



# Tuscarora News



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## Message from the President

Brent A Shelton, Esq.

TCC Membership,

We are almost through the cold months and getting closer to spring with each day. While this time of year is usually fairly slow around the club, please know that the Board and the Staff have not slowed down. As a board, we have approved the restructuring of the dam of hole 14. We expect that once that is completed it will refill and provide the beautiful outlook over that green that we are all accustomed to.

Wes and his staff are busy making repairs for the upcoming season and are steadily removing trees as requested by the greens committee. Luckily, we haven't had to cover too often so he has been able to focus on improvements to the surface as well as the equipment.

JJ and his staff have been maintaining both the Pro Shop and the Taproom. We have had several events to date and have many more planned both private and club events. Please keep on the lookout for future club events as Valentine's Day and Easter are right around the corner. As always please continue to respect both the golf course and the facilities that we all strive so hard to maintain. Look forward to seeing ya'll as the weather turns!

Best Wishes,

Brent A. Shelton, President

## Message from Greens Superintendent



Wes Ailport

Rain, rain, and more rain. Most of the work on the course for January has been cutting back the undergrowth along the fairways on #2, #4, #6, #13 and beside #15 tee box. Tree that was down to right of #8 green has been removed. The irrigation is back on after repairing some major leaks. Bad weather outside also gives us time to work on some of the equipment in the maintenance shed to prepare us for the upcoming season. On the schedule is to remove a large tree on the right side of #6 green. This tree blocks sunlight to backside of the green.



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## Message from the General Manager



James J McCabe III

Members, Guests, Employees & Co-Workers,

Hello guys and gals and welcome to the Virginia rainforest! There wasn't a whole lot of golf in the month of January to be had with the weather, unfortunately. Even with all the rain I must say that the golf course is in extremely good condition as we push further towards spring. Please remember to pair up in carts when able and respect the green stakes across the golf course and return to the path.

January was a cleaning month for my staff and I in the taproom. We completely gutted the kitchen and deep-cleaned the inside and outside of every piece of equipment, cooler, tables, pots, pans, utensils...everything. It's safe to say that hasn't been done in quite some time but it's done now and I would welcome a health inspector with open arms.

The Taproom and ballroom were relatively quiet, for the most part, the month of January. We hosted two ballroom events composed of one club event and one private event. The prime rib & chicken dinner on the fourteenth was in large a success. I will own the major complaint, which is my fault entirely, that we had no dessert. I'll be sure going forward that there is dessert at every social club event under my supervision.

We have a few new members at the club that I've had the honor of meeting and chatting with. I encourage all the groups to invite them in, introduce themselves and just be a cordial member to our new members who may not know many people here in their early tenure.

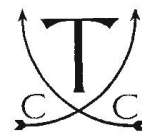
As always, please text, call, or corner me at work with any suggestions of what you'd like to see around the club!

Respectfully Submitted,

JJ McCabe, III



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## Tap Room Hours

The Tap Room will be closed on Mondays until mid-March. Hours are Tuesday to Thursday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday to Sunday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. During inclement weather, call ahead to be sure we are open.

## Great Shots

2-24 Jack Grey Eagle on #14

If you have an ace or eagle, be sure to put your name on the board in the Pro Shop so you can be recognized in the monthly newsletter. Maybe you had a career best round and broke 70, 80, or 90 for the first time.

Send pictures or stories to: [gm@tuscaroracountryclub.net](mailto:gm@tuscaroracountryclub.net) The Cub will then send the information to the Newsletter editor for review. You can also post on the Facebook site.

## Beaver Dam

The beavers have been busy during the winter. As you can see from the photos below, they are still hard at work. The maintenance crew will start to dismantle the dam shortly as soon as it dries out. Hopefully, the beavers will take up residence further down the creek.





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## Today in History

A snowstorm hit Tuscarora on January 22 and 23, 1987. Eugene Sowers was in the maintenance shed at the time of collapse from the weight of heavy snow on the roof. He was not injured by diving between a tractor and other equipment. The building was replaced with a steel 4,800 sq. foot building.





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## 2023 RULES OF GOLF: 5 KEY CHANGES

The R&A and the USGA have released the most recent edition of the Rules of Golf, effective January 2023.

### HERE ARE 5 KEY CHANGES



**New Rule — Modifications for Players with Disabilities**

These modifications are now part of the Rules and are in effect for all competitions and all players who fall under the categories covered in new Rule 25.



**Replacing Damaged Clubs**

If your club is damaged during a round (except in cases of abuse) you may replace it, repair it or continue to use it.



**Handicap on Scorecard (Stroke Play Only)**

You are not required to put your handicap on your scorecard and there is no penalty if you return your scorecard in a competition with an incorrect handicap, as this is now the Committee's responsibility.

This change is consistent with other penalty reductions, such as reducing the penalty for playing an incorrectly substituted ball from the general penalty to one stroke.



**Ball Moved by Natural Forces**

When your ball is at rest after taking relief and then rolls into another area of the course due to natural causes, there is no penalty, and you must replace it.



**Simplified Back-on-the-Line Relief**

When using this relief option, you are required to drop your ball on the line, and it may roll up to one club-length in any direction.

For more information on the Rules of Golf, please visit [usga.org](https://usga.org) or [randa.org](https://randa.org).

R&A USGA

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Key changes include:

- **Club Damaged During Round:** The Rule has been amended to allow a player to replace a club that is damaged during a round, provided the player did not damage it through abuse.
- **Ball Moved by Natural Forces:** A new exception provides that a ball at rest must be replaced if it moves to another area of the course or comes to rest out of bounds after being dropped, placed or replaced. There is no penalty.
- **Back-on-the-Line Relief Procedure:** The back-on-the-line relief procedure, often used for penalty area and unplayable ball relief, has been simplified so that the player now drops their ball on the line, and the ball must come to rest within one club-length of where it is dropped.

After the 2019 updates to the Rules of Golf were announced, the USGA and the R&A printed two million copies of the rule book. No more. The USGA and the R&A have announced that they will not be making printed copies of the Rules of Golf, forgoing the use of a half billion pieces of paper and saving the organizations significant costs. It also eliminates the costs associated with shipping and distributing the books. Going forward, they hope golfers will utilize the free Official Rules of Golf mobile app on their smartphones.



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## Calendar of Events

February

- 10 Private Event (Ballroom)
- 18 Private Event (Ballroom)
- 25 Private Event (Ballroom)

March

- 3 Italian Dinner Night (Social Event)
- 11 St. Patty's Day Event (Social Event)

April

- 1 Season Kick-Off Scramble
- 2 Easter Egg Hunt (Social Event)
- 8 Masters Golf Scramble
- 15 Chatham Hall Benefit Scramble 9:00 a.m. Shotgun
- 15 Wedding and Reception (Ballroom)  
Junior Wednesday Club Golf
- 21 Tournament
- 22 Chatham High School Prom (Ballroom)
- 29 - 30 TCC Member / Member Course closed to all outside play

May

- 5 Rain Date - Junior Wednesday Club Golf Tournament
- 6 Kentucky Derby Event
- 19 Private Event (Ballroom)
- 20 PGA Championship Golf Event
- 29 Memorial Day Captain's Choice Golf Event

June

- 3 Private Event (Ballroom)
- 17 Private Event (Ballroom)
- 17 TCC Parent / Child Championship
- 24 - 25 TCC Mementational Course closed to all outside play

July

- 4 Independence Day Captain's Choice Golf Event
- 15 Private Event (Ballroom)
- 22 Wedding & Reception (Ballroom)
- 22 British Open Golf Event

August

- 5 Private Event (Ballroom)
- 11 - 13 TCC Member / Guest Course closed to all outside play



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September		
4	Labor Day Golf Event	
9 - 10	Club Championship	Both Men & Women's Championship
16	Bourbon, BBQ, & Cornhole Tournament (Social Event)	
22 - 24	TCC Invitational	
October		
21 - 22	Tuscarora Cup	
28	Trunk or Treat (Social Event)	
November		
18	Oyster Roast (Social Event)	
23	Thanksgiving Day	Closed
December		
2	Breakfast with Mr. & Mrs. Clause	Ballroom and Taproom
25	Christmas Day	Closed
	Taproom will not be taking custom orders until 12:00 p.m.	
	Major Golf Events	Social Events

## From the Business Office

The club has automatic bill pay as a courtesy to our members. You will still receive a statement at the beginning of the month, then on the 15<sup>th</sup>, we will bill your debit or credit card for the amount due. No hassle and no late fees. Contact Barbara to get set up at (724-1387).

## Extras at TCC

Locker rental	\$20 per year
Bag Storage	\$70 per year
Range Plan	\$150 per year, billed quarterly
Cart Storage	\$65 / 75 per month, plus inspection \$10 per year
TCC Cart Plan	\$65 per month



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## Board of Directors:

President	Brent Shelton
Vice President	Layne Mills
Secretary	Jake Hardy
Treasurer	J.C. Sells

## Committees:

Tap Room	Chris Baker
Greens	Cam Shelton / Jake Hardy
House & Grounds	H.T. Ricketts
Tournaments	Sam Mantiplay and Layne Mills
New Members	Doug Jamison
Social Committee	J.C. Sells
Pool	J.P. Cassada
Policy & Regulations / Personnel	Drew Arnold

## Tuscarora Staff

General Manager	JJ McCabe, Head Golf Pro	814-414-7510
Pro Shop and Pool	Pete Soffriti	434-724-4191
Business Manager	Barbara Buckley	434-724-1387
Greens Superintendent	Wes Ailport	434-724-7213
Tap Room Manager	Vacant	434-724-7121
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Number of Members (01-31-23)		New Members for December	
Regular	109	Ray & Pamela Bagwell	Non-Resident
Senior	59	Rachel & Todd Rimel	Recreation
Junior	39		
Non-Residential	28		
Recreational	80		
Total	315		

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