



# Tuscarora News



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## Message from the President

Brent A Shelton, Esq.

Dear Members,

Dear Tuscarora Country Club Members,

I am thrilled to welcome you all to the beautiful summer season at our beloved Club. As we turn the page on spring, the longer and warmer days are opening up a world of possibilities for us all to enjoy our time here.

Firstly, we have exciting news: our pool is now open! The meticulous effort of our staff has ensured it is sparkling clean and ready for your enjoyment. Whether you're up for some laps or just lounging poolside, the inviting blue waters are ready and waiting for you.

June is a special month at Tuscarora as we host the Membertational and Parent/Child Championship. This is always a wonderful opportunity to showcase your skills and enjoy some friendly competition with fellow members. We encourage everyone to participate or cheer from the sidelines.

On the golf front, we're pleased to announce the start of Junior Clinics every Tuesday in June. We invite our young golf enthusiasts to improve their skills, while making new friends in a fun and nurturing environment. Please check with JJ or his staff to get your children signed up!

Maintenance of our course is of utmost importance, and in order to keep the greens in perfect condition, we'll be grooming them every Monday. Consequently, the course will be closed until around 11 am or 12 pm, so plan your games accordingly. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

In the interest of maintaining the excellent quality of our greens, we have just aerated them this past Wednesday and Thursday. This essential maintenance helps keep the turf healthy and ensures the best possible playing conditions for everyone.

Thank you all for being a part of Tuscarora Country Club. We are grateful for your support and look forward to seeing you at the Club soon.

Best wishes for a splendid summer,

Brent A. Shelton  
President, Tuscarora Country Club



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## Message from the General Manager



James J McCabe III

Members, Guests, Employees & Co-Workers,

Welcome to summer (finally)! After some sluggish weather it looks promising from here. We capped May off by punching the greens on the thirty-first of the month and the first of June. A lot of people don't know how big of a job that is and I applaud Wes and his crew for not only accomplishing it but doing a very nice job all around.

Looking ahead on the golf course this month we have the Parent/Child Championship on the seventeenth, and our annual Membertational on the twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth. Sign-ups for that are now open in the pro shop. Please note that we are only allowing two (2) members per team this year as well as all years going forward. Sign up your team as a foursome, please!

I'll be hosting a junior golf clinic on every Tuesday during the month of June. The age groups are eight and under, and nine to fifteen. It's calendar is as follows:

- June 4<sup>th</sup>: 8 & Under
- June 11<sup>th</sup>: 9 – 15
- June 18<sup>th</sup>: 8 & Under
- June 25<sup>th</sup>: 9 – 15

The clinic is targeted at basic golf skills, etiquette, striking the golf ball, grip, putting, etc. Expect your child to be on the practice green chipping & putting for half the lesson, and on the driving range for the other part of the lesson. All sessions start at 6:00 p.m. and end at 7:00 p.m. Entry fees are \$20 per clinic.

The Taproom hours are now updated for the summer months, and they are as follow:

- Mondays: 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday – Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Friday – Sunday: 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- \*These hours are subject to change with inclement weather\* (Close early)

I know a lot of you get the emails for Sunday lunch specials and other club-oriented information which comes from J.C. Sells. I'd like to thank him for all the work I put on him regarding email blasts and organizing all the social events we have. He does a fantastic job and puts in more effort than most people see. Thanks, J.C.!



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The ballroom is fully booked this month outside of Membertational dates because that'll be enough work for me that weekend! It is also booked every weekend in July and twice throughout the week. Please refer to the updated calendar for all events social, private, or golf oriented. As always, please reach out to me. Respectfully Submitted,

JJ McCabe, III



## 2023 Junior Clinic Schedule & Itinerary

\*Call JJ to sign-up 814-414-7510\*

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### Itinerary:

- Age groups of 8 & under / 9 – 15
- Range and practice green work
  - Basic fundamentals including, but not limited to:
    - Grip, path of swing, full-swing hitting, putting, & chipping
- Limited to twelve (12) kids per session
  - First come, first serve
- \$20 per session per child

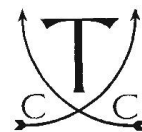
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### Schedule:

- Tuesday June 6<sup>th</sup>
  - Age group 8 & Under
  - 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday June 13<sup>th</sup>
  - Age Group 9 – 15
  - 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday June 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Age Group 8 & Under
  - 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday June 27<sup>th</sup>
  - Age Group 9 – 15
  - 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.



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## Message from Greens Superintendent



Wes Ailport

The water line break in the middle of #18 fairway has been repaired and a shutoff valve was installed so the water line for the 18<sup>th</sup> fairway can be isolated from the rest of the course if needed in the future. We have also started vert-cutting the greens on a weekly basis. The course will be closed to play until 11:00 a.m. on these days. On May 16<sup>th</sup>, the course had 3 inches of rain in three separate storms back-to-back. This caused a lot of washouts in the traps. Flooding was so severe, it washed pine needles from the trees on the right side of #12 fairway over to the right rough of #4 fairway. A tree was blown down to the right of # 8 green.







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If you have played recently, you will notice the #14 lake is now full and is over the top of the overflow pipe. The staff is still going to block the overflow pipe at the base of the dam and put in a new overflow pipe at the right of the dam next to # 6 green. The existing overflow pipe stopped-up due to an unknown reason. If we do not permanently block the original overflow pipe, then the pipe could start leaking again at any time and the pond will empty.



On May 31 and June 1, the greens were deep cut 10 inches. The ShockWave machine is a linear decompacter designed to revitalize fine turf by relieving soil compaction, improving aeration and removing surface water, while causing minimal surface disruption so play can resume quickly. This softens up the greens and allows them to drain properly. This process should last for about 8 months.



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## Golf Lessons

Availability: Upon request Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Fees: Based on 1 dollar (\$1) per minute, up to one hour.

\$30 / Half Hour    \$60 / One Hour

Lessons can be paid for via cash or check to: "JJ McCabe III"



Contact:

Cell Phone: 814-414-7510

Email: [GM@tuscaroracountryclub.net](mailto:GM@tuscaroracountryclub.net)

## Great Shots in May

John Paul Cassada	Hole-in One	#6
Jerry Rowland	Eagle	#17
Neal Morris	Eagle	#16

## Tap Room Hours

Monday:	11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday – Thursday:	9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Friday – Sunday:	8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

During inclement weather, call ahead to be sure we are open.  
Cash will once again be accepted in the Tap Room.



## Stimpmeter – What is It?

(from [USGA Stimpmeter Instruction Booklet](#))

The Stimpmeter is a simple, accurate device manufactured by the USGA that allows one to make a standard measurement of, and place a numerical figure on, the speed of a putting green. It does so by measuring ball roll distance.

### The Effects of Management Practices

The manner in which putting greens are managed has a tremendous influence on their speed and consistency. Most of these factors are known to some degree, but almost all are worthy of continued research. Following are some of the major variables that using the Stimpmeter® will help us to understand more effectively:



1. **Mowing height and frequency of cut** are extremely important considerations. A mower's bench setting is no guarantee that greens are cut at a prescribed height. Moreover, the condition of mowers; the type of mowers (floating or rigid cutting units); attachments such as rollers, groomers, brushes and combs; all can make a difference in the cut and green speed. So does doublecutting, verticutting and rolling. The precise effect of each of these factors can be measured with the Stimpmeter.

2. **Watering practices** and surface moisture (dew) are crucial to green speeds. Moist turf will be slower than dry turf at any mowing height.

3. **Fertilizing practices** can be studied, such as the effects of rate and frequency of application, nitrogen source and nutrient balance.

4. **Grain** is sometimes a deterrent to uniformity of speed. How grain is affected by changes in direction of cut, use of vertical mowing equipment, riding versus single unit mowers, etc., can be studied as they relate to green speed.

5. The effects of rolling, aeration, spiking and topdressing can be measured, both before and after treatments.

6. Speed variations among the different turfgrass species and varieties presently used for putting greens can be documented.

7. By keeping good records, you will be better able to observe, determine and explain variances in green speed throughout the year and compensate for them



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## General Comments

Knowing the speed of a putting green may assist in determining whether a hole location will give fair results. A green so fast, or a hole cut in such a position, that a ball cannot be stopped near the hole from any point on the green, for example, is an unfair challenge.

Faster is not necessarily better, nor should it be the goal. This especially holds true for daily play because putting greens that are too fast will slow play. It is also detrimental to turf health and requires more resources to achieve. Determining an appropriate green speed for daily play will vary considerably for each golf facility and is dependent on many factors, some of which include: turfgrass species, putting green architecture and construction method, budget, time of year and golfer ability.

Putting greens prepared for championships and special events should be uniformly paced and are generally faster, but not as fast as possible, than daily play. The greens should place a premium on well-executed shots, while exacting a penalty for less precise shots. Green speeds for championships and special events should appropriately challenge the skill level of the players competing.

Strive for championship conditions only for limited periods of time, principally for important events. Turfgrass failure is common when championship conditions are maintained for too long or when adverse weather conditions occur.

For more information on putting green management, visit the Course Care section of [USGA.org](https://www.usga.org) or contact your regional USGA agronomist.

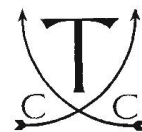


Wes using ShockWave machine on #16 green.





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## Then and Now - #12



March 1992



May 2023



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## 2023 Recruitment Program



### WE WANT YOU TO DO YOUR BEST

to recruit new members. See special mailing sent in March.

You can save on your monthly dues for each new member you bring into the club. Any current member who recruits a new member (Senior, Regular, or Junior) will receive discounted dues worth \$40 per month for the remainder of 2023. This will be on a sliding scale through 2025 as long as the recruited member remains a member of the club.

Number of Members (5-31-23)		New Members for May	
Regular	114	Barbara & Ronald Carty	Recreational
Senior	54	Richard & Brandy White	Regular
Junior	43	Mike & Lanier Cassada	Regular
Public Service	4	Jeffrey & Angela Wells	Regular
Youth	2	Austin & Lauren Bunn	Junior
Non-Residential	30	Hunter Crute	Youth
Recreational	81	Kristopher & Kelly Booth	Non-Residential
Total	328		



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## Calendar of Events

June

- 3 Private Ballroom Event - Birthday Party
- 10 Private Ballroom Event - Business Anniversary Party
- 11 Private Pool Party - 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- 17 2023 Parent / Child Championship
- 17 Private Ballroom Event - Birthday Party
- 17 Private Pool Party - 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- 24 - 25 2023 Membertational Course closed to all outside play
- 29 Danville Junior Golf Tour- 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

July

- 1 Private Ballroom Rental - Wedding Reception
- 2 Private Taproom Event - Shields' Group Enshrinement
- 4 Independence Day Golf Event (Red, White, & Blue)
- 8 Private Ballroom and Pool Events - Wedding Shower
- 13 Private Taproom Event - Supervisor runner Bowman
- 15 Private Ballroom Rental - Family Reunion
- 22 British Open Golf Event
- 22 Private Ballroom Event - Wedding & Reception
- 29 Private Ballroom Event - Gala

August

- 5 Private Ballroom Event - Family Reunion
- 12 - 13 2023 Member / Guest Course closed to all outside play
- 19 Private Ballroom Event - Birthday Party

September

- 2 Private Ballroom Event - Birthday Party
- 4 Labor Day Golf Event
- 9 - 10 2023 Club Championship (Tee Timed Event) Course open to outside play
- 16 **Bourbon, BBQ, & Cornhole Event**
- 23- 24 2023 TCC Invitational (Tee Timed Event) Course open to outside play
- 30 Danville Junior Golf Tour - 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- 30 Private Ballroom Event - Adult Prom

October

- 14 Private Ballroom Event - Birthday Party
- 21 Private Ballroom Event - Class Reunion
- 21 - 22 2023 Tuscarora Cup (Tee Timed Event) Course open to outside play
- 28 **Trunk or Treat**



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November		
18	Oyster Roast	
23	Thanksgiving Day	Closed
December		
2	Breakfast with Mr. & Mrs. Claus	
6	Private Ballroom Event -Blue Ridge Fiberboard Christmas Party	
9	Private Ballroom Event - Gala	
25	Christmas Day	Closed
	Club Events	Private 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 10<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, billed on December 31
Bag Storage	\$80 per year, billed on December 31
Range Plan	\$150 per year, billed annually on June 30
GHIN Handicap	\$30 per year
Cart Storage	\$70 / 80 per month, plus inspection \$10 per year
TCC Cart Plan	
Weekend only	\$50 per month + \$5 trail fee per round
7 days a week	\$70 per month + \$5 trail fee per round



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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 Mantiply 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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