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#### Message from the President

Brent A Shelton, Esq.

Dear Tuscarora Country Club Members,

As we embark on a new year, I find myself reflecting on the wonderful journey we've shared at our beloved club. Throughout the past year, we've witnessed remarkable transformations that have enhanced our golfing experience and provided a more inviting space for our community.

Our golf course has seen significant improvements – bunkers bid farewell, grass received a fresh trim, trees found a new purpose or a new home, and additional irrigation lines now nourish our greens. These changes, along with countless others, wouldn't have been possible without your valuable contributions. Your dedication to our club's betterment is truly commendable.

Let's not overlook the splendid Taproom renovations – a \$20,000 commitment from the board resulted in a space that exudes warmth and comfort. With new LVP flooring, a fresh coat of paint, and stylish furnishings, our Taproom now stands as a testament to the hard work of Chris Baker and his subcommittee. Special thanks to the volunteers who pitched in – from setting up tables to mounting TVs, your efforts ensured a cost-effective completion.

I'm delighted to announce the election of Drew Arnold, Steve Brumfield, and Pat Kiser to our board. Congratulations! We eagerly anticipate their contributions over the next three years. Kudos to the nominating committee for their dedication to a smooth election process.

Looking ahead, please remember that the Taproom is available for hosting your events. Reach out to JJ for inquiries about parties, dinners, and more.

As we welcome the new year, let's be mindful of the recent improvements on the golf course and in the Taproom. Your continued respect and support are crucial as we navigate the winter months.

Wishing you all a prosperous and joy-filled year ahead.

Warm regards,

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,

Hello and Happy New Year, guys and gals! We have now reached almost entire completion in the Taproom area. With some minor TV kinks to work out it's safe to say we will be able to say it's done! We hosted our first private event in the renovated room New Years Eve.

Along with the renovations, our kitchen is currently in it's annual "deep clean." We will reopen the kitchen in its entirety on Friday January 5th. Please be patient as we are getting rid of a large amount of clutter that may be at the back kitchen door. I look to have everything completely organized and tidied up in the next two days.

We've hosted four ballroom events since our last newsletter edition. All private events, three of which the club catered. December was a great ballroom/taproom rental month with a total of seven events in either space. As we look ahead to our private rental calendar, we have seven events booked in the coming year and we're currently five days into the year. I look to have a formal calendar to you all by middle of next week as I need to get with a few board members on social events and tournaments so I can formalize that for everyone's awareness. These schedules, once published, will be tentative and available on the cork board in the Proshop at all times as well as included in the newsletter (and updated) monthly.

On a more delicate note, I'm sure most of you have been informed of by now. Stu Shields was diagnosed with cancer a few weeks ago and I encourage the membership to pray for him as he beats this disease. He is an integral and outstanding example of our membership. And just a good guy. Godspeed, Stu.

As always, reach out to me with any questions, concerns, or suggestions at any time.

Respectfully submitted, JJ McCabe III





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## **Message from Greens Superintendent**



Wes Ailport

As we move not the winter months, we continue to clear the course of leaves and debris. The second trap on #8 will be filled with dirt. It is more of a hazard than a trap since it has large rocks embedded in the ground. The water leak on the left of # 7 fairway, which was caused by root growth from an oak tree, has been repaired. Two dead trees between #4 and #8 fairways will be cut down. At some point, the two traps on both sides of #12 fairway will be removed.

Please continue to pay attention to the roped off areas. We are trying to prevent winter damage to the course.

### Condolences

Doris Windhorn, 86, widow of Gordon Windhorn, passed away on December 29, 2023. Betty Boswell, 81, wife of Archie Boswell, passed away on December 31, 2023.

Please remember these families in this time of grief.



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### **Taproom Renovations Complete**

As I write this, we are 95% done with the taproom makeover and painting our halls. I hope you have had an opportunity to come out and see it all. We are proud of what we have been able to accomplish and the donations of you, the members, have helped make it all possible. In this way we are able to use donations and capital improvement funds to better our club and not general operating funds. For those of you that have given, a great big thank you to all. To date \$13,650 has been donated by our membership. If you have planned on giving there is still a week or two left to contribute before we shut it down. Just call or come by and make your donation and be a part of the plaque that will be placed in the taproom with all donors' names for years to come and know you were an integral part of it all happening.

There are a lot of decisions that have to be made in planning for a project like this and I had the best. Pat Kiser, Toni Gammon, and Laura Toler were part of most every decision made. Their input and direction were invaluable, and I hope you can see how all the parts seem to flow together. Thanks to them.

Doug Jamison has been there every step of the way. I mean every day for whatever was needed. Vern Cowen offered his help every single day and was part of a project we had to do that took hours of his volunteer time. Jimmy Jefferson is constantly doing things for the club and this project was no different. From wall repair to installing the tv's he can do It all. And does. LA Motley has volunteered his electrical help and has spent several hours at the club doing so. Even climbing in the ceiling. Thank you all for being such an important part of this endeavor.

On a December 16, a Saturday it was unbelievable when around 15 members showed up to help in the final set up. It was just cool seeing their care and pride in our club. Thank you all for being there. Here are their names and others who have given of their time.

Billy Toler Terry Lewis Temple Moore Eric Mitchell Dave Giffen Herman Cook Donnie Stowe Butch Cassada Burke Herring Tommy Mathena Jane Baker Brent Shelton Layne Mills Peter Soffriti JJ Mcabe

My apologies if I missed anyone.

And again, a big thank you to all that have donated monetarily.

Chris Baker





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#### **Great Shots in November**

Robbie Agee Eagle (Nov) 14

If you know of any great shots during the month, report them to the Pro Shop so they can be listed in next month's Newsletter.







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## 2024 Men's Tournaments

| April       |                         |  |
|-------------|-------------------------|--|
| 6           | Kickoff Classic         |  |
| 13          | Masters                 |  |
|             |                         |  |
| May         |                         |  |
| 4 - 5       | Member - Member         |  |
|             |                         |  |
| June        |                         |  |
| 15          | Parent Child / U S Open |  |
| 22 – 23     | Membertational          |  |
|             |                         |  |
| July        |                         |  |
| 20          | British Open            |  |
|             |                         |  |
| August      |                         |  |
| 9 - 10 - 11 | Member Guest            |  |
|             |                         |  |
| September   |                         |  |
| 7 – 8       | Club Championship       |  |
| 28 – 29     | 2 Man Invitational      |  |
|             |                         |  |
| October     |                         |  |
| 19 – 20     | Tuscarora Cup           |  |
|             |                         |  |

## Comments

If you have any comments, send those to this link: <u>COMMENTS</u>





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| Number of Members (12-31-23) |     | New Members for December |        |
|------------------------------|-----|--------------------------|--------|
|                              |     |                          |        |
| Regular                      | 114 | Blake Lewis              | Junior |
| Senior                       | 56  | Jay Edward Booth         | Junior |
| Junior                       | 46  |                          |        |
| Public Service - Senior      | 4   |                          |        |
| Medical Demit                | 2   |                          |        |
| Non-Residential              | 32  |                          |        |
| Recreational                 | 84  |                          |        |
| Total                        | 338 |                          |        |

## **Board of Directors:**

| Brent Shelton                |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| Layne Mills                  |  |
| Jake Hardy                   |  |
| J.C. Sells                   |  |
|                              |  |
| Chris Baker                  |  |
| Cam Shelton / Jake Hardy     |  |
| H.T. Ricketts                |  |
| Sam Mantiply and Layne Mills |  |
| Doug Jamison                 |  |
| J.C. Sells                   |  |
| J.P. Cassada                 |  |
| Drew Arnold                  |  |
|                              |  |

## **Tuscarora Staff**

| General Manager       | JJ McCabe, Head Golf Pro | 814-414-7510 |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
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| Greens Superintendent | Wes Ailport              | 434-724-7213 |
| Tap Room Manager      | Vacant                   | 434-724-7121 |
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