

SPRINGVILLE COUNTRY CLUB

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CLUB NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's that time of the year when members ask "How we doing?" A simple answer is "Better than last year". As most of our members know, our 2010 budget was based on 305 golfing memberships. As of the July board meeting we had over 320 golfing memberships. Barring an unforeseen event we should meet our budget projections. We must, however, continue to operate with fiscal restraint. We do not have to be reminded that we are living in an economical climate of uncertainty. The most important consideration by the Board of Directors in preparing our annual budget is and has been the aggressive reduction of debt. The last 7 years has seen an average of \$100,000 per year of debt reduction. This must continue. It would be refreshing if our country was operating with that guideline. The good news is our (Springville Country Club) debt owed to outside agencies (bank) is approximately

\$500,000. An additional 1 million dollars of debt is held by members of Springville Country Club in the form of interest bearing and non-interest bearing bonds. I am confident Springville Country Club is worth far more than 1.5 million dollars (our total debt).

Reviewing our club's current condition, our "fleet of rolling stock", that is mowers, trucks, etc, is very current. We will continue to constantly update where financially feasible. Our maintenance organization does an excellent job "making do" when required. The clubhouse is sound although each year we seem to have a few unforeseen events - pipes rupturing, freezer breakdowns, etc. The main issue for the future will be our fleet of golf carts, which we currently own. They will be 4 years old at the end of this year. Still significant life left, but we ask all who use carts to not abuse these assets and

remove your trash, butts, etc. after using. The pro shop will be appreciative. These are your carts, please treat as such.

This message is being written prior to the HOOPER. I have had the privilege of attending a planning meeting for this event. My projection is that "The Best HOOPER Ever" will be this year. I do have an unopened bottle of "YUKON JACK" that states "The Best HOOPER Ever" from years ago, but witnessing the intense planning of this committee it may be time to retire that bottle.

In closing, I have come to realize that if we (Board of Directors) do a good job from November thru March, April thru October is a breeze. Those 4 to 5 hour meetings when the snow is falling pay off in less than 2 hour meetings in July.

Thanks to all.

John Maurer
President



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WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

It's hard to believe that August is upon us, but we sure can't complain about this summer. July was a busy month for the WGA with our weekly league play, Fleck tournament and the Solheim Cup. Our thanks go out to Muriel Kummer and Georgia Rosenthal for organizing and running the league. It seems to be very popular and is certainly a lot of fun. Muriel also worked with Jan Robinson in organizing the Solheim Cup, won again this year by Dave's Black team. Maryann Emerling did a great job running the Fleck. Julie Shistler and Cyndi Zalikowski were the big winners and get to have their names on the plaque. Congratulations!

This month also has a lot in store for us, beginning with

the GOLF invitational on the fifth. Maureen Fernandez, Toni Sawyer, Julie Shistler and Cyndi Zalikowski have teamed up to make this a really big event. I hope you have signed up. Friday and Saturday, August 13 and 14, are the dates for our Women's Club Championship. While certainly one of our best golfers will be the Champion (best 36 hole gross score) everyone has a chance to be a winner as prizes will be awarded in both net and gross categories. If we all come out and cheer each other on, this will be a lot of fun.

If you are in the 50 and older crowd there will be the Senior Championship on Thursday August 19. Carole Sedita is organizing this one day event in which

the low net score is the official winner (her name goes on the plaque.) Sign up for this and the Club Championship in the Pro Shop and yes, you certainly can play in both (if you're old enough.)

We are hosting the Friendship cup this year on THURSDAY September 2nd. Look for a signup sheet in the locker room. Players are chosen strictly by the order in which you sign up, your handicap is not an issue. Thanks to Jackie Golebiewski for chairing this once again.

Hope to see you all out there enjoying our summer weather and our fabulous golf course.

Sue Hoak
President WGA

SUNSHINE CLUB

Hello everyone! I hope everyone is enjoying the warm dry July. My chores continue to wait at home for a rainy day. Of course it is Buffalo and soon enough I'll be wondering when the sun will be out again.

It was great to see Jim Rindfuss out golfing this month, seems his strength is improving every week. I finally got to see Belle Butler this year though only in the Grill Room, she is certainly missed on the course & the dance floor for par-

ties. Keep her in your thoughts as she prepares herself for hip surgery. Two of our members recently lost their brother, Dominic & Richard Sorrentino, please keep them in your thoughts over the next few weeks. A special prayer goes out to Shirley Martin, she is fighting her way out of the ICU with heart failure. Celine Connors missing from the course with a broken wrist, her presence missed on the course and we wish her a speedy recovery. Also Carol Ewel is missing and we

hope for her quick return.

On a good note, Frank & Julie Noeson are preparing for their first baby! The teachers become the parents - God bless them for a healthy & happy baby. And to all you Hooper boys be careful out there and good luck!!!

Please feel free to contact me by phone, email or in person whenever you think of someone who needs a special thought or mention. Julieshisler@att.net or (716) 481-0201.

CLUBHOUSE

As you are reading this I am sure you are saying to yourself "I can't believe it's August already." The Hooper is over and the Erie County Fair starts soon. Where did the summer go? The good news is that it's still here and it's alive and well at Springville Country Club. We still have all of August to play some great rounds of Golf. Enjoy a drink at the Bar or come down to visit us for Dinner. Our Calendar for August is sure to excite everyone in the family. This Month we honor our Club Champions with the Men's, The Ladies and the Ladies Senior Events. New to us is the first annual Springville Country Club Sleepover for the kids. Please see the enclosed flyer for information. We also pay tribute to Ange Alberico. For our new members that might not be aware that Ange Alberico was the Golf Pro before Dave Thomas. During his tenure he has seen the Club's first Clubhouse, the second Clubhouse, the implementation of the Course to Eighteen holes of Golf, and a new Pro Shop. Help us honor his commit-

ment to Springville Country Club, the place that he loves, by playing in the tournament.

Last month I introduced you to the Kitchen Staff. This month I will highlight two different "departments". The first is Housekeeping. I would like to introduce Ann Smith. You can find Ann cleaning Sunday through Thursday. Ann has been a tremendous pick up for us and takes great pride in her job here at the Club. The other Cleaner (and I say other very fondly because she is much more than that) is Diane Felt. Diane is in her ninth season with the Club. Diane has been such a team player, always willing to help out in any department that needs an extra hand. Anything that is asked of Diane she has and will continue to do with the greatest amount of pride. She bleeds member satisfaction and Springville Green. You can also find Diane serving Lunch Tuesday through Friday. I don't know where I would be without the two fine ladies in Housekeeping. The second department is the Halfway House. First I

would like to introduce Alissa Marshall, and she is in her third year in the halfway house and currently attending college. While I have offered her an opportunity to move out of the halfway house, she politely declines because she is happy there. The next employee is Samantha Wilkins. Sam, as she prefers to be called, is new to us and is home for the summer while attending the University of Hawaii (not a bad place to be studying.) The final employee is Amanda Marshall. She is also new to us and has just graduated from Springville GI. She will be attending College in the fall.

As I finish my thoughts I started with the "back of the house departments," because for the most part these dedicated persons usually do not receive any of the credit for making Springville Country Club what it is today. Without these people doing there jobs, the Bar and Service staff would not be able to do their jobs as well. Thank you for letting me take the opportunity to offer you a glimpse of our staffs' lives.

Finally, I would like to highlight the Club's policy on Smoking at the Club. For those of you who do not know, the Club has applied for a license to sell Cigars. While this may appeal to some, it may not appeal to others. With this new license, it allows us to sell Cigars at the Bar to members and their guests. We are currently selling the cigars with the help of The Tinder Box in Williamsville. With our License, now come the regulations from the State of New York on where the cigars/ cigarettes may be smoked. Smoking is not permitted under any of the covered patios. We may designate up to 25% of seating in outdoor areas of restaurants.

The area must be at least three feet away from the nonsmoking area. The smoking and nonsmoking areas must be clearly designated with signs. This applies to any area on the Golf Course, with the exception of the Course Restrooms and any covered shelter.

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