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Superintendent News

So as we wind down another year here at Dutchess, there are a few updates you may want to know about. First, for those of you who have not already met her, we have a new addition at the maintenance shop. Her name is "Autumn", and she joined Jake and Sheeba back in June. She is a Golden Lab, and is already running with the other two, chasing geese and woodchucks. She really is a great addition.



As I write this the leaves are falling fast. I hope everyone

got out on the course to see the great fall color on display this year. We are doing our best to keep the course clear, but sometimes the wind gets the best of us. With that in mind, please be aware of the guys when they are blowing leaves in the fairways. The blowers are very loud and with hearing protection they CAN NOT hear you. Always get their attention before hitting towards them. Also, as you may have noticed, we have removed the distance markers from the sides of the fairways. This is to prevent them from being ground up with the leaves.

The pump on #14 pond has been repaired and the pit has been dredged. Hopefully we will have it re-set in the next two weeks. This pump is critical when we get excessive rains to pump that area down when it floods. It also allows

us to pump water from that pond to #8 pond in dry times.

A couple other projects we will be working on this fall are pruning along #10 and around several tees. Drainage projects in a few areas include #17 sand trap and #14 ladies tee. We also have several dead trees to be removed.

Well, I hope everyone has enjoyed this golf season! This time of year I stop thinking about golf and start to do more hunting and fishing. Enjoy the fall foliage while it lasts, and feel free to stop by the shop and meet Autumn. See you all in the Spring!!!

Willie Moriarty

Business Office

My first five months here have been exciting and **very** busy! It has been such a pleasure working with all of you and I

look forward to continuing to serve the members' needs. I have had the privilege of meeting most of you face to face and hopefully in time I will get to meet each one of you!

I appreciate your patience as I settled in to my position. I know it took some time to get a few of your accounts straightened out and I hope I succeeded in doing so. That being said, you will find enclosed a 2015 Membership Questionnaire. My goal is to start the 2015 year with an updated profile for every member. Most of the information requested is similar to your original application, but some information needs updating. Please provide all of the information requested and return this questionnaire to the Business Office no later than 11/30/14. Our Account Representative from ClubSelect, our membership software company, will be spending some time with me in early December to work on updating our membership software applications and this requested information will assist in doing so.

Again, thank you for your warm welcome this past

season and I look forward to continuing to meet all of your membership account needs.

Jennifer Coughlin

Membership Director

I have been lucky enough to have had the pleasure of playing a few rounds of golf with various members over the last few months. I must say that I am very impressed with the passion that they have for Dutchess Golf Club. In regards to the course and the club, these members took the time to explain what they enjoyed and what they also thought need assistance. Of course not everybody had the same ideas or agreed on what was best for the club. However I think the objective is that these members showed me they genuinely care for the club, its' members and most importantly the golf course itself.

I have taken all the comments into consideration and have started the task on delivering four key enablers that I believe are essential for the success of Dutchess Golf Club:

People: This involves greater interaction with our members,

promoting more social events and supporting our staff to deliver services fit and proper to the club.

Membership: The need to increase membership is paramount and vital for the long term future of the club.

Compliance: This must support everything we do and is essential to show us to be a club that has integrity and propriety at its core.

Revenue growth: The club needs to move quickly toward a more commercially based position that understands its own business, maximizes opportunities within it while seeking to grow in other areas. Innovation is essential to this and we are looking at new ways to generate income for the club.

This will not be an overnight fix and I hope members will understand this and support in its objectives.

Deborah Lengyel

Food & Beverage Director

It really is the most wonderful time of the year, so check your guest list twice, deck your halls and prepare to celebrate straight through to the New Year. Whatever your holiday traditions - Hanukkah, Las Posadas, Christmas, Kwanzaa, - it's the season for parties that many experts say are less about outdated "rules" and more about embracing your own personal style.

Social events such as holiday parties are a great way to encourage people to socialize and mingle over superb food. One of the main reasons it is so important for families to sit down and eat dinner together is to converse. The best type of food to serve at any social event is finger food, as this enables people to stand and talk while they eat which keeps the party fun and lively throughout the evening. Of course preparing canapés, sandwiches and other types of party food can be stressful, particularly when it is down to you to organize other parts of the evening such as music and the venue. For the best results and to reduce stress, it is worth seeking the services

of trained professionals which is where Dutchess Golf Club comes into play. We know exactly what food to serve and you can be sure your taste buds will be fulfilled. Dutchess Golf Club offers the whole package for your special event and we hope as members you take as much pride in this club as we do. I sincerely look forward to growing with you as a part of this astounding club.

Jared Secor

Events Director

This year is flying right by us! I wanted to introduce myself and say thank you to the members who have welcomed me to the club and I hope to meet you all over the next few months.

Due to the snow and cold weather, golf season inevitably slows down a bit but don't forget that as club members here at Dutchess Golf we are a part of a family. We really enjoy hosting member events and appreciate member involvement so we can see this family unite and grow. Due to the member's positive event referrals, we are looking forward to 2015 being better than ever!

Darlene Harrington



A Note from the Pro

The golf carts will be available until the 16th of November, *weather and course conditions permitting*. The following week the carts will be winterized and stored for the off-season.

Eight (8) carts will remain in the bag room for use on a first-come-first-serve basis until the 30th of November, *weather and course conditions permitting*.

After November 30th, no carts will be available.

A reminder: All clubs, bags and pull/motorized carts must be removed from the bag room no later than November 2nd!!!

Doug Hansen

Clubhouse Hours

Closed Monday & Tuesday

Wednesday 7am-9pm

Thursday 7am-6pm

Friday 7am-9pm

Saturday & Sunday 7am-6pm

*Hours of operation are weather & event
permitting

Dining Hours

Lunch: Wednesday - Sunday 11am-3pm

Dinner: Wednesday 5-8pm, Friday 5-9pm

Happy Hour: Friday's 5-7pm

November & December Pro Shop Hours

Monday - Sunday 9:00am-4:00pm

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UPCOMING EVENTS

November

26th- Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner

Buffet 5:30pm-8pm

Freshly Carved Oven Roasted Turkeys

Cranberry Sauce and Traditional Gravy

Seared Trout with Toasted Almonds

Chestnut Stuffing

Creamy Whipped Potatoes

Bourbon and Brown Sugar Glazed Yams

Caramelized Brussels Sprouts, Apples, Roasted Squash and Pecorino Romano

Corn Spoon Bread

Baked Spaghetti Pie

Dressed Field Greens with Apples Walnuts and Crumbled Gorgonzola

Ice Cream, Pecan Pies, Pumpkin Cheesecake and More!

\$25 All Inclusive

December

14th Vine Van Gogh

18th Member's Party

31st New Year's Eve Party

Contact Debbie at 845.452.3110 X 100 to make Reservations!

