



# THE CAPTAINS LOG

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## **THIS IS YOUR CAPTAIN SPEAKING...**

What a beautiful summer we had here on Cape Cod! However, even with the dry sunny days, our guest play was down in comparison to last year (which was not a great year to begin with). The economy is taking its toll on our green fee revenue. The good news is that it's never been a better time to be a member at the Captains. Member play was up and access to the course was easier than ever for our members. This trend does not bode well for the Captains financial picture in the future and we are working hard to promote the course and increase our guest play so that we can continue to cover our expenses and maintain the course to the level that we have all become accustomed.

Please make sure you check out the calendar for upcoming events to plan your golfing schedule. Of special note is the "Beat the Pro" tournament to benefit the Lower Cape Outreach Council. This takes place over Labor Day weekend and allows you to match your net score against one of our pros. Lots of fun for a great cause. Other events include the Member-Guest; Women's One Day; Member-Member; and Commissioner's Cup to name a few.

The maintenance staff will be undertaking the arduous task of aerification beginning the second week in September. Check the calendar for the exact schedule. This is needed more than ever this year with the toll that the heat and disease took on our fairways this summer.

Once again, our Junior Golf Day held on August 16<sup>th</sup> was a great success. There were about 150 juniors that participated and they, along with their parents all came away with great praise for the course and the volunteers. Those that lent their time to this great event should be very proud. A special thanks to Jay Packett and Joe Shaw who organize the day. It's a lot of work and they did a great job as always.

All members of the Captains should be aware of a reciprocal program among all of the municipal courses on the Cape. You can play Sandwich Hollows, Olde Barnstable Fairgrounds, Bass River, Bayberry Hills, Dennis Pines, Dennis Highlands, and Cranberry Valley on Monday through Thursday for a \$30 green fee. Make sure that you call ahead and ask about the reciprocal program as some of the requirements from course to course may vary. It's a great opportunity to see some of the other fine courses that Cape Cod has to offer.

We are hosting the New England Intercollegiate Golf Association Championship again this year on October 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. About 230 players representing 45 schools participate in this event that is played on both courses, both days. We will be soliciting for volunteers to help out during this tournament in the weeks to come. Both courses will be closed until 2:00 on both days.

Have a happy and healthy remainder of the season and I hope to see you soon.

*Mark O'Brien, Director of Operations*

## **FROM THE GOLF COMMISSION**

There are still a few more weeks of Summer, then the fun begins! September and October are my favorite months for golfing. The weather is cooler and everyone just seems to be in a better mood all of the time.

**The Golf Commission has voted to offer "Pay Now, Play Now" again this year to entice non-resident members to join The Captains Golf Course. Here's the offer... Pay \$1,500 now and your membership starts on September 15, 2010 and continues through the fall, winter, spring, plus the entire 2011 season ending on March 31, 2012. There is even an installment plan! Pay \$750 now, then pay the balance of \$750 on April 1, 2011.**

The Captains Golf Course once again produced net return to the Town of Brewster. For the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2010, the course returned approximately \$88,000 to the town.

The Golf Commission presented a list of potential course improvements and we have been approved to spend \$118,500. These improvements are planned to begin in late October following the NEIGA tournament. Here is the list:

1. Port #1 Tee Box. Repair the sinkhole and level the tee.
2. Port #10. Repair the sinkhole that is just short and left of the green.
3. Starboard #13 Tee Box. Repair the sinkhole and level the tee.
4. Port #11 Tee Box. Level the tee.

*Rob Harris, Chairman*

## **WOMEN'S 18 HOLE ASSOCIATION**

Many thanks to the coordinators of the Member/Guest Tournament, Chris Hardy, Jeanie Holzinger, Jane Donoghue and Diane Conrad. Their hard work and creativity resulted in a terrific golf tournament that yielded donations of \$2,250.00 in cash and approximately \$4,000.00 in merchandise for *A Baby Center* in Hyannis. Center employees were awestruck when the donations arrived at their doorstep!

The annual Member/Member Tournament, held in August, was a fun day of golf that also benefited Lower Cape Outreach Council's food pantry. Association members dropped off their bags of groceries in the Ellsworth Pavilion and then headed to their carts for the shotgun start. Fortunately the rain ended early in the morning and the event was able to start after a one hour delay. Kudos to Lorraine Harvey, Susan Eifert and Cathi Holmes for a doing great job as tournament coordinators!

Several awards were presented at the Association's annual meeting, held after the Member/Member tournament. Congratulations to the winner of the Association's annual *Memorial Tournament*, Sandra Smith, and Harriet Von Thaden, the runner-up. This two-day event is held in honor of the women, now deceased, who helped to start the 18-Hole Women's

Association. Congratulations also to Match Play champions, Lea Dallamora (Flight A), Joanne Hughes (Flight B) and Harriet Von Thaden (Flight C/D). A special award was given to Pat Eggers for 'Making a Difference' to the Association. The Association scholarship was presented to Jessica Brown, formerly of the Nauset HS Girls' Golf Team and a recent graduate of NHS.

The annual meeting culminated in the election of new Association officers. Congratulations to Joanne Liberles, president, Judy McCarthy, 1<sup>st</sup> vice-president, Jean Arnold, 2<sup>nd</sup> vice-president, Jan Baxter, treasurer, Carol Erikson, secretary, and Cindy Bingham, member-at-large. Outgoing board members Jan Lovewell and Jean Bassett were thanked for their service to the Association. A presentation was made to Cindy Bingham, outgoing president, thanking her for guiding the Association through two exciting years.

Preparations are well underway for *Rally for the Cure*®, a fundraiser to support the Susan G. Komen Foundation and the battle against breast cancer. This year's *Rally* will be held on September 7th. Sarah Hewitt, Ann Mahoney and Sandra MacLean are hoping to build on the success of last year's *Rally*. It will be a shotgun start with golf to be followed by a luncheon in the Ellsworth Pavilion. Because the *Rally for the Cure*® benefits such an important cause, Association members are welcome to invite guests to participate in this terrific event. For more details and registration information, look on the 18-Hole Women's Association bulletin board and on our website, [www.cgcwomens18.com](http://www.cgcwomens18.com).

We're looking forward to the challenge of competing against the *Ocean Edge Women's Golf Association* in the 'Solheim Cup'. The one day competition, modeled after the various formats used at the Solheim Cup, will be held at the Captains on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Sandy Delnickas will be coordinating this inaugural event against the *OEWGA*.

***Here's to great fall golfing at The Captains!***

*Cindy Bingham, President*

### **WOMEN'S NINE HOLE ASSOCIATION**

This summer has proven to be filled with fun on the golf course. With the dry weather play was only cancelled one day due to rain. Due to the humidity and heat many ladies have been riding in carts. Remember that cart play is different than walking. Be ready by planning your next shot, choosing your club, going to your ball and be ready to hit when it is your turn. Always play ready golf and those not keeping score should be hitting off the next tee while scores are being recorded.

Ladies Nine Hole Tournament winners are:

#### ***Summer Cup***

Winner - Barbara Emery

Runner-up - Phyllis DePietro

#### ***League Championship***

Winner - Jan Mills

Runner-up - Jan Weller

Congratulations to all.

A celebration was held on August 19<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Tillie Nelson – Congratulations Tillie keep on hitting them straight.

Rally for a Cure was held on August 26<sup>th</sup> with 66 players. The rain stopped for a day of sun and friendship. Winners of the raffle were Barbara Emery - Small Boat display; Jean Bassett the beautiful pocketbook and Jon Gilmond a wooden turned bowl. Thank you to the

donors of the items to raffle, all the ladies who worked on selling raffle tickets and a special than you to those who purchased raffle tickets.

The Annual Meeting and luncheon will be held on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to read the proposed by-law amendment prior to the meeting. On the day of the meeting we will be collecting non-perishable items to be donated to the local food pantries. Please help by bringing something to put in the box at the luncheon.

Jo and Ed O'Connell thank everyone for all the notes, cards and prayers. They are greatly appreciated.

Remember **Pace of Play & ready golf.**

**Etiquette Tip:** When a player is teeing off please remember to keep your distance from the tee box and keep both quiet and still.

*Anne Fusco LeMaitre, President*

### **FROM THE MEN'S ASSOCIATION**

(Captains Course Men's Golf Association)

The CCMGA's popular two week tournament concluded on August 11th. Jack Coombs and Mike Lieber were the winners posting a score of -17. Closest to the pin winner was Greg DeSantis. A cookout steak dinner was held after the event, and several raffle prizes were drawn. Under the watchful eye of Orin Segall, chefs Phil Dupont and Marc Fontaine did their usual outstanding job. A good time was had by all. Special thanks to Ray Gomez for handling all the logistical tournament details.

Regular Wednesday play is in full swing with a variety of formats. A reminder: the last chance to earn Memorial points will be on September 8<sup>th</sup>, with playoffs slated for September 29<sup>th</sup>. Check out the current standings at our website:

**www.CCMGA.com**

This year the CCMGA will honor individual flight winners with a plaque as well as the overall Memorial Trophy winner.

If you haven't already done so please check out our website at **www.CCMGA.com**. Rob Harris has done a great job and the site includes lots of information about our organization as well as many helpful links to other sites.

The fall season will include our second Nine & Dine to be held on September 26th and a season finale banquet/awards event. Stay tuned for the date and time.

The Monday Twilight League will be completing its first season in September. This year we had 36 players in three flights. The A-flight played a match format consisting of best ball and total net score, while the other flights are playing two-man best ball matches. Cash prizes will be paid to the first and second place teams in each flight. Special thanks to Alan Godfried for running the league this year.

If you would be interested in joining our Board of Directors or becoming an Officer of the CCMGA, please contact us using the "Contact Us" tab near the top of our website at [www.CCMGA.com](http://www.CCMGA.com)

Finally, it's not too late to join the CCMGA. Good times, good friends, and hopefully good golf! Applications are available at our web site or at the pro shop.

*Peter Hall, Vice President*

### **FROM THE GOLF SHOP**

It's hard to believe that the summer is almost over, but don't worry fall golf will stay strong for a long time. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support in the shop. But just because the summer is over doesn't mean that fresh merchandise will stop arriving. Be sure to watch out for the latest fall fashions arriving daily. With the temperatures getting cooler by the day now is a good time to grab a new windshirt, sweater, or long sleeve shirt. Also with the fall comes some rain. Come in and check out our rain gear from Foot-Joy, guaranteed to keep you dry.

As I am now meeting with sales reps for next year, please let me know if you have suggestions or comments about the pro shop. If there is a particular line you would like to see, tell me and I will see what I can do. And as always, be sure to watch for the monthly sales calendar that will let you know when your favorite merchandise goes on sale.

Thanks again for your support and enjoy your fall golfing season.

*Jay Packett, Head Professional, Pro Shop Manager*

### **FROM THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT**

While the summer has been very dry and our water usage is sky rocketing, it feels like the summer is almost over. With hurricane Earl on the way it could be a very interesting next couple of weeks. We did receive 6.04 inches of rain last week. Wish we could have had some of that during the last 10 weeks. Since then we have turned a little more green which is a good sign of recovery.

I came across an article on summer stress which is exactly what we were and still are going through. If anyone is interested in the six minute video you can find it at: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=lg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lg). It tries to offer a clear and concise explanation of what happens to the turf under high heat conditions.

Within the next two weeks we will begin aerifying greens, tees, and fairways. This process will also include overseeding the greens and fairways. This process will take a couple of weeks if Mother Nature is good to us. We have lost most of our summer help. We have three left on staff at this point with no plans to hire anyone else until next spring. We did have a couple workers and I wish they could have stayed but school is more important.

Hopefully we will have a more moderate fall and get back to normal conditions. Have a great autumn season.

*Steve Mann, Maintenance Superintendent*

### **GOLF TIP**

The short game is where you score and putting is a big part of the short game. It is the one club you will use on every hole, unless you get lucky and chip one in the hole. Oddly enough it is the least practiced club.

There are five things you must do to make a good putting stroke.

- 1) You want your eyes directly over the ball. Drop a ball from between your eyes, it should hit the ball you're about to putt.
- 2) You want a shallow pendulum stroke with just the shoulders and arms swinging the clubhead straight back and thru. By having your eyes over the ball, the clubhead will strike the ball at the bottom of the pendulum causing the ball to roll, not bounce or skid from the start.
- 3) Make sure you aim the putter face to the target.
- 4) Always accelerate the clubhead thru the ball to the target.
- 5) And finally, you have to visualize the ball going into the hole and believe you will make every putt. If you think you're going to miss the putt or you're not sure of the putt, you will miss the putt!

To further improve your game, see Steve Knowles, PGA, Jay Packett, PGA, or Sean Cahalane, PGA. We will be happy to help you improve your game.

See you on the links!

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

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2010 CLUB CHAMPIONS:**

Men's Champion	Dave Houghton
Women's Champion	Linda Nichols
Senior Men's Champion	Herb Hulbert
Women's 9-Hole Champion	Janice Mills
Junior Champion	Sam Friedman
Men's Net Flight A Champion	Brad Bevers
Men's Net Flight B Champion	Jim McInnis
Women's Net Flight Champion	Susan Eifert

# September-10

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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5 Beat the Pro to benefit LCOC	6 Beat the Pro to benefit LCOC  Labor Day No Twilight league Port 50% mbr	7 Ladies Assn 7 - 9 Women's 18 Rally for a Cure - 8:30 shotgun Port	8 Mens Assn 7-9:30	9 9 Holers 7:00 One Back 9 CCWGL 8:30 shotgun Star Scramble 3:00 Port 50% mbr	10	11 Member Guest 8:30 shotgun Port
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3 Member Member 8:30 shotgun Port	4 Chip in for Haiti 12:00 shotgun Port  Scramble 2:00 Star 50% mbr	5 Ladies Assn 7:30-9:30  Mid Cape Men's Club 8:30 shotgun Star	6 Mens Assn 7:30-9:30 PALs for Life 12:00 shotgun Star	7 9 Holers 7:30 Both Back 9s	8 Brewster Police 9:00 shotgun Star	9
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17 Commissioner's Cup 10:00 tee times Starboard	18 NEIGA Both courses closed untill 2:00  Scramble 2:00 Port 50% mbr	19 NEIGA Both courses closed untill 2:00	20 Mens Assn 8 - 10 Port Ladies Assn 8 - 10 Starboard	21 9 Holers 8:00 Both Back 9s	22	23
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