

# **JUNE 2018 PAR-TICULARS**

## *From The President:*

It's officially golf season as we have held our first tournaments of the year. The Member/Member was held Memorial Day weekend with fun had by all. Also the Opening Social was held for participants and all members and guests. The food from Mark and team was outstanding. Greg Nelson and staff continue to run a first class tourney. Thanks to our sponsors, volunteers and staff.

June is a busy month as we have multiple events scheduled with next up:

***June 15-17. Men's Member / Guest***

Also we have Ladies night Wednesdays and Men's night every Thursday.

Remember to support your Pro Shop whenever possible. Greg offers member discounts and the personal attention you deserve.

Mark and Greg Calvin continue provide excellent food, beverage and atmosphere. We have plenty of TVs to keep up with your favorite team or golfer.

Karl and staff are trying several different tactics to control the worm castings. It appears that they are on to something as the improvement is evident.

**GREENS CLUB TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT \$50 Each or 2 FOR \$90.**

Lastly it's with heavy heart we lost a long time member Dick Grimley. Our condolences go out to his family on their loss.

Bob Kennedy

## **HELP MAINTAIN OUR COURSE**

- Please replace your divots and then smooth with sand.
- Bring a rake into the bunker with you -- remembering that you should always enter the bunker from the low side at a point nearest to the ball.
  - Whenever possible, avoid walking on the steep face of a bunker.
  - After hitting your shot, rake the area you played from, as well as all your footprints and any others within reach.
  - Rakes should be left nearby the bunker.
- Important to repair any pitch marks or indentations caused by the ball hitting the green. Please use the rule of thumb of repairing two or three per green.
- Using a tee or repair tool, repair the mark by working the edges towards the center, without lifting the center of the mark. Don't tear the grass. Finish by smoothing the area with a club or your foot. Try to get the area smooth enough to putt over. A properly repaired ball mark will heal in a day or two. If you have questions on the proper method please ask someone in the pro-shop and they will be happy to help.

**Minutes Annual Meeting  
Rutland Country Club, Inc.  
April 7, 2018**

Present: 38 Members and 70 Proxies

Board of Governors:

Kevin Thompson, President, Ernie Bove, Vice President, Buddy Miles, Vic Shappy, Bob Kennedy, and Kim Meisinger

Absent: Ron Cioffi, Dale Laval, and Candy Anderson

Others present: Karl Larson, Superintendent, Rod McPhee, Legal Counsel, Greg Nelson, Golf Professional, Kevin Markowski, Treasurer, and Bob Wetherby, Secretary.

Meeting was called to order by Kevin Thompson at 10:00 am.

President Kevin Thompson asked Secretary Bob Wetherby if we had a quorum to which he answered yes.

President Thompson asked for a moment of silence for former member Dutch Goodrich and for all Military Personnel who have lost their life protecting our freedom.

Moved by Mary Moran and 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Mahoney to waive the meeting minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting. All members present voted in the affirmative.

Nominating Committee: President Thompson announced that he and Harold Weissman would be on the Committee as past Presidents. He also announced that Buddy Miles and Kim Meisinger would be on the Committee as Board Members. He asked for volunteers from the Membership to be on the Committee. Bruce Bentley, Joe Bizzarro, and Bob Prozzo. Volunteered.

**Treasurer's Report** - Report made by Kevin Markowski. Managers and the Board did a great job of working together to stay within budget. He went over the highlights of the 2017 financials. He went over the 2018 budget. Two of the major changes to the 2018 budget is there will be no Course Assessment or no Café Assessment. These two items will be tied into the dues. This will be on a trial basis and may be brought back in future years. To view the 2017 Financials or the 2018 Budget you may visit Becky or Kristen in the Financial Office.

Moved by John Mahoney and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Wolinsky to approve the Treasures Report. All members present voted in the affirmative.

**Café Committee Report** – Report made by Mark Reardon. Everything is going very well. Winter functions and the Specialty Night Dinners went very well also. The Café is still looking for help for the Spring and Summer.

**PGA Professional's Report** – Report made by Greg Nelson. Greg wants to develop more groups to play every week. This will allow members to play with members they have not ever played with. For the upcoming golf season, we have the Tom Quinn group on Tuesday morning, John Mahoney group on Wednesday morning, and the Vic Shappy group on Sunday morning. If you are interested in any of these groups, please see Greg and he will make arrangements for you to play. Greg is planning three Member Events this summer. Again, it will be a way for Members to play with other Members they may not have played with before. Please check the calendar for the dates of these events. The staff will be pretty much the same again this year. The Pro Shop will have the buy now pay later program in place again this year. Lastly, we will be doing the Jr. Program and are looking to have more kids involved this year.

**Superintendent Report** – Report made by Karl Larson. We had an extremely weird winter this year. We had extreme cold, warm spells, and ice. We had 2 inches of ice on the greens at one time. We put black soil on the greens to melt the ice and it did its job. The rough will have snow mold this year as it wasn't treated at the end of last year. It will last until the end of May. Clean up will be April 14. Tree debris has been put into piles and will need to be picked up. We will be opening sometime after the 14<sup>th</sup> depending on the weather. We are still having a problem with worms. Every Superintendent that Karl has spoken to is having the same problem. To help with the worms we will be trying some organic fertilizers. We may have to mow every day and if that doesn't work we may have to drag the fairways and then mow them. Lastly, we will be working on tee boxes throughout the year and fixing the stairs to the 10<sup>th</sup> tee box and the stairs going from the 13<sup>th</sup> green to the 14<sup>th</sup> tee box.

Questions came up about the worm issue. Would it possible to send people out with flashlights and pick them up and what if we top dressed the fairways with a mixture of clay and soil. Karl answered that we do not have the man power to do this and it would take at least 10 tandem dump trucks and then we would have to spread it. Both of these options are cost prohibitive. Another question came up about the pine trees by the 16<sup>th</sup> tee box and the pine tree that broke off at the end of the 11<sup>th</sup> fairway by the dogleg. Unanimously, it was decided to get rid of these trees.

The floor was opened for questions. The first question concerned the Café. Can we have high end gourmet food? Can we improve the menu? Can we expand the seating area? Can we put in a gas fire place? Ernie Bove responded that we are working on some of those items right now.

The second question concerned the Café also. Why do we not have a Café minimum? Ernie Bove answered that we are going to try this for a year and see how it goes.

The third question was do we have a Social Membership? The answer is, we do.

The fourth question was that many people in the community feel they can not come here. How do we change this? We are working on a Marketing Plan to address this.

Moved by John Mahoney and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Bove to accept all reports. All members present voted in the affirmative.

President Kevin Thompson asked Secretary Bob Wetherby to report the three Members voted to Board of Governors. Bob reported that the Board Members are: Kim Meisinger, Steve Wilk, and Brian Godnick.

**Presidents Report** - Report made by Kevin Thompson. Overall, we had a pretty good year. The Golfing World is down over all and we are holding our own. Kevin reiterated to get involved with the Club, join a Committee, play in Tournaments, and get involved in in Member events. Kevin also thanked Candy Anderson for her time on the Board.

Bob Wetherby thanked Becky Stevens and Kristen Johnson for the work they do in the Financial Office.

Harold Weissman thanked the Board of Governors and Kevin Thompson for the job that they did.

Kevin Thompson thanked everyone for coming.

Moved by Mary Moran and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Harold Weissman to adjourn at 10:56 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Wetherby  
Secretary

## **Baxter's June Schedule**

***We are open Daily for Lunch and Dinner!!***

***Monday – Saturday 11:00am – Close***

***Sundays 11:00am – 7:00pm***

***Tuesday is Italian Night Specials***

***Wednesday – Burger and Beer Night***

***Thursday & Friday Dinner and Fish Specials***

***Saturday – Dinner for 2 - \$50***

***Men's Member-Guest Tournament will be held***

***June 14th-June 17<sup>th</sup>***

***Please note:***

***There will be no dinners served***

***Thursday, Friday or Saturday Night***

***During the Member-Guest  
due to tournament functions***

## INFORMATION AND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### 2018 EDWIN W. LAWRENCE MEMORIAL MEMBER-GUEST "THE 57<sup>th</sup>"

**June 14 thru June 17.** Course is available for a practice round. Please schedule through the Pro Shop, **a minimum of one day in advance.** Guest need not play with his partner.

**June 14 . . .** There will be a 2-man Best Ball Net one day event. Teams must be comprised of your Member-Guest Team. Please indicate your desire to participate on your application and schedule your tee time with the pro shop.

**Social Activities:** A free putting contest on the practice green from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. with payouts for first, second, and third. The pre-tournament social will begin at 7:00 p.m. with Pizza and chicken wings from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 pm.

Continental Breakfast will be provided Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings!

**June 15 . . .** All flights will play two 9-hole matches. Closest to the pin contest will be on holes 3, 5, 12 and 15. **Social Activities:** Italian Buffet at 5:00 p.m. Non-participants are welcome at a charge of \$25.00 per person.

**June 16 . . .** All flights will play two 9-hole matches. **Social Activities:** Heavy Hors D'oeuvres. 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.; Guests will be charged \$20.00 per person for dinner.

**June 17 . . .** Shotgun start for all flights. All flights will play two 9-hole matches. Following play, the winners of all flights will participate in a Shootout. **Social Activities:** Awards and light fare following conclusion of all matches to be served on the porch, so you can watch the playoffs