

AUGUST 2018 PAR-TICULARS

Message from the President:

Hard to believe August is upon us. With that comes the LD Pierce Invitational for the gents as well as the Virginia Pierce-Smith Invitational for the ladies. I hate saying this out loud but this signals the beginning of the transition from summer to fall. I hope everyone agrees with me that the weather and course have been exceptional.

I just wanted to keep the members aware of some of the happenings around the club recently. We have had Jamie Sanborn get some much needed painting done. You may see a new tractor out and about. This replaces our old (35 years) tractor. It will also accommodate a 4" chipper that we will use to start cleaning up the many brush piles around the course.

We are in the final negotiations on upgrading our phone system and digital infrastructure. The new system will allow for a more efficient and user friendly experience.

I know I run the risk of sounding like a broken record but I truly want more members taking an active role in what we want the RCC experience to be. There are many ways to participate with the main vehicles being the various committees. I encourage you to reach out to the committee chair and become a member. Here is a list of the committee's and the chair of each:

Pro/Cart	Buddy Miles
Buildings	Kim Meisinger
Cafe	Brian Godnick
Greens	Steve Wilk
Finance	Dale Laval
Membership/Adv	Ron Cioffi
Tournaments	Vic Shappy

Another opportunity to help is with regards to the appearance of the grounds. Mary Ann Levins has been doing an outstanding job keeping the many flower beds in pristine condition. However this endeavor is becoming more than a 1 person job. In the past we had a Beautification team that would take an active role in keeping the course looking great. If you have time and would like to help, please let Becky or Kristen in the office know and we will get together to come up with a plan going forward.

Unfortunately for the third time this year I have sad news to report with the passing of Kathy Domenicucci. Kathy was a long time member of the club and a key leader of the Women's Association. Her presence will be missed and our condolences go out to Frank and family.

Bob Kennedy

**Minutes of Board of Governors Meeting
Rutland Country Club, Inc.
June 26, 2018**

Present: Bob Kennedy, President, Steve Wilk, Vice President, Buddy Miles, Brian Godnick, Ernie Bove, Ron Cioffi, and Dale Laval.

Absent: Vic Shappy and Kim Meisinger

Others present: Rod McPhee, Legal Counsel, Kevin Markowski, Treasurer, Greg Nelson, Golf Professional, Karl Larson, Superintendent, Becky Stevens, Office Manager, Bob Wetherby, Secretary, Ellen Ferro, Woman's Association President, and Drake Hull, Max Major, and Garren Poirier, RCC Members.

Meeting was called to order by Bob Kennedy at 5:15pm.

Minutes of the May 22nd, 2018 Meeting were submitted for approval. Dale Laval requested an amendment to the May 22nd meeting minutes. Secretary Bob Wetherby noted the change and will send the amended minutes to Becky Stevens.

Moved by Dale Laval and 2nd by Steve Wilk to approve the amended meeting minutes. All Members present voted in the affirmative.

Treasurer's Report – Report made by Kevin Markowski. Kevin went over our Cash Flow Report and the Department Reports. If any Member would like to view these Reports, please see Becky or Kristen in the Financial Office.

Moved by Buddy Miles and 2nd by Brian Godnick to accept the Treasurers Report. All Members present voted in the affirmative.

President Bob Kennedy brought up a letter he received from the Vermont Golf Association (VGA) asking to have the 2019 Vermont Amateur Golf Tournament at RCC. RCC Member Garren Poirier spoke on behalf of the VGA and touted the benefits of this Tournament. The dates for the Tournament for 2019 would be July 9, 10 and 11. On the 11th they would play 36 holes. There was much discussion about this.

Moved by Brian Godnick and 2nd by Dale Laval to have the 2019 Vermont Amateur at RCC on July 9, 10, and 11, 2019. All Members present voted in the affirmative.

Café Committee Report. Report made by Brian Godnick. Chef Pat Norton has resigned his position. Manager Mark Reardon will cover his position until we find a replacement. A question came up about when the Caddy Shack is open? The answer is that it is open on the weekend and not cost effective during the week. There was much discussion about this. Brian will try to see if he can find a cart that we could use during the week

Finance Committee Report – Report made by Dale Laval. Dale discussed the Premium Membership. The Committee has come up with some recommendations about changes they would like to propose to the Board. There was much discussion about this. There were two requests for Capital Funding: Ten Thousand for the Bar area and Ten Thousand for the Kitchen. There was much discussion about this and also about leasing versus buying equipment.

Membership/Advertising Committee Report: - Report made by Ron Cioffi. The Committee would like to know if the Board is open to having outside events? The Committee feels we should explore this and we should look at our rates to make sure we are competitive with all other area golf courses. There was much discussion about this. The Committee will come up with some recommendations for our Fall rate after the Pierce Tournament. Some of the other items that were discussed at their meeting were: attracting more female members, radio ads, Vermont days, and different levels of Memberships. The Committee will come up with recommendations and present them to the Board.

Greens Committee Report – No report.

Building/Long Term Planning Committee Report – No report.

Pro/Cart Committee Report – No report.

Tournament/Handicap Committee – Report made by Bob Kennedy using Vic Shappy's notes. Went over the Member/Guest Tournament. It will be moved to a different date next year, they will look at the format that will be used, and they will look at the cost. They are hoping these changes will increase the number of teams that play in the Tournament. The Committee does have an issue with the \$10.00 player fee for each Tournament and feel it should be done away with.

Moved by Brian Godnick and 2nd by Buddy Miles to accept the Committee Reports. All Members present voted in the affirmative.

New Business – We have not heard back from Supreme Golf with a proposal for our POS system. Becky Stevens will contact them to see when we can expect this. Mountain Telecom has presented a proposal to change over our phone system. It will be a major upgrade and will save us money in the long run.

Moved by Ron Cioffi and 2nd by Dale Laval to approve the new phone system per Rod McPhee's approval of the contract. All Members present voted in the affirmative.

Brian Godnick would like to look at a Payroll Service to do the Payroll for the Club.

Moved by Brian Godnick and 2nd by Ron Cioffi to look at a Payroll Service. All Members present voted in the affirmative.

Old Business – None.

Moved by Buddy Miles and 2nd by Brian Godnick to adjourn at 6:29pm. All Members present voted in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Wetherby
Secretary

From the Ladies.....

It was a sad couple of weeks to watch our friend and golfing buddy pass away. Kathy Domenincucci was a positive force both at home and on the course. Her shining joy for life, her fight with her cancer, and her love for others will be missed terribly. Thank you to all who knew her who shared your stories with me.

Thank you to all the women who play on Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings for our group gatherings. There seems to be a rise in numbers which means more fun and more people playing this great game. Reminder that all are welcome to join in the fun.

Thanks to Betsy Johnson for running a great Member/Guest on July 7th. The turnout was pretty good, the weather great, the food wonderful and a nice tee gift as well. Congratulations to Stacie Eaton and her guest Kristen Johnson for a wonderful round of golf to take the championship by three strokes with a 73. Great job! Other congratulations go out to Kristin Mahoney our 2018 Ladies Club Champion, Mary Jane Shomo our Senior Club Champion and Anne Powers our Red Tee Champion!!! Well done ladies!!

Now that I am trying to attend all board meetings as your representative, I hope that you will feel free to come to me to ask questions, voice concerns, or share compliments. I am trying to represent all women golfers at the club so don't hesitate.

Again, thanks for the input I've already received, thanks for playing, Happy August and see you all out on the links.....Ellen

2019 New Membership Offerings

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

This will apply to your 2019 dues.

The Young Professional Membership offer is only \$350

Spread the word to your friends and family!!



Baxter's August Schedule

Italian Night – Tuesdays!

Burger and Beer Night - Wednesdays!
Burger and Beer \$13.95

Thursday and Friday Nights
Fish Fry Specials
Dinner Specials

Saturdays Dinner for 2 - \$50.00

Reservations always suggested by calling 773-9153





August 2nd – 5th

L.D. Pierce Tournament

August 10th

Castleton University Tournament

August 12th

Parent Child Tournament

August 18th

One Day Member Guest Tournament

August 19th

Ladies Virginia Pierce-Smith Invitational

LOOKING AHEAD TO SEPTEMBER!

September 7th

Rutland High School Tournament

September 14th

MSJ Tournament (change from calendar)

September 21st

Rutland Health Foundation (change from calendar)

September 28th

Bob Burke Memorial Tournament

Please contact Pro Shop for all tournament information

Green's Club Winners

2018

<i>Martha Grace Hull</i>	\$25
<i>Dan Seager</i>	\$50
<i>Pat St. Lawrence</i>	\$50
<i>Scarlett Trombetta</i>	\$25
<i>Bob Prozzo</i>	\$25
<i>Tom Calcagni</i>	\$50
<i>Justin Sheehy</i>	\$25
<i>Ron Ferro</i>	\$50
<i>Chuck Shomo</i>	\$25
<i>Joe Jiloty</i>	\$50
<i>Jody Larson</i>	\$25
<i>Tafi Baker</i>	\$50