

#### February 2020

### Manager's Memo

By: Steve Hlavacek

The Golf Season is hopefully just around the corner, with that in mind, we are in the process of putting together our Annual Member Book. We are asking you to send us any information that you think might be a good idea to include in the publication. If the information is helpful, we will consider including it. There is an opportunity for you to advertise your business in the "Green Pages" in the back of the book and on our website. Please contact us here at the club if you are interested in this opportunity.

We are actively searching for a qualified individual to become our new chef. We are hopeful to have this position filled in the coming weeks. Thank you to all of our members who have continued to support the club by coming to dinner on Fridays these past months. One of the issues we have had over the past several years is the failure to make a reservation on Fridays, it makes it difficult to plan for staffing and menu preparation. We are hopeful that when we get a new chef that we respect the policy of making a reservation on Friday Nights.

We would like to thank the volunteer building committee for all of their great suggestions that were very helpful with board's decisions on remodeling

### **Pro Shop Notes**

By: Steve Hlavacek

As we approach a new season of golf, there will be a new program that we will offer to women on Women's Day and to men on Men's Day. The golf shop will prepare a weekly game that is available to anyone who wants to enter. The events will be published both in our new club book and website along with monthly announcements of the events. We have had members ask for this type of a program that was popular years ago, and hope that you will try it out. The event price is \$10.00 per week and certificates will be issued on a weekly basis to the winners. Certificates can be used for golf shop merchandise or for special order merchandise, if what you want is not available in the golf shop. You must sign up in the golf shop prior to playing on the day of the event. Each week there will be a new

event and will be geared so players of all abilities will have opportunities to win.

Our Chip-N-Sip program will continue if we have enough of our ladies still interested in the program. Please email me at <a href="mailto:hlavacekgolfshop@aol.com">hlavacekgolfshop@aol.com</a> if you are interested and I will set up a tentative schedule for everyone to look at.

The PGA Jr Program will continue, please contact me if your son, daughter or grandchild is under the age of 14 and is interested in getting into the program. Give me a call at 444-5454 and I will be happy to discuss how the program works and the benefits to the kids who get involved.

We are looking for help in our golf shop. If you know of someone who has golf experience, who is not a member and is looking for some part time work here at the club, please have them contact me at 444-5454.

Green Grass is not that far away. There was a year when we opened on Feb 18th!!

Hope to see you soon!

# Superintendent's Report

By: Mark Livingston

What a strange winter it has been.
November brought snowy cold
conditions for the entire month.
December was then mild and dry
allowing the course to see play almost
through Christmas. Then came
January with plenty of wet heavy snow
to cover the course. Some of you may be
wondering what this weather means for

the course. Ideally I would like a consistent snow cover to insulate the turf throughout the winter with zero ice covering the ground. I feel good that we had little if any ice before the snow cover showed up in January. I would have liked to have the ground covered a little earlier to protect from desiccation but I think we should be alright. With the mild temps I also believe there is not much frost in the ground. I am optimistic that this could lead to opening the course a little earlier this year but we will have to wait and see what February brings us.

The one thing that could cause some damage to the course is people sledding, snow shoeing, or walking their dogs. What this does is cause ice to form where they have stepped. Think about walking or driving on your driveway before you shovel it and the ice that forms under your feet or tires. This is what happens on the grass everywhere a person walks. The reason this is a problem on the course but not your lawn or a park is because of the different types of grass we have. The grass in your lawn can withstand almost twice as much time covered in ice as some of our grasses. Also, people that have been snowshoeing have been cutting across greens including the new putting green in front of the clubhouse. We need to be extra careful with the putting greens during the winter and no one should ever walk on them until we are open for golf in the spring.

We have been busy in the shop all winter getting the equipment ready for spring, it will be here before you know it. See you on the course in a couple months.

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2	3	4	5 Stoughton Trailers 1-5 LKR	6	7	8 Private Holiday Party
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