

AUGUST 2017 PAR-TICULARS

Message from the President:

The last 30 to 45 days have been very busy for Rutland Country Club and its members. I would like to highlight some of the accomplishments and events:

- Drake Hull, 2017 Vermont Men's Amateur Champion
- McCullough Cup team for keeping the cup where it belongs at RCC.
- Men's Vermont Amateur Championship, RCC had 13 members playing.
- Two of our juniors, Jillian and Teegan, qualified for the Regional Drive, Chip and Putt competition. Best of luck!!!
- Jared Nelson, winning the 16-18 age division of the Vermont Junior Stroke play Championship and finishing second in the Junior Match play.
- Women's member-guest participants and the flight winners.
- Women's and Men's club championship, Thank you for everyone who played.
- USGA Amateur qualifiers.
- PGA Junior League club matches, RCC dominated.
- L.D. Pierce Invitational, participants and the flight winners.
- Women's Vermont Amateur Championship
- Next week the Men's Vermont Mid-AM Championship
- August 20th, Women's invitational

As you can see from the list above, Rutland Country Club and its members represent.
(I apologize, if I missed anyone or any events).

Rutland Country Club is looking for new members and we need everyone's assistance in spreading the word to your friends, family, neighbors and fellow golfs in the Rutland Area about our membership specials.

- Young Professional's (19-34 yrs.) for a deposit of \$300.
- Senior Membership (>35yrs.) for a deposit of \$500.

Membership for the remainder of 2017 and their deposit will be apply towards 2018 membership dues. Please have them contact Kristen with any questions.

Greg continues to be busy working with our Junior PGA league team members and everyone is having lots of fun, learning the great game of golf, its etiquette and rules. The pro-shop is full of equipment, apparel and accessories. Greg is running the try and buy program (see Greg for details) and is always price competitive, please support our pro.

Baxter's restaurant continues to be a great place to eat and relax outside on the patio. Welcome Pat Norton, who has joined the Baxter's staff. Chef Mark and his team have been serving great new menu items and lunch & dinner specials. The cafe team has had a great start this season and is looking to book more events/functions, Christmas Parties, etc. Please book your event or function as soon as possible to save your date we are filling up the calendar quickly.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the golf course or in the Baxter's restaurant very soon.

All the best in Golf,

Kevin Thompson

Golf Etiquette from the R&A

Etiquette is an integral part of the game, defining golf's core values. It describes the manner in which the game of golf should be played to ensure all players gain maximum enjoyment.

In short, it's about "respect":

- Respect for the course – leave the course as you would like to find it by repairing pitch-marks, replacing divots, raking bunkers and keeping golf carts on established paths.
- Respect for your fellow players – be sportsmanlike and polite, stay by the green to watch them hole out, and avoid distracting them
- Respect for the game – by knowing the Rules and etiquette of golf

Bunkers

Before leaving a bunker, players should carefully fill up and smooth over all holes and footprints. A rake is within reasonable proximity of the bunker and should be used for this purpose.

Divots, Ball-Marks & Shoe Damage

Players should carefully repair any divot holes and any damage to the putting green made by the impact of a ball (whether or not made by the player himself). The rule of thumb is to fix three on every green.

On completion of the hole by all players in the group, damage to the putting green caused by golf shoes should be repaired.

Preventing Unnecessary Damage

Players should avoid causing damage to the course. For example:

- Do not remove divots when taking practice swings or by hitting the club into the ground, whether in anger or for any other reason. Ensure you do not damage the putting green when putting down bags or the flagstick.
- Avoid standing too close to the hole and take care when handling the flagstick and when removing a ball from the hole. Do not use club head to remove a ball from the hole.
- Do not lean on a club on the putting green.
- Replace the flagstick in the center of the hole before leaving the putting green.
- Keep golf carts off teeing grounds, putting green aprons and clear of greens.
When approaching the greens within 30 yards, head immediately towards the established cart paths. Keep clear of all roped off areas, just because you can squeeze by doesn't mean it is acceptable and will not cause damage.

**Minutes of Board of Governors Meeting
Rutland Country Club, Inc.
June 20, 2017**

Present: Kevin Thompson, President, Ernie Bove, Vice President, Buddy Miles, Candy Anderson, Kim Meisinger, and Ron Cioffi.

Absent: Vic Shappy, Ken Noble, and Dale Laval

Others present: Karl Larson, Superintendent, Becky Stevens, Office Manager, Rod McPhee, Legal Counsel, Greg Nelson, Golf Professional, and Bob Wetherby, Secretary.

Meeting was called to order by Kevin Thompson at 5:30 pm.

Minutes of the May 23, 2017 Meeting were submitted for approval. Kevin requested a correction to the minutes. It will be done and submitted to Becky Stevens.

Moved by Candy Anderson and 2nd by Buddy Miles to approve meeting minutes. All members present voted in the affirmative.

Treasurer's Report - Report made by Kevin Thompson. Club is doing well. Cash flow is good and we have not been into the line of credit.

Kevin let everyone know that he is the only one that can sign contracts. Rod McPhee will look over every contract before it is signed.

Café Committee Report – Report made by Ernie Bove. Everything is going very well.

Finance Committee Report - Report made by Kevin Thompson. Bruce Bentley is suggesting we look at changing our lights to LED. He estimates we could save \$10,000.00 per year by doing this. We will be looking at all areas of energy consumption. Personnel Policy is being looked at by Rod McPhee.

Membership/Advertising Committee Report: - Report made by Ron Cioffi. The Committee would like to see us offer a reduced rate membership to young professionals under the age of 35. They are recommending they pay \$300.00 with no cafe dues after July 1. The \$300.00 would apply to their 2018 membership dues.

Ron moved and Candy 2nd to offer young professionals under the age of 35 a reduced membership of \$300.00 with no cafe dues after July 1. The \$300.00 will be applied to their 2018 membership dues. All members in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Greens Committee Report – Report made by Karl Larson. We are still try to get rid of the worm castings. We have ordered a new chemical to try. It costs \$65.00 a bag and we have ordered a pallet of 40 bags. If this works we will order more of this chemical. The money for these chemicals are coming out of the Greens Club. Karl is looking for help cleaning the beaver dam up at Muddy Pond. We had severe damage to the 18th green after last night's storm. The crew worked very hard to get it playable.

Building/Long Term Planning Committee Report – Report made Kim Meisinger. He still has a bill that needs to be paid. He will get this to Becky ASAP.

Pro/Cart Committee Report – Report made by Buddy Miles. Greg has schedule a 9 and dine for this Friday night.

Tournament/Handicap Committee – Report made by Kevin Thompson. The Shriners are looking to have a Tournament here on May 20, 2018. The Castleton University Tournament will need to be moved. We do not have specific date yet. The Heritage Family Credit Union Tournament will be moved to September 30 -October 1.

Ron would like to see all Tournaments go back to a qualifying day and then play match play.

Greg feels we should send out a survey to all members to see what they would like. He also thinks we need to look at the weekends that we do our tournaments.

Moved by Candy Anderson and 2nd by Ron Cioffi to accept the Committee Reports as presented. All members present voted in the affirmative.

New Business – None

Old Business – None.

Moved by Ron Cioffi and 2nd by Candy Anderson to go into Executive Session. All members present voted in the affirmative.

Moved by Ron Cioffi and 2nd by Candy Anderson to come out of Executive Session. All members present voted in the affirmative.

Moved by Ron Cioffi and 2nd by Kim Meisinger to authorize Legal Counsel to resolve a wage and hour complaint by Stephen Walker. All members vote in the affirmative.

A concern was brought up by Ron about employees not wearing name tags. He also questioned why we do not have enough help working during lunch and dinner. These are part of the reasons he still feels we need a general manager.

At 6:29 pm it was moved by Candy Anderson and 2nd by Ernie Bove to adjourn the meeting. All members present voted in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Wetherby
Secretary

2018 New Membership Offerings

***Join NOW by paying \$500
and play for the rest of this season !***

This will apply to your 2018 dues.

***The Young Professional Membership offer of \$300
remains in effect also!!***

***Spread the word to your friends and family!!
And you'll receive a \$50 Baxter's Gift Card
(more information following)***



RUTLAND COUNTRY CLUB
NEW MEMBER INCENTIVE!

*Rutland Country is offering our members an incentive
if they bring in a **NEW**
“Senior” or “Young Professional Member”
For the 2018 season!*

*The sponsoring Rutland Country Club
member will receive a \$50 Baxter’s Gift Card!!*

*The new member must not have been a
Rutland Country Club member
during the 2017 season.*

*Please contact the Business Office
for more information at 773-7061*

*Remember to tell your friends and family about the
Fall Special – Pay now and play the remainder of 2017
Deposit goes towards their 2018 Dues!!*

Baxter's August Schedule

***Tuesday Wing Night!
Choice of wings and Long Trail Pint for \$10!!***

***Burger and Beer Night - Wednesdays!
Burger and Beer \$13.00***

***Thursday and Friday Nights
Fish Fry Specials
Dinner Specials***

Saturdays Dinner for 2 - \$50.00

Reservations always suggested by calling 773-9153





August 13th

Parent Child Tournament

We will have different age groups consisting of 3 holes, 9 holes and 18 holes. Grandparents are welcome to participate as well!!

One member of the team must be a member of the Club.

One of the BEST events of the year!!

August 18th

One-Day Member Guest

Men/Women

August 20th

Ladies Invitational Tournament

8:30am Shot Gun

LOOKING AHEAD TO SEPTEMBER!

September 8th

Rutland High School Tournament

September 15th

Rutland Health Foundation Tournament

September 22nd

MSJ Tournament

September 29th

Bob Burke Memorial Tournament

September 30th & October 1st

The Heritage Family Classic

Please contact Pro Shop for all tournament information

From the Ladies Association

On Saturday, July 8th, the Women held their Member-Guest Tournament – 18 Shades of Green. The committee, in trying to garner more interest and participation, encouraged Members to invite up to 3 guests to participate and also tried a 9 hole – red tee division.

40+ women participated in this event. All of the participants playing 18 holes shot gunned at 8:30 a.m. and those playing 9 holes joined in at 10:30 a.m. Although the weather was predicted to be quite rainy, we had very little rain and mostly the sun shone on us!

Participants received a pink golf shirt with the Rutland County Club logo along with a goody bag of treats as they departed the clubhouse, following a light continental breakfast.

At the conclusion of the golf tournament, we were treated to a delicious Mexican luncheon. The tables were dressed with shades of green and beautiful flower arrangement adorned the tables.

We are looking for your input on this tournament so that we can use this information to hopefully improve our tournaments and have more people participate. We'd love to hear from you – Betsy Johnson and Linda Reis.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who participated in this tournament and to Stacy Alderman, Candy Anderson, Nikki Aponowich, Shey Currie, Stacie Eaton, Bonnie Heald, and Jane Mahoney (Jane and Nikki for the beautiful flower arrangements) for your help and implementing my crazy ideas. To Greg Nelson and the pro shop staff for all their help, to Karl and his staff in preparing the course for the tournament, AND to Greg and Mark and all who assisted in the Clubhouse both before and after the tournament – THANK YOU ALL!

RESULTS:

1st Flight Gross

75 Stacie Eaton-Kristen Johnson
83 Ellen Miller-Lynn Colomb

Net

63 Stacy Alderman-Michelle Krasodomski
67 Bonnie Heald-Mary Ann Athanas

2nd Flight Gross

91 Kathleen Duryea-Liz Fothergill
92 Pam Larson-Sue Notte

Net

66 Jodi Holbrook-Karen Nicholson
69 Bonnie Heald-Carolyn Babbitt

3rd Flight Gross

88 Laura Kolodziej-Bridget Jakubowski
93 Nikki Aponowich-Carol Armstrong

Net

64 Laura Kolodziej-Lorri Tappan
67 Laura Kolodziej-Peggy Lucci

9 Hole Flight Net

33 Shey Currie-Lori Harnett

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!!!

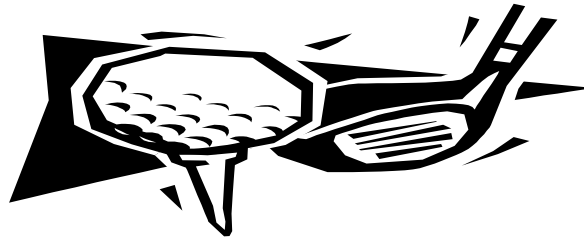
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2017 CLUB CHAMPIONS:

Men's Winner

Garren Poirier

Women's Winner

Stacie Eaton



Win a Membership for 2018!!

Purchase a ticket for \$100.00 for your chance to win a membership for 2018. And your ticket stub is good for a round of golf, expiring in October of 2018.

Maximum of 100 tickets will be sold.

The drawing will be held on Tuesday, December 12th at our Holiday Party at Rutland Country Club.

Take a chance on the raffle and tell your friends!

You do not need to be a member to enter!

Contact the office for your ticket!!



SEPT 30 & OCT 1

5 PLAYER SCRAMBLE | \$750 PER TEAM
WINE & BEER TASTING SPONSORED BY FARRELL DISTRIBUTING

INCLUDES PRIME RIB DINNER FOR PLAYER

CALL TO RESERVE A GUEST DINNER

LIMITED TO 32 TEAMS | SHOTGUN START EACH DAY

TWO CARTS PER TEAM

SKINS GAME WILL BE AVAILABLE

FLIGHTS ESTABLISHED BASED ON HANDICAP

CALL 773.7061 OR VISIT RUTLANDCOUNTRYCLUB.COM TO REGISTER

ALL APPLICATIONS DUE BY SEPT 8

NO APPLICATION ACCEPTED WITHOUT PAYMENT