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A NOTE FROM OUR GM



ROB ANEN, CCM
General Manager/COO

Spring into the Season at Spring Lake Golf Club!

The smell of fresh cut grass and as I hear toasting glasses on the outside patio, spring is in the air! That must mean we are getting closer to the season at Spring Lake Golf Club. This "off-season" has been anything but "off." The TEAM has been focused on planning and creating a plan for the upcoming season and looking forward to welcoming all our members and guests back to the Club. The Club is poised for another great year, thanks to the supportive membership and our fabulous employees. We had close to 100% return rate for our employees that took time off during the quieter time of the year. I have asked those individuals, why do you come back to the Club? Without a doubt, one of the answers we hear often is that it is awesome at Spring Lake! The employees enjoy getting to know you, your guests, and your favorite drink or two. They appreciate the relationships, and they truly have a sense of pride being at the "The Best Club in Monmouth County" per Bryan Burke. I want to thank the members of the Club for creating that opportunity for our TEAM to do what they enjoy doing and that is creating smiles for our membership and being part of our amazing culture.

As you review this seasonal Scorecard, the Club has so many good stories as it relates to growth and personal achievements. That drive comes from within, and fostered through relationships, mentoring, coaching and opportunities to learn and grow. This culture is what Spring Lake Golf Club is all about and has created momentum for a very special Club with special people.

As we celebrate our 125th Anniversary, I take a great amount of joy and pride to be part of the Club. This year will go into the historical archives as a very special year. Yes, the Club is beautiful, and the course is amazing, but the people that we are around each day is what makes us so special. Every day, I am thankful for my Club family and the challenges, opportunities, and relationships I have fostered in my tenure. As we look forward, I challenge our leadership to continue the momentum, continue to engage and continue to be relevant for membership. What we think about is what we can do today that is different or how can we continue to create special moments for our members, guests, and employees. Know that we are all focused on you, the great membership, and creating memorable experiences while at the Club.

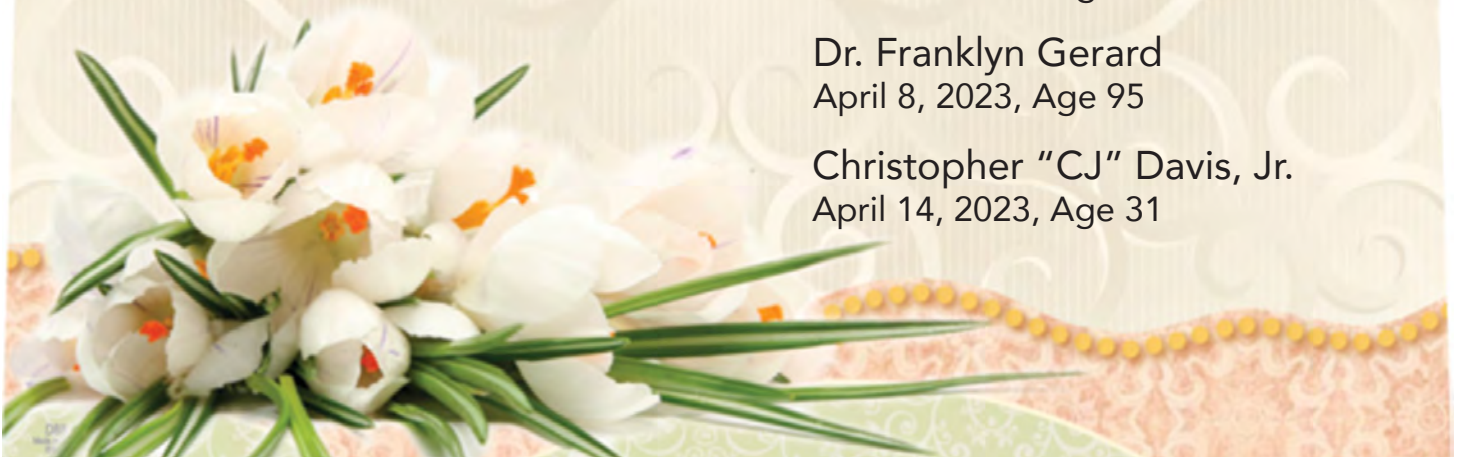
In closing, I am looking forward to all the smiles this season at the Club and enjoying all the celebratory moments together. Now we just need some weather as the patio is set, the golf course is ready, and our employees are ready for another great year at Spring Lake Golf Club!

Please remember that my door is always open, and I appreciate all your feedback, thoughts, relationships, and conversations.

Proudly yours,

Robert H. Anen, CCM
General Manager/COO

*In
Loving
Memory*



Mrs. Virginia "Ginny" Westphal
January 26, 2023, Age 76

Mrs. Florence Maclearie
January 30, 2023, Age 88

Mr. Kenneth Kunzman
March 3, 2023, Age 85

Mrs. Helen Sumer
March 8, 2023, Age 91

Dr. Franklyn Gerard
April 8, 2023, Age 95

Christopher "CJ" Davis, Jr.
April 14, 2023, Age 31

Happy Anniversary ...

May

Peter & Diana Smith 5/20
Kermit & Patricia Abrahamson 5/29
George & Joan Newcombe 5/30

June

Fred & Anne Folco 6/4
Drew & Sophie Sisler 6/4
Peter & Aphrodite Tsairis 6/7
John & Allison McNally 6/8
Vinnie & MaryAnn Hirsch 6/13
Mike & Carol Tuzzio 6/13
Mark & Jackie Brahney 6/17
Dr. Joseph & Jennifer Duddy 6/17
Tom & Kelly McEvoy 6/17
Bob & Barbara Blasi 6/20
Pete & Kathy Kenny 6/22

Thomas & Karen Stackhouse 6/23

Ron & Donna Schrader 6/24

Tim & Sue Heine 6/26

Bill & Jane Bryan 6/28

Peter & Sue Ragan 6/28

Warren & Jeannette Beyer 6/29

Bob & Eileen Kane 6/29

July

Vic & Christine Fontana 7/3
William & Maureen Dooley 7/5
Bob & Carol Mulholland 7/9
Jim & Kristen Barry 7/10
Jim & Michele McCarthy 7/17
Dr. Vincent & Susan Lanteri 7/18
JP & Nora Connellan 7/21
Wayne & Carol Patterson 7/27

August

William & Ellen Gerard 8/2
Stephen & Jennifer Breen 8/4
Stephen & Jen Rogers 8/5
Tom & Carol White 8/10
Dick & Patty Burrus 8/11
John & Shelly LoCascio 8/13
Mark & Jane Pellicchia 8/13
Bob & Karen Tanzola 8/13
Kevin & Carol Hanley 8/14
Frank & Peg Ciufo 8/18
Michael & Beth Murphy 8/18
Cliff & Shauna Clark 8/19
Devon & Courtenay Clancy 8/26
Richard & MaryBeth Kelly 8/26
Dan & Mary O'Connor 8/31

Welcome....

NEW MEMBERS

New House Members



Frederick and Christine Hammitt are new House members. Richard, as he likes to be called, and Christine are both retired and live in Fairway Mews. Richard is on the Board and Christine is the President of the 18-Holers at Fairway Mews. She is also the First Vice President of the Garden Club of Spring Lake. They have four grown children, whom they are proud of. Despite being retired and having grown children, they say they are busier than ever but very happy! They are very much looking forward to making memories here at SLGC.



John and Sheila Goggins are new House members. Sheila is the daughter of Mrs. Marjorie Matthews and the sister of Stephen Matthews. John and Sheila are no strangers to the Club. John and Sheila reside in Chatham, but they spend their spare time at their home in Sea Girt. John and Sheila are members of The Minisink Club in Chatham. They are very active in the Chatham community. They are on the Board of Directors and Trustees for the Red Brick School House Museum, Senior Center of the Chathams and the Town and Country Garden Club. John and Sheila have a daughter who is getting married this October. The Goggins are very much looking forward to using the Club and making their own memories.



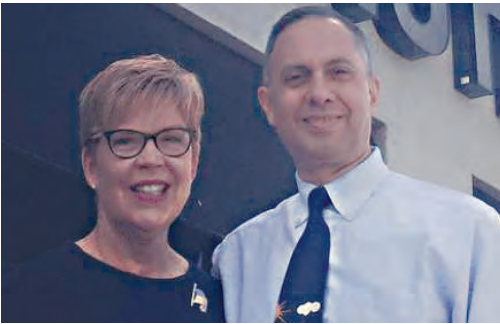
John and Cecilia Scalia are new House members. John and Cecilia reside in Staten Island, but they spend their summers here in Spring Lake. John is the owner and operator of several funeral homes in Staten Island and New Jersey. Cecilia worked as a Sign Language Interpreter for 15 years and now is happily retired. John is currently on several Boards of Trustees in Staten Island. He is also currently the liaison to Cardinal Dolan of New York on behalf of the Staten Island Vicariate Council. The Scalia's have two grown children and many grandchildren. They are both very excited to make memories here with friends, co-members and their family.



Michael Jensen is a new House member. Mike lives in Brielle and is currently the owner of US Homemed LLC in Manasquan and is also the Vice-President of Richel Commercial Brokerage. Mike is involved in many charities and organizations; Brielle Youth Baseball and Basketball, VNA, Make-A-Wish, Tunnel to Towers Foundation, just to name a few. Mike has two grown sons. Mike is very excited to be his "OWN" member and very much looking forward to making many special memories with some of his closest friends.



Walter and Michele Garger are new House Awaiting Golf members. They moved to the Sea Girt area approximately six years ago after being encouraged to come see what a special place it is. Walter has been the head general counsel for The Hartford Mutual Fund company for the past 19 years. Michele is now retired but she dedicated her career to helping sick children as a Pediatric Hematology/Oncology nurse in many different hospitals. Walter and Michele are extremely active in many charitable organizations; The Boys and Girls Club, the Cure Alzheimer's Fund, just to name a few. They have two grown children who have started their own careers. Walter and Michele are both very excited about joining SLGC and very much looking forward to making many memories!



James and Anne Russomano are new House members. They live in Woodland Park and have a summer house here in Spring Lake. Both James and Anne have built a very successful car dealership in Nutley, NJ. In addition to building a thriving business, they also are very involved and supportive of the Phoenix Center, which is a not-for-profit school serving the educational, behavioral and therapeutic needs of students ages 5-21 with Autism. James and Anne have four children and five grandchildren, all of whom they adore and love spending time with. They are very much looking forward to making many memories here at SLGC.

Members on the Move – 2023

New Full Golf House Members

John deCastro has been a House Awaiting Golf member for the past six years and now he is a Full Golf member. I am sure most of you have seen Mr. deCastro around for dinner or for special events. His mother, Peggy deCastro and sister Jenny deCastro are also full golf members here as well.

Joseph and Nicole Konzelmann have been House Awaiting Golf Husband/Wife members for the past six years and now Full Golf Husband/Wife members. Mrs. Konzlemann will be playing with the 9-Holers on Thursdays.

Alexander and Karen Taylor (no relation to the other Taylors) have been a House Awaiting Golf member for the past six years and now is another Full Golf member.

Kenneth and Paula Zusi have been House Awaiting Golf members for the past six years and now he is a Full Golf member. Mr. Zusi's mother has been a member of the Club here for years. Mr. Zusi has been here both as a guest and as a member.

Curt and Kris Huegel have been House Awaiting Golf members for the past six years and now is another Full Golf member.

Joseph and Vita DeGennaro have been House Awaiting Golf Husband/Wife members for the past six years and now Full Golf Husband/Wife members. Mrs. DeGennaro will be playing with the 9-Holers on Thursdays. Mr. DeGennaro has been enjoying playing with the Seniors on Wednesdays.



Howard Royce celebrating his 101st Birthday with family



Kerri McGeehan celebrating her birthday with friends and family



Thomas Pirolo birthday celebration



John Scalia birthday celebration with family



Pete Kenny birthday celebration with family and then shortly after, another birthday celebration for Kathy Kenny



Allison Weir celebrating her "25th" birthday



Tom McDonald birthday celebration



Elise Leddy celebrating her birthday with her children and grandchildren



Eileen Stokes birthday celebration with friends and family

Two of the first tables enjoying lunch on Opening Day in the 1898 Pub



(Left to right) Judy Cerami, Dianne Meserlin, Wendy Feeley, Pearl Fitzgerald, Susan Ragan and Rob Anen standing



(Left to right) Barbara Ann Curran, Helen Motzenbecker and Patricia Gilsenan

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**MAY**

Kate Ballou 5/1
 Nancy Hurley 5/1
 Dr. Peter Mencil 5/1
 Gary Vialonga 5/1
 Bud Zimmermann 5/1
 Mary O'Connor 5/2
 Christina Pirolo 5/2
 Shelly LoCascio 5/3
 Moira Carey 5/4
 Marybeth Jacobson 5/4
 Dennis Lauzon 5/4
 Patrick McGuinness 5/4
 Carol Patterson 5/4
 Robert Dawson 5/7
 Dawn McDonough 5/7
 Charles Maffey 5/9
 AllanTulp 5/9
 Christy Langella 5/10
 Carla Abrahamson 5/11
 Kathleen Agesen 5/11
 Matthew Egan 5/11
 Julie Manahan 5/11
 Jen Rogers 5/11
 Kerri Schanen 5/11
 Catherine Aiello 5/12
 Mark Hansen 5/12
 Al Mizhir, Jr. 5/12
 Michelle Santaliz 5/12
 Will Pesce 5/13
 Grete Scott 5/13
 Maureen Skea 5/13
 Brian Keating, Jr. 5/14
 Dr. Vincent Zales 5/14
 John deCastro 5/15
 Gerald Fagan 5/15
 Mark DiStefano 5/16
 Valentina Gabela 5/16
 Neil Keating 5/16
 Phyllis Liguori 5/17
 Rob Cignarella 5/18
 Meghan Reynolds 5/18
 Penny Piper 5/18

Terry Coughlin 5/20
 Chris Smith 5/20
 Jennifer Breen 5/21
 Ellen Gerard 5/21
 Jim Kwaitkowski 5/21
 Cindy McDonald 5/21
 Lyn Renk 5/22
 Megan Loewenberg 5/23
 Jacky Crawford 5/24
 Lisel Perselay 5/24
 Frank Ciufu 5/25
 Larry Larkin 5/25
 Kathleen Fitzpatrick 5/26
 Luby Masi 5/27
 Steve Dora 5/27
 Susan Zimmermann 5/27
 Joseph Konzelmann 5/28
 Barbara O'Connor 5/28
 Patricia Passalacqua 5/29
 Bob Mulholland 5/29
 Richard Burrus 5/30
 Lisa Clifford 5/30
 Kristen Davey 5/30
 Nina Devlin 5/30
 Frederick Hammitt 5/31
 Bob Tafaro 5/31

JUNE

Michael Aiello 6/1
 Paula Fagan 6/1
 Beth Murphy 6/1
 Ron Pongrac 6/1
 Dr. Salvatore Sclafani 6/1
 Jeanette Little 6/3
 Tom Killeen 6/4
 Bill Lynch Jr. 6/6
 Lisa Caucino 6/7
 Stavra Conlon 6/7
 Kris Huegel 6/7
 Chris Matuch 6/7
 Lori Kwaitkowski 6/8
 George Piper 6/8
 Deborah Curto 6/9

Elizabeth Dangler 6/9
 Mary Beth Eckert 6/9
 Dr. Robert Kane 6/9
 Stephen Breen 6/10
 Meghan Frost 6/10
 Carol Griffin 6/10
 Scott Robertson 6/10
 Bill Walsh 6/10
 Richard Morford 6/11
 Tom Malone 6/12
 Hank Rehrer 6/12
 Dennis Lu 6/13
 Art Farren 6/15
 Tammy Regan 6/16
 Maureen Daniello 6/17
 Bernadine DeStefano 6/17
 Kevin McCarthy 7/12
 Curt Huegel 6/18
 Terry Martini 6/18
 Jean Rodgers 7/16
 Susan Froehlich 6/20
 Tom Froehlich 6/20
 George Gammond 6/22
 Emily Heine 6/22
 Dr. John Hurley 6/22
 Nicole Berry 6/23
 Jim McCarthy 6/23
 Valerie Abel 6/24
 Abby Boles 6/24
 Bill Bryan 6/24
 Jacqueline Gammond 6/24
 Joann Klein 6/24
 Mark Brahney 6/25
 Michele Horan 6/25
 Janet McKenna 6/26
 Kevin Bormida 6/27
 Kathryn Gresh 6/27
 Kevin Coughlin 6/28
 Diane Moran 6/28
 Sandra Siliato 6/30

JULY

Peg Ciufu 7/3

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Kenneth Clifford 7/3
 Janet Flynn 7/3
 Walter MacGowan 7/3
 Mark Pellecchia 7/3
 Carol White 7/3
 Karen Crines 7/4
 Alfred J. Golden, Jr. 7/4
 Margaret Padala 7/4
 John Motley 7/5
 Timothy Crowley 7/6
 Eileen Harte 7/6
 Dennis Leddy 7/6
 Cathy Fareri 7/7
 Scott St. Marie 7/7
 Stacey Zavalas Lonsdale 7/7
 Brian Machler 7/9
 Joan Newcombe 7/9
 John Braniff 7/10
 Katie Flaherty 7/10
 Mary Amato 7/11
 Lynda Braun 7/12
 Virginia (Cookie) Dolan 7/12
 Anthony Grillo 7/12
 Lori Grogan 7/12
 Kevin McCarthy 7/12
 Mary Jayne Nelson 7/12
 Nicholas Cannella 7/13
 Joseph Frates 7/13
 Vinnie Hirsch 7/14
 Mike Moran 7/14
 John Coleman III 7/15
 Marc Capone 7/17
 William Hannon 7/17
 Jack McCue 7/17
 Ed Davin 7/18
 Michael Pucciarelli 7/18

Chris Lukas 7/19
 Peter Smith 7/19
 Jason Swiatek 7/19
 Fred Folco 7/20
 Meghan Kalas 7/20
 Mike Langella 7/20
 Steven Pollard 7/21
 Mary Beth O'Rourke 7/22
 Karen Criares 7/23
 Stuart Patterson 7/23
 Shannon Swiatek 7/23
 Gregg Pellecchia 7/24
 Helen Capone 7/26
 Stephen Cutler 7/28
 Sarah Dunleavy 7/28
 James Heine 7/28
 Daniel McDonald 7/29
 Ms. Leona O'Connor 7/29
 Mark Olear 7/29
 Florence Boyle 7/30
 Brian Dugan, Jr. 7/30
 Ellen Hedden 7/30
 Patrick Reilly, Sr. 7/30
 Constance Keller 7/31
 Margaret Maffey 7/31

AUGUST

Terence O'Toole 8/3
 Peter Ragan, Jr. 8/3
 Desmond X. Slattery 8/3
 Jessica Baker 8/5
 Marianne O'Malley 8/5
 Thomas Meloro 8/4
 Gil Santaliz 8/4
 Dayton Lonsdale 8/5
 Erin Crowley 8/6
 Joe DeGennaro 8/6
 Brooke Rallo 8/6
 Sandra LeSage 8/7
 Laura O'Leary 8/7

Susan Donnelly 8/8
 Edison Peres 8/8
 Clare Forlenza 8/10
 Patricia Gilsenan 8/10
 John Goggins 8/10
 Bill Guerci 8/10
 Barbara Pellecchia 8/11
 Vic Bergwall 8/12
 Jack Oujo 8/12
 Bob Tanzola 8/12
 June Mahon 8/14
 Barbara Nelson 8/14
 Chris Nakatani 8/14
 Ed McBride 8/14
 Pearl Fitzgerald 8/15
 Sheila Kenny 8/15
 Susan Hannon 8/16
 Carolyn Holt 8/16
 Mary Maurer 8/16
 Stephen Rogers 8/18
 David Berry 8/19
 Kim Smith 8/20
 Tom Harte 8/21
 Don Terwilliger 8/22
 Christopher (Chip) Kelly 8/23
 Scott Lynch 8/23
 Jeanne McGuinness 8/23
 Tom Considine 8/24
 Brian Mastrorilli 8/24
 Caroline McMahan 8/24
 Gene Renna 8/24
 Thomas Stephens 8/24
 Pat Cademartori 8/25
 Thomas Kelleher 8/25
 Michael Anderson 8/26
 Brenda Connolly 8/26
 Dan Kelleher 8/26
 Carol Mulholland 8/26
 Vern Ralph 8/26
 John L. Sullivan 8/27
 Kim Troy 8/29
 Robert Batesko 8/31



*Congratulations
Bryan Burke*

Our SLGC family and staff couldn't be more proud to have such a special person part of our Team!

Thank you, Bryan, for all you do and don't ever stop smiling..... or giving those unbelievable hugs.



(l to r) Rob Anen, Tom Pellegrino, Bryan Burke, Jimmy Heenan, Matt McKeon



(l to r) Pete Kenny, Rob Anen, Bryan Burke, Cory Melroy, Bridget Foster



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AROUND THE CLUB

Bryan Burke celebrates 25 years at Spring Lake Golf Club

Spring Lake resident praised as the 'glue' of the operation

BY CHRISTINE WALSH
THE COAST STAR

SPRING LAKE — Bryan Burke has a smile that immediately lights up the whole room.

The Spring Lake "community fixture" recently celebrated his 25th anniversary working at the Spring Lake Golf Club as a locker room attendant, where staff members from the entire club honored him with a big party - cake and all.

"I've worked here since 1998," said Mr. Burke, proudly. Mr. Burke, 46, has Down Syndrome - meaning he has one extra chromosome [trisomy 21]; perhaps one of the characteristics that makes Mr. Burke who he is - a funny, charismatic, hard-working employee who greets everyone with a smile.

"I think it's important that people see that people [with Down Syndrome] are capable of doing work in the community," said Bryan's mom.

Thomas Pellegrino, Golf Club locker room manager and Mr. Burke's boss, described Mr. Burke as "Public relations for the locker room - he is in charge of making sure members are satisfied," he said. "And if they have any complaints, they usually don't give them to Bryan," said Mr. Pelligrino, jokingly.

Mr. Burke's locker room duties include carefully placing club members' "street shoes" in their respective lockers, shining members' golf shoes and serving as the resident club mailman, in addition to being recognized by fellow employees, members and even infrequent golfers as the club's unofficial ambassador.

Mr. Burke has single handedly memorized member names associated with their respective locker numbers - all 250 of them.

"If you gave him a member's name right now, he could give you their number," said Mr. Pelligrino.

In a speed quiz round from his colleagues, Mr. Burke rattled off the names of four different club members and their corresponding locker numbers. "Mr. [Smith] - 258 - that's easy," said Mr. Burke. He takes the list home to study, and memorize, on a regular basis.



MARK R. SULLIVAN THE COAST STAR

Spring Lake Bryan Burke just celebrated his 25th anniversary working in the locker room at the Spring Lake Golf Club. His coworkers described him as the "glue of the operation."

"He knows the members; he knows the member's kids, he forms special relationships with everyone he meets," said Robert Anen, club General Manager.

"Everybody knows who he is," said Mr. Anen. "When he walks through the locker room, he creates relationships in the locker room, in the kitchen and with the bartenders - everyone."

25 YEARS

Two weeks ago, Mr. Burke celebrated his 25th anniversary of working at the club.

Mr. Burke, who declared Mr. Pelligrino "his favorite manager," has worked under many locker room managers over the years - as he has been working for the club for a quarter century out of its 125 years in operation.

The staff at the Spring Lake Golf Club held a big party celebrating Mr. Burke's 25th anniversary, packing the locker room to shower their favorite employee with the same affection he shows them every day.

The club presented Mr. Burke with a plaque to commemorate the achievement, as well as giving him a shiny gold pin, which Mr. Burke proudly sported on his lapel.

Twenty-five years ago, Mr. Burke's job coach, Mike Murry of Family Resources of Monmouth

County, set him up with a "trial-run" working at the club in the locker room.

"The club during those two weeks took such a liking to Bryan that they asked him to work here," said Mr. Pelligrino.

"They [club members and guests] come and they want to know where Bryan is. Same thing with members' guests - who come here once every two years - the first thing they ask is if Bryan still works here," said Mr. Pelligrino.

"Bryan has relationships with each one of those people," said Mr. Anen.

He greets his fellow employees with a hug hello, who he happily stated are all part of the "Spring Lake Family."

DOO WOP DOO WOP

Mr. Burke is a man of routine.

Before heading to his job at the club, where he works from 2 p.m. to close Tuesday through Sunday, Mr. Burke takes his one-year-old niece for a stroll around Spring Lake before getting some exercise biking around town. When he's not working, he likes to watch WWE wrestling. His favorite wrestlers of all time are Baron Corbin and John Cena.

"Bryan knows everything about wrestling, past and present," said Mr. Pelligrino.

He also likes doo-wop and Motown music, which he plays on a speaker in the locker room that he brings daily to work. His favorite acts include Four Tops and Johnny Maestro and the Brooklyn Bridge.

Mr. Burke is also a big fan of church choral music, as he is an active member of St. Catharine - St. Margaret Parish. "I sing along with the choir," he said.

When he is not listening to catchy beats or attending mass, Mr. Burke enjoys spending time with his family.

He is the oldest of four, with two brothers, one sister and a very special one-year-old nephew and godchild, said Mr. Burke.

TO ANOTHER 25

Matt McKeon, head of the club's Golf Pro Shop, described Bryan as "a fixture here - he knows everything. He's the glue of the operation."

"He puts a smile on everybody's face," said Mr. McKeon. "He's a part of the family, he visits me [in the Pro Shop] for daily hugs. Everybody has personal stories."

"I like my job," said Mr. Burke. Mr. Burke described one of his favorite things about his job is "Working with Tom [Pelligrino] and Jim [another locker room employee.]"

Would you like to work here for another 25 years? "Yes!" said Mr. Burke in reply.

"Who works the hardest?" questioned Mr. Pelligrino.

"I think me," said Mr. Burke, cracking a smile. Mr. Burke had a couple more jokes for the crowd. "What do you like about cleaning?," asked his boss, Mr. Pelligrino. "You get it done and get to go home," said Mr. Burke.

"Bryan is so special because individuals look to [him] for a relationship," said Mr. Anen.

Mr. McKeon echoed Mr. Anen's praises, saying, "They all hit pause for Bryan for a little bit. Employees and members come to him for a smile."

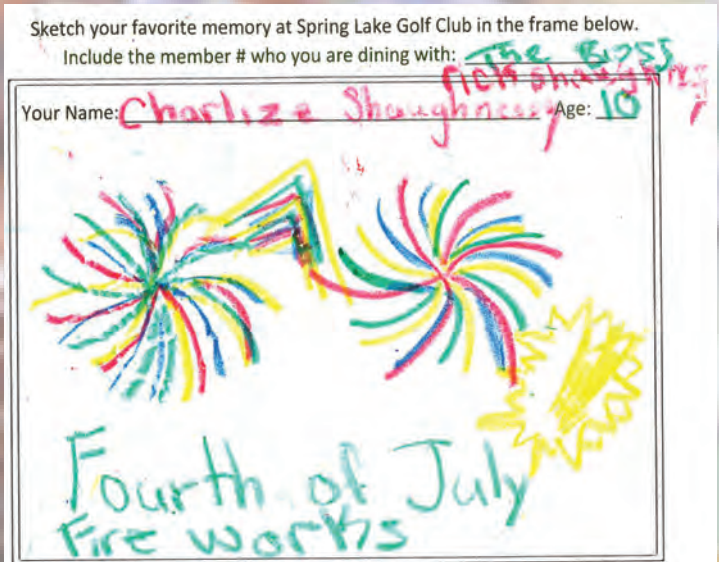
"Spring Lake Club is the best club in Monmouth County," said Mr. Burke.

Christine Walsh can be reached at springlake@thecoaststar.com or 732-223-0076 Ext. 20.

OUR YOUNG ARTISTS

What great photos and memories submitted by our younger members.

Artists in the making!



CONGRATULATIONS

RYE, N.Y. (December 9, 2022) – The Metropolitan Golf Association held its 125th Annual Meeting and Dinner at Westchester Country Club, celebrating the 2022 season and all who made it a success. The meeting portion of the evening was highlighted by the election of Patrick Donnelly as the Association's 66th President.



RUTGERS Professional Golf Turf Management School



A special thanks to Superintendents Thomas Havelka from Spring Lake Golf Club, Patrick Husby from Due Process Stable Golf Course, Christian Scheller from Squires Golf Course, and Jennifer Torres from Westlake Golf and Country Club for taking the time to come and speak to our Turf1 class!

Tom Havelka was part of the panel that spoke to the Rutgers 2-Year Turf Program students in late February. This was a 2-hour panel for the superintendents to share experiences and answer questions from current turf students.

No doubt, Tom had some great knowledge to share.

SLGC Historical Display

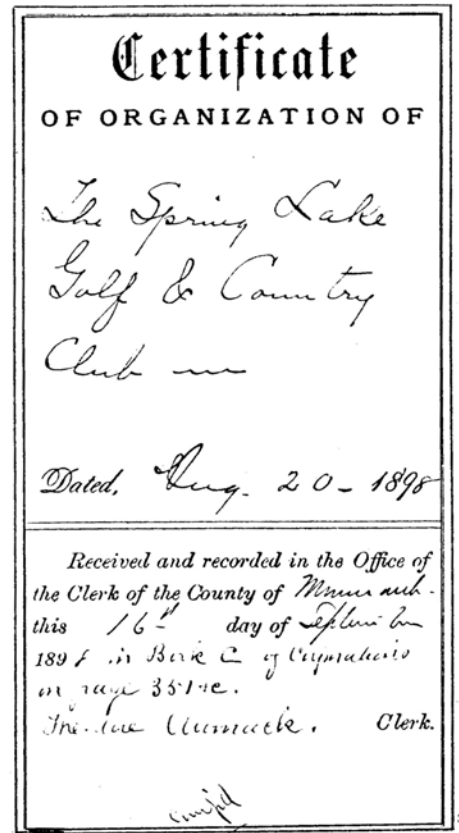
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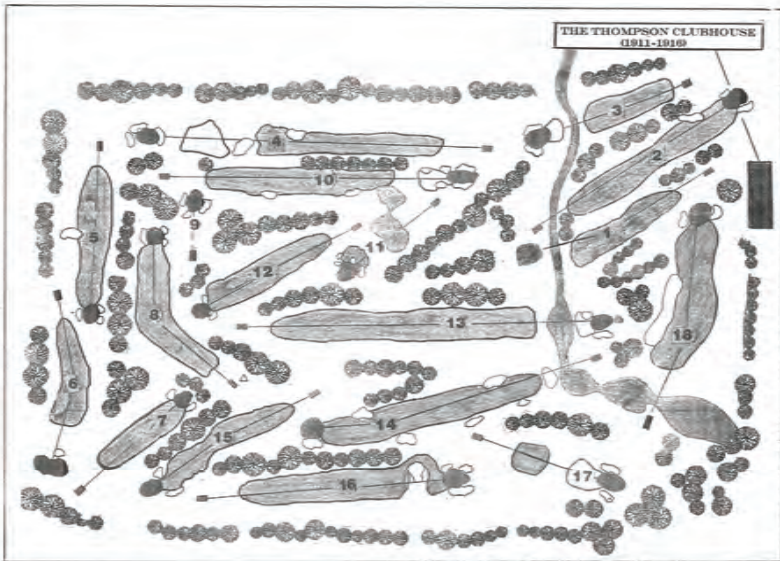
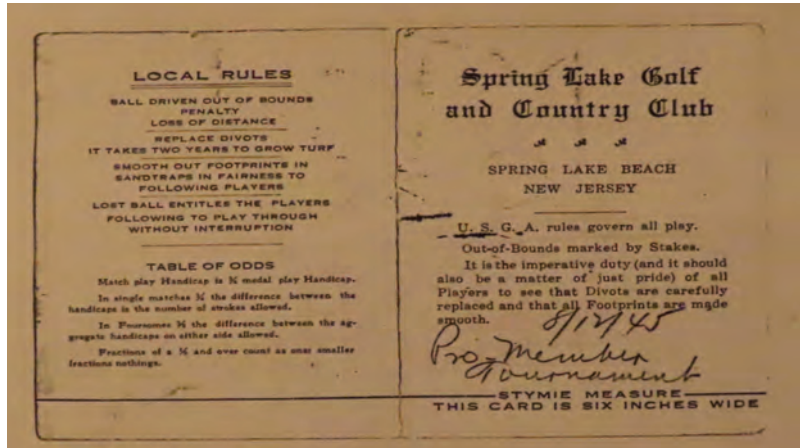
As we celebrate this special year of our 125th Anniversary, a display with some of our great artifacts of the Club including original deeds, artwork, photography and trophies were set up in the Heritage Room. This allowed the membership to learn, feel and touch some of our rich history!

Special thank you to the Historical Committee (Peter Smith, Jim Wingard, Stu Patterson, Dennis Rogers and Pete Kenny) and Tom White for their dedication and commitment to SLGC.

Save the Date: June 20th to the 25th

The Display will be returning in the Heritage Room from 5pm to 8pm due to member's interest.





Frederick F. Schuck, Jr.

CHARTER OFFICERS OF SPRING LAKE GOLF CLUB 1973

John H. Muller, President
 Walter Hartl, Vice President
 Jerry E. Brown, Treasurer
 Dr. Frederick C. Steller, Secretary
 Charles J. Milton, esq., Counsel

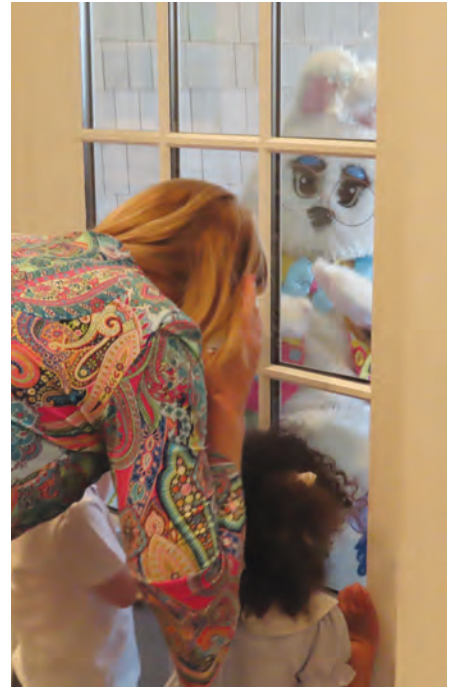
Huge thanks to Sean Bell and Kevin Nulty of Golden Jones Production for filming the interviews and editing our first historical video.

Great job and look for more to come!

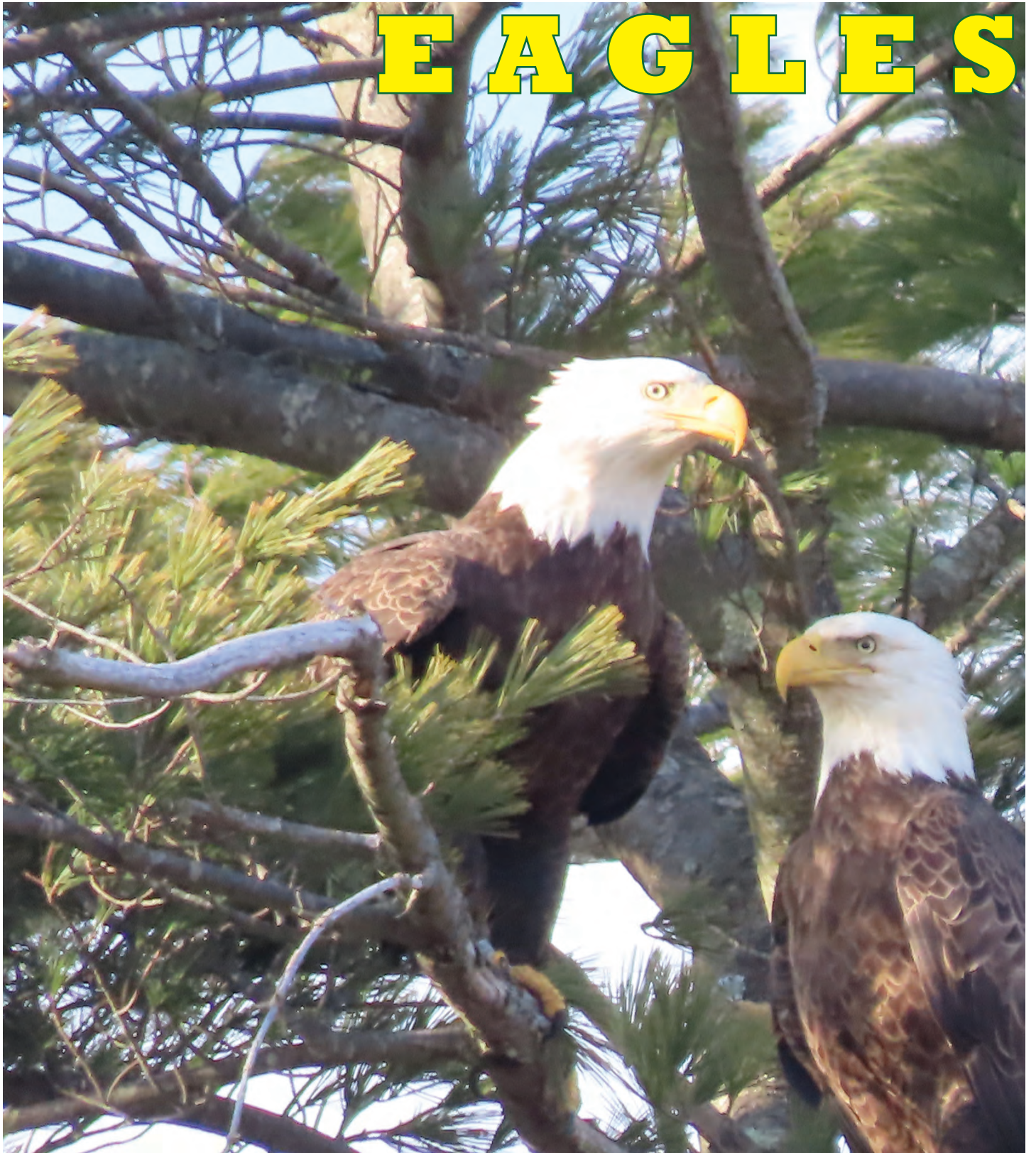


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OUR RESIDENT EAGLES

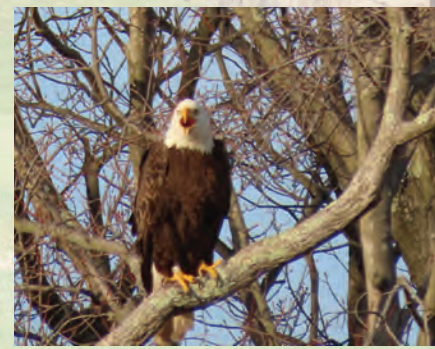


The Conserve Wildlife Foundation of New Jersey contacted Spring Lake Golf Club in February, 2023, regarding their NJ Bald Eagle Project. We have a pair of bald eagles nesting on our golf course and some of you may have seen these birds flying with a wing span of over 6 feet. This organization requested to monitor our nest, as there are several eagle nests on golf courses throughout the State as well.

This project has nest monitors who visit and monitor the eagle nests during the nesting season and record data such as incubation, hatching and fledging. They have been monitoring our nest and we have been told there are two eaglettes that have hatched.



For more information about this wonderful project, please visit: <http://www.conservewildlifenj.org/protecting/projects/baldeagle/>





Cooking Class
March 30, 2023



Spring Lake Golf Club is proud to have received an "Award of Distinction" from the Club Management Association of America's (CMAA) Wine Society. This award is to annually recognize the best club wine programs and laud CMAA member-managed clubs that establish and maintain fine wine programs for their membership.

The second award is also a special one – it was a wine theory exam and blind tasting which was won by Cory Melroy, our Director of Food and Beverage – well done!



PRO SHOP MATTHEW J. MCKEON, PGA, HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL**April Showers Brings May Flowers And Deep Rough**

There is no better time to talk about hitting out of deep rough than right now. Here in New Jersey, the month of April has been filled with so many cool, wet days. These cool wet days saturate the grass and then wait for sun and warmth to make it “explode.” Once the primary rough begins to grow at a rapid pace, it makes our golf holes play much narrower, and driving the golf ball straight and in play becomes a premium. The only issue is that we all don’t drive the ball straight every time so we must prepare to play out of the deep grass.

Hitting out of the thick grass, or rough, can be a major problem. It requires changing your swing to use a little more power to get the ball out of danger and back in play. Sometimes the rough is so deep that you can barely see the ball which also leads to mishit shots. Through a few steps and decisions, you will be prepared to get under the golf ball and generate a little more power to get out of trouble.

First, the golfer must observe and read into the lie to understand the depth of the grass and to properly choose the correct club to get out. In this first step, I want you to understand that loft is your friend and make sure the club will get the ball up and out of the rough without the golfer trying to lift the ball out. Occasionally, you may need a little more club because the rough will slow the club head down on a slower swing speed.

Next, I would like the golfer to grip down on the club to gain a little more control. I would especially grip down if you are in a situation where you need to hit more club than normal. Also, choking down on the club will help you strike the ball much more solidly, preventing any offline or missed shots. While choking down, I would suggest you get comfortable with your posture and distance from the ball. Finally, in the address position, I would like to see a golfer add a little extra weight to your front foot to make the swing path slightly steeper creating a V-shaped swing to dig the ball out of the deep grass while playing the golf ball in the middle of the player’s stance. You will have a feeling that the ball may look a little back in your stance once you start adding a little more weight to your front foot at address.

Now I would like you to predict the amount of grass you will have between the ball and the clubface at impact. If you do not have too much grass in between the club and ball you may hit a “flier” producing a flat flight on the golf ball with zero spin making the shot fly much further than anticipated. Other times, you may trap too much grass between the clubface and the ball resulting in a slower swing ultimately affecting the distance that the ball travels. Understanding the lie and how it affects the shot is so important when playing from these deep positions.

Today, we as golfers are a little spoiled with all of the technology that we can get our hands on. High lofted fairway woods and hybrids have revolutionized this area of the game and for sure have helped those golfers with slower swing speeds to continue to play and have fun. Here in the Spring Lake Golf Shop we have an array of higher lofted fairway woods and hybrids for you all to demo. Even though you may be holding wonderful technology, you still have to have a little knowledge in how the rough will affect the swing and flight of the golf ball. If you still have more questions after reading this article, please stop in the Golf Shop or email me and I would love to continue the conversation.

I wish you a safe and healthy golf season and look forward to seeing you on the course!

Matt

GREENS AND GROUNDS

TOM HAVELKA, GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT



Spring has arrived and we are excited for golf season to begin. The weather so far this spring has been very up and down. We have seen some high temperatures followed by weeks of colder temperatures and rain. Overall, the golf course is growing nicely. For those returning from Florida, you may notice some nice changes upon your arrival.

Regarding the greens, we have expanded the back of both the 4th and 6th greens to allow for more interesting shot choices. The 6th green has also had new bunkers installed to make contours match better as well as replace aging bunker liners. The new bunkers have a strong focus on being gentler on the walk-in areas, a little steeper in the steep spots to ensure balls do not hold up, as well as slightly higher sand lines to provide more visual interest from the tees. Also, at the green surrounds we have added run-off areas or "approach expansions" to the 5th and 14th holes. On the right side of both greens, these areas allow more room for error for those who aim at the pins when placed on the right side. They also allow for more decision-making regarding chipping or putting rather than having to chip from rough areas.

As for tee boxes, we have aimed to add more variety and improve our ability to maintain traffic. On the 7th hole, we removed the existing white /red tee boxes and replaced them with one larger tee box encompassing all of the area of both tees. This will allow us to provide ample teeing space for all of the divots caused by iron usage on these tees. On the 8th tee, we have also added two additional tee boxes. We have built an additional tee box behind the existing blue tee which could add a little over 30 yards to the golf hole. We have also added an alternative tee box on the right of the white and gold tees which will allow for more variety for players. These boxes will also help spread some traffic around. Lastly, we added an additional forward tee box on hole #14. For players with lower club speeds, hole #14 often played more like a par 5 than a par 4 and this forward tee should help them. This tee box also provides added benefit of being used as a tee box for hole #7 for higher end tournament play — adding a little over 20 more yards to the hole.

Beyond projects, there are numerous other small improvements we hope all of you can enjoy this season. We have placed a lot of focus on getting everything ready for opening day regarding such items as refreshing cart paths, installing traqmatz, and adjusting bunker depths. About the bunker depths, we have returned all bunkers to their original specs in regard to bunker sand. Then we will continue to monitor throughout the season. For those interested in the bottoms of our bunkers, we aim to keep five inches of compacted bunker sand. We routinely walk the bunkers with measuring sticks and measure in a grid to move or add sand around the bunkers. The sand depth is a huge factor in maintaining these bunkers, when it comes to playability, please remember weather will often be the largest factor in their performance. Following heavy rain or high humidity, the bunkers tend to stay wetter and play firmer and as they dry, they tend to play a little softer. We do whatever we can to remain consistent from bunker to bunker, but sometimes the microclimate of individual bunkers regarding shade and wind exposure will occasionally cause some to play firmer or softer.

All in all, we are very excited for the 125th golf season at Spring Lake Golf Club. We are hoping and aiming for a truly spectacular year. We do ask in order to ensure this for everyone, players please fix their ball marks, repair their divots, and drive on the center of the cart paths.

Tom

18 HOLLERS ANN TERWILLIGER AND CAROLINE AVALLONE

We are looking forward to the upcoming golf season at Spring Lake! We have a fun-filled season ahead with some exciting new ideas and many of our tried and true tournaments coming back as well!!

We are looking forward to working with our new Vice President, Cathi Conforti, our Treasurer Nancy Hurley, and our Secretary Michele Horan. Our Tuesday tournaments started on April 11th and will continue Tuesdays throughout the season! Our official opening day will be June 13th.

Adam Kennedy has introduced Golf Genius for weekly sign ups. If you have any questions about how to use the new system, contact Adam directly. The sign-up sheets will remain in the locker room as well.

Some important dates to remember:

May 23rd - Golf Trophy Qualifier

June 27th - Member Guest

Best of luck to our MET teams that will be participating all over NJ this month! And a special shout out to our members at Mariner Sands in Florida (Mary Beth O'Rourke and Nancy Hurley in picture below) for their success in the Interclub this winter!! Way to go girls!!

Ann & Caroline



9 HOLLERS HELEN RUSSO-ALESI

We are happy to be back enjoying golf at Spring Lake. Many veteran members have returned and we have welcomed new members to our group. We started off on a very warm, sunny day but subsequent Thursdays have been cool. Many played through the cold and enjoyed lunch after the matches.

The results are:

Kickoff Scramble April 13, 2023

1st Place – Patrice Kelly, Karin Wingard, Marybeth Kelly, Gina Sapnar

2nd Place – Pat Horan , Colleen Codey, Caroline McMahon, Lori Kwiatkowski

3rd Place – Diane Vialonga, Shelly Locascio, Ellen Hedden, Genevieve Mallgrave

Blind Draw Shamble April 20, 2023

Low Gross

1st Place – Marybeth Kelly, Patrice Kelly, Karin Wingard, Genevieve Mallgrave

Low Net

1st Place – Agnes Bossolina, Kathy Reed, Diane Vialonga, Karen Tanzola

2nd Place – Gina Sapnar, Penny Hoffman, Diane Cambron, Helen Russo-Alesi

3rd Place – Caroline McMahon, Teri Karole, Lori Kwiatkowski, Julia Reynolds, Kelly Walsh

Low Net & Low Putts April 27, 2023

Low Net

1st Place – Colleen Codey

2nd Place – Diane Cambron

3rd Place – Gina Sapnar

Low Putts

1st Place – Diane Cambron

2nd Place – Shelly Locascio

We are off to a strong start and looking forward to more members joining us as they return from warmer climes.

Helen

SENIORS

WALTER MACGOWAN

Our 2023 Season got off to a great start on April 19th. This year we have 26 events scheduled that run through October 18th. The format is different from week to week and includes Better Ball of Two, Two Best Balls of Four, Low Net by Class and Foursomes with ABCD teams.

Our traditional annual events return, including Welcome Back Snowbirds, Senior Guest Day, Firecracker Special, Pro Day, Farewell to Snowbirds and our Annual Senior Awards Dinner. Also available is the always popular Senior Interclub Series that sends a SLGC team to compete at Hollywood, Manasquan, Beacon Hill, Rumson, Deal and Navesink over the course of the season, while we also host one week at home.

Each week, there will be a sign-up sheet in the Men's Locker Room for the upcoming Wednesday and also for the next Interclub. You can also sign up by calling the Pro Shop and can choose which tees you want to play from, also with a 9-hole option. SLGC members 50 years and older are eligible along with House Awaiting Golf members with some limitations.

Week one - we had a Better Ball of Two event where Joe McNamara and I won with a 64. John Little says he would have won but the stream in front of hole #18 didn't cooperate.

Week two - the team of Steve Lauria, Bill Dooley, Ed Hughes and I had a 127 in the Two Best Balls of Four. Ed Hughes also got closest to the pin on hole #8.

Thanks, as always, to the SLGC Staff.

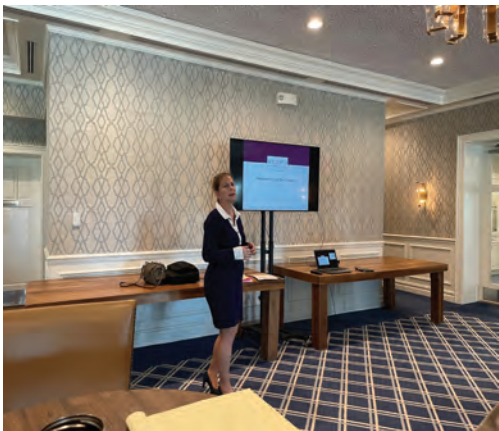
Walter

STAFF TRAININGS



Thank you to Peg Ciufo for certifying some of our staff in CPR/AED.

STAFF HAPPENINGS



Tracy Armstrong, Esq. led our management team for our annual Harassment and Discrimination training. Thanks, Tracy!



CADDIE CORNER

Caddie Training with Mike Knapp



Young men and women participated in a great informational session and on-course training to understand the role and duties of a SLGC caddie.

Topics covered:

- Role of a Caddie
- Caddie Responsibilities on the Tee Box on the Fairways or Rough on the Green
- Forecaddies and Players on Golf Carts
- Post-Round Responsibilities



Mike Knapp leading the training session



Fourth season caddie, Brendan Lang, speaks to the group about his experiences and caddie expectations



On-course training with Mike Knapp Staff/Player, Johnny Comnesso



On-course training - fairway duties



On-course training - duties on the green

Our Staff Is Always Doing Great Things!



Congratulations to Rob Anen

Rob was presented the Champion of Club Education Award on March 20, 2023 at Merion Golf Club, Philadelphia, for his constant commitment and dedication to the Club Management Association of America and specifically, his work with the University of Delaware students. The University's chapter of the CMAA is an active club for those looking to work in clubs, event planning and food and beverage.

Joining Rob to celebrate this great accolade was Greg Wittmer-Sous Chef, Cory Melroy-Director Food & Beverage; Shannon Hunt-SLGC intern and student at University of Delaware; Konstantin Kalmukov-Banquet Manager (pictured below)



STAFF HAPPENINGS



Congratulations to Konstantin Kalmukov

Konstantin, our Banquet Manager, was awarded his BMI Food & Beverage Certificate of Completion through the CMAA. He attended this course in Houston, Texas, during the week of March 26, 2023. Way to go and well done! Konstantin won a scholarship

FOOD & BEVERAGE LEADERSHIP TEAM PROMOTIONS

What an exciting time for these TEAM members and for the Club.



BRIDGET FOSTER

Bridget has stepped into the Assistant Food and Beverage Director role. She will be instrumental in the success of the overall Food & Beverage operation. We all wish Bridget the best of luck this season and we all know her future is bright! Congratulations to Bridget for recently earning her Introductory Sommelier Certification.



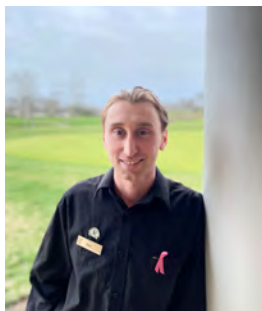
NICOLE ZARZECKI

Nicole has been promoted to the Senior Captain position. She has been working diligently in a la carte dining over the past year. As we move forward, Nicole will now step into an all-around role helping with a la carte, and as needed, in banquets. She will work closely with the management team to ensure flawless service and experiences for the membership and guests. Congratulations to Nicole for recently earning her Introductory Sommelier Certification.



THOMAS AYNILIAN

Tom has been promoted to Food & Beverage Captain. He has done an amazing job in the Bar Captain's role this past year and was able to adapt to the busy bar scene. He will shift his focus a bit into more of the entire operation, assisting with floor service, as well as guidance behind the bar and leading the teams to success.



DAN DI BIASE

Dan has been promoted to Member Dining Bar Captain. Dan has been instrumental in beverage services this past year and has immediately impacted members and guests as a bartender. He has stepped up to ensure bar standards for the operation. Dan will continue to work hand-in-hand with Cory, Bridget, Nicole, and Tom, to ensure that the a la carte bars are set, organized and ready for each incoming member, and cast a positive shadow on banquets working with Jacqui and Konstantin.

CHEF'S CORNER

CHEF BRENDAN, EXECUTIVE CHEF



This summer at the Club, let's lighten it up!

With the grass turning green and the weather warming up, I can guarantee you can find something great to eat here at the Club. By practicing some healthier eating habits myself, I decided to look at the menu and try to come up with dishes that not only looked and tasted great, but also were healthy and nutritious. Of course, some of the staple dishes at the Club can be delicious, sometimes they are cooked with a good amount of butter, oils and fats that are fine to eat occasionally, but maybe not every day. I feel that giving members healthy options is important, if not a requirement, in modern dining. There have been many chefs that have been adapting a healthier cooking style to help keep up with diet trends, healthier lifestyles, along with the responsibility to offer healthier options for the members and guests who frequently dine with us.

First, we have added salads like the Grain and Greens, which is not only plant-based, but loaded with vegetables including asparagus, fennel, peas, broccoli, radish, farro and quinoa, tossed in a dressing made from avocados, lemon juice, and extra virgin olive oil. This is absolutely nutritious and delicious, and you can add a grilled piece of salmon or chicken for a complete meal that is filling and healthy. The Roasted Corn Tomato and Burrata Salad is also a light summer offering with fresh pomegranate seed, grilled corn, vine ripe tomatoes, topped with a ball of burrata cheese, and all tossed in a light champagne dressing and topped with a balsamic glaze.

On the dinner menu the Cajun Swordfish is a dish that is very healthy yet packed with awesome flavors that balance the flavor of the fish. We use Marker plus swordfish, which means swordfish that are caught over 100 pounds. This normally produces a thick and meaty fillet. We pan sear the fish with salt, pepper, and a bit of our own Cajun spice. The swordfish is finished with a jicama, red pepper, caper relish that is finished with a touch of sherry vinegar and extra virgin olive oil, served over a bed of quinoa and basmati rice pilaf. The Halibut is pan seared and cooked with white wine, shallots, and olive oil. It is served with a quick sauté of baby heirloom tomatoes, garlic and basil. This is a light dish that is loaded with the flavors of tomatoes and fresh basil that is also delicious and nutritious.

For those that are not seafood lovers, we also have our plant-based Summer Vegetable "Scallops." They are pan-roasted summer squash and zucchini that is served over a bed of linguine that is tossed with a cauliflower velouté (a vegetarian sauce that is made from sautéing cauliflower with vegetable stock and puréeing it with olive oil and lemon juice). The vegetable scallops are finished with walnut pesto and extra virgin olive oil. This is a perfect dish if you want something that is not heavy and enjoy vegetables. Keep an eye out for the summer menu as we continue to offer healthy, light refreshing dishes that are creative, fun, and delicious.

See everyone around the clubhouse.

Chef Brendan

FOOD AND BEVERAGE CORY MELROY, DIRECTOR OF FOOD AND BEVERAGE



I feel like there is so much to talk about! So much exciting news has been floating around Spring Lake Golf Club since opening for the 125th year. As a Food and Beverage team, we have been focused on the goal of being prepared for the summer and another spectacular year at the Club. We have made some nice little touches to enhance the member and guest dining experiences. Our focus is always on the satisfaction and experience of the members when they walk through the door and to help create memories.

Entering the 125th year of operation at the marvelous Spring Lake Golf Club, I sit back and think to myself how blessed I am to be part of the FAMILY. We are happy to announce that our service staff has all returned for 2023 and are ready to take the next step for the members. Each one of our service staff is committed to successful days and nights at the Club and is all looking forward to a busy 2023 Summer. Additionally, we have had great success with our hiring process this year and our internship program grew from one person to a total of four. Each one of these young students is a Hospitality Management Major and is eager to take the next step in their career. In May and June please welcome Shannon Hunt (University of Delaware) for her second year and for their First Year Samantha Urspruch (University of Delaware), Erin Eustace (Virginia Tech University), and Ellie Brandbergh (Penn State University). We have developed a thorough internship training program that covers experiences with the Front and Back of House Food and Beverage Operations and an office rotation where they will learn about marketing, membership, human resources, and account/finance.

On the exciting news front, I am happy to announce that we have two team members that have passed their Introductory Sommelier exam through the Court of Master Sommeliers. Bridget Foster (Assistant Director of Food and Beverage) and Nicole Zarzecki (Senior Captain). We are excited for them to continue to help lead the successful wine and beverage service for the entire membership. CONGRATULATIONS to both of you! The news does not stop there. We have also made some promotions from within our team. Bridget Foster Assistant Director of Food and Beverage, Nicole Zarzecki Senior Captain, Thomas Aynilian Food and Beverage Captain, Dan DiBiase Member Dining Bar Captain, and Patricia Masdonati Halfway House/Beverage Cart Captain have all made a great impact on the Food and Beverage Operation at the Club and we all look forward to an amazing year with them helping lead the charge!

Spring Lake Golf Club has again been recognized with a higher honor for our wine and beverage program. We have been recognized with an 'Award of Distinction' from the Club Management Association of America Wine Society's 2022 Wine Program Awards. The award was announced by the CMAA Wine Society during the Society's Business Meeting held at the end of February. The objective of the Wine Program Awards is to annually recognize the best club wine programs and laud CMAA member-managed clubs that establish and maintain fine wine programs for their membership. The awards are meant to be a hallmark of the quality and assurance of an eminent wine program. The Award of Merit and the Award of Distinction are attained by receiving a qualifying score based on the wine menu entry. The Club at the Dunes scored 94 out of 100 points. Scores of 80 to 89 received the 'Merit Award.' Scores of 90 or above receive the 'Distinction Award.' In 2021, Spring Lake Golf Club was awarded an 'Award of Merit.' Spring Lake Golf Club has more than 500 selections on its wine list, with 50+ wine-producing regions represented. We are thrilled to have the support from our membership to offer these amazing wines, showcase our wine list, and have unforgettable wine experiences here at the Club.

On the family front, Marissa and I have some great news! We are expecting baby BOY number two, due at the end of August 2023. Our little man, Carver is quickly approaching 15 months old and is off to the races. WOW! Where has the time gone? We are extremely excited for our family to grow by one and to share the joy with the entire Spring Lake Golf Club Family. I am thrilled to call this Club home!

Overall, as you can tell, it has been a great offseason with many celebrations, achievements, and memories. Our 125th year is upon us and as summer comes near, we want to always create the best memories for our members and guests. Our Club experience is like no other! I want to personally thank each one of the members and the board of governors for the tremendous support year in and year out. Each of our team members is looking forward to celebrating an unforgettable year here at SLGC!

Cory

SAVE THE DATES

August 18-20, 2023



Our Club is Celebrating 125 Years!

WOW – what a wonderful journey this has been from our humble beginnings as a nine-hole golf course. As with the Centennial celebration, we will certainly be honoring this milestone and we have a lot of celebrating planned throughout the year and look forward to a fantastic year recognizing our culture, traditions, and our Club family.



