



Amherst Golf Club Newsletter

Spring 2009

2008 – Another Good Year

Happy spring! The golf season is here and the course is open. We had a great 2008 season. With the help of Amherst College we made many improvements to the club. Replaced some old equipment, installed a new awning on the front deck, and replaced the roof on the maintenance building. Also, we cut some trees which were rotting and now the course has a new look. We are anticipating another great season in 2009.

The course has been in great shape thanks to Carl and his crew. David and his staff are running a nice and professional Pro Shop; and the Board and committee members are working very hard in assuring that the club runs successfully. We have great members and we are hoping to gain more of the same this year.

Club Pro 1978-2008

Last year was David's 30th year as the pro at our club. He has been very dedicated and takes good care of us, year after year. David has taught many of us how to play golf, and knows our swings very well. He is there in the morning when we arrive and still there at night when we finish our last beer! Thank you David; for the past 30 years, and many more years to come.

2009 Kick-off Tournament

We have planned a 9-hole tournament to kick-off the 2009 season. The tournament is open to all members; men, women, and juniors. It is scheduled for Saturday May 2nd in the afternoon, followed by a cook out social. The cost is \$12 per person. We are hoping that you will join us to welcome new members and say hello to old friends you may have not seen during the off season.

2009 Membership Drive Tournament

We have scheduled a membership drive tournament for May 9th. We are offering an introductory membership for all new members for only \$500 for the first year. Any new members, who have not been a member of AGC for at least 3 years, would qualify as a new member. We would like to increase our membership, and you can help us by passing the word to your friends. Please encourage people to play the course and see why it is such a fun place to play and belong.

Amherst Cup

Amherst Cup is back at Amherst where it belongs. Congratulations to our players and Captain Bob Shumway for a decisive victory. This past season 12 of our best players took on 12 of Hickory Ridge's best players in the fifth annual Amherst Cup and won. This was a men's Ryder Cup format held over two days at Amherst and Hickory.

Membership Reminder

Just a reminder this year's membership payments are due in full, by **March 31st**. If you have not sent in your membership dues yet, please mail in your check today or contact Dave Twohig at 413-256-6894. Super seniors (90+ by April 1st and a member for 20 years) are honorary members for life. If you qualify for this select group, please let us know!

Board Member

We have some openings on the board of directors. We are looking for a secretary/clerk for the board. If you know of someone who is qualified to serve on the board and is willing to spend a couple of hours a week to help the club, let Reza or Dave know. Call Reza Shafii at 413-585-1616 X123.

New Website

We have our new website is up and running. Visit us at www.AmherstGolfClub.org, next time you are searching the web.

Ouimet Fund

The Francis Ouimet Fund was established in 1949 to benefit students who have given to Massachusetts Golf Clubs. Our juniors have received Ouimet Scholarships in the past and we are confident that others will qualify in the future. Tom Chalmers continues as our director of the Ouimet Fund. A donation of \$25 purchases an Ouimet Golf Tag. Please send your tax deductible contributions to the Amherst Golf Club @ PO Box 874 or you can give directly to Tom or David.

Peter Bleau's Birthday Party @ the Pro Shop

David is planning the 5th Pete Bleau birthday party golf tournament on July 18th. Save the date: Saturday afternoon

Amherst Legends of Golf

The Legends meet every Wednesday morning at 9:00 am for a nine hole tournament. All male members of the club, who are 55 years of age or older are eligible to join. Please contact Dick Bergquist for further information.

Women's Association

A mailing by the Women's Association will be sent shortly. This will include information for the Spring Brunch and the Thursday league. Please contact Laura Shannon @ 413-323-1025 for further information.

The Niner's

Every Tuesday morning from May through October the Niners meet at 9:00am to play a nine hole tournament. Lunches follow each tournament and on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. Volunteers provide delicious salads and desserts to enhance the lunch. Twice during the summer the Niners join the Legends in a scramble event. All are welcome! The only requisite is to sign up by noon the day before the tournament so the teams can be drawn up. Good golf, good food, good fun!

In Memory of ...

Four of our members passed away over this winter. Dick Johnson, Pat Mullins, Nelson Sarris, and Margret Hassan will be remembered and will be in our thoughts forever.

Committees

The Board extends its appreciation to the following committee members:

Handicap: Jane Chalmers, Jim Thomas, and Jim Worthley

Tournament: Jamie Mullin, Jim Worthley, and Pat Kelley

Course Historian: Jack Shea

2008 Board of Directors

President: Reza Shafii

Past President: Bill Dowd

Vice President: Currently Vacant

Treasurer: Jack Olson

Secretary: Currently Vacant

Women's Representative: Laura Shannon

Men's Representative: Chuck Roys

Green's Committee Chair: George Hassenfratz

Amherst College Representative: Jack Arena

Director at Large: Jim Tudryn

Legal Counsel: Jeff Brown

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel comfortable in contacting any Board member.

Amherst Golf Club 2009 Tournament Schedule

April
Apr 5 Open Play
Apr 12 Easter - Open Play
 Apr 19 A.M. 4 Ball Best Ball(M)
 P.M. Women's 4 Club
 Apr 26 A.M. 4 Ball Best 2(M)
 P.M. Women's Spring
 Brunch&Scramble

May
May 2 P.M. Opening Mixer(9H)
 May 3 A.M. 2 Ball Best Ball(M)
May 9 Membership Day
May 10 Open Play
 May 14 A.M. W. Mass Women
 May 16,17 Amh. 2 Ball Open(M)
 May 23 A.M. Dick Garber(M)
 Memorial
 May 24 A.M. Dick Garber(M)
 P.M. Women's 4 Ball
 May 25 A.M. Best Ball
 P.M. Women's Memorial
 May 31 A.M. 2 Ball Stableford(M)

June
 June 4 Women's Guest Day
 June 6 A.M. Founder's Cup(W)
 June 7 A.M. Senior's Champ.(M)
 P.M. Mixed Scotch
 June 9 A.M. Founder's Cup(9H)
 June 14 A.M Ken O'Brien Triathlon
 June 21 A.M. Father's Day Tour.
 June 24 Amherst Open
 June 26,27,28 Steam Boat(M)
 Member Guest

July
 July 4 A.M. 4 Ball Best Ball(M)
 P.M. Women's 4 Ball.

July
 July 5 A.M. 4 Ball Point(M)
 P.M. Special Cup(W)
 July 7 A.M. Special Cup(9H)
 July 10,11,12 Men's Club Championship
 (10th Champ Only)
 July 17 Member Guest-Metro(M)
 July 18,19 Men's Club Championship
 (Divisions 3,4,5)
 July 25 A.M. Women's Guest Day
 July 26 A.M. Member Guest(M)

August
 Aug 1 A.M. Women's Championship
 Aug 2 A.M. Women's Championship
 Men's 2 Ball Quota
 Aug 9 A.M. 4Ball Stableford(M)
 Aug 11 A.M. Women's President's Cup(9H)

Aug 15 Amherst GC Day
 Aug 16 A.M. President's Cup(M)
 P.M. Women's President' Cup
Aug 23 Open Play
 Aug 30 A.M. Old Member/New Member(M)
 P.M. Women's Over 50

September
 Sep 6 A.M. 4 Ball Best 2(M)
 P. M. 4 Ball Best 2(W)
 Sep 7 A.M. 4Ball Best Ball(M)
 P.M. Women's 4 Ball
 Sep 12,13 The Hadley Open
 Sep 20 A.M. Amherst Cup(M)
 Sep 27 A.M. Member Member
 /Member Guest(M)
 P.M. Women's Harvest Field Day

October
 Oct 3,4 Amherst 2 Ball Open(M)
 Oct 10,11 A.M. Octoberfest(M)

October
 Oct 11 P.M. Women's 2 Ball
Oct 18 Open Play
 Oct 25 A.M. Turkey Shoot(M)
November
 Oct 31, Nov 1 Novemberfest #1(M)
 Nov 7,8 Novemberfest #2(M)

**Legends of Golf
Schedule**
 Apr 8 Opening Scramble
 May 20 Member/Member
 Member/Guest
 June 3 Interclub Match
 Wilbraham at Amherst
 July 8 Roy Soderberg Scramble
 July 29 Interclub Match
 Holyoke at Amherst
 Aug 26 Legends Championship
 Aug 27 Interclub Match
 Amherst at Holyoke
 Sept 23 Interclub Match
 Amherst at Wilbraham
 Oct 28 Turkey Shoot(Luncheon)

Niners
 Tuesdays May 5th - Oct.6th
 Aug 5 A.M. Niners/Legends

Match Play Tournaments
 Men's Individual
 Men's Team
 Senior's Individual
 Women's Individual
 Sign-up before May 1st

Special Events
 June 23 Junior Qualifier
 July 6 MGA Qualifier
 July 18th Pete's Birthday

**Remember to sign up for Leagues and Match Play
Sign up is April and play starts in May**

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2009 Membership Specials:

Introductory/New Members \$500 first year

Special Legends or Niners Membership
\$350 (see details at the pro shop)

Juniors:

12 yr and under	\$150
13yr-18yr	\$250

Don't forget to sign up for Men's League, Women's League, Mixed League and also Match Play.

Sign up sheets at the Pro-Shop

2009 Important Events:

May 2nd - 2009 Kick-off and Social
May 9th - 2009 Membership Drive

2009 Guest Passes:

For non-members:

10 All day passes \$225
20 All day passes \$395

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