

***NUWC Golf Employees League
Bulletin
Season Kickoff Edition
4 April 2017***

We've had another pretty mild winter this year with very little snow and really only a few extremely cold days. Although we really haven't hit Spring even if the calendar says so. We will begin our 2017 season with a Captain and Crew Tournament for Regular Team players on April 6th with each foursome consisting of an A, B, C, D player from their respective teams. Right now, the forecast doesn't look that great for Thursday but that could change quickly. Please pay attention to your inbox in case there is a cancellation.

***The REAL season begins on April 13th!
Let's hope it starts warming up real soon!***

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 2017. 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. Unfortunately, we had to place some people on the sub list that had wanted to be a regular because of the increased interest. 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 – and we usually have a few due to travel commitments, new jobs, family commitments and unfortunately illness. 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 2017 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. We are also holding the Midyear at Agawam and tentatively the 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 **and this year NMCI is not blocking access to it through NUWC computers (at least for now)! The web page, <http://ngloob.com/> is accessible from all computers and mobile devices! This also means that our online sub process is up and running and should be used for requesting that you need a sub and filling a sub spot. PLEASE READ THE RULES REGARDING THE SUB PROCESS!!!!!!**

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 unfortunately increased this year to \$33. I hope the league's cheap engineers (and other professionals – don't want to leave you out) can absorb this. Please don't whine as this is out of the control of the Prez and he has done an excellent job fending off increases for several years. On the bright side, 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 first time in a long while, we had some vacancies on the League Board. Brian thought going to Hawaii vice being loyal and sticking around here was the best move for him – and I don't blame him! We decided not to replace him as we figured that was one less opinion we needed to hear at board meetings! Also, one of our members at large dropped out and Nick Decibus graciously volunteered for this position. Thanks Nick. Unfortunately Nick didn't realize that a new member at large is sort of like being an NFL rookie. The first task of a new member at large is to buy the drinks for the permanent board members. Nick – I will require 3 beers before I tee off, several during the round (so prepay the cart girl) and then a few nightcaps. Not sure what the other board members require but I am sure you will be told. Thank you in advance! 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

Secretary/Scribe – Tom Wilusz

Webmaster – Keith Casey

Members at Large – Glenn Donovan, Nick Decibus

REMINDER - 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 I 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 I do have fun writing that section, please do your best to prevent me from calling you out – and I **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!!!!!! I thought last year was fun writing the bully (and hopefully you enjoyed it as well) but I think this year will far exceed anything from last year with the state of current events (you can't make this stuff up). The new admin provides so much source material! And if there is not enough source material from current events, our league members always provide enough to fill the gaps!**

And some final words of wisdom. I've been working on this story the whole off-season. I think it is Pulitzer worthy!

Go play golf.
Go to the golf course.
Hit the ball.
Find the ball.
Repeat until the ball is in the hole.
Have fun.
The end

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 an increase in dues OF INDIVIDUALS as well as a 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! You can pay any league officer.

Quote of the Week

"I'm the best. I just haven't played yet." ~ Muhammad Ali on his golf game

Joke of the Week

Did I Do That?

Chuck was a popular member at the golf club, but he just finished up a terrible round of golf and wasn't in the mood to visit the clubhouse after walking off the 18th green. So he headed straight out to the parking lot and started changing his shoes.

Just as he was closing the trunk of his car, a police officer spotted him. The policeman, stern-faced, walked over to Chuck and asked, ""Did you tee off on the sixteenth hole about thirty minutes ago?"

"Yes," Chuck replied, "yes I did. Is something wrong, officer?"

"Did you happen to hook your tee shot?" the policeman asked.

"Yes, I did," replied Chuck.

"Did your ball fly over the trees and off the course?" the policeman asked.

"Why, yes, it did," said Chuck. "Why are you asking me these questions?"

The police officer replied in a very serious and stern manner: "Your ball, sir, flew out onto the highway and crashed through a driver's windshield. That driver's car went out of control and spun into a guard rail, where five other cars hit it. Then a fire truck, that was racing to a fire, smashed into the pileup!"

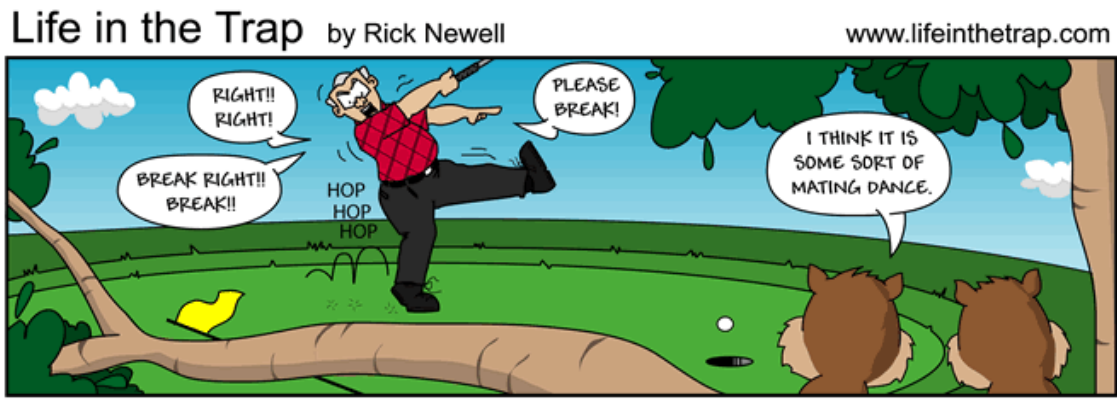
The policeman's voice was rising with consternation. "The fire truck couldn't make it to the fire, and the building burned down! All that because you hooked a tee shot!"

The policeman was red-faced, and he paused to catch his breath. "What do you think you should do about all this?" he finally asked Chuck.

Chuck was a sensitive man and an upstanding citizen. He thought it over for a minute, then replied.

"Well," Chuck said, "I think I'll try opening my stance a little."

Golf Cartoon of the Week



Golf Photo of the Week



Redneck Golf