

**Golf Course Commission Meeting
November 27, 2023
Minutes**

Members Present: Joe Gaudiano (Chairman); Nate Moyer (Vice Chairman); Tony Ciccaglione; Pete Caligiure; Shelly Dowling; Regina Evans

Also Attending: Bobby Brown, Director of Golf Operations; Andy Fries, Director Golf Course Properties; Dave Galla; Jay Cunningham, Joel Satin

Members Absent: Owen Evans

Mr. Gaudiano called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

Review and Approval of Prior Minutes:

Review and approval of the Minutes of October 23, 2023, . . . A Motion was made by Mr. Moyer, seconded by Mrs. Evans to approve the minutes as is. Motion carried unanimously (6 – 0)

Mr. Gaudiano began the meeting by welcoming the two newest Golf Course Commissioners, Jay Cunningham and Joel Satin who were voted in by the Town Council just prior to the meeting. We are looking forward to working with them.

Mr. Gaudiano also thanked Dave Galla who has resigned from the Golf Course Commission so that he can serve on the Town's Board of Finance. This was Mr. Galla's second time serving on the Commission, and we greatly appreciate his hard work and dedication on the Finance Committee.

Audience Participation:

- None

Director Golf Course Properties/Green Committee (Andy Fries):

- See report attached.
- Mr. Fries will be attending the Syngenta Business Institute seminar at Wake Forest from December 5 - 8

Director of Golf Operations (Bobby Brown):

- See report attached.
- The target closing date for the 2023 season is end of business on December 17, unless weather forces an earlier closing.
- In response to a question regarding carts, Mr. Brown reported that customers are allowed to take a cart up to 2 hours 20 minutes prior to the official sunset on any given day.

House Committee (Tony Ciccaglione)

- See report attached.

- Mr. Ciccaglione is working with Mr. Faustini to make repairs to both the alarm and the fire suppression systems in the restaurant area.
- Mr. Ciccaglione will also work with the Town to determine if we have to go out to bid or not for the new range netting and safety cover.

Concessionaire (Domenick Faustini):

- No report given.

Finance (Dave Galla):

- See attached report.
- Mr. Galla thanked Mr. Brown, Mr. Fries and Mrs. Plumeau for their help and dedication over his time on the Commission. He also thanked his fellow Commissioners for being a great and dedicated group to work with.
- The Board of Finance just approved our transfer to capital for equipment, paving and fencing.
- Mr. Galla then went over a draft of the proposed budget for FY 2025 and proposed rates for Calendar Year 2024. Both will be voted on at the December 18th meeting.

Personnel (Shelly Dowling):

- Mr. Brown and Mrs. Plumeau interviewed a group of seven potential new starter/rangers. They will decide on a final four shortly.

Customer Service (Regina Evans):

- Mrs. Evans, Mr. Brown and Mrs. Plumeau will meet to discuss the solutions to some of the infractions in the Customer Service area.

Correspondence

- A letter was received by Marsha Rupp, Director of Women’s Golf for the Connecticut State Golf Association requesting that Tashua host the 2024 CT Women’s Amateur next year:

A motion was made by Mr. Moyer; seconded by Mrs. Evans to approve the request from the Women’s CT Golf Association that Tashua Knolls Golf Course host it’s 59th CT Women’s Amateur on July 15 – 17, 2024. Motion carried unanimously (6– 0).

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Mrs. Plumeau presented a Golf Course Commission Meeting Schedule for 2024:

A motion was made by Mrs. Dowling; seconded by Mr. Moyer to approve the Golf Course Commission Meeting Schedule for 2024 as presented. Motion carried unanimously (6– 0).

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Ciccaglione at 8:50 PM; seconded by Mr. Galla to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried unanimously (6 – 0).

Respectfully submitted,

Christine A. Plumeau
Golf Course Commission Clerk

**Golf Course Commission
Green Committee Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2023**

Members Present: Shelly Dowling (Chair); Nate Moyer; Andy Fries

Members Absent: Bobby Brown; Owen Evans

Mrs. Dowling called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM

Topics Discussed:

- Leaf blowing and mulching continues but will be ending shortly.
- The irrigation system is being blown out this week to shut it down for the winter. The bathrooms will stay open a while longer.
- The Cart Barn will be winterized over the Thanksgiving holiday.
- The courses will be put to bed with an application of snow mold and other treatments and then a covered with sand to protect the crowns of the grass over the winter.
- The courses will be dormant seeded and fertilized so that when the ground starts to warm in the spring, the grass will begin growing immediately.
- All of the gardens have been cleaned out for the winter.
- Winter projects include:
 - Adding processed stone to the cart path ends of Knolls #10 and 11
 - Removing dead ash trees on the course
 - Striping and sodding or seeding the left of #7 and the Right of #16
 - Lowering the grade of Glen #s 2, 4 and 1 so rainwater runs off more effectively
- Mrs. Dowling asked for and received an explanation of the process for setting tee markers.
- A discussion was held on the clean-up on the Tashua Road side of Knolls #3 and 4 after numerous trees and undergrowth were removed by the UI.
- A discussion was held regarding contacting various area technical institutions to see if they had potential Maintenance Department workers for next year.
- Weather report for October: The weather for October had average temperatures with a few abnormally warm or cool days. The trend since Labor Day continued with measurable rain occurring on one day every weekend. It was also only the 2nd October since 2010 where we didn't experience at least one morning with frost on the grass.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Plumeau
Administrative Assistant

**TASHUA KNOLLS GOLF COMMISSION
SPECIAL PROJECTS/HOUSE COMMITTEE
Commission Meeting Monday, November 27th, 2023**

Topics For discussion

- 0 Finished painting new color for on course bathrooms. 12/15/2023
- 0 Develop punch list items for repair of the Cart Barn & Maintenance facility. 12/15/2023
- 0 Obtaining quotes to upgrade storage facility on the left side of the Mikulus Center. 1/17/23
- 0 Monitoring Pumping in the Septic Systems. Did have some water leakage this past month but minimal.
- 0 Requesting quotes for fencing along the first hole. Completed
- 0 Review potential for extending Maintenance Building for additional storage.

Respectfully submitted

Anthony Ciccaglione – Head of House Committee



November Golf Commission Meeting

November 27, 2023, 2023

GOLF OPERATIONS REPORT

Bobby Brown, PGA Director of Golf

Golf Operations:

- * Decent fall weather has prolonged the golf season
- * Thanksgiving Day had 56 players on the Knolls and 24 players on the Glen.
- * Black Friday was a solid due to sunny and high 40's

Correspondence:

- CSGA Women's Amateur request for July 2024

Pro Shop: (4th Reminder)

*All 2023 golf shop credit must be redeemed by December 15th and any outstanding rain checks must be used by the end of the 2023 golf season.



**Tashua Knolls Golf Course
Finance Committee
November Meeting - 2023**

Miscellaneous Finance

- Finance transfer request in process – Board of Finance Meeting 11/16/2023
- Budget Discussion

Income

- Total rounds
 - Knolls – down 17% YOY and UP 23% over 5-year average
 - Glenn – UP 6% YOY and UP 35% over 5-year average
- Income
 - Knolls – UP 6% YOY and UP 32% over 5-year average
 - Glenn – UP 18% YOY and UP 47% over 5-year average
- Cart Rounds UP 22% YOY and UP 29% over 5-year average
- Total income UP 9% YOY and UP 27% over 5-year average

Rounds	2022	5-yr. Avg.	2023
Knolls Rounds	5,764	3,854	4,742
Glenn Rounds	1,846	1,461	1,965
Cart Rounds	4,008	3,775	4,871

Income	2022	5-yr. Avg.	2023
Knolls Income	\$202,279.00	\$162,652.70	\$214,512.00
Glenn Income	\$ 43,756.00	\$ 35,342.90	\$ 51,821.00
Total Income	\$243,190.00	\$209,134.80	\$266,106.00

Expenses

Tashua Golf YTD Budget Report - Fiscal Year 2023/2024

Account	Account Description	Original	Transfer	Revised	YTD	Encumber	As of 11/14/2022
							Available
501101	Salaries-FT/Permanent	452,405		452,405	133,431		318,973
501102	Salaries-PT/Permanent	27,307		27,307	8,705		18,601
501103	Salaries-Seasonal	256,000		256,000	128,600		127,339
501105	Salaries - Overtime	20,000		20,000	11,844		8,155
501106	Salaries- Longevity	425		425	0		425
501888	Uniform Allowance	4,000		4,000	270		3,730
522201	Services & Fees Clerical	840		840	280		560
522202	Services & Fees Professional	233,383		233,383	84,793	148,389	200
522203	Services & Fees Ancillary	17,000		17,000	2,160	6,315	8,525
522204	Services & Fees Contractual	112,283		112,283	108,722		3,560
522205	Svcs Program Expense	2,000		2,000	0		2,000
522210	Reimbursable to GF	308,238		308,238	308,238		0
534401	Matierials & Supplies Office	60,000		60,000	12,928	13,141	33,932
534402	Program Supplies	235,000		235,000	66,876	100,734	67,388
545503	Communications PR	1,000		1,000	0		1,000
556601	Professional Dev Conferences	2,350		2,350	125		2,225
556602	Dues	1,500		1,500	715		785
567701	Oil, Gas, Grease	18,500		18,500	7,100	7,900	3,500
567703	Travel Reimbursement	500		500	100		400
578801	Maintenance Repair Contracts	20,143		20,143	3,748	8,131	8,263
578802	Maintenance Equipment/Building	92,000		92,000	30,868	32,589	28,541
578804	Refuse	2,944		2,944	1,226	1,717	0
581888	Capital Outlay	87,000		87,000	19,950	84,276	-17,226
589901	Leases	97,082		97,082	47,108	49,975	0
589902	Occasional Rentals	8,000		8,000	0		8,000
590011	Heat	14,000		14,000	1,648		12,351
590012	Electricity	40,000		40,000	17,813		22,186
590013	Water	54,500		54,500	10,320		44,179
590014	Telephone/Internet	1,560		1,560	519		1,040
595888	Interest on Bonds	17,184		17,184	9,280		7,904
597888	Principal on Bonds	250,730		250,730	222,000		28,730
	TOTAL TASHUA KNOLLS BUDGET	2,437,874		2,437,874	1,239,367	453,167	745,266
TOTAL TASHUA KNOLLS EXPENSES							
	Tashua Knolls Income (MUNIS)				1,339,091		
	Misc. Revenue (Rent)				18,253		
	TOTAL INCOME				1,357,344		
NON BUDGET EXPENSES taken out of MUNIS income							
	Credit Card Fees				35,329		
	Golf Cart Taxes				17,396		
	Banking Fees				0		
	Customer Refund				600		
	ATK Tournament Fees				10,360		
	TOTAL NON-BUDGET EXPENSES				63,685		

BUDGET WORKSHEET (September 1, 2023)

2025
Budget
Proposal
2,550,000

2023 Budget t Actual		2024 Budget	
MEMBERSHIP/PARTICIPATION	2,802,477	MEMBERSHIP/PARTICIPATION	2,450,000

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE (Gralor 1/2 rent)	29,382	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE (Gralor 1/2 rent)	30,878	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE (Gralor 1/2 rent)	32,422
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SALARIES FULL TIME Property Director: \$117,587 Mechanic: \$64,465 Ass't Superintendent: \$60,725 Greenskeeper: \$58,143 Greenskeeper: \$58,143 <i>IN Adjustment Spray license \$1,638</i>	307,481	SALARIES FULL TIME Director of Golf Properties: 127,527 Ass't Super (Vacant): 60,135 Mechanic: 78,482 Greenskeeper: 65,502 Greenskeeper: 62,025 Greenskeeper: 59,061	452,405	SALARIES FULL TIME Director Properties: 130,377 Ass't Super (Vacant): Mechanic: Greenskeeper: Greenskeeper: Greenskeeper: Admin. Assistant:	515,000
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SALARIES PART TIME Admin. Assistant	36,141	SALARIES PART TIME Admin. Assistant	27,307	SALARIES PART TIME	0
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SALARIES SEASONAL 9% minimum wage increase Nominal additional hours based on usage <i>OUT Adjustment spray license -\$1,638)</i>	269,807	SALARIES SEASONAL	256,000	SALARIES SEASONAL Minimum Wage increase Additional Starter/Security	300,000
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SALARIES OVERTIME Need flexibility for weekend coverage	11,216	SALARIES OVERTIME Need flexibility for weekend coverage Add'l staff for weekend tournaments \$10,000	20,000	SALARIES OVERTIME Weekend and holiday coverage	20,000
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SALARIES LONGEVITY Cook: \$425	425	SALARIES LONGEVITY Cook: \$425	425	SALARIES LONGEVITY Cook: \$425	425
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2023 Budget Actual	2024 Budget		2025 Budget Proposal
Playeck: \$425			
UNIFORM ALLOWANCE Shirts for all staff	3,701	UNIFORM ALLOWANCE 4,000	UNIFORM ALLOWANCE 4,000
CLERICAL (COMMISSION)	840	CLERICAL (COMMISSION) 840	CLERICAL (COMMISSION) 840
SERVICES PROFESSIONAL (ATK) Contractual increase	223,464	SERVICES PROFESSIONAL (ATK) Contractual increase 233,383	SERVICES PROFESSIONAL (ATK) 2% increase 238,051
SERVICES ANCILLARY	8,195	SERVICES ANCILLARY Goose Control: 6,500 POS, Tee Time Res Software: \$6,000 POS Hardware: \$2,500 Gallus Golf App: \$2,000 17,000	SERVICES ANCILLARY Goose Control: \$8,000 POS, Tee Time Res Software: \$6,500 POS Hardware: \$2,500 Gallus Golf App: \$2,000 Pond Maintenance: \$8,000 27,500
SERVICES CONTRACTUAL	112,202	SERVICES CONTRACTUAL Golf Cart Lease year 2 of 5: 103,283.01 Alarm Services: 4,000 Tree/stump removal: 5,000 112,283	SERVICES CONTRACTUAL Golf Cart Lease year 3 of 5: 103,283.01 Alarm Services: 4,000 Tree/stump removal: 5,000 Irrig. Consultant Phase 1&2L: 40,000 Clubhouse Consultant: 60,000 212,283

2023 Budget Actual	2024 Budget			
EMPLOYEE PROGRAM 1534	EMPLOYEE PROGRAM Employee Appreciation	2000	EMPLOYEE PROGRAM Employee Appreciation	2,000
REIMBURSABLE SERVICES 288,300	REIMBURSABLE SERVICES	308,238	REIMBURSABLE SERVICES TBD by Town. ESTIMATED	325,000
MATERIALS & SUPPLIES Office Supplies Course Supplies Grounds Supplies 49,153	MATERIALS & SUPPLIES Course Supplies Grounds Supplies Small Power equipment needs Office Supplies	60,000	MATERIALS & SUPPLIES Office Supplies Course Supplies Grounds Supplies Small Power equipment needs	55,000
PROGRAM SUPPLIES 259,120	PROGRAM SUPPLIES Fertilizers: 100,000 Irrigation: 15,000 Pesticides: 95,000 Stand, soil, stone, etc: 25,000	235,000	PROGRAM SUPPLIES In-house Tee Rblld 6, 11, 14: 18,000	256,000
COMMUNICATIONS/PR 1,000	COMMUNICATIONS/PR	1,000	COMMUNICATIONS/PR	1,000
SEMINARS/CONFERENCES Director of Golf: 1,750 Property Director: 1750 1,675	SEMINARS/CONFERENCES Property Director	2,350	SEMINARS/CONFERENCES Property Director	2,350
DUES Audubon, MetGCSA, 2,180	DUES Audubon, MetGCSA,	1,500	DUES Audubon, MetGCSA,	2,500

2023 Budget t Actual	2024 Budget	2025 Budget Proposal
EPA., GCSAA, USGA, CAGCS, PGA	EPA., GCSAA, USGA, CAGCS	EPA., GCSAA, USGA, CAGCS
GAS 24,809	GAS 18,500	GAS 20,000
TRAVEL (MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT) 296	TRAVEL (MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT) 500	TRAVEL (MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT) 500
MAINTENANCE REPAIR SERVICE 18,631	MAINTENANCE REPAIR SERVICE 20,143 Copier: 2,800 Irrig. Comp year 2 of 3: \$3,120 Fire Extinguisher Service: 625 Portable Toilet: 1,400 Sprinkler Maintenance: 3,500 HVAC Maintenance Barn: 250 Infrastructure Repair: 5000 Cart Repair: 3,500	MAINTENANCE REPAIR SERVICE 20,143 Copier: 2,800 Irrig. Comp year 3 of 3: \$3,120 Fire Extinguisher Service: 625 Portable Toilet: 1,400 Sprinkler Maintenance: 3,500 HVAC Maintenance Barn: 250 Infrastructure Repair: 5000 Cart Repair: 3,500
MAINTENANCE REPAIR SUPPLIES Equipment Repair Supplies Building Repair Supplies 114,088	MAINTENANCE REPAIR SUPPLIES Equipment Repair Supplies Building Repair Supplies 92,000	MAINTENANCE REPAIR SUPPLIES Equipment Repair Supplies Building Repair Supplies Cart Barn Repairs: 15,000 107,000
REFUSE Based on current contract 2,761	REFUSE Based on current contract 2,944	REFUSE Based on current contract 3,000

<p>CAPITAL Ford F-350 Dump Truck: 60,969 Greensmaster Triflex: 39,411 Groundsmaster 3500D: 44,865 Complex Lights: 10,650 Paving: 30,000</p>	<p>CAPITAL Clubhouse Painting: 30,000 Paving: 27,000 Truck Plow: 10,000 Range Safety Netting: 20,000</p>	<p>CAPITAL Paving: 30,000 On course roofing: 7,500 Bunkers/Tees: 100,000 Equipment: 27,000 (Ventrac Blower, Sod Cutter Spiker Spreader, Fertilizer Spreader)</p>
<p>LEASES Sidewinder PAID OFF \$6,600 Reel Grinder PAID OFF \$9,068 Mower year 4 of 5 \$13,956 Triflex year 2 of 5 \$10,755 Green Aerator year 2 of 5: 5,500 Turf Fairway Mower year 1 of 5: 13,570 Turf Sprayer year 1 of 5: 17,246 Bobcat Loader: year 1 of 5: 17,314 Deere Rough Mower year 1 of 5: 19,157</p>	<p>LEASES Ventrac year 5 of 5: 13,956 Greenspro 1260 year 3 of 5: 2,851 Quickgroom year 3 of 5: 1,140 Greensmaster 315Q year 3 of 5: 7,066 Foley Grinder year 3 of 5: 4,780 Turf Fairway Mower year 1 of 5: 13,570 Turf Sprayer year 1 of 5: 17,247 Bobcat Loader: year 1 of 5: 17,315 Deere Rough Mower year 1 of 5: 19,157</p>	<p>LEASES Greenspro 1260 year 4 of 5: 2,851 Quickgroom year 4 of 5: 1,140 Greensmaster 315Q year 4 of 5: 7,066 Foley Grinder year 4 of 5: 4,780 Turf Fairway Mower year 2 of 5: 13,570 Turf Sprayer year 2 of 5: 17,247 Bobcat Loader: year 3 of 5: 17,315 Deere Rough Mower year 1 of 5: 19,157 Top Dresser year 1 of 5: 13,000 Bonded Equit year 1 of 5: 36170</p>
<p>RENTAL OCCASIONAL Irrigation System Air Compressor Rental</p>	<p>RENTAL OCCASIONAL Short term rental equipment</p>	<p>RENTAL OCCASIONAL Short term rental equipment</p>
<p>HEATING OIL</p>	<p>HEATING OIL</p>	<p>HEATING OIL</p>
<p>ELECTRICITY</p>	<p>ELECTRICITY</p>	<p>ELECTRICITY</p>
<p>WATER</p>	<p>WATER</p>	<p>WATER</p>

	2023 Budget Actual	2024 Budget	2025 Budget Proposal
CELL PHONE Prop Dir and 2 emergency cell phones	1,560	1,560	1,600
			CELL PHONE 1 emergency cell Phone/internet maint. Barn
INTEREST	28,052	13,010	6,105
			INTEREST
PRINCIPAL	251,961	222,000	203,000
			PRINCIPAL
TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES	2,646,793	2,404,970	2,699,593
			TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES
			PROJECTED RATE INCREASE
TOTAL BUDGET REVENUE	2,831,859	2,480,878	2,677,422
			TOTAL BUDGET REVENUE
NET BUDGET	185,066	75,908	(22,171)
			NET BUDGET

2023 Season Analysis

(as of October 31)

Total Knolls Rounds: 46,083

Total Glen Rounds: 21,298

Total Resident Rounds represent 41% of play and 33% of income

Total Regular Rounds represent 59% of play and 67% of income

Sample Resident Weekend morning Rounds represent 52.5% of rounds and 41.3% of income

Sample Regular Weekend morning Rounds represent 47.5% of rounds and 58.7% of income

The 12 tournaments this season generated \$71,672 in income

Total # of ID holders is 1,935

2023 Golf Rate Comparisons

Course	18 hole		Resident				Non - Resident			
	ID/ Pass	Cart	Weekday	Weekend	Weekday Sr	Weekend Sr	Weekday	Weekend	Weekday Sr	Weekend Sr
Tashua	\$50.00	\$20.00	\$32.00	\$35.00	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$49.00	\$55.00	\$37.00	\$55.00
Smith Richardson	\$75.00	\$18.00	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$49.00	\$59.00	\$39.00	\$59.00
EG Brennan	\$70.00	\$19.00	\$33.00	\$38.00	\$20.00	\$36.00	\$48.00	\$56.00	\$31.00	\$56.00
Oak Hills	120-235	\$20.00	\$39.00	\$42.00	\$27.00	\$42.00	\$44.00	\$64.00	\$42.00	\$64.00
Richter Park	\$50.00	\$18.00	\$44.00	\$52.00	\$34.00	\$52.00	\$79.00	\$89.00	\$51.00	\$89.00
Sterling Farms	70 or 350	\$18.00	\$36.00	\$38.00	\$24.00	\$42.00	\$52.00	\$63.00	\$52.00	\$63.00
Longshore	\$95.00	\$18.00	\$33.00	\$35.00	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$52.00	\$60.00	\$52.00	\$60.00
Fairchild Wheeler	\$30.00	\$18.00	\$23.00	\$26.00	\$18.00	\$24.00	\$35.00	\$46.00	\$28.00	\$43.00
Griffith Harris	110/165	\$19.50	\$34.00	\$40.00	\$25.00	\$40.00	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$50.00	\$60.00
Orange Hills	n/a	\$22.00	n/a	n/a	n/a	na	\$45.00	\$51.00	\$39.00	\$51.00
Grassy Hills	n/a	\$21.00	n/a	n/a	n/a	na	\$43.00	\$49.00	\$33.00	\$49.00
Oxford Greens	n/a	incl	n/a	n/a	n/a	na		\$75.00		
Lyman Orchard	Dyn Pricing	\$20.00						\$55.00		\$55.00
Stanley (New Britain)	\$5.00	\$22.00					\$39.00	\$42.00	\$29.00	\$42.00

2024 Proposed Rate Increase

\$3 Regular 18-hole Knolls Increase: \$49,000

\$2 Resident 18-hole Knolls Increase: \$24,700

\$1 All 9-hole Knolls and Glen Special Increase \$21,300

Total Estimated Rate Increase Additional Income: \$95,000

Tashua Knolls

From: BOBBY BROWN <jakiboo@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 10:40 AM
To: Joe Gaudiano; Tashua Knolls; Nate Moyer; David Galla; Dowling Shelly; Tony Ciccaglione; REGINA M EVANS; Owen Evans; Andrew Fries; Peter Caligiure
Subject: Fwd: 59th Conn. Women's Amateur - Request for Tashua Knolls to Host

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Good morning guys

We have been selected to host the 2024 Women's Am. July15-17. Hopefully you all would to have it again at Tash. Next year will be a little more prestigious having a cut after 36 holes and the final top 24 battling out for the Championship. Also the winner of the State Amateur will receive a qualifying exemption into the USGA Women's Am. That is huge.

Let discuss at the next commission meeting

Bobby

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Marsha Rupp <mrupp@csgalinks.org>
Date: November 3, 2023 at 3:08:07 PM EDT
To: Bobby Brown <jakiboo@aol.com>
Subject: 59th Conn. Women's Amateur - Request for Tashua Knolls to Host

Dear Board of Governors at TKGC,

After two outstanding years hosting the Conn. Women's Amateur, the CSGA requests that Tashua Knolls Golf Course host once again in 2024!

In 2022, TKGC drew publicity from hosting this prestigious event, one of two major women's competitions in the state. Tashua Knolls and Bobby Brown have an impressive reputation in the golfing community of supporting Women's and Girls Golf in CT and that continues to be a common thread to your success.

This year, Bobby, your superintendent Andy Fries and his staff, along with Dominic and the catering staff all combined forces again to create a welcoming environment and professionally manicured golf course for the Amateur championship. In 2023, we gained 20 new players to the field, which was a 40% increase, and surpassed the goal of 70 participants. In 2024, we are looking to grow the field again, hopefully to 90 players, or more.

As you may recall, the event was 36 holes of competition, 18 holes of stroke play on each day. We offer divisional titles and trophies for the Junior, Mid-Am, Senior and Super Senior levels, as well as the overall Championship title. In 2024, we are expanding the tournament to

54 holes over three days, with a cut after the first two rounds. We anticipate that 20-24 players will advance to the final day, and will be on the course until about noon. The reason for the expansion is to be in accordance with a new program from the USGA that focuses on developing new opportunities for players to advance to USGA events. With the 54 hole event, the championship will meet the tournament criteria and the winner will be exempt from the US Women's Amateur. This sought after exemption is bound to elevate the number and quality of the participants in the field substantially.

Boasting competitors with ages from 12 to over 70, this Championship is truly a multi-generational event for girls and women and continues to fit your mission to grow the game of golf in Connecticut. The last six champions have been a college senior (21), college freshman (19), a high school senior (17) a high school freshman (15) a college junior (21) capped off by the youngest player in history to win the event at 13 years old this year! (There was another 13 year champion previously but Arabella Lopez, the 2023 winner, edged her out by a few weeks to become the youngest ever to win our state amateur.) Tashua Knolls is in the history books!

The CSGA would like to return to Tashua Knolls Monday to Wednesday July 15-17, 2024 for the 59th playing of the Women's Amateur. Once again, the course will receive much publicity with feature stories, results, photos and interviews on our CSGA website and social media accounts. As host of the event, Tashua Knolls will have the opportunity to provide practice rounds, buffet lunches and misc. restaurant orders, carts for players who opt to ride, and will receive merchandise prize credit for the winners.

As always, thank you for your consideration and your gracious hospitality the past two years. Bobby and TKGC have been a tremendous boost to the success of our CT Women's Amateur.

Respectfully,

Marsha Rupp

Marsha Rupp
Director, Women's Golf, Competitions & Development
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Golf Course Commission Meeting Schedule 2024

Listed below are the dates for the 2024 Golf Course Commission meetings.

January 22 – Trumbull Town Hall – Long Hill Room; 7:30 PM

February 26 – Trumbull Town Hall – Long Hill Room; 7:30 PM

March 25 – Trumbull Town Hall – Long Hill Room; 7:30 PM

April 15 – Trumbull Town Hall – Long Hill Room; 7:30 PM

May 20 – Trumbull Town Hall – Long Hill Room; 7:30 PM

June 24 – Trumbull Town Hall – Long Hill Room/; 7:30 PM

July 22 – Trumbull Town Hall – Long Hill Room; 7:30 PM

August 26 – Trumbull Town Hall – Long Hill/; 7:30 PM

September 23 – Trumbull Town Hall – Long Hill Room; 7:30 PM

October 28 – Trumbull Town Hall – Long Hill Room; 7:30 PM

November 25 – Trumbull Town Hall – Long Hill Room; 7:30 PM

December 16 – Trumbull Town Hall – Long Hill Room; 7:30 PM