

SPCC



STEVENS POINT COUNTRY CLUB OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

"If ever I needed an eight foot putt, and everything I owned depended on it, I would want Arnold Palmer to putt for me."

- Bobby Jones

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HOURS OF OPERATIONS

Golf Shop

Tuesday to Friday- 08:00 a.m to 05:00 p.m
Saturday & Sunday- 07:30 a.m to 05:00 p.m

Bag Room

Tuesday to Friday- 08:00 a.m to 07:00 p.m
Saturday & Sunday- 07:30 a.m to 07:00 p.m

Driving Range

Tuesday to Friday- 08:00 a.m to Sunset
Saturday- 07:30 a.m to Sunset
Sunday- 07:30 a.m to 05:30 p.m

Upper Level (Dining Lounge)

Wednesday to Friday- 05:00 p.m to 09:00 p.m

Lower Level (Tee Room)

Tuesday- 11:00 a.m to 08:00 pm
Wednesday to Saturday- 11:00 a.m to 11:00 p.m
Sunday- 11:00 a.m to 06:00 p.m

Message from the GM

BY TIM BURKHART

It's hard to believe that the golf season is almost over. September was a very good month. The weather was beautiful and there was a lot of activity around the club. We have hosted weddings and various social events including our end of year Pool party with over 85 in attendance. The men's and women's leagues were very successful and the SPCC staff did an amazing job serving our members.

People are still asking about membership options and it is great to see that enthusiasm this time of year. Although we love our winters here in Stevens Point we also love to see all our members get their fill of golf for as long as they can. Here hoping for some extra days of Golf. With the change in season, we see a lot more color on the trees and pleasant conditions for golf, I encourage all members to enjoy Fall Golf as much as they can.

We will be launching a revised Fall/Winter menu soon. The staff would love to see everyone join us at the club on the weekends for football, food and drink as well as during the week.

A special mention...

SPCC member Betsy Weinkauff, was recently recognized as Woman of the Year by the Northeastern Wisconsin Golf Association. This award has been presented since 1967 and has recognized a person that has been outstanding in the NEWGA Ladies' Organization, her golf club, and community. Betsy was honored at the NEWGA Ladies Best Ball Championship held at the Stevens Point Country Club in September.

Betsy has been an active participant in NEWGA Ladies' events for over 30 years and was elected to the NEWGA Ladies Executive Board in 2007. During her time on the Board she has served as Northern Division Team Play Director and since 2015 she has been the NEWGA Ladies Tournament Director, overseeing the Pro Ladies, Senior's, Ryder Cup and Best Ball/Amateur Tournaments.

At SPCC, Betsy has been active in the Ladies' Association chairing a number of committees within the association. Additionally, Betsy has been a member of both our Greens and Grounds and Golf committees.

A retired Elementary Teacher Betsy has been active in community organizations and her church.

Congratulations Betsy!

Turf News

BY JOHN FEMEL

It's hard to believe that October is upon us and the days are getting shorter. This season seems to have flown by. Hopefully the weather will hold up and we can enjoy another several weeks of good golfing here at SPCC. With the onset of fall, we can start focusing on the end of season projects which are necessary to put the course to bed for the winter and ensure great conditions leading into next season.

During September, we were able to complete a couple of projects and are in the process of working on a couple of others. The end of the driving range was tilled, raked and seeded and is filling in nicely. We also cut in two new walk paths by the Pro Shop coming from 18 Green and the Practice Green and filled in around them with Fescue grass to match the surrounding banks.

We placed Fescue sod on the bank around the new forward Tee on 17. We have also been working our way around the course with the stump grinder and removing the stumps and replacing with seed and soil.

This is an ongoing project and we hope to have it completed before winter sets in. We have also just begun the process of aerifying Fairways, Tees and Green surrounds.

Aerification is a process which is necessary for relieving soil compaction, enabling gas exchange and allowing for the increase in root growth and density. Hopefully, weather permitting we should have all surfaces completed within the next couple of weeks.

Enjoy the rest of the golfing season and have a wonderful month of October! and of course don't forget to fix your ball marks.



Pro's Note

-MARK PULS

As we complete the first full golf season at the club since the renovation, there is an opportunity to get involved. The Fall Fiesta Golf Tournament will take place on October 14 at 2:30 p.m. Find a partner to play 9 holes in a modified alternate shot format.

The tournament credit that you may have accumulated over the past months will expire at the end of October. Please stop by the golf shop to use this credit toward golf shop merchandise.

I would also like to extend my congratulations to all of the Tournament Champions from this year's tournament schedule.



Pro Tip:

When the wind picks up you want to choose a club that is more than what you would normally choose. Go through your normal pre-shot routine and then swing easy. The windier it gets the easier you should swing. You will quickly find that your golf ball is boring through the win

Did you know?

Regular cleaning of the grooves of your wedges can improve your back spin on the green by up to 40%.

Ladies' Individual Match Play Championship :

Sue Miller

Director's Cup Partner Best Ball:

Cindy Rajek and Betsy Weinkauf

Senior Club Championship, 9 Hole Division:

GROSS: Dorit Sievwright

NET: Mary Hacker

18 Hole Division

NET: Cindy Rajek

2018 Senior Club Champion:

Jeri Kopecko

Club Championship, 9-Hole Flight:

GROSS: Karen Cooper

NET: Liz Kammer

Flight B:

GROSS: Janet Fagan

NET: Lisa Meier

Flight A:

GROSS: Cindy Rajek

NET: Susan Levesque

Championship Flight:

Net: Gina Kennedy

2018 Club Champion:

Jeri Kopecko

Men's Individual Match Play:

Runner Up: Dean Shuda

Champion: Steve Rajek

Green Jacket - Partner Best Ball:

Runners Up: Alex Molski & Jay Warner

Champion: John Herder & Steve Slezak

Senior Club Champion:

2018 Senior Club Champion - Bryan Laszinski

Club Championship, Flight Champions:

1st Flight - Chris Hoerter

2nd Flight - Charlie Beyer

3rd Flight - Jim Butler

Net Champion - Matt Weiss

2018 Club Champion:

Trevor Thomas

What's Cooking?

Welcome Chef Andy...

"My name is Chef Andrew Dasso and I am very happy and excited to be part of the team here at the SPCC. I am a Stevens Point local having Worked at many local establishments in the past including Sky Club, Christian's Bistro, and most recently Sand Valley Golf Resort.

I'm working on giving the membership a seasonally changing menu. Some possible new menus items I am excited about is a Gyro concept and the Braised Chicken Quarter. Looking forward to seeing you all at the club."



Schaum Torte Recipe

Chef Andy shares this delicious torte recipe!

What you will need:

6 Egg Whites (No YOLK must be visible)

1 TSP Vanilla Extract

1 TSP Almond Extract (Optional)

1 Cup Sifted White Sugar

Low Temperature Oven Required. Set at 120 degrees.

In a mixing bowl, whip egg whites, vanilla and almond extracts on high at room temperature until mixture starts to peak. While mixing on high, gradually add sugar until well blended. Transfer mixture to pastry bag with star tip, set aside.

On a sheet pan, cover with parchment paper, and spray with a non-stick spray. Using filled pastry bag, pipe meringue shell onto prepared sheet pan to desired size. Transfer pan of meringue shells to oven for four at least four hours. Meringue shells should have a nice vibrant white color with a low temp oven!

Once complete, top with Vanilla Ice Cream, Strawberries, and lots of Whipped Cream!

Recipe makes 12 servings

Enjoy!!

Upcoming Events...

Highland Whisky & Cigars Night

October
11

Whisky & Cigars Night is back! Beginning at 5:30 pm, everyone is welcome to join us on the lower level patio. \$25 includes a premium cigar, a flight of four Scottish Highland whiskies and small bites. Call 715-345-8900 to reserve your spot.

October
17

Oktoberfest

Oktoberfest is on Wednesday, October 17th starting at 6:00 pm. Join us for a fun German themed menu, music, and of course, great BEER!

October
19

Fall Menu

Chef Andy has been busy working behind the scenes on our new fall menu and he has some great concepts in the works. Call 715-345-8900 to make your dinner reservations today

Nature Trail Walk & Scavenger Hunt

October
21

Starting at 5pm, we will have our 2nd annual golf course Nature Trail Walk! This year we will have a leaf hunt for the kids, followed by a romp in the world's largest leaf pile (or at least as big as we can make it!) and pizza in the clubhouse.

October
28

Fall Festival

Calling all ghouls, goblins, princes and princesses. Are you ready for the fall festival??? Enjoy pumpkin painting, apple bobbing, tractor rides and a lot more!! See you on the 28th at 3:00 pm for great family fun.



Whisky & Cigars Night is back!



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**OKTOBERFEST
2018**

October 17 at 6PM

20/20 Links: Innovation and Golf, Part II

BY DR. STEVE SLEZAK

This month's column focuses on innovations in Golf Course Design and Equipment. Sounds dry, right? Not exactly. In fact, second to golf equipment, that is, the club in your hand, it is hard to overestimate the impact these Course Design and Equipment changes have had on your enjoyment of the game. So let's begin.

We have discussed in previous columns how Nature with the aid of ruminants, carved out the first golf courses where land linked to the sea. Courses were discovered or uncovered rather than engineered. Old Tom Morris "laid out" a course without the help of powerful earth moving equipment which didn't become available until after World War I as tanks were adapted for earth moving in the 1920s. Several Golf architecture books in my library have pictures of early course building with horses and mules pulling heavy equipment and teams of laborers with hand tools. These courses, of necessity, followed the lay of the land and could be depended upon to have a few quirky holes. But they were economical to build, consistent with the wider environment, and fun to play.

Those early golf architects would be astounded by the options and creativity available to today's architects due to earth moving technology. The Ryder Cup venue's last three stadium water holes at Le Golf National in France are an excellent example of what can be done with modern tools. The ability to "trick up" a course simply because one can; however, is now a very real temptation. Some golf courses feel a bit like a Top Golf amusement park with pinball targets and flashing video screens. Thankfully, a new crop of younger designers, like our own Craig Haltom, is providing some corrective to this.

Greenskeeping and turf management technologies have also come a long way. A flock of sheep used to do the trick, now GPS guided gang mowers with soil sampling can precisely provide the trim, the pH, the phosphorus, the potassium, the nitrogen, the herbicides, and the pesticides needed for perfect carpets of green. The agricultural sector has been out in front on this for years operating their tractors with laptops on their overalls. Greenskeepers are learning these same lessons. We used to have free license to apply water, fertilizer, and chemicals to our golf gardens and ornamental lakes. Imprelis became a cautionary tale. Now instead of guesswork in addressing turf disease, insects, weeds, and soil issues, we now can develop a plan and save 10% to 20% by placing chemicals exactly where they need to be. The USDA experimental grass plots also have developed hardier and more tolerant grasses for climate extremes . . . like Wisconsin. Even GPS topographical maps can now be used to select advantageous sites for golf courses. Ever heard of Sand Valley?

20/20 Links: Innovation and Golf, Part II

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The bottom line is that we can now more economically and efficiently enjoy almost perfect conditions wherever we play. John Femal, our golf course superintendent, does a phenomenal job.

And finally, let's look at precision mowing equipment. Byron Nelson once commented that his generation of golfers did not spend a lot of time practicing their putting. Greens were spongy with foot prints, slow, inconsistent, and time was better spent practicing wedge play so that you had short putts. That has certainly changed with today's mowers. At Medinah for the Ryder Cup in 2012, I sat behind the 15th green as the greenskeeping crew used "floating" mowers to manicure a collection area for chipping. Amazing!

The challenge with this level of precision cutting is that the slopes on older course greens were not designed for these green speeds. Golfers are becoming habituated to think that faster greens are automatically better. Putting, especially from above the hole, becomes overly defensive. Three putting is a recurrent threat and thus more time is spent on faster, larger putting surfaces slowing down a round of golf. The goal should be smooth and well-paced greens, not slow or lightning fast, and consistent from round to round. The U.S. Open can do it's marble staircase greens each year if it likes, but for the average golfer, smooth and well-paced is better. Think British Open. Just my opinion.

Innovations in the areas of Course Design and Equipment are pretty much no-brainers. None of us expect see a flock of sheep out on the second fairway anytime soon. We are amazingly fortunate to enjoy the golf course quality afforded by these innovations. Golf has never been better! Thank You, SPCC!



Heart Beat

Our very own Brooke Tuzska representing UWSP took 3rd spot in her conference golf tournament last month. We are proud of the progress she has made over the last year as a golf player. Well done Brooke.

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 We hope to see you at the club soon!