

# Monroe Country Club Newsletter

**April**, 2009



## **Message from the President:**

Our new season has started, a bit earlier than usual, thanks largely to mild weather. The overall condition of our course is very good. Our greens have weathered the Winter well, so, any missed putts are solely the responsibility of the "ball striker" not the putting surfaces themselves.

On Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> approximately 25 members participated in an "early clean-up" to help remove downed branches and debris from over the Winter. This "clean-up" has allowed our grounds crew to get an early jump on preparing our course for play. The Board wishes to give their thanks to all members who participated and for all of their hard work. It was a job well done.

We our pleased to welcome back Nelson Hernandez as our Course Superintendent. I'm sure Nelson and crew will be very busy this year keeping our grounds in great shape.

This year our Pro-Shop will be managed by Bill Baxter who is replacing Rob Bennett. Rob has accepted a position with a Golf Course in Putnam County and we wish him well. Welcome back Bill.

I'd like to introduce our new Board Members, they are: Rob McHugh Jr., Randy Vite and Paul Cassidy. John Douthit has resigned due to a reassignment at his job and he and his family now reside in Chicago, IL. We would like to thank John for his years of service to our club and wish him all the best.

We have planned improvements to the following: Refurbishing of the ladies locker room, new carpeting in the pro-shop and new siding along the cart storage area of our proshop building.

Our club faces some challenges with regard to membership due to our slow economy. Because of this we have extended our reduced membership packages in 2009. A new individual membership starts at \$900 and family memberships at \$1500 for the first year. Additional details can be found on our website at <a href="www.monroecountryclubny.com">www.monroecountryclubny.com</a>. Please inform your family and friends about these terrific discounted membership rates.

On Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, MCC hosted "The Monroe Open" to attract new members. Along with the many prizes we raffled off a free one year membership. While MCC members were invited to the "Open" they were not eligible for this raffle.

On Sunday, May 3rd MCC will have its' season opening ABCD Tournament. There will be a 9AM shotgun start with a fee of \$40 per player excluding cart. At 8:45 AM Steve Douthit and Committee will dedicate a monument at the "environmental area" in memory of Lou Ciota, our former president and friend who passed away this past Fall.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our many tournaments, outings and social events and look forward to serving as your club President.

**Pete Cassidy** 



## Player of the Year for 2008:



We would like to announce that Jim Morris is our Player of the Year for 2008. We wish to apologize to Jim as we were unable to make this announcement until now but our tardiness does not in the least diminish his accomplishment. Good going Jim.

#### Beef & Brew:

On Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> we will have a Beef & Brew outing. Details will be posted in the Pro Shop.

#### **50/50 Raffle:**

Our 50/50 raffle runs April thru October. Each member is billed \$20 monthly and 3 members are drawn monthly to receive a portion of 50% of the proceeds collected. The other 50% goes to our course for maintenance and improvements. This is an important part of our operational revenue, however, members can "opt out" of this raffle by contacting Lisa Laurice at Arthur Laurent's office at 201-327-4090.

## Nelson's News:



Thanks to the efforts of many members, our crew has gotten a good jump on preparing the course for play this season. The greens and tee boxes were aerated, top dressed and fertilized on April 13<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. They should be in top shape by the time you read this newsletter. **The course is in very good** 

shape.



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## **New Pro Shop Wall:**

A very big thank you to Randy Vite who donated his time and labor to replace part of the outside wall to our pro shop/golf cart building. Great work Randy.



### **Ladies Room Refurbishing:**



Thanks to Mark Petersen aka. Mark Paterson aka. Mr. Nine N. Dine for donating his time, labor and supplies in painting the ladies room downstairs in our main building. Nice work Mark. Further refurbishing is planned.

Mark, I'm sure the ladies hope this is the last time they find you there.

## TGW - The Golf Warehouse:



Monroe Country Club has partnered with TGW - The Golf Warehouse. TGW is the internet golf equipment discount superstore. They carry

a full line of name brand golf equipment, apparel and accessories. We have also created a "Virtual Pro-Shop" at our website. Any purchases from TGW through our website will generate income for MCC. TGW offers great discount prices and sales on your golf purchases. TGW guarantees all purchases and also delivers to your door.

It's really simple to do....Just go to our website at www.monroecountryclubny.com and click on the "Virtual ProShop" button. When you get to our virtual pro shop just click on "Click Here To Begin Shopping" and start your savings. It's also a great way to send gifts to family and friends.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- May 3<sup>rd</sup>, ABCD Opening Tournament
  May 15<sup>th</sup>, Beef & Brew Tournament
  May 17<sup>th</sup> MGA Met/Net

- May 23, 24 & 25, Presidents Cup Tournament

Sign up in the pro shop for MCC events.

#### Visit our website at:

#### www.monroecountryclubny.com

User Name = mccmember Password = mccrules

Email questions to: info@monroecountryclubny.com

#### **Golf Humor:**



## Golf Joke:

A woman goes into the local newspaper office to see that the obituary for her recently deceased husband is published. The obit editor informs her that there is a charge of \$.50 cents per word.

She pauses, reflects, and then says, well, then, let it read "Goldberg dead."

Amazed at the woman's thrift, the editor tells her that there is a six word minimum for all obituaries.

She thinks it over and in a few seconds says, "In that case, let it read,

"Goldberg dead: Callaway clubs for sale."