

**NUWC Golf Employees League  
Bulletin  
Season Kickoff Edition  
1 April 2015**

**C&C on APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>!!!!**

***After a grueling winter with more snow than anyone really desired (unless you spent the winter skiing!) and lasting temperatures in the teens or below (colder than I can remember in recent years), it's time to hit the links! We will begin our 2015 season with a Captain and Crew Tournament on April 9<sup>th</sup>. The front 9 is open and we still plan to meet this schedule. This will give players a chance to dust off the cob webs, get a few swings in and buy beers for the league officials! Please try to keep up the pace of play. We want the last groups to finish before it gets dark! The League Thanks You in advance.***

***The REAL season begins on April 16<sup>th</sup>.***

Get all your gear ready and hopefully you have had a chance to hit the range and stretch your body back into shape! With all the snow and

cold weather over the winter, I'm guessing that a common leisure activity over those months was sucking down beers in front of the TV! 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 2015. 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". For 2015 we will retain the 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. This format was highly successful last year as it kept several teams in the running for the title in both halves and was our most competitive season in years. The league officials decided to bring back a Captain and Crew Tournament to help get you back into the swing of things if you haven't had a chance to warm up. It also gives you a chance to meet your new team mates and some of the new regular players and newbies to the league. 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> half playoffs. Stay tuned as that evolves.

Once again, our webmaster has improved upon the web page. The information regarding the substitution process is included in the league rules **The web page, <http://ngloob.com/> is fully functional! The password to access the page was provided in an email from Keith Casey. When you access the page, please read the rules and familiarize yourself with the sub process. It is VERY IMPORTANT that you read the rules as there are some changes this year concerning rolling the ball, moving a ball in a sand trap and verifying scorecards in order to more consistent with PGA rules and hopefully make it easier for those officials that tabulate the scores.** Besides the sub listing feature, 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. It has been about 3 or 4 years that they have stayed at that level. Hopefully this trend will continue. 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 5th year in a row, the League Officers remained the same. Not sure if that is a good or bad thing. 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 prefer to ignore 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**

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. I recall we started out pretty good last year but eventually that section had to be resurrected. .... Although we do have fun writing that section!!!

It is here where I'll include my usual 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!!!!!!! Also, Brian still has anger issues so don't be surprised if he is a bit on edge when it is his turn to write the bully!**

As we enter the season, we all will be closely watching how things unfold. Will Team 6 Captain Jin repeat as the leader of a Championship Team with his partner Ray by his side? Will they be known as Jin and Toxic or go down in a Slow Jin Fizz? Can a Team with four League Officers rise to the challenge and emerge as the victors? Furthermore, will their Team 2 Captain be able to manage them (you would have to be a fly on the wall and see what goes on at the officials' meetings to

fully grasp how difficult this will be)? More importantly, can they be trusted? With Dube at the helm, will Team 7 finally make a bride out of Casey who was the bridesmaid in both halves last season? Will the teaming up of Velasco the Elder and Velasco the Younger on Team 5 result in anything positive or tear apart the family? Will Team 4 Captain Dandrea lead his team to the crown with the help of the Management Mafia in his B group? With Griffin isolated from the Mafia for the second straight year on Team 9, he recruited another mafia member from the family in Macksoud. But will that really help? Handicaps will be closely watched in this group. Will Gino be a little more relaxed now that he is a part time worker and help Team 1 take the jacket (yet another one for him)? How far will the president go to ensure a Team 1 championship? What will Team 3 do under Bertsch's reign? At least if they don't win it they are almost assured to have the player with the loudest pants! How many times will AAA have to be called to tow GD Mellin's golf cart out of the sand, mud, or a pond? Will Team 8 Captain Fratus' rah-rah speeches help his team to stand at the top of the podium at the end of the season? Can he inspire Egan to elevate his game to new heights? Will Noah Showupa be a distant memory? Will Spring ever get here?

And some final words of wisdom. **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 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, NUWC retirees and NUWC contractors will be \$40/year if payment received before 1 May 2015. Payment increases to \$45.00 if received after 1 May 2015. Dues for all others will be \$45/year if payment received before 1 May 2015. Payment increases to \$50.00 if received after 1 May 2015. 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 2015 **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 just a game.....and an idiotic game most of the time" ~ Mark Calcavecchia

## **Joke of the Week**

A married couple is out for their weekly round of golf, enjoying a great day and great play.

But on the 9th green, something terrible happens. The wife screams in agony and collapses to the green.

"Oh no," the husband exclaims, "you're having a heart attack!"

"Help me, dear," the wife implores, "find a doctor."

The husband runs off as fast as he can to find a doctor. He returns to the green quickly, picks up his putter, and lines up his putt.

His wife raises her head off the green and glares at him. "I'm dying over here and you're putting!?" she asks incredulously.

"Don't worry dear," says the husband calmly. "I found a doctor on the second hole and he's coming to help you."

"Well, how long will it take for him to get here?" the wife valiantly asks.

"No time at all," her husband answers, while practicing his stroke. "Everybody's already agreed to let him play through."

## **Golf Cartoon of the Week**



His golfing career in a long tailspin, PGA pro Andy Pemrick spent his later years as the pro at Happy Time Mini-Putt.

## **Golf Photo of the Week**

