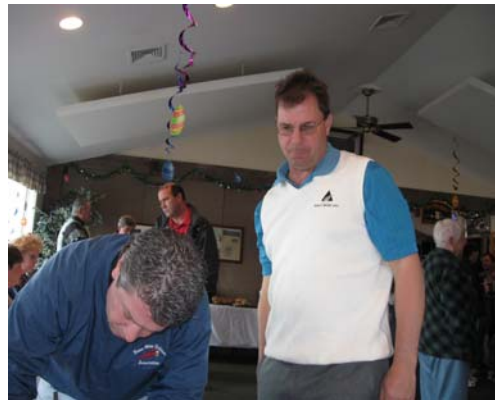


The Babbling Brook

OPEN HOUSE

Toddy Brook held its annual open house on Sunday, March 29, to welcome returning members and to recruit new members. The men's and women's leagues were on hand to get people signed up. Our golf pro extraordinaire, Mal Strange, was there to encourage people to wipe the cobwebs off with spring golf lessons. And it was also a good chance to get reacquainted with familiar faces after the long winter.



CAFÉ NEWS

The Café is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner with daily specials and reasonable prices. Drink specials are also offered on Wednesday and Thursday nights. Prime Rib and Baked Stuffed Haddock Specials are offered every Friday night, and Dan Unruh is cooking on Saturday nights offering the following specials: Grilled Salmon, Beef Tenderloin and Chicken Marsala.

Looking for a place to have a business meeting or event? The Café can meet your needs offering a casual atmosphere, complete catering service, wireless internet, PA system and a friendly staff.



Save these Dates:

- June 14-Flag Day Tournament
- June 27-Member/Member
- July 4-Firecracker Scramble
- July 18-Sadie Hawkins
- July 19-Junior 9-Hole
- August 2-Superintendent's Revenge
- Aug. 15 & 16-Ryder Cup
- Aug 29-Member/Guest
- Sep 12 & 13-Club Champ & President's Club
- Sep 27-Member/Member
- Oct 4-Credits Champ

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Welcome New Members:

Jim & Heather Adams
 Pam Allen
 Cathy Alsup
 Jared Antill
 Jeff Balano
 Russ Berg
 Paul Berube
 Scott Wilson

Bill Bray
 Greg Carter
 Mary Conneen
 Mary Edwards
 Brian Lippold
 Ken McGuire
 Tom McKenny
 Bob Thayer

Darrell & PK Mayeux
 George & Margie Ventresca
 John & Gretchen Hooper
 Tim (Bo) & Jill Bowen
 Joyce & Peter Davis
 Scott & Nicholas Tardif
 Tim Millett
 Mike Olsen

Spring Clean Up Day

Many members showed up on what was a brisk overcast Saturday morning to help spruce up the course. A special thanks to the following members that participated in picking up trash, filling in divots, raking leaves, removing brush and cutting tree limbs:

Dick Bates
 Ginny Anderson
 Gardiner Hall
 Dick Hilton
 Bill Mello
 Larry & Wendy Kane
 Butch & Nancy Gagnon
 John & Kathy Paradis
 Neil Peasley
 Dave Burton
 Jason Lewis

Chip Lewis
 John Cunningham
 George and Margie Ventresca
 Karl Steinbach
 John Reaman
 Skip Crowley
 Clayton Anderson
 Lou Brown

We hope we didn't leave anyone out! We are very appreciative of these members supporting their club and lending a hand to get the course in shipshape condition. After the clean-up, the Club furnished the members with a lunch and then they hit the links for a 9-hole scramble.

Ladies League

The Toddy Brook Ladies League is made up of seven five-person teams with nine subs. The names of the teams are Dream Believers, Divot Divas, Ballsy Babes, Caddy Shakers, 2Noshow, Toddy Tee Birds and Hot Toddies. This is already turning into a very exciting year for the ladies league. The Cafe will be having weekly specials just for us ladies. Like Jamaica night, Americana night, Derby night, and

Hawaiian night, just to name a few. A great big thanks to the Thursday night crew: Lucille, Dan, Craig, Kate and Chrissy. On the course, we will be having a mystery hole each week. (There will be no advance clues or it wouldn't be a mystery, would it? I will say, however, that the mystery holes will be for all handicappers.)

"These greens are so fast I have to hold my putter over the ball and hit it with the shadow.

~ Sam Snead

Catch you all on the fairways,
 Deb Small

Weekly Happenings

Monday Night Scramble: On Monday nights players can make their own foursome to play this scramble format. This event is open to the public. Payout is in pro shop credits for both gross and net plus closest to the pin. Play anytime on Monday and enjoy a relaxed round of golf with your friends.



Friday Free For All: Each week teams are picked by a blind draw, thus allowing players to set up their own group on Fridays. You don't need a foursome, but you do need at least one other player to witness your score. You must be a member of the association to participate. Payout is based on net score only. Play anytime on Friday. Like the Monday night scramble, play will alternate between the front nine and the back nine week to week.

Men's League & Senior Leagues

The Toddy Brook Wednesday Men's League made up of ten five person teams is off to a great start. This is a match play format where you will play against opponents with similar handicaps. The season consist of 18 weeks with the top eight teams making it to the three week playoff. The league is always looking for subs to fill in. If you are interested in being a sub the only requirement is that you are a member of the association. Contact the pro shop at 829-5100

Mike Smith



Toddy Brook offers Men and Women senior leagues. The women tee it up on Tuesdays at noon. Be here by 11:30 for sign up. The age requirement for the women is 55 and older.

The men tee it up every Wednesday at 7:30. Be here early for sign up. The age requirement for the men is 60 and older.

Both leagues are open to the public so bring a friend along with you. You do not have to participate weekly.

Thanks Bruce Hazelton for all the work you do for the seniors.

THE TODDY TATTLER

Heard around the clubhouse:
John Paradis eagled #17 with a 100+ yard chip in;
Viola Doyon shot 100; Sande Miller a 90;
Angie Demers an 82; Terri Maynard an 85;
Donna Curtis a 43; Karen Anderson a 92; and
Robert Anderson an 85 for 18 holes & a 37 for 9.
Have you heard something you'd like to have in the Tattler? Just let me know!

Kathy Paradis

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Association is looking for members to volunteer to work on tournaments; signing in members, checking and posting scores, handing out rules, etc. If you are interested (even if you can only work on one tournament), **PLEASE** check in with Dave Burton, Butch Gagnon, Peter Micoeau, Kathy Paradis, Mike Smith or Chris Benn and we will be happy to sign you up. **WE REALLY DO NEED YOUR HELP!**

COUPLES SOCIAL GOLF

What started out as a rainy cold day turned into a spectacular sun-filled blue-sky day and just in time for couples social golf! On May 24th, 20 couples came out to golf. If you haven't tried it, this is not only a great way to meet new or seasoned couples but also enjoy the game of golf on a lighter side due to our array of fun golf formats. The cost is \$5.00 a person, plus the cost of a cart, if applicable.

Couples' golf will be held on the following Sundays at 2:00 p.m.: June 7, June 21, July 12, July 26, August 9, August 23, September 6, and September 20. Mark your calendars and sign up on the bulletin board in the club house.

Call the club (829-5100) if you don't have a partner to so they can try to pair you up with someone.

Test Your Golf Knowledge

- True or False:** Stakes or lines used to mark water hazards must be yellow and stakes or lines used to mark lateral water hazards must be red.
- True or False:** A ball is lost if a player has played a provisional ball from a point nearer the hole than where the original ball is likely to be.
- Which is correct regarding the marking of the position of a player's ball?**
 - He may not mark it with a tee.
 - He may mark it with the toe of his putter.
 - He may not mark it in front of the ball towards the hole.
- Which is correct regarding a player addressing the ball?**
 - If he places his club on the ground in front of the ball and takes his stance, he has addressed the ball.
 - On the putting green, if he grounds his club, takes his stance, and then moves away from the ball, he has not addressed the ball.
 - If he takes his stance in a bunker without a club, he has not addressed the ball.
- Which is correct regarding a ball that may be interfering with or assisting another player's play?**
 - A player may have any other ball lifted if he considers it might interfere with his play even if his ball is in motion.
 - A player may lift his ball if he considers it might interfere with the play of any other player.
 - A player may lift his ball if he considers it might assist the play of any other player.
- Which of the following does not result in a penalty?**
 - Swinging at and missing a wrong ball.
 - Playing a stroke with his ball and dislodging an abandoned ball that was hidden and lay underneath it.
 - Playing a stroke at part of an abandoned ball which had broken into pieces.
- During play of the 4th hole, which of the following is "through the green"?**
 - Areas of fairway on all 18 holes.
 - All bunkers on the course.
 - Teeing ground of the 4th hole.
 - Putting green of the 4th hole.
- In match play, a player discovers that his ball in play does not conform to the Rules. His mistake is unintentional. What is the ruling?**
 - There is no penalty.
 - There is a loss of hole penalty.
 - He is disqualified.
- In stroke play, two players strike their balls into the same area of high grass. Two balls are found, but because there are no identifying marks on either ball, neither of the players can identify a ball as his. What is the ruling?**
 - There is no penalty and they must choose a ball based on lot.
 - Each player incurs a stroke and distance penalty because both balls are lost.
 - Each player incurs a two stroke penalty and must choose a ball based on lot.
- Which one of the following is an abnormal ground condition?**
 - Temporary accumulation of water in a drainage ditch.
 - Burrowing animal hole.
 - Asphalt road
 - Sand filled divot hole.

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As Par As the Eye Can See

Arthur is 90 years old. He's played golf every day since his retirement 25 years ago. One day he arrives home looking downcast. "That's it," he tells his wife. "I'm giving up golf. My eyesight has got so bad...once I've hit the ball, I can't see where it went."

His wife sympathizes. As they sit down she says, "Why don't you take my brother with you, and give it one more try?"

"That's no good," sighs Arthur. "Your brother is a hundred and three. He can't help."

"He may be a hundred and three," says the wife, "but his eyesight is perfect."

So the next day Arthur heads off to the golf course with his brother-in-law. He tees up, takes an almighty swing and squints down the fairway. He turns to the brother-in-law. "Did you see the ball?"

"Of course I did," says the brother-in-law. "I have perfect eyesight."

"Where did it go?" asks Arthur.

"I can't remember."

Answers (Test Your Golf Knowledge)

Answers:

1. **True.** Definitions in Rules of Golf of "Water Hazard" and "Lateral Water Hazard"
2. **True.** Definition in Rules of Golf of lost ball.
3. **B.** He may mark it with the toe of his putter. Decision 20-1/16.
4. **A.** If he places his club on the ground in front of the ball and takes his stance, he has addressed the ball. Decision 18-2b/5.5
5. **C.** A player may lift his ball if he considers it might assist the play of any other player. Rule 22-1
6. **B.** Playing a stroke with his ball and dislodging an abandoned ball that was hidden and lay underneath it. Decision 15/2
7. **A.** Areas of fairway on all 18 holes. Definition in Rules of Golf of "Through the Green"
8. **C.** He is disqualified. Rule 5-1
9. **B.** Each player incurs a stroke and distance penalty because both balls are lost. Decision 27/10
10. **B.** Burrowing animal hole. Definition in Rules of Golf of "Abnormal Ground Condition"

(Q&As are from the United States Golf Association)

If you think it's hard to meet new people,
try picking up the wrong golf ball.

~ Jack Lemmon