

THE CAPTAINS LOG

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THIS IS YOUR CAPTAIN SPEAKING...

Happy summer to you all! The courses are in great shape and I hope that you have been able to fit in lots of golf. Please see the calendar for upcoming events in July & August. Of special note is the Lower Cape Outreach Council "Beat the Pro" to be held over Labor Day weekend. Last year was our first year of running this format and it proved to be a big success. You match your net score against the score posted by one of Captains four outstanding golf professionals. You choose which pro you would like to match up against. All monies raised go to support the Lower Cape Outreach Council. This is a fun format for a worthy cause so we hope to see a large turnout. Tee sponsorships will be available and will be given exposure during the entire Labor Day weekend. For information on sponsorships please contact Ellen Ehrhart at 508-896-6304 Look for more updates on this event in August. Other events coming up include the Parent-Child on Sunday, 25th and the Club Championship on July 31st, August 1st, 7th & 8th. Watch the bulletin boards, email blasts, and the "Tournaments" page on our web site, www.captainsgolfcourse.com, for details and sign-up information. The web site also has a "Golf Specials" page that you should take a look at for great savings. Our annual Junior Golf Day will be held on Monday, August 16th. Volunteers will be needed for this event so watch for announcements as this event draws near. The Starboard Course will be closed that day until 3:00 p.m. Thanks for your support of the Captains and I hope you enjoy a wonderful Cape Cod summer and fall.

Mark O'Brien, Director of Operations

FROM THE GOLF COMMISSION

Welcome to summer! There are several new members on the Brewster Golf Commission this year. Before I introduce everyone, I would like to thank the out-going commissioners for their service to the Town and the Commission. **Bob Weiss**, **Jo O'Connell**, and **Karney Ovian** have all been a pleasure to work with and they each worked to make The Captains the golf course that it is today.

O'Connell, Lori Arnold, and Marc Fontaine. Jeff Odell is still on the Commission, along with Cindy Bingham, the new Vice Chair, and me, Rob Harris as Chairman.

The Golf Commission's regularly scheduled meetings are on the second Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m.; however, they may occasionally be scheduled on different dates and times. The meetings are publicly posted at Town Hall, on The Captains web site, and the outdoor bulletin board (next to the Pro Shop entrance). All Golf Commission meetings are open to the public. If you cannot attend a meeting, you can leave a suggestion in the Suggestion Box on the table in the hallway near the restrooms. You can also contact us by email at GolfCommission@town.brewster.ma.us

Let me take just a moment to explain the purpose for the Golf Commission. (1) The golf course shall be operated and maintained so as to pay its expenses and return a reasonable profit to the Town of Brewster. (2) The golf course shall be operated and maintained as a facility available to the residents of the Town.

These two guiding principles are not always easy to balance with each other. The economic conditions of our times have made it difficult to return a profit to the Town; however, we have been able to keep the course on the profit side of the line. I respect and value all of our members, as well as our summer visitors, and will work to maintain both the playing conditions and the financial health of our course. Unfortunately, this sometimes requires tough and unpopular decisions to be made. The Golf Commission operates in public view, and your public comments at meetings are extremely valuable. If you have some special expertise that you could contribute to help making this a better place, please feel free to contact me anytime. You don't have to be a member of the Commission to participate.

I look forward to working with all of the commissioners to make **The Captains Golf Course** an even better place.

Rob Harris, Chairman

The new commissioners are Jim Ehrhart, Anne

WOMEN'S 18 HOLE ASSOCIATION

Members are very pleased to welcome several golfers who have recently joined the Association, women who are also new members of The Captains Golf Course. Women who are interested in becoming members of the 18-Hole Association can join at any time; details and an application are available at our website www.cgcwomens18.com .

The league schedule moves into high gear in July and August! July is packed with special competitions, starting with the first round of the Association Match Play Tournament. The schedule then moves to the annual Member/Guest event. July play wraps up with the first day of the two-day Memorial Tournament.

August will also have its share of tournament play with the final round of the Memorial and the annual Member/Member Tournament. Regular Tuesday play will fill out the remainder of the month. Preparations will be well underway for *Rally for the Cure*[®], a fundraiser to support the Susan G. Komen Foundation and the battle against breast cancer. The *Rally* will be held on the first Tuesday in September.

We are very excited to announce that *The Ocean Edge Women's Golf Association* has agreed to compete against The Captains 18-Hole Women's Association in the annual 'Solheim Cup' competition. This event was in limbo after Chequessett Y&GC withdrew. Thank you, *Ocean Edge WGA*, for stepping in; we're looking forward to the challenge!

Here's to a great summer of golf!

Cindy Bingham, President

WOMEN'S NINE HOLE ASSOCIATION

On June 3, 2010 the 9 Hole Ladies Golf League held an Invitational Golf Tournament under cloudy skies with a threat of rain which held off until the majority of players had finished their round. A total of 25 women from Bass River, Cranberry Valley and Dennis Pines joined 39 Captains members participated in the tournament. The tournament theme was the clubs "25th Anniversary", and with the beautiful table decorations and the delicious food served it was truly a success. A 25th Anniversary Banner was made by Helen Corey and donated to the Golf Club and hangs in the Club House.

The Summer Cup qualifying has been held with eight ladies participating for the right to have their name engraved on our trophy and bragging rights.

With Jo O'Connell's resignation from the Golf Commission we are very fortunate to have Ladies 9 Hole member Anne O'Connell (no relation) replacing her. Anne was appointed by the Board of Selectmen and we are all very confident that she will be a great asset to the Commission. Jo, again thank you for your services over the past 11 years.

On June 24th several ladies attended an Invitational at Golf Course of Yarmouth Port. With a 2 pm shotgun start the muggy weather did give way to some breezes on the course. A great time was had by all that attended and Captains' ladies did go home with some of the prizes.

Our Member/Member will be held on July 15th with a best ball tournament and lunch. The League Championship will begin on July 29th with participants committing to 3 weeks of play.

Remember <u>Pace of Play & ready golf</u>. This is very important in order to free up the back 9 holes for other players starting on hole #1 and wanting to play 18 holes. It should take you no longer than 2 hr & 15 min to play 9 holes.

Quote: "Golf can be best defined as an endless series of tragedies obscured by the occasional miracle."

Author Unknown

Anne Fusco LeMaitre, President

FROM THE MEN'S ASSOCIATION

Welcome back to all of you have been away for the spring and winter. The season is in full swing and the Men's Association is in the midst of several new initiatives

Under the direction of board member Alan Godfried we have begun a Monday twilight league featuring two man teams that will compete for prizes throughout the summer. Our Wednesday play now features a once a month event in which for an extra two dollars individuals compete in special competitions for that day of play. As an example the first such event took place in May and the total low net score for the par three holes captured the cash. Thanks to Ray Gomez for organizing the events.

We had our first Nine and Dine this past Sunday with the dinner at the Northside Restaurant. Thank you Dennis Toland for coordinating the tournament. We will have another on the last Sunday of September with the meal at Ardeo's.

On June 16th the Association sponsored and subsidized a \$5.00 steak cook out and kick-off meeting at the VFW. 72 members participated and from all accounts it was very successful and well received. What could go wrong when for \$5 you get a steak dinner. Kudos to the cooks, Jim Knowles, Mark Fontaine and Phil Dupont. Peter Hall, VP of the CCMGA, introduced Tyler Labonte, the recipient of this years Nauset High School scholarship as awarded by the association.

Our next major event will be the second two week tournament of the season, taking place August 4th and 11th with a steak cookout to follow play on the 11th. Watch for the sign up information on our website as well as on the bulletin board.

Please check out our website as maintained and developed by Rob Harris, a board member of CCMGA and the current chair of the Golf Commission. Another one of our board members, Marc Fontaine will become a commissioner on July 1st.

Thank you to all who have supported the association. If you are not a member please consider becoming one for only \$10. It is required if you wish to participate in any CCMGA sponsored events and tournaments.

Please remember to enter all of your scores so that play reflects a true handicap. Please also be cognizant of pace of play and keep up with the foursome in front of you. Thanks and have a great summer. Look forward to seeing you on the course.

Ed Lewis. President

FROM THE GOLF SHOP

The spring is now officially over and the time for hot weather is upon us. Be sure to check out the pro shop for the latest offerings in moisture wicking technologies that will keep you cool no matter how high the mercury gets. Companies such as Adidas, Nike, Ashworth, EP Pro, Under Armour and Foot-Joy have just what you need to look and feel great out on the course. As always, be sure to keep an on our sale of the day calendar so you know when your favorite items are on sale.

Don't see what you want? Let us know and we will do our best to get it for you. And don't forget our price match guarantee. Thank you for your support in the spring and we will see you around the shop this summer.

Jay Packett, Head Professional, Pro Shop Manager

FROM THE MAINTENENCE DEPARTMENT

This year is a bit different from some of the recent years in terms of weather. We are ahead in every category except for rain. We are at least two weeks ahead of last year and the lack of rain has really put a kibosh on the turf. It looks like August in July!!!

We now have a full compliment of staff. Hopefully this will stay like this for the next two months. So we should be able to get some of the detail work out of the way before Labor Day.

There will be some small projects going on this summer. Notably the stumps from last winter are now gone and we are starting to fill with topsoil and either seeding or sodding. Walk on areas like #13 port green and new walk way. Maybe even some cart path exits and entrances. Otherwise we'll be in maintenance mode for the rest of the summer.

I would like to thank every one for their concern for my wife. She's making progress to the point where she is taking up the game of golf and has a part time job at Crocker Nursery three days a week. So she is gaining on it. Thanks again for all your prayers and thoughts.

Steve Mann, Maintenance Superintendent

GOLF TIP

One of golf's misconceptions is keeping your head down. Keeping your head down does not guarantee you'll keep the same posture you had in the set up position thru the impact area of the golf swing. So many people say they picked their head up when they hit a bad shot when really it was their posture that came up. Most of the time what causes the posture to come up is swinging the club inside the target line thru the impact area instead of down the target line. When you swing the club inside the target line the club is coming toward you so the subconscious tells you to get out of the way, thus up comes your posture. So try to keep your set up posture thru the impact area, and swing the club down the target line. To further help your game, why not set up a lesson with Steve Knowles, Head Golf Professional, Jay Packett, Head Golf Professional or Sean Cahalane, Assistant Golf Professional. We also offer mens clinics on Monday mornings at 9:00am, and ladies clinics Wednesday and Friday mornings at 9:00am. See you on the links,

> Steve Knowles, P.G.A. Golf Professional Head Golf Professional

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