



The Windmill

Newsletter From Dutch Hollow Golf & Country Club

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As the Blades Turn By Bill

The challenges as a golf course owner have taken on a whole new perspective in recent years. The Central New York economy, increasing (fuel) prices, government mandates, increasing taxes, ever changing golfer needs, and top that with the fact that I'm not getting any younger, all add up to unique challenges. Fortunately the enjoyment of the game and the social surroundings that provide a high level of fun for us (Patty also) have a recharging effect from year to year. Right about now I start wandering around the empty clubhouse and look at all the pictures and plaques and

stand smiling with the recollection of the fun that we do have at "The Hollow." I went to Florida to play in two of our winter senior tournaments at the PGA Village in Port Saint Lucie. I played well and managed to win enough to pay for most of my expenses. After the tournaments I headed to Orlando for our national merchandise trade show and annual meeting. Attending the show not only provides an opportunity to see new products but it is the premiere networking opportunity. It always amazes me how many new ideas and bits of information are harvested from

fellow professionals and educators in one short week. Brian Short our assistant course superintendent is now our head man. Scott has joined a group developing homes around the course in Borodino. They are also making plans for the course to be upgraded. Best of luck to Scott, read his report for more.

We wanted to get this newsletter out ASAP give me about three weeks to get together a summary of all the new plans we have for "The Hollow". Just a quick "tease" Look for a big affair in July—It's our 40th anniversary—the course, Not Patty's and mine.

Golf Course, Pro Shop And

Bar Open as soon as possible depending on weather. Will send an email on opening day to every member in our data base. Make sure you are in our data base by emailing office@dutchhollow.com with your current email address.

St Patrick Party Cancelled Due to Scheduling error- The Band The Villagers will not be able.

Opening Get Together

Sunday March 30 1:00 Pm to 5:00 PM. Invite a golfing buddy interested in joining and if they join you will received 2 golf passes. Get information on leagues, lesson and member information. Golf cart passes, range pass and food coupon books will be available at discounted prices. Snacks along with discounted beverages will be available. Chance to see all members, come on out.

Saturday April 12 Dutch Master Golf and viewing of the Masters Golf

Call Pro Shop to make Tee time for the golf. Stay after golf to view the Masters Golf Tournament on TV— not playing golf? That's ok meet with friends at the Hollow to watch the Masters Golf Tournament. Food and Beverage specials. Come on out and support your club.

Thursday Thursday April 24

Ken King league The 2 man partner AM league is open to senior 55 and older. Limited to 36 players (18 teams). Preference given to players that played in the league 2007. Call Pro shop to sign up . League Play starts May 3, 2007

Thursday April 24 The Dutch

Hollow men's league. Evening 2 person team -Anyone interested in playing contact the Steve Sadlocha 656-0049 stephensad@msn.com /or Andy Eckhardt 685-8249 sweck2@adelphia.net

Sunday April 27 Spring Par 3

Challenge. All 18 holes are par 3— interesting holes Call pro shop to sign up.

Tuesday April 29 Swingers

Opening Dinner For Tuesday Evening ladies fun golf league. Call for more information if interested— Different game every week have openings for 2008.

Wednesday April 30 Dutch Hollow ladies opening Dinner.

Opening dinner is open to ALL Dutch Hollow Women even if you do not play in the league. Enjoy a night at the Hollow. Know some one thinking of joining Dutch Hollow, or Dutch Hollow Ladies league invite them also. Please let Sue Furst 258-8858 or Alice Amoia 252-5333 know if you are playing in the league in 2008.

Friday May 2 He She Night

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Dinners start (Fish Fry)

Sunday May 6 4 person Invi-

tational Scramble Open to members, nonmembers, men, women

Men's Member Guest Friday and Saturday June 20 and 21

2 Man Scramble. Sat & Sun
July 12 & 13 -



FROM THE GROUND UP BY SCOTT W.

The past season was long and arduous. It started in March with hand-shoveling muddy silt off our turf on #3, #4, #5, and #12 due to the flood. (They said we had a 150 year- and two 75 year-floods last Spring; I don't get the math myself.) We received a 15" snowfall on April 16th. Then with only an inch of rain in May, we were manning our irrigation system non-stop most the summer. And, the season ended in with the warmest October on record. We were chopping & blowing leaves until December's 1.5' snow storm. Sorry to say but the happiest two days of a Green keeper's season are opening day and closing day.

Projects on the course? We have given the #4 green surround and #5 Tee surrounds a new look. The green-side bunker on #4 has been removed and reshaped. It's too muddy from repeated floods and the railroad ties were "obstructions" to play. We built a new raised tee for #5 Red & Gold left of the temporary tee we used last season. We will be grassing these areas in spring '08. We installed rip-rap boulders on

#12 in our continuing effort to stabilize the Brook banks. We thank Fred Murphy for volunteering himself and machine. We also installed an irrigation loop, heads, and a valve at our Chipping Green for less hose dragging and better coverage (we almost lost this green after September aeration).

Special thanks must go to Bill Galloway for his help on the golf course this past season. Along with his help to irrigate at night, he helped save time and supplies by suggesting we raise the height-of-cut and increasing our fertilizes our fairways. This kept them greener and lush through the summer heat; Also spared us a very large Fungicide spraying we traditionally do in August. We welcome good ideas! Good stuff Bill! Bob Layman, after 21+ years on the crew, has secured a new job with the Marcellus School District. We thank him for 1,000s of hours of labor and wish him well. His "get 'r done" attitude will be missed.

This will be my last newsletter. After my 11th season at Dutch, I am

moving on to another golf course. It is a bitter sweet move for me; my love affair with the Hollow must end due to an opportunity elsewhere. Although the golf course and property has been my main obsession, I will miss you members, Patty, Bill, & the club house staff, the locals in the hamlet, and most of all my fine & dedicated golf course crew. Please appreciate these rolling hills, the beautiful bottom-lands and the ebb & flow of Dutch Hollow Brook. This is truly a special piece of God's green earth. Farewell!

Sincerely yours, Scott Winkelman,
GCS

Notation from Bill—Brain Short, our assistant Superintendent now, will be moving up to the head Superintendent position. Brian has been with us for 9 years and is a local resident. Tom O'Brien will continue in his roll as # 2 in command. We congratulate Scott on his new opportunity and wish him well.



THE PRO CORNER

Welcome back for 2008. I hope everybody is doing ok and I look forward to seeing everybody again once we get rolling.

I got a chance to get down to Florida in January and had a great time with Jimmy Del Pozzo. We played golf six days and went up to the PGA Merchandise Show Demo Day at Orange County National. I got to see Jesse Ortiz, Dave Pelz and Gary Wiren just to name a few ce-

lebrities. I hit many of the new clubs from many manufacturers, and drew a small crowd at the Maruman booth as I hit one of their new drivers. I was swinging good that day.

The great course conditions at Dutch Hollow last fall should carry right over into the spring. We will be doing a number of member clinics on a regular basis this year, and hope to get out on the range and the course a lot more in 2008. The swing keys I have been working on over the

past few years are starting to yield some great results.

There is all kinds of exciting equipment out there, particularly the interchangeable shaft systems offered by some manufacturers. Taylor Made, Callaway, Nike, Ping, Nickent and Titleist, among others, are either bringing out adjustable clubs soon or are expected to come out with them later this year.

See you soon. John L

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