

***NUWC Golf League Bulletin  
Season Kickoff Edition  
3 April 2014***

***1<sup>st</sup> WEEK APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>!!!!***

***Please try to keep up the pace of play as we are starting one/two weeks earlier than normal so we'll have about 10-15 minutes less sunlight. We want the last groups to finish before it gets dark! The League Thanks You in advance.***

Shine up those woods and irons, polish your shoes and replace your spikes, and drag those obnoxious plaid pants and shorts out of the drawer (and white knee power socks for Mr. Beltz!)? It's time for GOLF!!!!!! **Weather for next Thursday is anticipated to be mostly cloudy but a pleasant and comfortable 73°!!!!..... Oh sorry..... that is for Middletown California.** Anyway, 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 2014. 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. With an increase in subs and still having the bye weeks, hopefully we will minimize the dreaded "Noah Showupas". New for 2014 is that we will now have playoffs for each half between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams. The winners of these playoffs will meet for the League Championship at the end of the year. Our President, Dave Nassaney, heard your voices at the end of year tournament and made it happen. He is a man of the people! Although we need to keep a watchful eye on him to make sure his power doesn't lead to

corruptness. Be suspicious if on the day you are playing against his team, the lanes are shutdown on West Main Road causing you to miss your tee times. Unfortunately, to make room in the schedule for the playoffs, we had to eliminate the Captain and Crew tourney we always had held at the beginning of the season. You will also notice that on Thursday 12 June, we don't play. The 1<sup>st</sup> half should be over (barring no rain make-ups) and with the midyear tourney being held that week, we didn't want to schedule 2 days of golf for the same week. We also wanted to encourage participation in the midyear tourney.

Once again, we – actually our webmaster Keith Casey - have improved upon the web page. The information regarding the substitution 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. **The web page, <http://ngloob.com/> should be up soon and we apologize for the delay. The password to access the page was provided in the email. It should be all set (except for the 2014 rules being entered) but there might be a glitch or two which I am sure someone will point out. However, it will not have the issues as was the case with the rollout of the Affordable Care Act website! When you gain access, please read the rules 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 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 2013 for both of these events and I expect the same this year. Great time and prizes!!!

The bad news is that for the 4th 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 many years we have learned how to deal with any dissatisfaction from the league members. Dave is a big guy and not to be reckoned with, Rick will just keep talking until you hang up the phone or send you such a long email that you'll give up reading and forget what you were complaining about, Barbara will simply forward your email to one of the others, Pete will respond with sarcastic 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. Additionally, it was recently discovered that one of the scribes has an anger management issue. 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, the rules and some helpful hints regarding pace of play on our web page. **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!!!

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!!!!!!! Brian had been a bit more subdued in the past, but with our recent new discovery, you'll have to wait and see.

There are many unanswered questions as we enter the season. Will Fratus repeat as the Champion Captain? Will the Management Mafia of Team 1's B group hold their own after being elevated from the C group? How will Jim Griffin hold up being isolated from the Management Mafia for the first time? (Oh yeah, he'll be retired soon so it shouldn't matter – plus he'll need to find new friends that have the same amount of free time!) Will the ongoing feud between Hillenbrand and Casey continue? Or maybe Casey prefers to play barefoot and with rental clubs? Will we have to take GD Mellin's golf cart license away

after he gets stuck in sand, mud, drives into a pond or runs over one of our league members? Will Gino NOT be the last to pay his dues (**See below and in the Rules on the webpage for payment deadline info**)? Will a team surpass the 17-1 shellacking that was drubbed upon Wilusz and Whittier by Nassaney and Malone last year and beat a team 18-0? Will Harnois continue his downward spiral being moved to the B's and with separation anxiety due to not being teamed up with Egan? What ancient artifacts will be found at the bottom of Halpin's golf bag if and when he cleans it out? Will Bashour ever find Noah Showupa? What newcomer will receive the moniker of league "Sandbagger"? Who will be the first person to be chastised for discourteous cell phone use? Will we ever get nice, warm weather?

**One question to which we do have an answer is that it will be a great season! HAVE FUN OUT THERE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

### **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.

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

League dues for NUWC employees and NUWC retirees will be \$40/year, payment received before 1 May 2014. Payment increases to \$45.00 if received after 1 May 2014. Dues for NUWC Contractors will be \$45/year, payment received before 1 May 2014. Payment increases to \$50.00 if received after 1 May 2014. 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) or to any other League Official. Make checks payable to "NUWC Golf League". Cash will also be accepted. Deadline for payments is 1 May 2014 (**Notice how I keep emphasizing this???**). **Please read the rules as there will be reduction in points penalties assessed to teams that have**

**members who have not paid by this 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.** 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**

“Golf is a fascinating game. It has taken me nearly forty years to discover that I can't play it.” ~Ted Ray

## **Joke of the Week**

### **Golf Study**

A recent study found the average golfer walks about 900 miles a year.

Another study found golfers drink, on average, 22 gallons of alcohol a year.

That means, on average, golfers get about 41 miles to the gallon.

Kind of makes you proud. Continue to do your part in saving the environment!

## **Golf Cartoon of the Week**

Life in the Trap by Rick Newell

www.lifeinthetrap.com



**Golf Photo of the Week**

This will not be tolerated!!!!

