



NEWS FROM THE GREEN

Maine's Most Scenic Nine-Hole Golf Course

March 2006

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From the President

As I write on the 13th of February, the dearth of snow here in Maine, while cutting short a lot of winter activities, provides us all hope for an early spring. We shall see!

The past year has been an eventful one at Norway Country Club. The 2005 golf season got off to a very slow start, as the frequent rains persisted well into summer. We were fortunate to enjoy wonderful weather from mid-July through the end of September. It was during this stretch of weather that

we began to see the benefits of the new irrigation system – I heard many comments about the wonderful condition of the golf course. Superintendent Bob Handville and his staff are to be commended for their fine work, particularly in doing their best to keep up with the healthier and faster growing grass. We expect to see more benefits from the irrigation system this year and in the future. At the same time, much of our golf course equipment is old, and we will be looking to purchase or upgrade several pieces of equipment this year or as soon thereafter as practically possible.

I'd also like to thank David and Gail Mazzeo, and their staff, for the many years of dedicated and wonderful service to the Club. I frequently hear comments from members and guests alike complimenting the Club for the professional and personalized service that Dave and Gail and their staffs provide. Their dedication and high level of service help to make Norway Country Club a very special place.

Looking forward, the Club faces many challenges. The Board has had many lively strategic planning discussions over the past few months regarding the future of the Club. We shall be updating the stock holders of the Club at the Annual Meeting to be held on May 20, 2006. After that meeting, I expect that further communications to the entire membership, regarding planning for the future of the Club, will be forthcoming.

Sincerely,
John Downing, President

REMINDER!

2006 Annual Meeting May 20th at 4:00 PM

The Norway Country Club 2006 annual meeting will be held on Saturday, May 20th at 4:00 pm followed by social hour and dinner. Reservations and payment must be made in advance for the dinner. Please sign up in the pro shop.

Note: Due to a recent change in the fiscal year and bylaw changes, N.C.C. Annual Meetings are now held on the third Saturday of May each year.

Strategic Planning Update

The Board of Directors held several strategic planning meetings during the winter months focusing on the future of Norway Country Club. Facilitated by Darian Keaten and Barbara Deschenes, the group worked with a positive and creative outlook to discuss what's best for NCC. The first task was to brainstorm a vision or "our dream" for Norway Country Club. Following is the vision adopted by the Board of Directors:

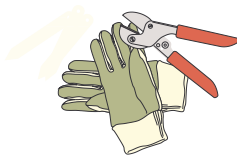
The vision for Norway Country Club is a four-season, social and recreational facility with a quality, player-friendly 18 hole golf course.

As we continue to work on a plan that moves NCC toward the above vision, the focus will be on expanding our revenue sources. Thank you for your support of the Board of Director's work. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to ask a board member. Thank you.

Grass Clippings

It is late February and the golf fever is beginning. Watching the tour players and amateurs play at Pebble Beach really sparked the feeling in me. In early January, I took a walk around the club to find not much snow at all. A few greens were even free of snow and looking good. Mild temperatures since then have kept things pretty much the same. We have had only 2 or 3 days of sub-zero temperatures all winter which should be a good sign for the turf as no protective snow layer and very cold temperatures are not a good thing.

I am sure all will be fall's cart path work. and exits of the as-been skirted as well #6 green across the ladies #7 tee. In addition, the men's #7 tee has a nice new turnaround area. The material used has packed solid; kind of like concrete. Many thanks to Tom Kennison for equipment and labor.



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I get the feeling most are thinking of an early start this year to the golfing season and that may be so. I also have the feeling we may get whacked with snow late this year. So, once again, we will have to wait and see. I am looking forward to getting things going as we continue to make improvements on the course...and there are a few new things planned for this year.

Bob Handville, Superintendent

WMSGGA News

The Women's Maine State Golf Association (WMSGGA) begins their weekly Tuesday tournaments on May 9th with the season ending on October 10th... almost 6 months of golf! If anyone is interested in joining this year, please contact club rep Lee Barth at 743-6468. The \$30.00 dues allows you to play many great courses, meet new people and have a lot of fun! You can download the newsletter, schedule, and a membership application on the WMSGGA website www.wmsgga.org.



Ladies Golf Association Welcomes You

Hello Ladies!

N.C.C. Ladies Association's first meeting will be held on Thursday May 11, at 9:00 A.M in the dining room of the club. All levels of golfing ability are welcome. There will be weekly tournaments, clinics with Pro Dave Mazzeo and monthly meetings. Come and join in on the fun! Please call me with any questions at 539-2536.

See you soon!

Jeannette Roderick, President, Ladies Association



Update from the Green Committee

First and foremost we would like to thank Superintendent Bob Handville and all of his staff for the wonderful job they have done getting and keeping our course in such great shape. It was amazing to play golf on October 31st and still have bright green and soft fairways and greens. It takes numerous man hours to keep a course in shape throughout the year, especially here in Maine where we have to deal with all of the weather elements year round.

Now for a few comments on what was accomplished last year and what we would like to do this coming year. The cart paths have been a major concern for many years. This fall we addressed some of the problem areas but clearly could not take care of all of them. We removed topsoil in a few places and replaced it with crushed gravel which will be used as a base for additional improvements. On holes #2 and #6 carts will be directed on to the rough and will no longer be allowed on the fairway. This will allow for easier mowing and greener fairways. We also plan to focus on rebuilding some of the bunkers and tees in 2006. All of this takes time and may have to be done in the fall after the course is closed.

At the end of the season the crew aerated and top dressed the greens, aerated the tees, deep tined the fairways, blew out the irrigation system and winterized the course. Depending on Mother Nature, we are expecting to be ready for play in mid April and look forward to a great season.

Last year we purchased a used green and edge mower and this year we plan to purchase a rotary rough mower and another fairway mower. As you know, we have a system in place now that will grow a lot of grass and with that comes a lot of mowing. It is difficult with the current staff and our existing equipment to keep up with the amount of mowing that is best for the course. The Green Committee is proposing the implementation of a capital equipment fund so that we can continue to modernize our equipment.

On another note, if you own a cart or are on the cart list and have not done so, please drop me a card with your updated contact information. Please mail to Tom Kennison, 15 Canada Hill Shores, Oxford ME 04270 or email to land4u@megalink.net.

Thank you to all members for supporting Norway Country Club and to all those who give so generously of your time volunteering on projects. It is greatly appreciated. I hope everyone is having a wonderful winter wherever you are and let's hope for sunny days, rainy nights and long straight drives.

Tom Kennison, Green Committee Chair

Remembering with Fondness...

Norway Country Club was saddened in 2005 with the passing of Brad Raymond, Tom Byron and Ginny Favor. Tom served as the "Porch Commander" and gave endless hours of volunteer service. Ginny served as the treasurer of the Ladies Association for many years. All are sadly missed and will be fondly remembered.

Congratulations 50-50 Winners!

Hope Herr - \$1,000
 Penny Tucker - \$500
 Freda Truman - \$350
 Ed Hutchins - \$200
 Stanley Brett - \$200
 Tony Criscitelli - \$100
 Suzanne Kendrick - \$100
 Penny Tucker - \$100
 Ted Whittier - \$100
 Doug Smith - \$100
 John Ladd - \$100
 Gail & Marci Bowman - \$100
 Ted Whittier - \$100
 Pat Frye - \$100
 Paul Pacent - \$100
 Tony Martin - \$100
 Brian Chamberlain - \$100
 Roger Dyer - \$100
 Daryl Kissick - \$100
 John Ladd - \$100

3rd Annual FUNRaiser Tournament

Save the date and plan to play in the 3rd annual FUNRaiser Tournament on June 2, 3 and 4. This is a fun two-person format hosted by the Board of Directors with all proceeds to benefit the capital equipment fund. Items are needed for the Silent Auction. If you would like to donate something, contact Barb Deschenes at 743-8660 or drop it off in the pro shop.

Five Score Aces

Five lucky members scored aces during the 2005 season. Congratulations to Tod Smith (2), Anne Blair and Ed Butters. Also, congrats to Beverly Packard who aced the 17th hole at Boothbay Country Club and Betty Jordan who aced the 8th hole at Paris Hill.

The NCC Garden Triangle

The Norway Country Club Triangle and dining room flowers had a good bloom, but the triangle border wasn't possible due to no hose with the new watering system. Thank you to the planting committee in the Spring and to Bobby and Randy for fertilizer and picking up the cut-back in the fall. Any contributions of perennials or seedlings are greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,
 Joyce Jones, MaryLou Onofrio, Ladena Seger, Dorothy Thompson and Margaret Weller



From the Golf Committee



You will notice on the schedule of events that there have been some major changes for 2006. The golf committee heard from many members with requests for changes and/or additions to the schedule and has tried to accommodate them. The new schedule will open up the course for more play during evening hours, which has been a major complaint.

First of all, the popular Tuesday night Men's League will continue throughout the summer with no changes. The tee will be closed from 4:30 - 5:30. The Wednesday Scotch Scrambles, getting fewer participants over the last few years, will move to Thursday evenings and become a Mixed Scramble. Plans are to hold the traditional pot luck "casserole open" events at least once a month on Thursdays. Sign up weekly in the pro shop.

New on Wednesdays will be Ladies Night. Organized by Juanita Smith, women of all levels are encouraged to come out and play a 9 hole format that will change weekly. Non members are welcome; green fees will be charged. Come and enjoy golf with friends and have a few laughs! The first event will be on June 7th at 5:30. There will be a weekly sign up sheet in the snack bar area. Please sign up by 3:00 on Wednesdays so that teams can be set up. Questions, call Juanita at 743-8179. Jon Kendrick, Chair



House Report

Greetings from the House Committee! Many house projects have recently been completed, but there is more that needs to be done to preserve this wonderful structure! The

plumbing beneath the ladies and men's locker rooms has been secured and replaced and smoke detectors have been installed in compliance with our insurance company requests. The club house now offers a solid foundation, a new roof, updated electrical wiring, new kitchen ventilation system, a new heating system and a new drilled well.

Future projects that the committee considers high priority include: replacing wallpaper and carpet and improving acoustics in the dining room; carpet in the lunch room and pro shop; new fixtures in the men's locker room; replacement of the antiquated refrigeration system; the addition of 2nd and 3rd heating zones to eliminate all use of electric heat and securing private access to the living quarters. The committee sees the potential for the house to be utilized for scheduled club rentals and social events which would bring revenues needed for NCC to be progressive, expand and grow. Shelly Huff Chair

Clean Up Weekend

April 29th and 30th
 Please mark your calendar and plan to join the crew! There are a variety of season opening chores to accomplish and we need your help. Lunch will be served!

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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL 2005 TOURNAMENT WINNERS!

Bud Wiley Tournament

Men - Briain Chamberlain & Matt Williams

Ladies - Hope Barker & Raylene Buck

Member-Member Tournament

Men's Net - Tom Coore & Peter Pacholski

Ladies Net - Hope Barker & Raylene Buck

Ladies Club Championship

Championship flight - Barbara Olson

1st flight - Hope Barker

2nd flight - Jamie Hodgson

50 and over - Gail Mazzeo

60 and over - Shirley Huff

Men's Club Championship

Championship flight - John Downing

1st flight - Don MacLeod

2nd flight - Rocky Crosswell

50 and over - Dick Onofrio

60 and over - Ron Snow

Junior Club Championship

Gross - Spencer Smith

Net - Nick Handville

Member Guest

Men's Gross - (tie) Darian Keaten & Mark Wallace and
Chris Delamater & Alan Bean

Men's Net - Don Pruyne & Ken Brown

Stuart Goodwin Memorial Tournament

Jackie Bennett and Bob Handville

President's Cup

Men - Greg Roberts / Ladies - Hope Barker

Member Open

Perry Hart, Kyle Phillips, Kevin Toohey, Robin Downing,
Tom Lamy and Mike Hassis

2nd Annual FUN Raiser

1st Gross: Darian Keaten & Don Pruyne

2nd Gross: (tie) Fred Seger & Jack Small and

Doug Mawhinney & Rick Davis

1st Net: Tod Smith and Hope Barker

2nd Net: Erwin and Sue Ward

3rd Net: Ken Knightly & Pat Frye

Norway Country Club 2005-2006 Committees

Finance Committee (5)

Douglas Smith, Chairperson Home: 743-8179 Work: 743-2522
Jon Kendrick, Freda Truman, Erwin Ward, Larry Farmer

Green Committee (not less than 5, none are employees)

Tom Kennison Chairperson Office: 743-8207
Brian Chamberlain, Doug Mawhinney, Greg Roberts, Larry Farmer, Darian Keaten

Golf Committee (not less than 5)

Jon Kendrick, Chairperson Office: 744-0224
Barbara Deschenes, Gail Mazzeo, Jim Ladd and Tod Smith

House Committee (not less than 3)

Shirley Huff, Chairperson Home: 743-6431 Work: 743-6766
Lee Barth, Freda Truman, Dennise Whitley

By-Laws Committee (not less than 3)

Freda Truman, Chairperson Home: 743-5187
Barbara Deschenes, Nancy Cutter, Jon Kendrick, Douglas Smith

Publicity Committee

Barbara Deschenes, Chairperson Home: 743-8660
Marci Bowman and Beverly Packard

Memoriam Commmittee (Ad hoc)

Jay Partridge, Chairperson Home: 743-2227
Joyce Jones, Joan Moorehead, Jancie Cazneau

Nominating Committee (5 voting members)

Lloyd Williams Chairperson
Jancie Cazneau, Bob Cutter, Audrey Foster, Joe Hatch



For the love of the game...Superintendent Bob Handville has been mowing greens at NCC for over 30 years!

2006 EVENT SCHEDULE

April 29-30	Sat. & Sun.	Clean-Up Week-end (weather permitting)
May 14	Sunday	Mother's Day Scotch Scramble & Feed (course closed at 3:30)
May 20	Saturday	Norway Country Club Annual Meeting, Social & Dinner
May 21	Sunday	Bud Wiley Memorial Tournament
May 27, 28 & 29	Sat., Sun., Mon.	Memorial Day Flag Tournament
June 11	Sunday	Scotch Scramble and Feed (course closed at 4:30)
June 17	Saturday	NCC Ladies Member-Guest (course closed until 1:00)
June 18	Sunday	Parent/Child Tournament (course open)
July 9	Sunday	Scotch Scramble and Feed (course closed at 4:00)
July 11	Tuesday	SMWGA Tournament (course closed until 1:00)
July 20	Thursday	Ladies Association Invitational (course closed until 2:00)
July 23	Sunday	Member/Member Tournament
July 24 thru 30		FUNraising Event to Benefit NCC (Barbeque and Prizes 4:00 PM Sunday 7/30)
August 5	Saturday	Men's Member-Guest (course closed)
August 12 & 13	Sat. & Sunday	Club Championships (course closed)
August 19	Saturday	Chamber of Commerce Tournament (course closed)
August 20	Sunday	Crazy Scramble and Feed (course closed at 4:00 PM)
Sept. 1 & 2	Sat., Sun.	MSGA Tournament (course closed)
Sept. 2, 3 & 4	Sat., Sun., Mon.,	Stuart Goodwin Couples Championship (course open)
September 8	Friday	White Mountain Seniors
September 17	Sunday	5th Annual Member Open (course closed)
October 1	Sunday	Mens 18 Hole Final Scramble (course closes at 1:00)

Weekly Events

Tuesday (June, July & August)	Men's Twilight League (tee closed 4:30 -5:30)
Wednesday (June, July & August)	Ladies Night (course open)
Thursdays at 5:30 PM	Mixed Scramble (course closed at 5:15)
Thursdays at 8:30 AM	Ladies Association Day (course closed 8 am - 9:30 am as warranted)

About the Events...

NCC offers a wide variety of competitive play for its membership. Tournaments encompass various formats which allow all participants, regardless of ability, to get involved and have fun. The season begins with the Wiley tourney with both a mens and ladies division; two person, scramble format. The Flag tourney is an individual event which combines your current GHIN handicap with par for the course - this is the number of strokes you have for the round - plant your flag and hope for the best! The Member/Member is a better ball of 2 format. The Parent/Child offers an excellent chance for parents, kids and grandparents to have fun together in an 18 hole event.

President's Cup

Men's and ladies divisions. All entrants should be available to schedule reasonable match times with opponent(s). In the event of the inability of any players to complete their match before the deadline, the golf committee may disqualify those players from the tournament. Sign-up sheets are posted in the snackbar. Watch for details.

Club Championships

36 hole medal play flighted by handicap. A barbeque is served for all participants and spectators at noon on the final day of play. Since the tournament format was adopted, the "porch gallery" has provided important support for the players as well as being treated to several very exciting "sudden death" finishes. The course is closed to all other play until late each afternoon during the event. Check with the pro-shop for more details.

Stuart Goodwin Memorial Tournament

Open to all members, this is a mixed 18 hole event. Held over the Labor Day weekend, couples may register for play in the Pro Shop prior to teeing off. Course is open for other play.