

The Tallwood Tradition



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The President's Corner

TMC Board of Directors Communications:

Getting the Newsletter to everyone at the same time via the combination of U.S. Mail and E-Mail can sometimes be challenging. The TMC BOD is committed to always keeping the membership informed in a timely manner. To address this issue we have taken several steps.

First, the current Newsletter is now posted on the TMC Website (click on the link on the home page story about winter). Also, future Newsletters will be posted as well.

Second, when the Newsletter is E-Mailed to the membership, there will be an alert posted in the Forum.

Third, if you did not receive the Newsletter, please send an email to, tmc.president@yahoo.com or call 860-659-2010 and we will update our email address list and forward one to you.

- A majority of our members use the web and therefore we'd like to better utilize it to improve our communications.

- We're truly here to serve the TMC and I personally apologize for any inconvenience this has caused.

Class of 2008 - New Members:

For all the returning members, past presidents, board members, and volunteers, if you see a new face at one of our events, please reach out to them, and welcome them to *The Tallwood Tradition*.

See you at the Kick-Off Dinner.....

Steve

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Tallwood Country Club Pro Shop

1. **CPTV:** The CT Section PGA, along with yours truly, will be manning the phones at CPTV, March 1st, for the UCONN Women's Basketball Game. I hope to have my phone "ringing off the hook". Call, make a pledge and get a free golf tip!
2. **Pro Shop Products:** Look for new items of interest in the pro shop this year. While at the National PGA Golf Show, we picked up a line called TEHAMA, which is partially owned by Clint Eastwood. Shirts made of Bamboo and others from Citrus skin were the talk of the apparel section. Expect a first hand look at these shirts this year. Also (personal, positive proof) the new age of tee design is here to stay. The high tec tees DO make the ball go farther AND are more durable than the traditional wooden tee. Check out the new Callaway "wedge" that looks like a putter with loft! Again, proven to work.
3. **Tournament Winnings:** Aside from the gift certificate at various stores that you can redeem your tournament winnings at, American Express and the PGA of America have established a union. Although not clear yet, there is a good chance that all gift cards issued for credit purchases other than the Golf Shop, will come from American Express Gift Cards.
4. **Andy Weigert:** Many of you remember our close friend and member, the late Andy Weigert. His union brothers have been running a memorial tournament for him, since his passing several years ago. This year, for the first time, the event will be held at Tallwood on Saturday, May 31st, with an afternoon shotgun. Hopefully Tallwood will become a permanent site.
5. **CT Section PGA Pro Am schedule:** The winter proved to be a positive start to my 2008 season. A second round, low pro score of 67, at the Casa de Campo Invitational Tournament in the Dominican Republic, was a good early sign. The CT Section PGA Pro Am schedule will be distributed at the Kickoff Banquet. Instead of the "first come, first serve" format of signing up for these events, you will be able to sign up for all the events, as a threesome, twosome, or individually. At the end of March, a blind draw will be held to determine who plays with me at the Pro Am sites this season.
6. **Kick-off Dinner:** There will be optional signups for the Hole in One Club and a Raffle.
7. **Weekday TMC Events:** Due to the increased "retiree" status of many of our members, there will be a Wednesday morning, 18 hole TMC league run through the Golf Shop. Make your own groups or we'll pair you up. Open exclusively to just Men's Club members... no, you need not be retired to compete.

John Nowobilski

Tallwood Pro, 860-646-3437, pgatall@aol.com

(Any concerns, issues, or suggestions can be e-mailed to me in confidence)

Tallwood Country Club Management

1. Contact Mike McDermott for your 2008 Season Pass. See the January Newsletter on the TMC Web site (http://www.tallwoodnewsletter.150m.com/index_files/page0002.html) for details or contact Mike or Dave (see below)
2. Tallwood will open on or after March 1, conditions providing. If Twin Hills CC opens before Tallwood, Tallwood Season Ticket Holders will be allowed to play complimentary golf at Twin Hills.
3. All TMC events UP TO Good Friday (03/21/08) will be a 9:00 shotgun start. Twin Hills Events will use the standard sign-up tee time procedure.

Mike McDermott & Dave Converse

Tallwood Management, 860-646-1151, TWCC91@aol.com

Vice President

Your **Pace of Play Committee** (POP) has had the opportunity to meet this winter and take a close look at the concerns voiced from some members regarding our "slow play." The committee brainstormed, looking for all possible solutions and recommendations from several sources including the USGA, CSGA, PGA and many individuals who have provided articles and write-ups for popular golf magazines. They all pretty much summed it up with "Play Ready Golf."

The goal of the POP committee was to provide our membership with "suggestions" and some firm recommendations on how to speed up your play as a group and as individuals. This is not to be construed with asking you to rush, but to pay attention to your "position" on the golf course. At the Kick-Off Dinner I will have a hand out for you to take home and read. Each newsletter will have suggestions on how to improve your individual pace of play as well as your foursomes. This can be accomplished if we all agree to do this together.

You will be seeing messages throughout the year in different formats to remind all of us of our obligation to make our rounds of golf enjoyable at Tallwood. We have also adjusted the Pace of Play Policy to reflect some new innovations we hope to have implemented by our opening tournament. More to come on that once it is settled with management and your TMC Board of Directors

Until then, start your stretching exercises trying not to tear any fat, play some winter golf in warm weather if possible and lets all look forward to a great year at our favorite place to be when time affords, Tallwood. C. C.

Ray Embury

VP - Tallwood Men's Club

Membership

The current 2008 Membership is at 270, including a new member class of 30. We currently have no waiting list, so if you know anyone who is interested in joining, please have them send an application to:

Jeff Anderson, 33 Melrose St, Glastonbury, CT 06033, jeffrey.anderson@prudential.com

Class of 2008

Bruce Anderson

Joe Cabanas

Paul Cully

Edward Day

Tom Doyle

Donald Geary

Joshua Ham

Josh Howroyd

Stew MacCluggage

Don Myler

Tim Parzych

Aaron Perillo

Bill Pompa

Thad Seften

Bob Thomassin

Mark Wright

Jeff Anderson

Membership - Tallwood Men's Club

Social Committee

Georgina's in Bolton is this year's home, to our **Kickoff Dinner**. Due to the size of our group, we are very pleased that **Georgina's** could accommodate this event. There will be no hiding in the back rooms or peering around the corner to see or hear your guest speaker.

Georgina's has catered a few of our Social events at the pavilion and our membership has responded favorably. George is looking forward to working with us. We hope everyone will be happy with the main banquet room layout and the parking which has direct access to the banquet room.

The Gallery & The Tallwood Men's Club continue to enjoy a good relationship and we look forward to planning future events with The Gallery.

As you'll see in this month's newsletter, the Easter Classic will now be called **The Spring Classic**. Thanks to some pesky holiday scheduling, Easter is extremely early this year, and with the usually unfavorable weather in March, we've decided to set this social event as the opening April weekend tournament. We hope this will increase participation and everyone's enjoyment of the event.

As always, the Social Committee will look forward to all member feedback, to give you guys the best events we can.

Ron & Steve

Co-Social - Tallwood Men's Club

P.S. Thanks to all those who came to the bowling event, every one had fun, and it was nice to see a few TMC pals again. We'll try it again next year and hopefully this will become an annual event.

2008 TMC Major Tournaments

Tournament	Date	Type	GOTY	Trophy Event
Mother's Day	April 19 th	Gross/Net	GOTY	
Match Play I	May 3 & 4	2MBB-Match Play	GOTY	
Memorial Tournament	May 24	Gross/Net	GOTY	Trophy
Father's Day	June 1	Gross/Net	GOTY	
Member-Guest	June 14	2MBB-G/N		
Super Seniors Championship	June 21	Gross/Net (over 62)		Trophy
Club Championship	July 12, 13, 19* & 20* (4 Day)	Gross/Net	GOTY	Trophy
Member/Member	August 2 & 3	2MBB-G/N	GOTY	Trophy
Two-Ball Open	August 16	2MBB-G/N		Trophy
Seniors Championship	Aug 23 & 24	Gross/Net (Over 55)		Trophy
President's Cup	Sept 13 & 14	Gross/Net	GOTY	Trophy
Match Play II	Sept 27 & 28	2MBB Match Play	GOTY	
Tournament of Champions *	Oct 12	Gross/Net		
Partners Championship *	Oct 19	2MBB-G/N		
Governor's Cup	32 Team-Brackets	2MBB Match Play	GOTY	Trophy
Pro's Trophy *	32 Team-Brackets	Individual Match Play	GOTY	Trophy
Flatstick - Putting Championship	Unlimited	Individual Match Play		Trophy

* Invitational-Requires Qualifying

2008 TMC Social Calendar

Event	Date	
Kick Off Dinner	03/07/2008	
Spring Classic	04/05/2008	
Scotch Ball I	06/07/2008	
Member/Guest, Friday tune-up	06/13/2008	
Member/Guest	06/14/2008	
Parent/Child	08/09/2008	
Two Ball Open	08/16/2008	
Scotch Ball II	09/13/2008	
Turkey Classic	11/01/2008	
Awards Banquet	11/08/2008	

Tournament Committee

2008 is setting up to be a great season. For the most part the Tournament Schedule is very similar to last year with a few minor adjustments:

- Super Seniors 1 Day Championship has been moved to June
- The Easter Classic has been changed to the Spring Classic because Easter is so early this year. It will be held on the first weekend in April.
- The Tournament of Champions will return with a similar qualifying schedule
- Similar to the T of C, we will have a Partners Championship. 2MBB teams will qualify at various events during the year for entry into an October Championship.
- The Flatstick Championship will also return. **Joe LeBlanc** is ready to take on all contenders.
- We will again sponsor two mid-week events, May and August that will count toward a member's 15 tournament requirement

Born out of a suggestion by Tallwood Management, the Tournament Director and two members at large, **Jim Bidwell** and **Ken Comerford**, will form a **Green's Committee**. This committee will meet with Tallwood management, **Yo Pro**, and **Larry**, the course superintendent, to work closely on issues related to course set-up, condition, and to provide feedback to the general membership.

If the weather cooperates, and the course can open on time, March events thru the 23rd will be 9:00 AM shotguns. Tallwood management may extend this practice depending upon weather conditions.

Shine up those clubs and change the cleats....the 2008 season is almost ready to start.

Terry Ruzzo

Tournament - Tallwood Men's Club

Tallwood Men's Club **2008 SPRING Classic**

Date: April 5, 2008

Time: **Registration – 8:00 AM, Shotgun Start – 9:00 AM**

Format: Scramble (4 or 5 man teams)

Entry Fee: \$15.00 (\$5.00 has been prepaid, please send a check for \$10.00 with your entry form).

Note to Past Presidents: If you did not pre-pay your 15 tournaments, please send check for \$15.

Start those stretching exercises, get out the new clubs and golf balls you got for Christmas, dust off the golf bag and polish those shoes.....the **Spring Classic** is coming! This “ever popular” and first social event is right around the corner.

Please enter early to assure your spot in this A-B-C-D-(E) Scramble.

Prizes:

- Closest-to-pin on all par 3's.
- Closest-to-pin (2nd shot) on #10.
- Hams and Pro-Shop credit to the winning teams.
- Pro Shop Raffle.
- Side tournaments.

Entry Fee includes drink and food tickets!

2008 Spring Classic Entry Form

Please make checks payable to the Tallwood Men's Club.

Mail to: Tallwood Country Club
Attn: Easter Classic
91 North Street
Hebron, CT 06248

Entry form and \$10.00 check must be received by **Friday, March 28th**

(\$15.00 for non pre-paid Past Presidents).

Name: _____ Hdcp. _____

If new member, please enter your 2007 GHIN # _____

If none, your average 18 hole score _____

Do you wish to reserve a cart (course conditions permitting)?

Yes _____ No _____

Can you play on the following rain/snow dates?

1st rain/snow date = Saturday, April 12th Yes____ No _____

2nd rain/snow date = Saturday, April 19th Yes____ No _____

Amount enclosed: _____ Check #: _____

Cancellation / Entry Deadline: Friday, March 28, 2008