

Total Golf Management

April Newsletter



Matt Hibbert, Club Manager –

The Tavern opened on March 21st with some people stopping in and sharing their winter experiences and travels. The “Mayor” Carl Kohut stopped by to show some pictures of his handsome new grandson, Smitty was in to make sure the PBR was still on tap. It was great to see everyone after a long winter, and the talk of golf was on everyone’s mind. We have hired a new chef for the season, his name is Mike Grey he has over 20 years of culinary experience and is looking forward to providing a new and improved menu. Barb, Peg, and Melinda are all on board to make a return this year with several newcomers to the team which promise to be excellent. We have several events lined up for the ladies league this year with two wine tastings, and an interesting demonstration by local business scissorgy day spa discussing several different wellness services that they offer. Once again I am looking for wine suggestions, after reviewing the surveys this is an area that needs improvement and one we are willing to work at. I would like to thank Brendan Hussey our Assistant Superintendent for all the hard work this winter to make sure all of the equipment was tuned up and ready to go this spring. I would like to introduce our new Superintendent Kevin Haslem and welcome him with open arms. Kevin came to us from North Carolina, but has local roots to the Wolfeboro area; we look forward to having him lead Ridgewood Country Club into the future. It’s been a very busy winter and the entire team here at the “Wood” is ready to have an incredible 2018 golf season. Hope to see you soon around the campus.

Mitch Jefferson, Head Golf Professional –

The golf season has arrived! We kicked off 2018 with our Master’s Party on the 8th and would like to congratulate Gil MacDonald on winning the 4th Annual Ridgewood Master’s Pool. With the first PGA major of the year in the books it’s time to turn our attention to the first major of the season at Ridgewood. On Sunday, May 20th we will be teeing it up for The Ridgewood Bowl. You can make your own foursome or have us pair you up. This is always a great early season event and we hope everyone will participate.

Our Men’s and Ladies leagues will be starting soon. It’s a good time to start thinking about your partner for the season. If you want to play but can’t find a partner please let the pro shop know sooner rather than later and we will do our very best to pair you up.

Don’t forget to circle May 26th on your calendars for our Titleist and Ping Club Fitting Day. Both manufacturers will be on the range from 10am-2pm. If you have been thinking about some new equipment, what better way to make sure you’re getting the proper fit than to have the fitting experts from two of the leading club companies in the world guiding you in the right direction.

Stop by the pro shop to check out the new merchandise for the season. More and more pieces are arriving daily. If there’s something that you desire and we don’t have it in stock let us know and we’ll be happy to order it for you!

See You Soon!

Kevin Haslem, Golf Course Superintendent –

Greetings! Spring is officially underway and the snow is melting quickly. I know it has been a long winter for many but the golf season is right around the corner. I would like to take this opportunity to officially introduce myself as your next Golf Course Superintendent! I am a 2006 graduate of the Stockbridge School of Agricultural at the University of Massachusetts. I come to you with over 20 years of experience in the golf course industry. I have spent the last 12 years in the Carolinas, and I bring back experience working closely with the PGA and hosting numerous Senior tour events. Additionally, I’ve participated in two extensive renovations, and prepared both private and public clubs. Originally born and raised in Massachusetts, I have officially relocated to central NH. I am excited to be here with my wife Liz, our two sons Tyler and Joseph, and our yellow lab Cam.

Two weeks into the new position we are hitting the ground running preparing your course for play. Brenden has done a great job preparing all the equipment during the off-season. We are working hard on painting all new hazard stakes and plan to have the course completely marked by opening day. We hope to get out on the course this week and begin course clean up as the temperatures are rising! I would like to take this opportunity to ask for your help in protecting our course during our first few weeks of golf. With all the snow we have received this month we will be roping off areas that need more time to dry out. It will be essential we protect these areas from cart traffic until conditions improve.

I am looking forward to meeting all of you! Feel free to contact me if you have any concerns, or questions regarding the golf course. I hope to see everyone on the course soon!