinholtz & JD Torhorst  
Runner Up: Dick Okray & Carl Lisiak

#### Club Championship

Champion: Jason Allen  
Runner Up: Brian Laszinski  
Flight A  
Champion: Jacob Musson  
Runner Up: Kyle Heck  
Flight B  
Champion: Jim Worzella  
Runner Up: Todd Bialas

#### Senior Club Championship

Champion: Stephen Rollins  
Runner Up: Steve Slezak

#### Closing Day

Champion: Nick Bandow / Gary Bushman / Jeff Lutgen / Robert McDonald  
Runner Up: Bob Berg / Jim Aeby / John O'Keefe / Stephen Rollins

## 20/20 Links by Dr. Steve Slezak

Gene Sarazen, whose real name was Eugenio Saraceni, no WASP name, said of Walter Hagen, "There ought to be a monument built for that man." This sentiment was expressed due to the transformational influence Sir Walter wielded in changing the status of the lowly golf pro. Prior to Walter, golf pros were considered tradesmen beneath the status of club members and not allowed into the clubhouse. At the 1920 British Open when refused the



clubhouse, Hagen changed clothes and dined on salmon and champagne in a luxury car parked in front of the

clubhouse. What a statement! Later that year at the U.S. Open at Inverness, the pros were granted access to the club and equal status. Today golf pros fly to tournaments in private jets, vie for million dollar purses, and sign lucrative endorsement contracts. Most club members would be golf pros in their dreams.

So in the spirit of that deserved respect, this month's column interviews our new Golf Professional, Mark Puls.

**Mark, welcome to Stevens Point Country Club. I trust you have been warmly received as our new pro.**

Definitely, nothing less than what I would expect from Wisconsinites.

### You know Wisconsinites?

I am one. I grew up in the Thiensville-Mequon area, just north of Milwaukee and attended the University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire.

### So you know what's coming

Yes, I have experienced my share of Wisconsin winters.

### And who would be your favorite tour player?

Steve Stricker, of course. He is a great model for golf and life.

### I can tell already that you are a very smart guy. So how did you get started in golf?

My father started me out at the age of nine. It was love at first sight primarily because I got to play with him. He was a Wisconsin State Open Champion and two-time Senior Open Champion. He was an amazing player and a privilege to have as Father and mentor.

### What was the most important lesson he taught you?

To be humble.

### So tell us about your golf career.

I played high school golf making it to the state tournament three of four years and then college golf at Eau Claire four years. I then played on a couple of mini tours . . . unsuccessfully I might add.

### You were a communications major in college. Did you go directly into the golf industry?

No, I hadn't thought much of golf as a career and instead went into sales. That lasted until the company I worked for went belly-up and I arrived at work to find the doors locked.

### Ouch!

Yes, that would not make my life's highlight film, but good came out of it. I gave my dad a call and asked him, "What do you think?" He suggested I that I pursue a career in the golf industry. I became a PGA member in 1998 which led to a ten-year stint as the Director of Instruction for the John Jacobs Golf Schools. John Jacobs was the first teacher whose insight focused on ball flight laws. I had responsibilities as the Director of Instruction at facilities in Tennessee, North and South Carolina, and Florida.

**For those of us at SPCC who want to improve our game, it is exciting to hear of your extensive involvement in golf instruction. What is your best golf tip?**

Control your club face.

**You make it sound easy.**

It's easier than you might think. Match your grip and swing path and control will follow. We will be developing instructional programs for men, women, children, and new players that provides instruction relative to the experience and tendencies of the player.

**Sign me up. You also have experience as a head pro.**

Yes. The Hollywood Beach Golf Resort, a Donald Ross design, and The Country Club at Mirasol, a 36-hole facility with a Tom Fazio and Arthur Hills course. Mirasol was the host of the PGA Tours Honda Classic for four years.

**How do you see your role as a head pro?**

My goal is to make the golf and country club experience what every member expects and more.

**And you have a family?**

Yes. My wife, Debbie, a 12-year-old son, Lucas, and a Cairn terrier, Forbes.

**Mark, you have an impressive resume, a great Wisconsin heritage, and we are fortunate to have you at Stevens Point Country Club. We know you are going to make the golf experience a special one at Stevens Point and elevate all our games. Hopefully, in future columns we can explore more your wealth of experience and knowledge. Thank you for your time.**

Thank you, Steve

Comments and Suggestions welcome at  
[2020links@gmail.com](mailto:2020links@gmail.com).

## Heartbeat

We would like to give a special mention to **Zach**

**Devalkenaere**, one of our young staff members. Zach who is part of the National Guard was recently called to Duty for Hurricane relief efforts in Florida. We



at SPCC are proud to have individuals like him, who puts the nation before themselves. Well Done Zach.

## November Birthdays

*We would like to wish a **Happy Birthday** to our members and their families!*

James Anderson, Nicholas and Krista Akers, Justin Adamski, Doug Ballweg, Jim Bartelt, Judi Carlson, James Cooper, Kevin Coleman, Jim Frank, Terry Gulan, James Guzman, Kurt Grelick, John Gardner, Dewey Gantz, Aaron Heckel, Loraine Hoppe, John Herder, Paul Hagen, Robert Heeman, Marty Krebs, Jean Lacke, Hyun Kim, William Little, Dr. Edwin, James Martin, Jerome Pintar, Scott Soderberg, Tom Stout, Greg Sowle, Rob Wendorf, Graig Wolf, Dorit Sievwright, Sally Haessig, Mary K. Davidson, Patti Dickey, Christine Bandow, Judi Olson, Catherine Glennon, Debra Martin, Sandra Peterson and Jasmine Zimmerman, Vicki Theilig, Lee Magyera, Ann Shannon, Amy Siemers, Diane Henning, Michelle Heukirchen, Jacuelyn Bant, John McLaughlin, Carrie Vrieze, Shannon Finnessy, Jen Martinsen, Scott Somers, Kirsten Peterson, Jamie Mollica, Amanda Portmann, Sarah Nerad, Stephanie Inman, Autumn Carlson, Tracy Heck, Hannah Vorpagel, Sandra Wadina.

*Thank you, members for reading this month's newsletter. If*

*you have any questions, comments or ideas for next*

*month's letter please reach out to us at*

*[GM@Stevenspointcountryclub.com](mailto:GM@Stevenspointcountryclub.com)*

*We hope to see you at the club soon!*

*Eden  
Burlingame*