



The Tallwood Tradition

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The President's Corner

Well another successful season of golf is in the books at Tallwood. We concluded it with spectacular weather for our fall classic; by all accounts it was a fantastic finish to the year.

Plenty of members attended the bystanders CPR training course and it was a definite eye opener into what's recommended in such a situation. I am happy to say that we expect to be able to offer this training again at the spring classic thanks to member Mark Morgano who is in the safety business and has graciously donated the training services. So if you missed it this year then look for it next spring.

The awards banquet was excellent with early reviews by people in attendance giving thumbs up to both food and atmosphere at the new venue. Lots of well-earned trophies were handed out to our members who showed the grit and determination to hang in there for the win.

We also said a special farewell to "Yo-Pro" and presented him with his new status of lifetime member.



So even though he will not be behind the desk don't be surprised if you see him out on the course next year doing what got him into this business in the first place, smacking it around and hunting down the elusive thrill of the perfect shot or the even better feat, the perfect round.

As my term comes to close I am tremendously proud of my fellow board members. We have accomplished much this year off the course like the golf show, AED purchase, CPR training and laying the ground work for the transition to the new pro shop management.

While doing these things we continued to execute our normal schedule of events and this doesn't happen without the hard work of both board members and the volunteers on the committee's. Luckily incoming President Richard Potticary has almost all the same people coming back so he can enjoy the same support I was lucky to have. New to the board will be Gary Greenwald as co social director.

Now leaving the board is Scott Marshall and I would be remiss not to give a special mention of thanks to Scott for his last SIX years on the board in various offices, we will miss his direction. Thank you very much Scott for all your time and dedication.

Well it's been an honor and I thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president this past year. I will be joining the ranks of past presidents next year and will be looking forward to another great season of golf next year in the best environment to compete and play golf which of course is with you, my fellow Tallwood brothers.

Signing off one last time,

Greg Garcia
President

Membership

For anyone who missed the awards banquet, outgoing President Greg Garcia delivered a terrific introduction of John 'Yo (former) Pro' Nowobilski as a **Lifetime Member** of our Club in recognition of his 35 years of continuous, dedicated service. I am sure we will see John as a regular tournament participant starting with the Spring Classic, when it is 35 degrees on the course.

Heartfelt congratulations to John! We wish him a happy, healthy retirement!

We finish the 2017 season with 233 regular, full-time members and have had great participation from our Junior and Social members as well. 2017 was a great year for Membership where we attracted 27 New Members. Initial feedback from our New Members on all aspects of the Club has been very positive. The Board will review this year's initiatives and will develop a plan to continually strengthen the Club Membership.

The December newsletter will contain the annual renewal form and fee schedule. Please ensure that you complete all of the fields on the renewal form so we can keep our membership and contact records as current and complete as possible.

We look forward to welcoming new members for 2018. If you have a friend, relative or colleague, who may be interested in joining the club, please refer him to the web site to apply for membership or e-mail me at the address below and I will work with him to complete the application process.

Bob Wahlberg
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Tournament

Sad to see it end, but just think of all the fun you'll have in the next few months getting those muscles in shape shoveling snow. It was a great season with a lot of highlights. Congratulations to Dave Stone who won the Most Improved award. Dave has worked all year with Zac and has developed a great swing. He credited Zac with being a great assist to his fantastic season. His handicap in April was 7.6 and when all the hard work was over, Dave finished the year as a 2.7. Dave also came so close to winning the Tournament of Champions, but lost in a sudden death playoff. Great job, Dave!!!

We also had our oldest Club Champion in Jim Bidwell at age 74. As Jim tells it, he was considering playing in the A Flight as he was a 6 handicap at the time, but at the last minute decided to give the CC division a run, and did it ever pay off. Jim also was our Super Senior Champion.

Tom Brett continued his decade of dominance as he won the GOTY for the 5th time since 2008. Tom also had a great season in the CSGA championships winning the Senior Match Play Championship, and the Al Acker One Day season long Player of the Year.

As we venture into the winter, we will be preparing for our 2018 season. Eric and Zac are totally committed to assisting us to have the greatest year ever. The Tournament Committee will be meeting in early December to set up the schedule, so if you have any thoughts or feedback about 2017, please email me soon at terryr13@hotmail.com.

Have a great off season!!!

Terry Ruzzo
Tournament

Social

Well, the Social Calendar is finally complete, and it was another great year.

The Fall Classic was played on October 21st under sunny skies. The 90 participants teed it up for the shotgun start and competed for the coveted Stop and Shop gift cards. Gift cards were awarded for 1st through 5th place Gross and Net. The tournament also included 5 closest to the pin prizes and some great raffle prizes. The 90 participants was the largest in recent years and was a fitting send off for YoPro, John Nowobilski, at his last major social tournament.

The final Social Event of the year was the Annual Awards Banquet held on November 4th at the A Villa Louisa in Bolton. Trophies were awarded to the winners of the season's trophy events. The GOTY award was won by Tom Brett, after a very close race all season long. The Distinguished Service Award was given to Mike Peterson for his many years of loyal service to the Tallwood Men's Club.

Finally, the Men's Club Kick-Off Dinner will start our 2018 season at a time and place to be announced. Check your local listings, or at least future Newsletters and Blasts for information.

The Social Committee thanks all of the Men's Clubs participants in the season's events and looks forward to another great year next year. Thanks also to John, Zac, Terry and the Tallwood Staff for all they do. Thanks to Rich Potticary for his 3 years as Co-Social Chairman and good luck as he moves on to his next challenge as President of the Men's Club. Thanks to Gary Greenwald for stepping into Rich's shoes as next year's Co-Social Chairman. And finally, thanks to our great Social Committee for all the hard work they do planning and executing our great tournaments.

Richard Potticary II and Earl Brown
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Golf Shop News

REMINDER sign up for the Iceberg Open, Saturday, Dec 2. As previously noted, proceeds benefit KIDSAFE CT, the child abuse prevention center in Rockville. Entry fee for Tallwood Members is \$ 50 (includes Greens Fees) and a new, unused toy. Season Pass holders pay \$20 Sign up as a foursome, threesome, twosome or a single Toys will be collected as early as this weekend.

Deadlines for all special orders for golf equipment has come and gone. If you have not placed an order already, unfortunately it is too late.

Golf Shop hours for November

Weekdays 8:30 - 3:30 (weather permitting)

Weekends 7:30 - 3:00 (weather permitting)

Shop will be closed on Monday, November 20 (PGA Annual Meeting) and Thanksgiving

Yo Pro
