



President's Message

Included with this mailing you will find the calendar of events, please keep this as a reference throughout the year but also check with the pro shop to stay informed on club activities. Also included is the sign up information for both Men and Women's leagues, please return these as soon as possible.

House Operation: Peter Cappuccilli will be returning for the 2017 season. Peter is very enthusiastic about his second year. Please consider Tuscarora and Peter for any party or events you will be planning.

Membership: Our membership remains very strong. Chris Marshall is our membership chairman. Any questions regarding membership can be directed to Chris. His email is cmarshall@falconeinsurance.com

Club Directory: Nancy Nojaim will continue to update our membership directory. Anyone with changes or corrections should contact Nancy via her email: NEN711@aol.com. Accurate information is important to have; the majority of our communications will be done by email. Please make sure we have your most accurate information.

Website: Our website has very good information on it regarding club events as well as our rules and regulations. I would encourage everyone to browse our web site and take advantage of this information. Tuscaroragolfclub.com

Tournaments: The tournament and entertainment committee is co-chaired by Nancy Nojaim and Jim Wheeler. This responsibility requires considerable time and effort; I would like to ask any members willing to help organize and run a club event to please contact Jim, Nancy or Scott Webster in the Pro Shop.

Entwistle Scholarship Program: Similar to last year \$10 will be added to each member's May statement and every member will then be eligible to win the **FREE** membership for the 2018 golf season when this is drawn during our September Labor Day event. Please keep in mind that applications for the 2017 scholarship award should be submitted as soon as possible as the selection of this year's recipient will be announced during the Memorial Day Tournament in May. Applications for this can be obtained in the Pro Shop.

I am available via email or phone, please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or comments regarding the club. I am optimistic that our 2017 golf season will begin very soon!

Sincerely,
Nick Masterpole
nick@masterpolemurphy.com
(315) 420-5375

Greens Report

Whether El Niño or La Niña or something completely different, the effect on the local weather produced moderate winter temperatures. The consistent moderate temperatures without drastic temperature swings did not allow for repeated freeze thaw cycles that can damage the greens. We'll still expect late season snow to arrive, but for all intents and purposes, the course made it through winter without a scratch.

The maintenance department was in full action over the winter servicing the new mower fleet for its first winter tune up. Sharpening and routine maintenance took up most of our days between December and March. Mild February weather allowed us to get outside to remove trees that were dying or dead on the course, as well as thin out areas where shade was causing thin turf.

Our only winter project was work behind the 9th green where we removed the old exit driveway and shaped that space into a more shot-friendly area. Working with course architect, Barry Jordan, we've also created a new walkway to the pro shop and a new look for the first tee/pro shop area. As soon as weather turns drier, the area will be prepped and sodded. Stay tuned on twitter for weekly updates.

We are proud to announce our own Justin Chunco was promoted to the position of Assistant Superintendent. Please congratulate Justin as the season progresses.

Reciprocals: For 2017 the following changes are being made to our reciprocal list from last season. Kanon Valley has been dropped due to the fact that they are no longer a private facility. However, we have been fortunate to add Cazenovia Golf Club, Binghamton Country Club and the Yahnundasis Golf Club as new reciprocal partners for this year. Although not every Club from last season has reconfirmed their reciprocal arrangement with us as of the printing of the Bogey, I am confident that all others will again participate with us.

As a reminder, **ALL reciprocal play** must be scheduled through our Pro Shop as each of these clubs has different policies and criteria for reciprocal play. Please adhere to this policy so that you do not jeopardize future reciprocal agreements or incur personal embarrassment when play is refused at a course because proper protocol was not followed. Further information re: each club can be found on our website at: www.Tuscaroragolfclub.com or consult the Members Directory once this becomes available.

Membership:

Like every Club in Central New York we strive to maintain a balanced budget but we are not immune from the challenges of the current economy. The finances and the membership of the Club continue to remain very healthy as we begin 2017 with approximately 381 Resident and Junior Members. There was an annual increase this year that was higher than past years. With all of the work that was done to the clubhouse as well as course improvements, new equipment for Steve and his staff this will help us maintain the level of service and quality that Tuscarora offers to its members. New members are welcome to apply for membership and we will continue to monitor the overall number of members moving forward. We have increased the new resident membership initiation fee as well as implemented a junior initiation fee for the 2017 season.

As always the Club will again take the same position regarding open financial obligations. Members who have open house charges from 2016 will have no privileges or standing in the Club (regardless if 2017 dues are paid or not). Secondly, members with unpaid dues as of April 1 will not be allowed to participate in any leagues or sign up for club events through May 31, 2017. Should either of the above remain open beyond May 31, 2017 membership will be terminated until the balance owed is paid. Please be courteous of this and make sure that prompt payment of your annual dues for 2017 plus any outstanding balances left

over from 2016 are made whole prior to April 1, 2017. This has been a recurring issue every year and needs to be addressed. If you are going to use your member account please have the courtesy to pay your balance in full by the end of the golf season or before you pay your annual dues. We must pay the restaurant and bar on a timely fashion and are fronting money that is owed to the club for all of the past due balances that we have. Please be sure to communicate with us if there are any issues which will save time and effort. **Not responding or simply ignoring the invoices month after month that are sent out creates more work and that can be solved by simply communicating with us or just by paying your invoice. If this is continued we will have no choice to start implementing late fees into your past due bill each month until the balance is paid off. We appreciate your support on this.**

**Tuscarora Golf Club
Wednesday Men's 9 Hole League
Limited to First 120 Players**

League play will begin on Wednesday, April 26th. Depending on the number of teams, we'll most likely have shot gun starts at 5:00pm for the first three weeks and again at the end of the year for the last three weeks, ending on or about September 13th.

The cost of league including skins will remain \$115.00 per player. Please enclose a check made out to **Tuscarora Golf Club and mail to PO Box 276 Camillus NY, 13031.**

As always, if you sign up to play in league, you are expected to be there every week and when you cannot be there, to arrange for a sub to play in your place. We have an active sub list and we would encourage you to be a sub, if you can't commit to playing every Wednesday.

As noted in the application form below, there is a place to list a "preferred partner". This is something new we are trying out this year. The only rule is that you cannot partner with someone that you have partnered with in the past 5 years.

In order to play in the league this year the board has mandated that all Outstanding Balances and All 2017 Dues must be paid in full by April 1st. No Exceptions.

Return this Form by Wednesday, April 5th

Name _____

Address _____

Handicap _____

Preferred Partner _____

Best Phone Number to reach you on _____

E-mail _____

Please indicate if you'd like to be added to the **Sub** List _____

Tuscarora Women's Golf Association

TWGA (Tuscarora Women's Golf Association) is the organization for women golfers at Tuscarora. Your annual due (\$40) entitles you to play in any of the women's golf events throughout the season. (2017 events are listed below) Membership in TWGA is not a requirement to play in any league event; however, cost without membership is \$22 per event. Anne Marie Donohue is the TWGA President for the 2017 golf season. If you have any questions please contact her at 315-439-2168.

Spring TWGA Meeting and Ladies Night Out

Our Spring Meeting will be on **Wednesday, April 12, 2017**. The meeting will begin at 6pm. Several vendors will be there for your shopping pleasure beginning at 6:30pm. This is a perfect opportunity to catch up on plans for the 2017 golf season as well as catching up with old friends or a chance to meet some new ones. New members are encouraged to attend. Pizza and salad will be served and the bar will be open.

TWGA Communication

Again this year there will be two ways to receive TWGA and League information:

Facebook – please like our page at <https://www.facebook.com/tuscaroragolfclub> or search Tuscarora Golf Club. This page will be undated throughout the season for league information and events.

Email – an e-mail address has been established and will be used for all TWGA only information. Feel free to use this email to communicate to the TWGA board as well. The address is TuscaroraWomensGolf@gmail.com

Lockers

Lockers are assigned by the TWGA. Joan Hopkins is our contact for the lockers. If you need or want a locker please contact Joan at Jhopkin5@twcny.rr.com. There is a one-time fee of \$5 for new lockers or if you need a replacement key.

League Sub List

If you are unable to commit to playing in a league every week or are unsure you want to play in a league, please consider signing up as a league sub this year. Subs are always needed, especially in the Twilight League. Subbing would give you an idea of what the league play is like and also give you an opportunity to meet other members of the club. There is a section on the TWGA registration form (below) to sign up to sub. Please indicate which league you are interested in subbing in and your available tee times.

18 Hole League

After much discussion at the Fall Meeting and a vote of the TWGA membership, we will be moving the 18 hole league to Thursday mornings this summer. This is being done with hopes to increase play in this league. Please consult the calendar each week as there are some conflicts throughout the summer. This is a one year trial and we will re-evaluate this decision in the Fall. Please come join the 18 hole this year, there will be a lot of fun and camaraderie. This year's format will be game play. Each week a team of 4 will be made up from the weekly sign-up sheet and the teams will be organized by flights. You will not need a sub. The type of game will change every week, and a weekly cash prize will be paid out to the winning team. There will also be Sweepstakes play by flights A-D, the same as we've had in the past and the Ringer game will be available this year for those who choose to participate.

League Dues are \$20

18 Hole Chair: Jan Anthony

League Chairs: Pat Mahar

Twilight League

Please join us on Tuesday evenings for the 9 hole Twilight League. Tee times start at 4pm and the format is 2 person best ball, with each team member playing their own ball, using handicap, and whichever team

has the lower score for the hole receives a point for that hole. We are condensing into 2 flights this year, and we will be flighting teams based on handicap. **We will accept requests for partners this year; however, if you would prefer not to pick your own partner the league chairs will pair you with someone of similar handicap. If you elect to pick your partner please pick someone who has a similar handicap as we try to keep the teams and positions even.**

League dues are \$15.

Twilight Chair: Kirsten Marshall (kmarshall1872@gmail.com)

Wed AM 9 Hole League

The 9 hole league is played on Wednesday morning. Tee times start at 8am, alternating front and back each week. The 9 hole league plays a different format every week, including Best Ball, Chicago, 1-2-3, Captain and Mate, etc. We invite non-league golfers to join us. There is a sign-up sheet in the locker room for each week of the season or email Nancy at nen711@aol.com by Monday. Depending on the number of players we have groups of 3 or 4. Cost to non-league players is \$1 per round. Prizes are awarded each week.

League dues are \$15.

9 Hole Chair: Nancy Nojaim

League Chairs: Pat Nojaim and Nancy Nojaim

Ida Pirro Classic

The 2017 Ida Pirro Classic will be held on **Saturday, September 16 and Sunday September 17, more details on format will be communicated during the summer.** The Ida Pirro Classic is the season final golf outing for all TWGA leagues. Please mark your calendars and plan on participating.

Ida Pirro Classic Chairs: TWGA Board members

Event Dates:

| <u>18 Hole</u> | <u>Twilight</u> | <u>Wed AM 9 Hole</u> |
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| May 11 Grandmothers / Seniors | June 6 M/M | |
| May 25 M/M | June 20 M/G | July 12 Grandmothers/Seniors |
| June 8 M/G | July 25 M/M | August 9 M/M M/G |
| June 20 & June 22 2 Day M/M | August 22 Golfopoly | |
| August 1 M/G | | |
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| | <u>Non - League</u> | |
| | August 29 & 31 Fall Eclectic | |
| | September 16 and 17 Ida Pirro Classic | |

Please mail in your league(s) registration form with payment for leagues to:

Maureen Merriman
21 Reed St
Marcellus, NY 13108

(MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO TWGA)

Due by April 8, 2017. If received after deadline, please contact Maureen (maureen.merriman@reagancompanies.com) to see if there are openings.

2017 TWGA Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

New Members, your average score for 9 holes _____, or your established ghin (handicap)

TWGA Dues **\$40** _____

League Sign up and Dues

Please fill in amounts for the leagues you are joining:

Wed AM 9 holes **\$15** _____

Tuesday AM 18 holes **\$20** _____

Twilight Tuesday PM **\$15** _____

Partner request for Twilight _____

Earliest Tee Time for Twilight _____

**Would you like to be a sub?
(Circle one) YES or NO**

Which League? _____ Earliest Tee time _____

Donation to Entwistle Scholarship Fund (Optional) _____

Jim Entwistle served as Tuscarora's head golf professional for nearly 35 years. Golf was, of course, important to Jim; he also believed education was essential to a person's wellbeing and success. Every Spring, during the Jim Entwistle Memorial Day Member-Member, Tuscarora gives a scholarship to a deserving child of a member in Jim's name.

TOTAL _____

From the Pro

Welcome back to Tuscarora! By the time you receive this, I believe the golf course will already be open for the 2017 season. I would like to make everyone aware that long-time Assistant Joe Welch has left Tuscarora for a new career – Good Luck Joe! Jason Wall will be with us again this season and Chris Maneri will be rejoining us - many of you may remember Chris as he was an Assistant at Tuscarora several years back. We look forward to a great 2017 season!

Just a reminder of a few items we talked about last year:

Single Players - We know that not everyone ends up with a pre-arranged game on the weekend. The Pro Shop will begin to take singles looking to play – just call or email the Pro Shop anytime Monday through Noon on Thursday. We will put you in touch with the other single players that are also looking to play. You then need to coordinate with these other players on what time you wish to play and then contact the Pro Shop to make a Tee Time.

Play with the Pro - Tee Times will be Friday afternoons and Sunday mornings – just put together a threesome and call to let me know what time you want to play and I will coordinate. I am looking forward to playing with as many members as possible throughout the year.

Pro Ams – I will be playing in the CNY PGA events this season. So check out their website and let me know what dates you would like to play and contact me.

Club Fitting – Chris, Jason and I will still be taking care of your golf club fitting this season. If new golf clubs are in your future, please contact the Pro Shop to get properly “fitted” prior to purchasing new clubs. As always, we guarantee the best prices in town.

Lessons - As soon as the range opens, I will begin lessons. Please take advantage of one of my lesson packages; save some money and start your season in the right direction. Lesson packages are limited to the first 20 received. See the attached Lesson Package or give me a call at the Pro Shop.

Merchandise – Clothing, clubs, footwear, etc. has begun to arrive; please come in and shop for the newest merchandise for 2017.

Online Tee Time System – Members will be able to use an online tee-time program this season to book tee times. We will be using tee-on golf as the program to enhance tee-time accessibility. There will be a link on the member website directing you to www.tee-on.com as well as a mobile app that members can download. Each member will be receiving an individual e-mail containing their username and password. Tee times will still be able to be booked through calling the Pro Shop as well.

PGA Junior League - Tuscarora will be participating in the PGA junior league golf program. We will compose a team of juniors to play other teams in the area. Boys and girls between the ages of 9-13 are welcome to sign-up and take advantage of a great opportunity to continue to learn the game while being part of a team atmosphere. To register your child or grandchild please go to www.PGAJLG.com/register and enter Tuscarora as the keyword.

Pro Shop staff will remain the same as last season with Chris Manieri and Jason Wall as my Assistants. I am very happy that they are returning and I am sure they will take care of your needs this season. Also, the Bag Room staff is shaping up to be nearly the same as last year, led by Bill Perry Sr.

Thank you and I look forward to another great season at Tuscarora!

Scott Webster, PGA Professional

315-673-2679, ext. 3 tuscproshop@gmail.com

Lesson Plans – 2017 Season

Single Lesson \$50.00 each

Playing Lessons \$75.00 (1 hour on the course)

3-Lesson Plan \$125.00

5-Lesson Plan \$200.00

10-Lesson Plan \$400.00

Clinics: Ladies, JRs, Men - \$15.00 per person (6 person minimum)

Put your groups together and let me know time, date of availability

Will cover: Short Game, Full Swing, On Course, Rules and Etiquette

Sign up now - a limited amount of Lesson Plans will be sold

Make checks payable to Scott Webster

Mail to Tuscarora c/o Scott Webster

Lessons/Lessons Plans are good through October 2017

These Lessons / Lesson Plans / Clinics are for _____

Print Name

We are looking forward to a great 2017 golfing season!

Your Pro,

Scott Webster PGA

Head Professional 673-2679