



Monroe Country Club Newsletter

April, 2008



Message from the President:



Our golf course has officially opened but cold weather and persistent rain has prevented many of us from getting out and enjoying the course. The grounds crew has already "picked up" and is getting the course in great playing condition.

The new bridges held up extremely well over the winter due to the great installation job by **Nelson Hernandez and crew**. One final bridge needs replacing and is in the works or may even be replaced by the time you read this newsletter.

Speaking of Nelson, I am happy to report that the Board of Governors appointed Nelson as Golf Course Superintendent for the 2008 season. As many of you know, he is hard working and very dedicated to making our course the best it can be. **If any of you have golf course suggestions for improvement, please direct them to Billy Buchanan, who is chairman of our Greens Committee for 2008.** He will work closely with Nelson this year to insure our course is in tip-top shape.

The following have either been completed or will be done in the near future:

- Trees throughout the course have been trimmed and several were removed.
- New blown-in insulation has been added on the second floor of the clubhouse to save energy.
- Plans are being made to fix some winter damaged blacktop cart paths and to add small sections of blacktop around each bridge.
- Arrangements are being made to place a tree on the left side of the hill approaching the 3rd green.
- New phone service is being planned which will reduce monthly operational expenses.
- Our clubhouse heating and air conditioning systems have been analyzed for possible upgrades and/or replacement in the future.

On Sunday, May 4th, we will have our season opening ABCD Tournament. Please mark your calendar. This is a great opportunity for all of us to get together and we hope that all members will come out and support this event. More information will be forthcoming.

It continues to be my privilege to work with my colleagues on the Board of Governors and to serve as club president in 2008. I always welcome your ideas and suggestions to improve the club for members, their families, guests and the public.

Fairways and Greens,
Lou Ciota

2007 Charges and 2008 Dues:

We ask all 2007 members with outstanding charges from last year to pay their accounts in full prior to the beginning of play for 2008. Members with long overdue charges and 2007 members who have not paid their 2008 dues should not expect to play on the course without paying a daily greens fee or having the fee added to their account. Any fee paid should not be viewed as a credit to his/her account. The Pro Shop will keep a list of current members in good standing and your understanding and cooperation is appreciated. If there are any questions about this guideline, please do not hesitate to contact any Board Member.

Information for Our Members:

- **Monthly raffle;** will begin in April and run through November and billed at \$20 per month ("A", "A-1", "A-2", and "F" Members only).
- **MGA handicap fee;**
The charge is \$25 for all members (first billing will be at the end of April)

(Members may opt out of one or both of the above by informing the club in writing prior to the first billing in May)

- **\$50 raffle:**
\$50. will be assessed (Five - \$10. tickets) to all in July ("A" and "A-1" members) providing members more time to sell the raffle tickets prior to the drawing of a winner at the Annual Meeting in November, 2008 (Grand Prize is a free 2009 Membership).

Upcoming Events:

- May 4th, A,B,C,D Tournament
 - May 18th, MGA Met/Net Tournament
 - May 24th, 25th & 26th, President's Cup Tournament
 - June 7th, Member/Guest Scramble Tournament
- Sign up in the pro shop for these events.**

A **2008 Tournament Schedule** is included with this newsletter and can also be found posted in the pro shop or on the "Members Only" page of our website at www.monroecountryclubny.com

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User Name = mccmember

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Email questions to: info@monroecountryclubny.com

Spring Time Tune-Up:

Spring has sprung and now is a great time to tune-up your equipment. Please remember that our pro-shop can change spikes and re-grip your clubs for a nominal fee. Properly tuned equipment will only help to improve your game.