



THE CAPTAINS LOG

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THIS IS YOUR CAPTAIN SPEAKING...

For those of you that were not aware, the Captains Golf Course and Brewster Golf Commission lost one of their most energetic workers and staunch supporters in January 2010 with the passing of Stote Ellsworth. The work he did on behalf of the Captains Golf Course will be sorely missed and those that knew him will miss his friendship. The Brewster Golf Commission recommended, and the Board of Selectmen approved, naming the banquet room, The Stote Ellsworth Pavilion, in his honor.

January 2010 was a difficult month for us here at the Captains. Steve Mann's wife Pat was struck with a severe stroke and was in very serious condition at Mass General for a number of weeks. Steve is our golf course superintendent. From there she underwent some intense physical therapy at Spaulding Rehab in Boston for about a month. She is now home, and she and Steve are working hard on her recovery. Our thoughts, prayers and well wishes are with Steve, Pat and their family.

As you will see in the Golf Commission report, I am happy to report that we did not increase our Annual Fee Player fees this year, but in fact have instituted a reduced "AFP" cart fee. We are hopeful that these steps will help to retain our Annual Fee Player numbers. Last year was a very difficult year for everyone, but I am hopeful for things to improve in 2010, ESPECIALLY THE WEATHER!

All of the Annual Fee Player application forms, Association application forms, and the Rules & Information Guide are available for download from our web site, www.captainsgolfcourse.com. Simply click on the "Member Applications" tab on the home page. New this year, we are accepting payment for AFP fees via credit card or electronic debit from your bank account. This is offered through a third party vendor and there is a fee of between 2.5% to 3.7% depending on the amount of the transaction, but there is no charge for an electronic debit from your bank account. This on-line payment system should be up and running by March 1st. If you wish to use this method of payment, simply go to our web site, click on the "Membership Applications" page and then click on the link that says "On-Line Payment System". We will still need you to fill out and mail or fax the AFP application form to us with proof of payment from the on-line system. Please be aware that credit card payments will only be accepted via the on-line system.

Make sure you take a look at the "Schedule of Events" included in the Rules and Information Guide, as it will help you plan your golf calendar this year. As you can see, we have a lot going on. Think warm thoughts and I'll see you all very soon.

Mark O'Brien, Director of Operations

FROM THE GOLF COMMISSION

There are no member rate increases for the 2010 golf season! Effective immediately, there is a new member cart rate of \$15 for 18-holes, and \$8 for 9-holes. The daily fee 18-hole cart rates will remain at \$18 and the daily fee 9-hole cart rate will be increased to \$11. There were a few daily fee increases. The Back 9 rate is now \$35 during "peak" times, when the 18-hole rate is \$66. The nine hole rate for any

course is typically around 60% of the 18-hole rate. The resident AFP rate remains level at \$700 this year, and the non-resident rate is \$1500.

There is a new class of membership for "Non-Resident Brewster Taxpayers" with a rate of \$700. There is some fine print with this one, namely, you must have an annual tax bill of at least \$450, and there is a limit of two memberships per property.

As always, the Golf Commission wants to hear from you (good or bad) about ways to improve The Captains Golf Course. We typically meet on the first Tuesday of each month in the conference room at the course. We post the exact date and time of all of our meetings on the bulletin boards. There is a suggestion box in the hallway near the restrooms, or you can email us at GolfCommission@town.brewster.ma.us

The AFP Rules and Regulations Handbook has been rewritten to make it easier for everyone to understand and use. Pace of play at the Captains is 4:10 for 18-holes (2:05 for 9-holes). Please try to maintain pace while on the course and cooperate with the Rangers. Always keep up with the group in front of you. If you aren't already a member of one of the fine Associations at Captains, I encourage you to join up and meet new people. Association membership forms are available in the pro shop and on the course web site.

In January, we lost a long-time member of the Golf Commission, Stote Ellsworth. His civic contributions to Brewster and the Captains are too numerous to mention here and he will be sorely missed. The Golf Commission and Board of Selectmen are recognizing him by dedicating the pavilion as the Stote Ellsworth Pavilion.

Rob Harris, Vice Chairman, Brewster Golf Commission

WOMEN'S 18 HOLE GOLF ASSOCIATION

On behalf of the Board, welcome back for the 25th anniversary season of golf at the Captains Golf Course! Congratulations and happy anniversary to our members who are charter members of the Captains.

Spring is here and 2010 league play is just around the corner! The 18-Hole Association will start play on April 6th at 8:00. Play in the month of April will consist of meeting at the first tee and forming groups; signing up, formal pairings and game formats will begin May 4th.

Association membership booklets have been printed and mailed. There are some familiar names marked with 'S'; after a successful inaugural season, the Association again welcomes our Social Members. Although unable to golf with the Association on Tuesdays, they'll be able to join us at our luncheons and other gatherings. Speaking of gatherings, 2010 has seen the first of non-golf events for members who winter in Brewster. Thank you, Mary M. and Valerie L. for the pot sticker session and Cindy B. for organizing the February 'road trip'!

The focus of the 2010 golf season at the Captains Golf Course will continue to be on pace of play. The goal is a 4:15 to 4:30 round of golf, no more 5 hour rounds. Pick up your ball if you're out of the hole; practice continuous putting; mark your

scores on the next tee. These are just a few simple steps to speed up play. Remember, let's lead the way in pace of play!

Don't forget to look on the Association website (thanks, Pat E.), www.cgcwomens18.com, for the complete by-laws; they are also in the Association booklet. The website will also have current tournament information throughout the '10 season. Links available only to Women's Association members provide on-line information also found in the membership booklet.

All members are welcome to attend the monthly (April through November) Association Board meetings which are held in the conference room across from the 18-Hole bulletin board. The meeting dates are in the Association booklet.

Welcome back and Happy Anniversary!

Cindy Bingham, President

THE LADY NINERS

The long winter is almost behind us and I hope everyone is looking toward a warm spring and another great season of golf.

Thank you to our tournament committee for putting together another great season for us. Informal play will begin on April 1 at 8 a.m. Come on out, make up teams and say hello to old and new friends. April 8th play will begin at 8 a.m. with play beginning at 7 am on April 15, 22 & 29. This will give us all a chance to get back into the swing of golf.

The welcome back coffee will be held on May 13th at 11:30 am in the pavilion. At this time there will be a review of policies, keeping of scorecards, pace of play and welcoming of our new members. Bring your questions!

A scramble with the 18 hole group has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 11 at 8:30 am. This is always a fun day with lunch following golf. A sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board.

Our invitations will be held on June 3 with an 8 am shotgun start. The theme for this event will be the "25th Anniversary" celebration of Captains Golf Course with a color scheme of white, black and silver.

We have received a "save the date" for an invitational at Dennis Pines Golf Course on Thursday June 10th. The theme for this invitational is the June flower "Rose". More information will follow.

Membership books will be available for pick up at the pavilion on Thursday April 8, 15 & 29 after informal play, and May 6 after play and May 13 at the Welcome Back Coffee.

We look forward to a great season of warm dry weather with good friends and sunny days.

Anne Fusco LeMaitre, President

FROM THE MEN'S ASSOCIATION

There is still snow on the ground but the golf season will be here before we know it and that will be a welcome sight for us all. The Men's Association has been meeting on a monthly basis throughout the winter making plans for some new and interesting events designed to gain more participation by our membership.

We will be looking to initiate some form of weekend afternoon play to gain more interest in CCMGA sponsored tournaments. We will also be looking to change, and to some degree invigorate, Wednesday play. This we hope will attract more players whom we haven't seen on Wednesday for several years as well to

involve some of the newer members who took advantage of the new rate plans adopted by the Commission last summer.

We will continue to offer Nine and Dine on the last Sunday of June, July and September. We will once again offer two week tournaments on Wednesday in both May and August. Make sure to check our website at CCMGA.com for details and dates. The August event will feature a steak cookout following the final day.

The CCMGA (Captains Course Men's Golf Association) would like to welcome those of you who are new members and invite you to join our association. Dues are only \$10 for the year. We have added one new wrinkle in that an individual can make an additional voluntary contribution of \$5.00 to our scholarship fund. We award a \$1000 yearly scholarship to a graduating senior at Nauset Regional High School. Membership applications can be seen on our website (CCMGA.com) as well as in the clubhouse.

As stated above we are striving to increase our visibility by improving our current program and adding to what we already have. We also believe that we, along with the Woman's 9 and 18 hole associations, are your advocates with the Golf Commission, Staff and Town Government.

Welcome back, whenever you arrive North, to all of our members. Look to our website to catch up on everything that is happening at the golf course and the CCMGA. We look forward to seeing you all on the course this Spring.

Ed Lewis, President CCMGA

FROM THE GOLF SHOP

We will be receiving new stock everyday in the pro shop beginning in March. Come see what's new for 2010 with our refreshed lines of clothing from Antigua, Cutter & Buck, Greg Norman, E.P. Pro, Gear, Foot-Joy, and Under Armour. Hopefully we'll have what you want but if not, ask a member of the professional staff and we'll try to satisfy your need.

How are your golf grips? Does your game need a spring tune-up? Take a minute to check out the "Specials" page on our web site, www.captainsgolfcourse.com. We have some great deals to help get your game off to a fast start in 2010.

Thank you for your support. We look forward to working with you throughout the year.

Jay Packett, Head Professional, Pro Shop Manager

ABOUT THE CAPTAINS WEB SITE

The Captains web site, www.captainsgolfcourse.com, continues to be updated to make it more user friendly for both our members and guests, and to advance our position with the search engines. Check it out for tournament results, pro shop specials, Captains Log and much more.

DO YOU RECEIVE OUR EMAILS?

If you have not been receiving our emails, please notify the Pro Shop staff. We use our email system to update the membership on tournaments, specials and other good stuff. So help us keep our records current. Thanks!