

***NUWC Golf Employees League
Bulletin
Season Kickoff Edition
6 April 2016***

***Capt & Crew on APRIL 7TH
CANCELLED***

We've had a pretty mild winter this year with very little snow (until this week!) and really only a few extremely cold days. Some of you probably even played a few rounds when the temperatures hovered in the high 50's or even 60's in February and March. If so, I hope you got the kinks out and it results in less errant shots and faster play! We had planned to begin our 2016 season with a Captain and Crew Tournament on April 7th but unfortunately Mother Nature didn't cooperate. We had hoped that this would have given players a chance to dust off the cob webs, get a few swings in and most importantly buy beers for the league officials at the 19th! The REAL season begins on April 14th! Let's hope for a rapid improvement in weather in the next week!

Welcome back to all the dedicated league members from previous years and a special welcome to all those who agreed to take on a Captainship, the subs that took the leap to be regulars and for all the new players supporting our league in 2016. Because of the interest, the league maintained 9 teams allowing us to have a balanced schedule where each team will play all teams once per half while retaining a bye week for each team. This is the first year in a long time where the President didn't have to bend some arms of subs to become regular members in order to field 9 teams. Actually, this year we had to turn away a few people wanting to be regulars and placed them as subs. But for those people, be aware that the league maintains a database of the players and keeps track of the times the players have subbed. Players gain points for the number of times they sub and can quickly move up in the pecking order to better position themselves to become a regular when a spot becomes available. With travel commitments of many players, subs will have an ample opportunity to play. The more you sub, the better the chance of becoming a regular either in the current season if someone has to drop out or for the next season. With an increase in subs and still having the bye weeks (regular players on a bye week are eligible to sub), hopefully we will minimize the dreaded "Noah Showupas". **Please see the NGeL Rules for details on subbing and the accumulation of sub points.**

For 2016 we will retain the playoffs for each half between the 1st and 2nd place teams. The winners of these playoffs will meet for the League Championship at the end of the year. **CAPTAINS (AS WELL AS THEIR TEAM MEMBERS) NEED TO CHECK THE RULES AS THERE HAVE BEEN SOME ADJUSTMENTS MADE IN THE FIELDING OF PLAYOFF TEAMS AND SCHEDULING OF THE PLAYOFFS.** This format was highly successful over the last few years as it kept several teams in the running for the title in both halves and went down to the last week of each half before the playoff teams were determined. I think last year there were 5 teams going into the last week of each half that had playoff potential. We are also holding the Midyear at Agawam and End of Year at Ledgemont which have always been great venues. The league officials are also looking at holding mini-tournaments during the weeks of the 1st and 2nd half playoffs for those teams that aren't in the playoffs. Stay tuned as that evolves. Once again, our webmaster has been improving upon the web page. **Unfortunately, NMCI has been blocking access to it through NUWC computers. League officials are actively trying to resolve this issue. The web page, <http://nglob.com/> is accessible from computers and mobile devices that are not on NMCI! Until this problem is resolved, Captains will have to look for subs the**

old fashioned way by either email or phone. Due to website access issues, please contact your captain if you cannot attend. They will put out a call for a sub for you (and/or others on your team). DO NOT SEND EMAIL to the league distribution list asking for a sub. All requests must be handled through your captain to reduce the number of emails to others.

If you want to be a sub, please watch your email as requests will come from captains. Please reply directly back to the captain looking for a sub. Thank you for your attention in this matter while we resolve the access issues.

You should have received all the documents (Teams, schedules, tee times and Rules) but please access the webpage, read the rules and familiarize yourself with the sub process so you are prepared once we do get the site accessible. You'll also find all other pertinent Golf League information on the NUWC League web page.

The green fees at GVCC remained the same as last year at \$30. This includes extra holes if you'd like to play more holes (Sometimes with an early tee time you can manage to play the whole back nine before the sun goes down or if you have a late time you can come out early and play 9 before your match).

For the 6th year in a row, the League Officers remained the same. Not sure if that is a good or bad thing. To ensure we are in good shape for the future, we have added two non-voting members at large to prepare them to be future officers since many of us do not have a lot of time left here before we retire. The officers and their contact information are listed in the Rules but I'll name them here so you will know to whom to voice your praise for what an outstanding job they are doing! We have an "agree and ignore" policy for your complaints.

League Officers

President – Dave Nassaney

Vice President- Rick Berube

Treasurer – Barbara Keller

Handicapper – Pete Michno

Secretaries/Scribes – Tom Wilusz, Brian Halpin

Webmaster – Keith Casey

Members at Large – Taylor Velasco, Glenn Donovan

You'll find the teams, match ups/tee times, the rules and some helpful hints regarding pace of play on our web page as well. This information will be provided each week along with the scores and results from the previous week. Additionally, the bulletin will include weekly highlights (and low lights), team standings, birdie or better reports and the low gross and low net for the week (and for the half –both worth a prize in each division – Sorry subs are ineligible for prizes). Please keep up the pace of play this year so the scribes don't have to include a "Slow Play Watch" section in the weekly bulletin. Seems we start off every year without this section in the bully but eventually that section has to be resurrected. Even though we do have fun writing that section, please do your best to prevent us from calling you out – and we **WILL** call you out!!!

It is here where I'll include my annual Bulletin disclaimer - **A fair warning to new members. I will continue to be the sarcastic A-hole I've been in the past when writing the bulletin. So to new players – DON'T TAKE ANYTHING PERSONAL!!!!!!! This should be a very fun year for me writing the bully (and hopefully for you reading the bully) with the current topics that will continue throughout the Spring and Summer. The race for the Presidency (you can't make this stuff up), the Summer Cesspool Olympics in Brazil, whatever happens in the worlds of Baseball, Basketball, Golf or any other sports, etc., etc.. And if there is not enough source material from current events, I'm sure our league members will provide enough to fill the gaps! We are still trying to manage Brian's anger issues but he is incorrigible! Please don't get too upset with him when it is his turn to write the bully!**

And some final words of wisdom. I know this is a repeat from last year but it is a classic.

Remember, Have fun out there because Golf is really not that complicated..... Once a player has mastered the grip and stance, all he has to bear in mind is that, in the brief two-second interval it takes to swing, is to keep his left elbow pointed in toward the left hip and his right arm loose and closer to the body than the left and take the club head past his right knee and then break the wrists at just the right instant while the left arm is still traveling straight back from the ball and the right arm stays glued to the body and the hips come around in a perfect circle and meanwhile everything is mucked up unless the weight is 60 percent on the left foot and 40 percent on the right - not an ounce more or less - and at just the right point in

the turn the left knee bends in toward the right in a dragging motion until the left heel comes off the ground but not too far and be sure the hands are over the right foot but not on the toe more than the heel except that the left side of the right foot is tilted off the ground - but not too far - and be sure the hands at the top of the swing are high and the shaft points along a line parallel with the ground and if it's a downhill lie the shaft is supposed to be pointed downhill too and pause at the top of the swing and count one, jerk the left arm straight down like a bell ringer yanking a belfry rope and don't uncock the wrists too soon and pull the left hip around in a circle but don't let the shoulders turn with the hips - they have to be facing the hole and now transfer the weight 60 percent to the left foot and 40 percent to the right - not an ounce more or less - and tilt the left foot now so the right side of it is straight (that's the one you hit against) watch out for the left hand, it's supposed to be extended, but not too stiff or the shot won't go anywhere and don't let it get loose or you will hook, then let the wrists uncock but don't force them or you'll smother the shot and don't break too soon but keep your head down then hit the ball! **THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT!!**..... Unless you move your head, then you're screwed!!!!

Notes:

Captains should call/e-mail the handicapper, Pete Michno, no later than 1200 Wednesday to give their line-ups. Captains should inform all retirees and non-NUWC members on their teams to use the website for all League information.

Dues -Dues are listed in the rules. Please read the rules regarding payment of dues as there will be reduction in points penalties assessed to teams that have members who have not paid by the date. Additionally, members who do not pay by the date indicated are subject to removal as a member and will be placed on the Sub List. It behooves you to pay on time!

Quote of the Week

"The only sure rule in golf is he who has the fastest cart never has to play the bad lie." ~ Mickey Mantle

Joke of the Week

Lee and Gary head out to the golf course for a quick nine holes. On the first tee, Lee turns to Gary and says, "What do you say we make this time worth something. Play you for \$5?" Gary agrees, and they start their rounds.

It's a great game, and the two lifelong friends reach the No. 9 tee box with Gary ahead by one stroke. After Lee hits a great drive, right down the middle, Gary steps up and promptly hooks a ball into deep rough and trees.

"C'mon," Gary says to Lee, "help me find my ball. I'll look in this patch of trees, and you look around over there."

They look and look and look, but no ball can be found. The five-minute time limit on searching for lost balls is about to run out. Gary gets desperate. He gives a quick glance over to Lee to see if he is looking, then swiftly reaches into his pocket and drops a new ball into the rough.

"Found my ball!" Gary shouts out triumphantly.

Lee looks at his friend with great disappointment. "After all the years we've been friends," Lee says, "you'd cheat me at golf for a measly five bucks?"

"What do you mean cheat?" Gary asks indignantly. "I found my ball sitting right here!"

Lee lets out a heavy sigh. "And you'd lie to me, too? All for a tiny little sum of money? You'd cheat me and lie to me, for what? For five bucks? I can't believe you'd stoop so low."

"Well what makes you so sure I'm cheating and lying, anyway?" Gary asks.

"Because," Lee replies, "I've been *standing* on your ball for the last five minutes!"

Golf Cartoon of the Week



Golf Photo of the Week

