NUWC Golf League Bulletin Season Kickoff Edition 19 April 2013

Welcome back to all the dedicated league members from previous years and a special welcome to all the subs that took the leap to be regulars and for all the new players supporting our league in 2013. Because of the interest, the league has now expanded to 9 teams from 7 last year. This allows us to have a balanced schedule where each team will play all teams once per half while retaining a bye week for each team. With an increase in subs and still having the bye weeks, hopefully we will minimize the dreaded "Noah Showupas". This balanced schedule also does away with the average team score which complicated things and forced the scribes to practice their math skills (of which we were corrected many times of our errors last year!). We have improved upon the web based sub request and management process that we started last year. The information regarding this process is included in the league rules and as proven last year will alleviate the "Reply all" email messages asking for subs which had been clogging everyone's inbox for years. Keith is still refining the sub request part of the web page but we anticipate this to be ready on Monday 22 April. A special thanks to Keith Casey, our webmaster, who continues to optimize the process and our web site. Please read the rules, visit the web page http://nuwcgolfleague.com/ and familiarize yourself with the sub process.

Besides the sub listing feature, you'll also find all other pertinent Golf League information on the NUWC League web page. The scribes will however still send the bulletin, scores and matchups via email. We can just put it on the web if you get tired of the emails.

The good news is that the green fees at GVCC stayed 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). More good news is it looks like we'll be playing Agawam for the midyear Tournament and Ledgemont for the End of Year Tournament again. If you haven't played these courses in the past, you'll want to as they are both great courses! We had a great turnout in 2012 for both of these events and I expect the same this year. Great time and prizes!!!

The bad news is that for the 3rd year in a row, the League Officers remained the same. 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 complaints. Although keep in mind that after serving for two years we have learned how to deal with any dissatisfaction from the league members. Dave is a big guy and is rumored to fly off the handle if you piss him off, Rick will filibuster you until get so frustrated that you rescind your complaint, Barbara will just tell you to complain to the prez (of whom you have been previously warned), Pete will respond with humiliating emails and copy all to embarrass you in front of all the league members, the scribes have the power of the pen and have been known to use this power vindictively when writing the bully and Keith is so busy managing the web page that he'll just ignore you.

League Officers

President - Dave Nassaney
Vice President- Rick Berube
Treasurer - Barbara Keller
Handicapper - Pete Michno
Secretaries/Scribes - Tom Wilusz, Brian Halpin
Webmaster - Keith Casey

You'll find the teams, match ups/tee times for the 1st two weeks, the rules and some helpful hints regarding pace of play on our web page. We anticipate the full year schedule to be available on the web page on Monday 22 April. Please read the rules as it contains all the information you need regarding requesting a sub and accepting a sub position. We request that you use this as much as possible regarding subs. 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). 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. Although we do have fun writing that section!!!

Fair warning to Newbies. I will continue to be the sarcastic A-hole I've been in the past. So to new players – DON'T TAKE ANYTHING PERSONAL!!!!!!! Brian is usually a bit more subdued.

AND ABOVE ALL, HAVE FUN!!!!!!!!!!! (Keep Reading – there's more!)

C&C Results

We had two great weeks for the Captain and Crew tournaments. For most of us, it was the first time we swung our clubs this year. No matter how you hit'em, it was just good to be out there!! The victors of each C&C were:

C&C #1 April 11

Gino Cerbarano John Brereton Marc Coffland Steve Masterson

There was actually a tie at 1 under par with this foursome and the group of Daniel Schwab, Pete Michno, John Patton and Marshall Lundberg so we had to match cards to determine the winner. By the score on the number 1 handicap hole, (hole number two), Gino's group had a par, while the other group had a bogey.

C&C #2 April 18

Tony Caldwell Dave Sowersby Don Aker Chuck Beltz

No math involved here! This group came in at 2 under par alone at the top. Although the league officers are always a bit suspicious when Aker is involved!

Congratulations to both winning teams!!!!!

Notes:

Captains should call/e-mail the handicapper, Pete Michno, no later than 1100 Thursday to give their line-ups. However, I'm sure the handicapper would appreciate Captains providing the line-ups earlier if you have them set. 1100 on Thursday should be the exception, not the rule.

Captains should inform all retirees and non-NUWC members on their teams to use the website for all League information.

<u>Dues – Even though the dues are listed in the rules, they are repeated here as additional encouragement for you to pay on time!</u>

League dues for NUWC employees and NUWC retirees will be \$40/year, payment received before 31 May 2013. Payment increases to \$45.00 if received after 31 May 2013. Dues for NUWC Contractors will be \$45/year, payment received before 31 May 2013. Payment increases to \$50.00 if received after 31 May 2013. Contractors/Non -NUWC employees/retirees are required to pay the additional \$5.00 per year to match the Welfare & Recreation subsidy provided for NUWC members. Members are responsible for paying their own dues. Payments can be made to Barbara Keller, Treasurer, to your Team Captain, or to any other League Official. Make checks payable to "NUWC Golf League". Cash will also be accepted. Deadline for payments is 31 May 2013 (Notice how I keep emphasizing this???). Members who do not pay by the dates indicated are subject to removal as a member and will be placed on the Sub-**List.** Their position on the Team roster will be filled by the next eligible individual on the Sub List based upon membership criteria (frequency of filling in as a sub and handicap with respect to division roster spot needing to be filled). Team Captains are encouraged to ensure all Team Members pay their dues in a timely manner.

Quote of the Week

"A routine is not a routine if you have to think about it."

~Davis Love Jr.

Joke of the Week

The room was full of pregnant women with their husbands. The instructor said, "Ladies, remember that exercise is good for you. Walking is especially beneficial. It strengthens the pelvic muscles and will make delivery that much easier. Just pace yourself, make plenty of stops and try to stay on a soft surface like grass or a path." "Gentlemen, remember -- you're in this together, it wouldn't hurt you to go walking with her. In fact, that shared experience would be good for you both."

The room suddenly became very quiet as the men absorbed this information. After a few moments a man, name unknown, at the back of the room, slowly raised his hand.

"Yes?" said the instructor.

"I was just wondering if it would be all right if she carries a golf bag while we walk?"

Golf Cartoon of the Week

Life in the Trap by Rick Newell

www.lifeinthetrap.com



Golf Photo of the Week

