



# The Tallwood Tradition

**December 2017**

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## The President's Corner

Season's Greetings from you newly elected President. I am honored and look forward to serving as your President for the 2018 golf season. While there is snow on the ground here in CT, I am sure our Snow Bird friends are south working on their game. To them I say, Let it be known that there is a golf simulator crew doing the same up in CT as well.

December 2nd we came together at The Hartford Club to give a Grand Salute to "Yo Pro" as he enters retirement. The website includes a great write up by our own Bruce Berlet about John and the evening's festivities.

2018 will see some changes at Tallwood. I want to welcome Eric DeStefano, Director of Golf, and Nicole Damarjian, Director of Instruction. Eric has already started to make improvements and updates to the proshop. He has reached out to the vendors so that the shop will be well stocked. Moreover, Eric has had a great response for participation for the Kick Off. Nicole Damarjian will also be joining the Tallwood team. A BLAST with Nicole's website details and a link to subscribe to her newsletter will be distributed. The newsletter includes tips, instructions, and news that I am sure can help us all. Zac Stennett will remain a familiar face in the pro shop as the Tallwood PGA Golf Professional. As you read the other articles, you will see that your BOD is working hard already and have some interesting items to tell ya'all about.

The BOD for 2018 will remain the same as 2017, with only a couple changes. We want to welcome Gary Greenwald as the new Co-Social Director. I would also like to Thank Scott Marshall for his years of service on the BOD as he ends his service as a Board Member. Scott, however, will continue to remain active on the Social Committee.

I want to wish Ya'all a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, and Happy Holidays to all.

***Richard Potticary***  
***President***

## Membership

Remember the days when we would wait with baited breath for our favorite issue to arrive...the Sears catalogue...Archie and Jughead...the “swimsuit” issue? Well, it’s here!!!...**the Tallwood Tradition annual membership renewal issue!!**

I am happy to return as TMC Membership Director and look forward to working with the Club members and the Board to make 2018 a great year at Tallwood! As we say goodbye to long-time PGA Pro John Nowobilski, we welcome back PGA Pro Zac Stennett and new staff members Eric DeStefano and Nicole Damarjian.

### **It’s time to Renew for 2018!**

After careful consideration, the Board has decided to increase the annual membership fee by \$10.00 and to eliminate the policy of collecting pre-paid tournament entry fees. The net effect is to **reduce** your membership renewal cost by \$40.00. For 2018, you will not receive a pre-paid tournament entry punch card at your first tournament sign-in. Remember, there is a \$20.00 savings if your renewal is postmarked before February 1.

We currently have no waiting list. If you have a friend or family member who is interested in joining **the best Men’s Club in the state**, please have them visit the website, complete a new member application and send it to me. As a recruiting incentive, we will refund any returning member 25% of the annual renewal cost for each paid new member who joins the Club at the regular membership rate. Can anyone match Curt Wood’s heroic 2017 recruiting efforts?

The 2018 membership renewal form is attached and is available by clicking the “Join us” button on the website. Please take the time to complete the entire top section of the renewal form. This is useful to ensure that we have complete contact and personal profile information for all of our members.

Please include your age, occupation and “member since” information on the application. We are making every effort to have accurate records for our white and gold tee tournament options and are looking ahead to the TMC 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in 2020. We are accepting applications for Junior and Social, as well as Regular members. Please select your membership category and forward your payment to:

***Bob Wahlberg***

***Membership Director***

[TMC\\_membership@yahoo.com](mailto:TMC_membership@yahoo.com)

## **Social**

Snow has fallen, winter is here and the Social Committee has begun their work for the 2018 season. Our first meeting of the new season was held to enlist event captains and to discuss the Social Schedule. Our first event for the coming season, as always, is the Kickoff. The tentative date for this event is March 2, 2018 at a location yet to be determined. We are working on potential changes for this event, so stay tuned for future updates in the Newsletter. This will be followed by the Spring Classic on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully this year the weather will cooperate and we will be able to get this one in.

The Social Committee looks forward to another fun and successful year.

***Earl Brown and Gary Greenwald***  
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## **Handicap**

First and foremost, Happy Holidays and New Year. May all your shots be long and straight and your scores be lower than ever before.

During the 2018 season I will be reiterating many procedures to follow when entering, adjusting and understanding of the scores you enter during the year (Men's Club Tournament Scores are entered by the Pro-shop so league and non-tournament scores need to be addressed). Through the thoughtfulness of our Tournament Chairman (Terry Ruzzo) we have procured documentation on numerous essential Scoring requirements. These documents will posted on the bulletin board for your reference and during the year I will try to explain many of these in our Monthly Newsletters. Items that will be discussed are: Equitable Stroke Control for both 18 and 9 hole input, Competing from different USGA Course Ratings, Acceptability and unacceptability of scores entered, adjusting hole scores most likely and holes not played for handicap purposes, exceptional tournament scores and their effect on handicap index.

Lastly, sometime during the winter, we will be evaluating the viability of Gold and White Tee usage and perhaps changing the current criteria for member's usage. In addition, we will be discussing and recommending proper Blue and White Tee Course setup.

***Jim Bidwell***  
***Handicap***

**Tallwood Men’s Club 2018 Membership Renewal Application**

**MEMBER INFORMATION**

NAME:

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ADDRESS:

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CITY, STATE:

ZIP:

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PHONE #: HOME:

WORK:

CELL:

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E-MAIL: (required)

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OCCUPATION:

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MEMBER SINCE \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

IF NEW MEMBER, REFERRED BY:

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I would like to assist on the following Committee(s): Social\_\_\_\_ Tournament\_\_\_\_ Rules\_\_\_\_  
Handicap\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

Renewal is due February 1, 2018.

Early Bird discount applies if the renewal is postmarked before February 1

Membership Type	Renewal Amount	Discount Applies	Total Fee Due	Renewal Selection
Regular Member (Received before Feb 1 <sup>st</sup> )	\$175.00	-\$20.00	\$155.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Regular Member	\$175.00		\$175.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Past President (Received before Feb 1 <sup>st</sup> )	\$175.00	-\$20.00	\$155.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Past President	\$175.00		\$175.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Junior Member	\$80.00		\$80.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social Member	\$80.00		\$80.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
GHIN Only	\$30.00		\$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/>

Make check payable to: TALLWOOD MEN'S CLUB

Please mail your check and Renewal Application to the 2018 Membership Director:

Bob Wahlberg  
8 Markwood Lane  
Manchester, CT 06040

If you have questions, e-mail Bob at: [tmc\\_membership@yahoo.com](mailto:tmc_membership@yahoo.com)