

SEPTEMBER 2018 PAR-TICULARS

Message from the President:

Hello Again

Funny how time starts to fly by as we get closer to fall and winter. It appears that summer is trying to hang on and I for one am enjoying the nice weather.

As you may or may not be aware, Mark Reardon has decided to move on to other adventures and will no longer be running the kitchen. I would like to personally thank Mark for his time and expertise turning things around and making Baxter's a destination for people looking for great food. Steve Noel will be stepping up to fill any void left by Mark. Steve and the staff have been preparing your food for the last few years and there should be no noticeable difference to what you've become accustomed to.

I've been asked numerous times what is going on behind the clubhouse. We are looking to take up all the blacktop and replace it with grass. The goal is to make it a more usable space with regards to events and weddings. This is being done strictly as a volunteer project so please if you have time, energy or expertise please volunteer.

We are heading down the home stretch with regards to club golf events. The next scheduled event is the Club Scramble Tournament. This will be followed in October with the Snowball and Italian Open. There are applications for these events online as well as in the Pro Shop.

As always Greg in the Pro Shop is offering some great deals on clothing as well as equipment. Please give Greg a chance to meet your needs.

Baxter's continues to offer outstanding fare as well as an extensive selection of beer and wines. The staff is working on some revisions to the menu and I for one can't wait to see what they come up with.

As a reminder we should all be invested in the condition of our course. Please take the time to fill divots, rake bunkers and fix ball marks on the greens.

Lastly we have been awarded the 2019 Vermont State Amateur. This event has been won the past 2 years by our own Drake Hull with Max Major coming in second in 2018. We want this event to be second to none. In order for that to happen it will take detailed planning and coordination of everything that goes into running a first class event. This effort starts now and culminates in crowning a winner. We have set up a committee that is looking for volunteers to be a part of this process. Please contact the office and we will put you in touch with those spearheading this effort.

Hit'em straight and more importantly enjoy your time at our club.

Bob Kennedy

**Minutes of Board of Governors Meeting
Rutland Country Club, Inc.
July 24, 2018**

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

Others present: Rod McPhee, Legal Counsel, Kevin Markowski, Treasurer, Karl Larson, Superintendent, Becky Stevens, Office Manager, Bob Wetherby, Secretary, and Ellen Miller, Woman's Association President.

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

Minutes of the June 26th, 2018 Meeting were submitted for approval.

Moved by Ron Cioffi and 2nd by Vic Shappy to approve the Meeting Minutes. All Members present voted in the affirmative.

Treasurer's Report – Report made by Kevin Markowski. Kevin went over our Cash Flow Statement, the Department Reports, and the Financial Highlights. 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 Steve Wilk to accept the Treasurers Report. All Members present voted in the affirmative.

Café Committee Report. Report made by Brian Godnick. There are quite a few repairs that need to be done in the kitchen. Brian will work with Kim Meisinger and Vic Shappy to come up with a plan to get this fixed. Mark Reardon is looking to be done in the next 6 to 8 weeks. We are going to have to find a chef or look at hiring a Food and Beverage Manager. There was much discussion about this. Brian will talk to Amanda Wheeler about helping him with some advertising in these areas.

Finance Committee Report – Report made by Dale Laval. At this point we have 3 Members who have either Dues or Café delinquencies. One of them has paid about \$800.00 so far. The Financial Office will work on having them paid asap. The three Members who are delinquent will be notified that their golfing privileges will be suspended until these funds have been paid.

Membership/Advertising Committee Report: - Report made by Ron Cioffi. Advertising for Membership Specials after the Pierce Tournament are in place. A question came up about our July Golf Special and whether we are tracking the number of people who have used it. They will check with Greg Nelson to see if he has the numbers for this. If the numbers look good, we may want to do it for the Months of September and Octobers. The Committee is looking at our Membership levels and will meet with the Finance Committee to discuss them.

Greens Committee Report – Report made by Steve Wilk. We need to replace a tractor. They have three bids. They are from Kubota, John Deere, and Kubota. Of the three, Kubota is the cheapest at \$17,600. There was much discussion about this.

Moved by Ron Cioffi and 2nd by Buddy Miles for the Greens and Finance Committee (with Board approval) to replace the tractor with either a Lease or Purchase not to exceed \$21,740.00. All Members present voted in the affirmative.

The Committee is suggesting we set aside \$5000.00 to \$7000.00 every year for replacement equipment. Much discussion about this. We are also looking for someone to volunteer to head up a Beautification Committee to oversee the flowers around the course.

Building/Long Term Planning Committee Report – Report made by Kim Meisinger. The building is being pressure washed and Jamie Sanborn is doing some painting around the Clubhouse. A sign will be put up with a phone number on the 8th tee letting people know they can call the Café and order food and drinks.

Pro/Cart Committee Report – Report made by Buddy Miles. The Committee did research on what it would cost to put a GPS on every cart. The cost would be around \$200.00 which was deemed cost prohibited.

Tournament/Handicap Committee – Report made by Vic Shappy. The Shriner's would like to have a Golf Tournament here on June 2nd in the afternoon. That is the date of the Carley Ferro Tournament so we will offer them some other dates. The \$10.00 player fee for Tournaments was brought up. There was much discussion about this.

Moved by Vic Shappy and 2nd by Kim Meisinger to accept the Committee Reports. All Members present voted in the affirmative.

New Business – The Café will need to be shut down when the repairs are being done to the Kitchen and Bar area. Vic Shappy will look at a time to do this.

Dale Laval and Kevin Markowski have met with Paychex. It was suggested that they might want to look at a couple of other payroll services and will bring a recommendation back to the Board.

Old Business – Legal Counsel Rod McPhee was given a contract from Mt. Telecom about replacing our phone system. He was not impressed with the contract. Brian Godnick will set a meeting with Mt. Telecom with him and Rod McPhee.

Ellen Ferro, President of the Ladies Association went through some of their concerns. These are what was brought before the Board:

No water on the course on hot days.

Caddy Shack was not open during the McDonough Tournament.

Guest fees playing with Members may be too high.

Looking for more support from the Pro Shop and the Pro.

During Tournaments they would like everyone to be welcomed to play.

These concerns will be looked at and be addressed.

Moved by Dale Laval and 2nd by Vic Shappy to go into Executive Session at 6:50pm. All Members present voted in the affirmative.

Moved by Steve Wilk and 2nd by Ron Cioffi to leave Executive Session at 7:00pm. All Members present voted in the affirmative.

Moved by Buddy Miles and 2nd by Ron Cioffi to adjourn at 7:00pm. All Members present voted in the affirmative.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Wetherby
Secretary

From the Ladies.....

Correction from the August Newsletter.... It stated incorrectly that Anna White won the red tee club championship but the actual winner was Anne Powers. My apologies... Congratulations to Anne!

From the Business Office:

September will be the last monthly billing for 2018 dues. In October we begin the monthly dues billing for 2019. It is important for all members to be current (net 30 days). Please remember that we can put you on our automatic payment schedule either by credit card or ACH. You will still have a full month to review your statement and we process at month end.

If you'd like to have your dues billed in full please let the office know, we do that in December.

Reminder to all members to please sign your tickets in the restaurant and at the caddy shack. This is the only way to confirm when there is a question. From time to time a member number is transposed or if members happen to have the same last name it can be a problem. But we can always pull the ticket and if signed, make the correction.

If you would like to continue to receive my daily emails on Dinner Specials please let me know and I will add you to my new list. Right now it is sent to all members and can become a nuisance. So going forward I will be sending to only those who request it. Menus are always posted daily to our website too!

Please feel free to contact us with any questions at this email or by calling 773-7061.

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 September 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



SEPTEMBER EVENTS

September 7th

Rutland High School Tournament

September 14th

MSJ Tournament (change from calendar)

September 15th

Scramble Championship

September 21st

Rutland Health Foundation (change from calendar)

September 29th

1 Day Member and 3 Guests

Please contact Pro Shop for all tournament information

Greens Club Dinner!
Saturday, October 20th

Happy Hour 6:00 PM
Hors D'oeuvres 7:00 PM

Greens Club members, this is included in your ticket! Anyone else wishing to join for dinner may for \$30.

\$1,000 drawing & many more on this evening!

If you haven't gotten a ticket yet, they're \$50 or 2/\$90!

Call the office to get yours today!