



The Tallwood Tradition

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The President's Corner

Plenty of good golf is being played lately. Here is the latest summary:

Jim Bidwell continues his denial of gray hair and aching body parts to snatch another major with his win in the super senior tournament. This guy must have access to some great pharmaceuticals.

At the 2 Ball Open the dynamic duo of Tom Brett/Terry Ruzzo bested the gross field by three strokes. The same margin of victory was accomplished on the net side by Gary Greenwald/Dave Wolanin but the hysterical euphoria of golf exuberance was because of their overall 2 man net score of 56 (handicap investigation?). The Callaway division was won with a one stroke margin by Thuc Le/Rick Gibbs. Trophy's for all!

Match play II was well attended with a full field and there were plenty of glory stories to go around.

Lots of golf is still yet to play, the Presidents Cup is coming on September 23rd, the intra club Ryder cup event is the next weekend and the tournament of champions is the weekend after that so be sure to sign up. Fall is a great time to play golf and the course typically comes into its best shape at this time of the year.

The general meeting is scheduled for Monday September 25th in Tallwood grill room at 7 pm.

As you know Yo Pro has announced his retirement so the upcoming meeting will be his last report from the pro shop. Mike McDermott is expected to introduce the incoming management for the pro shop at this meeting. If you have questions or concerns on this important piece of how our club operates you should plan on attending the meeting.

See you out there,

Greg Garcia
President

Membership

We will continue to accept new members for the remainder of the season with **No Membership Fees!** That's Free Membership! Going forward, the fee to join **the best Men's Club in the state** will be only \$30.00 (including a new GHIN account) or \$0.00 if the new member has an active GHIN account.

Gentlemen – If you have a friend, relative or colleague, who may be interested in joining **the best Men's Club in the state**, 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

Membership Director

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Social

Well, the Social Calendar is winding down to another successful year.

The 2 Ball Open (Rib Classic) was not as well attended as hoped, but was a great day of golf and barbeque for those who were there. Little Marks, as always, provided plenty of food for the hungry participants. The golf was fantastic, with trophy winners in 3 flights. Overall Gross winners were Tom Brett and Terry Ruzzo, Overall Net was taken by Gary Greenwald and Dave Wolanin and Overall Callaway winners were Thuc Le and Rick Cobbs. Thanks as always to event captains and volunteers for a great tournament.

Up next is Scotch Ball II. Captain Steve Liteplo, fresh off cancelling a trip to Punta Cana due to Hurricane Irma, has a great outing planned. As you know, Scotch Ball is a mixed pairs tournament, so get your favorite gal and register.

Wrapping up the Social Tournament Calendar will be the Fall Classic. This will be held on October 21st with a 9:00 AM Shotgun Start. The golf is 4 or 5 man Shamble, with prizes for Closest to the Pin on all Par 3's, closest to the pin on #10 (2nd shot), and Stop and Shop Gift Cards for winning teams. Please plan to attend, as this will be the final major tournament for YoPro, John Nowobilski. He has graciously offered to provide a keg of beer for our enjoyment so please come and join us to raise a glass of suds to our favorite Pro.

Mark your calendars for our Year End Awards Dinner. This year it will be held at Villa Louisa on November 4, 2017.

Looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Richard Potticary II and Earl Brown

Cosial

Tournament

A Look Back at 2018

Yeah, you read that right. I think it's a great time to look at the new events that we added in 2017 and discuss how they fit into our future plans, so, It's Back to the Future we go.

The Individual Match Play in May was upended by bad weather for the qualifier that may have added to the confusion of a new event. Once we got the 32 players lined up, from the feedback I got from the players, it was a fun event, and it was a resounding "yes" to bring it back in 2018. We may look to tweak the qualifying to avoid the conflict with the Pro's Trophy, so we'll try to work out the logistics. Originally, so that we wouldn't be too overwhelming, we decided to have a winner in each of the 8 player brackets and get IMP done by 3rd week in May, but the winners this year wanted to continue on. Jim Bidwell and John Reid are slated to have their final match soon, so next year we will look to have a similar finish and crown a Champion.

The Tallwood Ryder Cup was a well-received event in 2016, and it is coming back on Sept 30/Oct 1st, but it originally displaced Match Play II. Last weekend we had a 36-hole MPII back on the schedule with 4 team flights that went over very well, especially with the 2 leading teams in each flight paired together for the last match, so it looks like that should come back as well.

Our standard majors and championships have been great this year with very deserving winners, and we look forward to bringing them back in 2018 with high probability of the same dating (however, we need, as always, to work out our schedule with Tallwood Management and our Social Committee to avoid conflicts.)

The Tournament of Champions has its last qualifier on the 24th, and we again have 100 members who have qualified. This should be a great event as usual. Pro's Trophy and the Governor's Cup are winding down with semi-final matches all slated, and this year's GOTY is completely up in the air with about a dozen players still in the mix.

As we move forward without Yo Pro for the first time since 1982, we are excited to parlay all of his great mentoring and direction with new energy from the new Pro Shop management. We have been so fortunate and a little babied by John for so long it seems a little uneasy to move forward without him, but after a few board meetings and feedback from Mike McDermott to discuss our future, I can tell you, we are in great shape and everyone is excited about 2018 and beyond. Details will be coming soon. Keep the clubs clean and enjoy the great Fall golf we have coming up.

Terry Ruzzo
Tournament

Golf Shop News

With my upcoming retirement and calling reps per merchandise returns in the Golf Shop, I had to change some of the original deadline dates. Credit must be spent by December 10th. All special orders (items NOT in shop) must be made by October 29th. Members will be responsible for payment of shipping costs. Any negative balances after credit is redeemed for an item, must be paid at that time. Anyone planning on using credit for the purchase of a 2018

Season Ticket, a maximum of \$700 may be used plus the 28% service fee. Example \$896 credit will get you a \$700 certificate. No credit can be used for Greens Fees or Cart Fees for the 2018 season. Deadline for this request must be made by October 29th.

The ICEBERG OPEN will be held on Saturday, December 2. Entry forms for the 9:00 shotgun event will be available in October

It is very important for all Men's Club members to attend this year's fall meeting on Monday, September 25. Please mark it on your calendar.

All demo clubs will be returned to the companies on October 1. If you are interested in purchasing one, please do so this week

Yo Pro

It is that time of the year... Get you competitive juices flowing it's time for some amazing golf, football and CUP season. We have a great season planned. First up is our Tallwood vs Manchester Ryder Cup. This tournament is based on how you finish in our major events. I go down our list of champions and runners up's throughout the season. After that we fill in the rest. Next year if you are interested in playing please let me know. We play 18 holes on Saturday at Tallwood and 18 Holes at Manchester on Sunday. The format is fun and competitive.

Next, is our Tallwood Cup on September 30th and October 1st. This is an Intra Cup with Men's Club Members only. John and I will have a team for the last time. Please take part in this fun competition. We will be rewarding individual matches as well as the winning team. I know I am itching to avenge my last year's beat down. It is 18 Holes on Saturday playing and scramble/Shamble and 18 Holes on Sunday playing four ball and individual matches.

Last, but not least, our very own Tallwood vs Twin Hills Ryder cup on October 8th. This is an amazing one day competition with (3) 9 Hole matches where we rotate between playing Tallwood and Twin Hills each year.

Zac

2nd Annual TALLWOOD CUP Sept 30th & Oct 1st , 2017

Time: Tees times will vary based on participation (Tournament Itinerary will follow after draft)

Format: Match Play Format - 1 point per match if the match is halved each team will get 1/2 point

- **Saturday September 30th Front Nine Format: 2 Man Shamble Back Nine Format: 2 Man Scramble**
- **Sunday Oct. 1st 18 Hole Four-Ball & Front/Back Nine Format: Singles Matches**
- **18 Holes both days**

This will be a Flighted event, the number of flights will be based on the number of participants as will the Gross and Net divisions.

John and Zac will conduct a draft, days before the tournament starts to set both teams then set the match ups and tee times.

Entry Fee: \$20 per man

Green fees and carts (if riding) - paid on tournament day

Entry Fee includes:

- Prize for winning team (see below) and prizes for winning your individual Match
- Drink tickets

Prizes:

- Winning Team and winning pairs: Pro Shop Credit Prizes (Alternate Pro Shop Tournaments)
- Closest-to-Pin Contests (on all par 3's)

Entry Form 2017 Tallwood Cup

Payment by check only. Please make checks payable to the Tallwood Men's Club.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellations will be accepted up to and including Entry Deadline date. Refunds for cancellations after the Entry Deadline date will require approval from the Tallwood Men's Club Social directors.

Mail to: Please have entry form in by Monday September 25th at the LATEST

Tallwood Country Club
Attn: Tallwood Ryder Cup
91 North Street
Hebron, CT 06248

Tee Time Request

Early tee time request 7:00- 8:00 _____, 8:00-9:00 _____, 9:10+ _____.

TEE Request WHITE _____ . GOLD _____ .

TMC Member Name: _____ Hdcp: _____

Amount(s) enclosed \$ _____ Check(s) # _____

FALL CLASSIC

October 21, 2017

Time: Registration – 7:30 AM Shotgun Start – 9:00 AM

Format: A-B-C-D-(E) Shamble (4 or 5 man teams)

Entry Fee: \$15 or \$10 and a punch per person

Green fees and Carts (if riding) – Paid on tournament day

Entry fee includes: Drink and Food tickets

Prizes:

- Closest to the pin on all Par 3's
- Closest to the pin (2nd shot) on #10
- Stop & Shop Gift cards and Pro Shop Credit to the winning teams
- Pro Shop raffle
- Side Tournaments

Entry Form
Fall Classic – October 21, 2017

Please make checks payable to the Tallwood Men's Club.

Entries must be received no later than the Entry Deadline of Saturday, October 14th.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellations will be accepted up to and including Entry Deadline date. Refunds for cancellations after the Entry Deadline will require approval from the Tallwood Men's Club board of directors.

Mail to: Tallwood Country Club
Attn: Fall Classic
91 North Street
Hebron, CT 06248

TMC Member Name: _____

Hdcp. _____

Do you wish to reserve a cart (course conditions permitting)? Yes _____ No _____

Can you play on the following rain/snow date? Saturday October 28th.

Amount enclosed: _____ Check # _____

\$15 per person

Special Note: This will be the last major tournament for YoPro, John Nowobilski. He will be providing a keg of beer as his going away gift to the Men's Club. Please register and join us for John's final hurrah and raise a glass of suds in his honor and thanks for many years of service.

