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Come One, Come All

The third floor is open for business! After months of construction activity, in which just about every surprise you would expect to find in a 100 year-old building was encountered, the conversion of the third floor from employee housing to guest rooms is complete. Nine new rooms await on the third floor: one king suite, two king rooms, two queen suites, two queen rooms, one ADA queen room, and one double room. All rooms feature new furniture, private baths, luxury bedding, and flat screen TVs with high-definition capability and complimentary HBO. The three suites contain separate living room areas with soft seating.

The third floor would not be complete without a makeover of
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Room 15 (king bed)





Room with a View: 1 Upper
from Room 15.



Room 13 (queen suite)



Room 13 (queen suite)

the second floor. All eight bedrooms on this floor were renovated with new wallpaper, carpeting, bathroom fixtures, bedding and flat screen TVs. The configuration of the second floor is three standard queen rooms and five twin rooms.

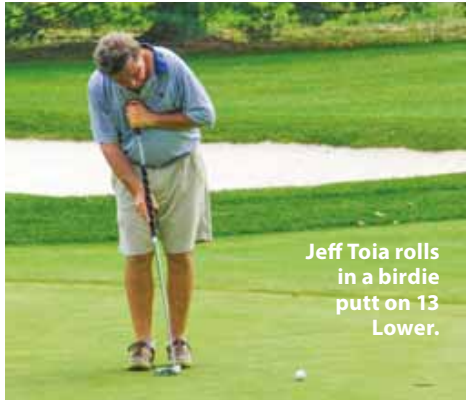
Combined with the seven queen rooms on the ground floor of the Carriage House, Baltusrol now offers 24 rooms for member and guest stay. Make your reservations by calling the Front Desk! Photos of all guest rooms can be viewed at the Baltusrol website under **Dining & Social > Guest Rooms**.

And did we mention the new elevator that now serves all floors of the Clubhouse?

—Judith Mann



Room 16 (queen bed)



Jeff Toia rolls in a birdie putt on 13 Lower.



Chris Scott's name will be inscribed on the championship trophy for the third time.

Chris Scott Three-Peats in Senior Match Play

The final match in this year's Senior Match Play Championship between Chris Scott and Jeff Toia had everything: the potential for a "three-peat" victory, a big lead, a comeback, and a sudden death playoff. Two-time defending champ Chris Scott entered the final match on the Lower Course on August 5th with wavering confidence and the prospect of surgery following the tournament. Jeff Toia, who won this event in 2008, entered the match playing well—evidenced by the hole-in-one he made on No. 15 Upper in the semi-final match the day before.

Jeff built a commanding lead early, three up after three holes, but Chris managed to stop the bleeding and hold Jeff's lead to one or two up for the next ten holes. Pars were winning most holes, with the occasional

birdie added. With a tight approach shot to a front pin on No. 13 and the ensuing birdie putt, Jeff stood at 2-up with five holes to play. Every time Chris managed to chip away at Jeff's lead, Jeff re-built it. Finally, on Nos. 14 and 15, Chris broke through to square the match with a par and then a birdie. It took fifteen holes, but for the first time in the match Chris was not down.

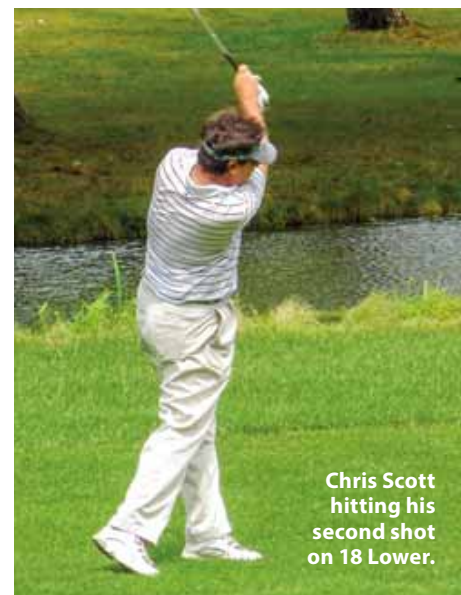
What followed was a nail-biting finish. Jeff made a great sand save on No. 16 to match Chris' par, all square still. On 17, both players hit big drives and decided to go for the green. Chris nearly pulled it off, but found his ball bunkered in the left greenside bunker. Jeff had a less fortunate outcome, hooking his fairway wood over to 17 Upper. Chris emerged with his first lead of the day, one-up with one to

play. Needing birdie on the closing hole, Jeff again drilled a drive—this one 320 yards—and then calmly launched a five-iron home to about twenty-five feet. His two-putt secured the birdie he needed, sending the match to extra holes.

The sudden death playoff was indeed that—sudden. Chris played two conservative shots to set up a short approach into No. 1 Lower. With Jeff bunkered by the green, Chris chipped in for eagle from 45 yards. It was a shot that caught him, and everyone else, off guard. He saved his best for last. Standing in the trees behind the 3rd green three hours earlier, on the verge of going three down, Chris had said to himself, "I need to get this turned around or this match will be a rout." It took 19 holes, but he did it and claimed his third consecutive Senior Match Play Championship.

—Rick Jenkins

QUARTERFINALS (Lower)	SEMIFINALS (Upper)	FINALS (Lower)
Chris Scott	Scott 3 & 2	Scott 3 & 2
Gil Zimmerman		
John Fullam	Fullam 3 & 2	
Bruce Kelsey		
Jeff Toia	Toia 1 up	Toia 2 & 1
John Taylor		
Peter Green	Green 5 & 4	QUALIFYING MEDALIST (Upper) John Taylor, 73
Scott Quackenbush		



Chris Scott hitting his second shot on 18 Lower.



Junior Golfers Take to the Road

The Baltusrol Junior Interclub Travel Team continued its fine play this summer. On July 19th, the team visited Winged Foot to compete in the first leg of its interclub tournament series with Aronimink, Fox Chapel, Merion, Oakmont and Winged Foot. The Baltusrol team of Jud Riley, Jack Stewart, A.D. Bunn, Thomas Urciuoli, Bobby Moriarty and Will Pagano started the season off on the right foot with a win, edging out Oakmont by one stroke on Winged Foot's East Course. The other teams finished well back of the leaders. The format is individual stroke play with the top four of six rounds counting in each team's aggregate score (high school format). Baltusrol's A.D. Bunn recorded the low individual score of the day, a fine 74.

On July 31st, the team traveled to the Philadelphia area to compete at Aronimink and Merion on back-to-back days. Consisting of Jud Riley, Thomas Urciuoli, Will Pagano, Bobby



Moriarty, Griffin Carroll and Andrew Kendall, the team again captured first place in the team competition at Aronimink, scoring a 310 based on the best four of six scores format. The low individual score was claimed by Baltusrol's Will Pagano with 75. The next day's competition at Merion was canceled due to lightning, but the players were able to squeeze in a few holes and take in the setting of this 2013 U.S. Open site.

A week later, the team re-grouped and hopped in the van for an early morning drive to Pittsburgh for a Wednesday afternoon round at Oak-

mont followed by Fox Chapel the next morning. Baltusrol's team was represented this time by A.D. Bunn, Jud Riley, Will Pagano, Bobby Moriarty, Griffin Carroll and Matthew Gentile. The Oakmont team used its home course advantage to capture first place with Baltusrol taking second. The same one-two finish occurred the next day at Fox Chapel, with Oakmont squeezing out a two-stroke victory over Baltusrol.

These interclub events are an outstanding part of Baltusrol's junior golf program. The participants relish the opportunity to play tournament golf at these spectacular venues. The 2012 team was extremely competitive, winning two events and never finishing worse than second place. The players enjoyed the camaraderie both among themselves and with the competition, and the host clubs treated everyone like royalty.

—Colin McConchie
PGA Asst. Professional

Junior Club Championships



A.D. Bunn



Christina Parsells

3 Holers

Girls: Anna Peterson
Boys: Charlie Lord

6 Holers

Girls: Lindsey Larson
Boys: William Kendall

9 Holers

Girls: Lindsay Donegan
Boys: Nick Kapsimalis

18 Holers

Girls: Christina Parsells
Boys: A.D. Bunn



Caddie and Golf Cart Policies

The Golf Committee has updated the Club's caddie and cart policies, effective immediately. The cart policy includes specific provisions for operating carts safe distances from greens, tees and hazards in response to several situations that have been observed on the golf courses this season. Please familiarize yourself with the policies and abide by their terms.

CADDIE POLICY

All members and guests are strongly encouraged to use caddies when available. Walking is one of the basic traditions of the game and of Baltusrol. Caddies are required to be used until 2:00 pm. All players are expected to use caddies unless they are exempt to use a cart. Members are responsible for ensuring that their guests comply with the caddie and cart policies.

Before play, the Play Coordinator will advise the member if the assigned caddie is experienced or an apprentice (there are no official classifications). The caddie fee has been set at \$70 per bag plus a gratuity if warranted by performance. The role of the caddie is to focus on providing yardages, raking traps, reading greens, fore-caddying and pace of play. It is the player's responsibility to replace divots and repair ball marks. Caddies are required to be equipped with a clean white uniform, name tag, proper head gear, towel and distance measuring device. Members should advise the Play Coordinator if they are not satisfied with a caddie's performance.

Golf bags should be under 25 lbs. and of the kick-stand variety. Bags should be lightened by removing excess gear when possible.

Occasionally, the caddie may wish to substitute a lighter bag or kick-stand bag for a non-conforming bag.



CART POLICY

The Play Coordinator is responsible for the administration of golf carts.

Carts must be returned to the Play Deck by 7:30 pm. Carts are not permitted to be operated by anyone under the age of 18. A maximum of two riders and two golf bags per cart are permitted.

For safety purposes and the health of the golf courses, be sensible about cart use: **do not drive within 30 yards of a green or within 5 yards of tees, traps, water hazards and wetland areas.** Carts should remain on paths when available, stay out of the rough if possible (especially burned-out rough), and follow cart signs and roped-off areas.

Exempt players who wish to use a cart should be 65 years of age or older and/or have a medical condition that interferes with their ability to walk a golf course. Physically handicapped individuals may be granted permission, with a medical note, to use a special flag that allows them to operate carts within 15 yards of a green and in rough areas but must stay at least 5 yards from tees, traps, water hazards and wetland areas. Under no circumstances should carts be driven between bunkers and greens.

Members are responsible for any damage to a cart while it is in their use. Failure to observe proper cart rules and regulations will result in forfeiture of cart use. ■

JERSEY JUNIOR CLAIMS CARTER CUP

Jared Mactas, a 17 year-old rising senior at Pascack Hills High School in Montvale, won the Carter Cup at Baltusrol on August 1st. His even-par 71 on the Upper Course was just good enough to edge out six other players in what became a storm-shortened 18-hole event instead of 36 holes.

Now in its 10th year, the Carter Cup has grown into one of the most prestigious junior tournaments in the Met area. An invitational, it boasts the Met area's strongest field of juniors under the age of 19, as evidenced by the six players who shot 72 and tied for second place: Theo Humphrey, the 2011 MGA Boys' champion; Ethan Wall, last year's Carter Cup runner-up; Harrison Shih, the 2011 NJ

State High School Champion; Paul Pastore, a member of the Connecticut state high school championship team and brother of past Carter Cup champion David Pastore; Charles Cai, who recorded a top 25 finish in this year's New Jersey State Open; and Ethan DeForest, also the brother of a past champion.

The victory is Mactas' first major title and bestows exemptions into next year's Carter Cup, Ike Championship, and MGA Junior Championship. The Carter Cup remembers Michael P. Carter, a Baltusrol junior player who starred for the Delbarton School and went on to play golf at Penn State University before a tragic car accident took his life in 2002.

—Rick Jenkins

Mactas with Mary Lou Carter and Steve Boyd.



EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY



Low Gross
Rickey Bailey



Low Net
Tim Molder



Putting Contest
Winner
Rick Flinchum



"Best Dressed" Winners



MARK KUHNS

August Aerification Quick and Easy

Where has the summer gone? It has been a trying summer, like most, with extremes of heat and drought and at times, excessive rainfall. Our interns have performed admirably this year in pest management and hand watering and the countless other tasks they perform. We were able to hand-pick a talented and experienced group from various universities to intern at Baltusrol this season: Brian Kahl, Steve Brown, Nick Alley and Andrew Dreibelbis are enrolled in Bachelor degree programs at Penn State; Tegan Udeh is enrolled in the Turfgrass technical program at Rutgers; Luke Macke is enrolled in Equipment and Turfgrass Management at Florida Gateway College; Ryan Berezowitz is an undergraduate at the University of Wisconsin; Jacob Rockhold and Erik Meyer are undergrads from the University of Missouri; and James Ladner is an undergrad from Kansas State University. As some of them return to school in August, we wish them well and thank them for a job well done.

Our August aerification went very smoothly, with crews aerifying greens, tees and fairways in three days under perfect skies and a concluding rainstorm that was timed perfectly. We also were able to aerify most of our roughs from tree line to tree line; these areas were

heavily seeded with disease and insect resistant varieties of Turf Type Perennial Ryegrass. All of these areas should be fully healed for our club championships and the inviting fall season.

Aerification is the primary means of perpetuating youthfulness in our playing surfaces. Without this process, the turf would become disease prone and very weak. The August aerification gives us the opportunity to introduce stronger varieties of grasses at a time when they can out-compete less desirable varieties. It achieves both short-term improvements in building up the health of the turf for the fall season and long-term improvements from overseeding with these stronger grasses.

We have discovered about 100 Pin Oaks in the 4'-6' range growing around the property. We will be digging them in the fall to be lined out and cultivated, in out of the way areas, for future distribution on

our courses. These will be the specimen trees of the future. Our legacy specimen trees are beginning to decline, so we must be thinking about replacing these gentle giants in the coming years. We will continue to prune and protect our specimen trees for as long as Mother Nature allows.

Fall is just around the corner and some of the best weather for golf is yet to come. Enjoy the second season and take the time to appreciate all of the natural beauty that is on display at Baltusrol in the fall. ■



*Top row from left: Brian Kahl, Luke Macke, Ryan Berezowitz, James Ladner, Tegan Udeh
Bottom row from left: Erik Meyer, Steven Brown, Nick Alley, Andrew Dreibelbis, Jacob Rockhold*

The First Tee at Baltusrol

Do you have a set of golf clubs gathering dust in your basement? If so, your old clubs can find a new home at The First Tee. Back in March, Baltusrol donated 80 sets of golf clubs and over 15,000 balls to The First Tee of Raritan Valley (FTRV). Mark Kuhns, a past board member of FTRV, has led Baltusrol's involvement with the organization. According to Mark, the FTRV has successfully initiated programs in area high schools to teach golf and its core values of integrity, perseverance and sportsmanship.

FTRV is interested in sets of clubs, as well as loose clubs, drivers, wedges and putters. Junior clubs are welcome, but the majority of First Tee participants are high school age, so men's and women's clubs are particularly needed. In addition to clubs, FTRV accepts golf bags, golf balls, umbrellas and gently used golf shirts and golf shoes. You can bring these items to the Play Deck, or if you have a large donation to make, you can arrange to drop off your equipment at the Maintenance facility (please email Mark Kuhns at psu149@aol.com).

A portion of the 15,000 golf balls donated to FTRV this spring were fished out of the water hazards at Baltusrol. So take heart, that ball you hit into the pond on the Fourth Lower is being put to good use!



—Edie Tato



To Post or Not to Post

SOME IMPORTANT HANDICAP REMINDERS

The BN periodically runs this article on the rules of score posting. Score posting has some nuances, like Equitable Stroke Control and how to handle medal scores in match play, so all members – new and old alike – can benefit from a refresher. Please see the section below on posting scores from a match play competition, such as the Club Championship or the Silver Ball tournament, as there seems to be some confusion among members about how to handle these rounds. [Ed.]

One of the fundamental principles underlying the USGA Handicap System is the posting of scores and the availability of this information for fellow golfers to view. When you post scores, you establish a Handicap Index which allows you to compete fairly against other golfers, and you establish a record of scoring that is open to “peer review.” Remember, Handicap Index, which is a number taken to one decimal place, indicates your potential scoring ability because it is calculated using your best scores. It travels wherever you play. Handicap Index is not your handicap; rather, it leads to your course handicap, or the number of strokes you need to play a specific course from a specific set of tees in order to compare your score to scratch (Course Rating).

Posting scores is all about establishing an accurate indication of your ability to play. It keeps your game fair and protects the field in competitions with net awards.

What are the requirements for posting scores?

There are several, and it never hurts to refresh our understanding:

- ▶ Post all completed 18-hole scores, home and away rounds.
- ▶ Post your score when you played at least 13 holes of an 18-hole round or at least 7 holes of a 9-hole round. For the holes you didn't complete, record a par plus any handicap strokes you would have received on those holes.
- ▶ Post scores from all forms of play: stroke play, match play, even team competitions in which you are requested to pick up when out of contention on a hole.
- ▶ If you pick up on a hole or are conceded a stroke, record the score

you most likely would have made for that hole (including any penalty strokes). If you don't play a hole, such as one that is closed for construction, your score for that hole is par plus any strokes to which you're entitled based on your course handicap. This also applies to any hole you didn't play according to the Rules of Golf. For example, if you had to cut your round short after 15 holes in order to make your son's baseball game, and holes 16, 17 and 18 are “stroke holes” for you, you should record a bogey on each one of those holes and post your score accordingly.

- ▶ Post your scores using Equitable Stroke Control (ESC). ESC is designed to equalize high-score holes so they don't distort your Handicap Index. ESC sets a maximum score which a player can post on any hole depending on his course handicap. For handicap and posting purposes, you should adjust your score after the round, according to the chart below, to reduce any exceptionally bad scores. Obviously, ESC should not be used when submitting a score for a competition.

COURSE HANDICAP	MAXIMUM SCORE ON ANY HOLE
9 or less	Double Bogey
10–19	7
20–29	8
30–39	9
40+	10

Are there any occasions when you should not post a score? Well, not too many. Don't post a score when you've played fewer than 7 holes and don't post a score from a golf course that is observing an off-season.

GHIN Numbers

Many of our members are members of other clubs, and often ask how their postings and scoring history can be linked. That's easy: you need one GHIN number. If your multiple clubs process handicaps through the GHIN system, all of your clubs can be linked together via one GHIN account. With one GHIN number, you can post scores at any of your clubs and see scoring history from all of them. If you need to consolidate GHIN numbers, please see a member of the Golf Shop staff who can fix this situation for you.

The Handicap Committee

Did you know that Baltusrol has a Handicap Committee? Actually, all clubs that use the GHIN system are required by the USGA to have one. Baltusrol's Handicap Committee consists of Chuck Fowler and Jim Brown, Golf Committee members, Peter Kapsimalis, Golf Committee Chair, and Kevin Vitale, who are responsible for enforcing the USGA Handicap System at Baltusrol. Today, all rounds played at Baltusrol are recorded in the ForeTees system – even member rounds; this is how the Club tracks rounds played and

other course statistics like pace of play. ForeTees now “talks” to the GHIN system and generates a report which compares rounds played

versus rounds posted for each member (you can view your own report in ForeTees). The Handicap Committee periodically reviews this information, so post your scores faithfully and punctually to avoid a discrepancy and a letter from the Handicap Committee. We have the right to adjust handicaps and apply penalty scores if necessary. ■



Ladies Guest Day



Best Ball of 4 Gross: Lili Durling (left) with guests Pat O'Hara, Kathy Carter, Liz Hickey.



Firenze—1st Net: Jan Heim (left) with guests Mary Nash, Diane Williams, Chi Daniels.



Siena—1st Net: Caron Menger (right) with guests Marie Slate, Doris Dirsmales, Bev Rieckers.

18 HOLLERS FARRELL TOURNAMENT



Flight winners left to right: Caron Menger, Mary Lou Carter, and Marygrace Redfern.

18 HOLLERS PRO/CHAMPION CHALLENGE



Left to right: Caron Menger, Frances McGunnigle, Tracy Pester, and Doug Steffen.

HUSBAND/WIFE TOURNAMENT



Low Gross: Scott and Tracy Pester

SCORECARD

KELLER CUP QUALIFIER – 8/4

Lower 1st David Murphy
2nd John Hurley

Upper 1st Jim Redfern Jr.
2nd John Roberts

ONE-DAY MEMBER/GUEST – 8/8

Lower Course

Best Ball of 4 Gross
1st Rich Luciani, Paul Christopher,
Ted Furness, Dr. Michael Drew

Best Ball of 4 Net

1st Tom Cassin, Rich Gabriel,
George Bitto, Dave Amy

Better Ball of 2 Gross

1st Fred Biehl, Bill Ross

Better Ball of 2 Net

1st Doug Kepple, Chris Santana

Upper Course

Best Ball of 4 Gross

1st Andy Stock, Hans Albertsson,
Morgan Gregory, Glenn Marchak

Best Ball of 4 Net

1st John Werring, Frank Mischia,
Frank Mischia Sr., Harry Hardy

Better Ball of 2 Gross

1st Matt Wirths, Willie Spicer

Better Ball of 2 Net

1st Bruce Roddy, Curt Laforge

WOMEN

18H GUEST DAY – 7/31

Low Gross Lili Durling, Liz Hickey,
Pat O'Hara, Kathy Carter

Firenze:

1st Net Jan Heim, Mary Nash,
Chi Daniels, Diane Williams
2nd Net Collette Gallagher, Debbie
Brucker, Ann Probert,
Rosemarie Pyott

Siena:

1st Net Caron Menger, Marie Slate,
Doris Dirsmales, Bev Rieckers
2nd Net Geri Altieri, Sheila Moran,
Bunny Ucko, Patty Coughlin

18 HOLLERS PRO/CHAMPION CHALLENGE

T-1st Tracy Pester/Doug Steffen
B Flight: Caron Menger/Frances McGunnigle
3rd Debbie Brucker/Debbie Fullam

18 HOLLERS FARRELL TOURNAMENT

A Flight: Pat Golding
B Flight: Marygrace Redfern
C Flight: Mary Lou Carter
D Flight: Caron Menger

HUSBAND/WIFE TOURNAMENT

Low Gross Scott & Tracy Pester
1st Low Net Jim & Geri Altieri
2nd Low Net Bob & Suzan Binder



CHIP SHOTS



EMMY NOMINATION FOR DOCUMENTARY

Congratulations to Tony Cicatiello whose documentary *Engineering Ground Zero* has received an Emmy nomination. The film, which Tony co-produced for the PBS program NOVA, tells the story of engineering, innovation, and perseverance in the reconstruction of the World Trade Center site. Told through the eyes of the two architects, one who designed the Freedom Tower and the other who designed the 9/11 Memorial water falls, the film captures the behind-the-scenes struggles to make the buildings safe and highly secure under the pressures of a tight schedule, political maneuvering, efficient “green” architecture, and the public’s expectations for a fitting national remembrance. The film aired on NOVA in 2011 but can still be viewed online at www.pbs.org/program/nova/.

The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences has nominated the film for “Outstanding Continuing Coverage of a News Story—Long Form” in the documentary and news category. Good luck, Tony, on your night on the “Red Carpet,” October 1st at Lincoln Center!



Single stem vase inscription reads:
Twenty Fifth Anniversary
Women’s Metropolitan Championship
at Baltusrol Golf Club 1925
Two Ball Foursome

Plate inscription reads:
Twenty Fifth Anniversary
Women’s Metropolitan Championship
at Baltusrol Golf Club 1925
Runner-Up Beaten Eight

BALTUSROL RECEIVES TROPHY DONATION

Last month, a FedEx package arrived at Baltusrol containing three lovely sterling silver trophies. The trophies were donated by two sisters, Doreen and Lorraine Anderson, who had no knowledge of Baltusrol and our golfing heritage. Originally the trophies belonged to their late Great Aunt Helen Seitz, who passed away before the Anderson sisters were born. The sisters came across the trophies in their late grandparents’ home in Poughkeepsie, which they were preparing for sale. After finding our website and reading our history online, they realized they had found a new home for the old trophies.

How did Great Aunt Helen Seitz acquire the trophies? The answer takes us back to May of 1925, when Baltusrol hosted the 25th anniversary of the Women’s Metropolitan Golf Association (WMGA) Annual Championship.

This tournament was a big deal back then, and still is today; now known as The Match Play Championship, it is the WMGA’s longest running competition. Ms. Seitz, playing for Gedney Farm Golf Club in White Plains, qualified for one of the 16 match play spots in the Championship field. She lost her first round match and was awarded one of the plates for being a “Beaten Eight.” She went on to win the vase in the two-ball event, which was contested as part of the Annual Championship.

In the match play finals, Miss Marie Jennie from Hudson River defeated Mrs. Joseph Davis of Piping Rock to win the title. The qualifying medal was won by Miss Maureen Orcutt, one of the most famous amateurs of that era, who was a high school student at the time.

Thanks to the Anderson sisters for returning this bit of history to Baltusrol!

—Rick Wolffe

AUTISM SPEAKS OUTING

On Monday, September 24th Autism Speaks will hold its third annual outing at Baltusrol. Autism Speaks is the world’s largest organization dedicated to research, advocacy/awareness, and family service programs for autism, the disorder that now afflicts 1 in 110 children in the United States. The event is sponsored by the Scott Carpenter family

and consists of golf and contests on the Lower Course followed by dinner and a silent auction.

This event is growing in leaps and bounds, with many Baltusrol members participating, and supports a wonderful cause. If you are interested in joining the outing, please contact Scott Carpenter at scarpenter@thebachmancompany.com.





COUNT YOUR CLUBS!

How often are we guilty of a casual glance when our caddie instructs us to “check your clubs” at the completion of a round? The consequences of this sloppiness can be costly both to your score and your wallet.

Just a couple of weeks ago, two Baltusrol members (who shall remain nameless) were caught up in an international incident involving the 14 club rule (Rule 4-4). The “Maximum of Fourteen Clubs” rule states that “the player must not start a stipulated round with more than fourteen clubs.”

Fast forward to the scene of the crime: a wet and windswept Northern Ireland. It seems BGC Member A did not pay close enough attention the previous day when his Island Club caddie instructed him to check his clubs after the round. Who could blame him, he was in a hurry to escape the lashing rain! But the next day, while playing the fourth hole on the magnificent Royal Portrush course, he reaches for his 60° wedge and comes up empty. After a futile search of the other bags in the group, he realizes the most likely hiding place is the bag of his playing companion from the day before, who is in the group behind. Member A plays his shot, deftly I might add, with his 56° wedge so as not to delay play. He then hustles back to the group behind to look for the missing wedge, and sure enough finds it in BGC Member B’s bag and reclaims it.

Now the controversy ensues. Member A’s ignorance could be the perfect crime! With \$5 at stake in the hotly contested wager between groups, Member A has innocently sabotaged Member B’s team. The wedge in his opponent’s bag has caused Member B to violate the 14 club provision. After the contest, and over a few pints, a good-natured argument followed as to the penalty for violating Rule 4-4. Some thought it is loss of hole for

each hole played with the extra club, while others thought the penalty is capped. Those in the latter school are correct: Rule 4-4 caps the penalty at two holes lost in match play or four strokes in medal play (two strokes per hole for a maximum of two holes).

But there was a twist at Royal Portrush. We thought the matter settled after an Internet search of the Rules of Golf yielded the answer, but then Member B, who had quietly listened to the debate, remembers that he normally carries only 13 clubs in his bag. Therefore, the extra wedge in his bag did not violate the 14 club limit. The perfect crime foiled!

As we know, many entries in that small book issued by the USGA and The R&A are fraught with interesting nuances. For example, can a player replace a club that has been damaged during the round? Yes, but only if the damage occurred accidentally, or in “the normal course of play,” and the player doesn’t delay play while replacing the club (i.e., if you break a club on purpose, you are not entitled to replace it if you started the round with 14 clubs or use it during the round if it has become non-conforming).

Arguably the most famous Rule 4-4 violation came in the final round of the 2001 British Open at Royal Lytham & St Annes. Ian Woosnam was deciding between two drivers on the practice range when it was time to hustle off to the first tee. The first hole at Royal Lytham is an Open Championship anomaly, a par 3, where Woosnam hit a 6 iron. On the second tee, his caddie made the discovery while reaching for Woosnam’s driver;

the penalty quickly dropped him from a tie for the lead to two strokes back. He never recovered. At first he impugned his caddie for the mistake, but by the time he finished the round and was fielding questions in the press tent, he was a wee bit more pragmatic. When asked if he had a system for counting his clubs, he replied, “Yeah, you start counting at one and stop when you get to 14.” Good advice; as with most of the wisdom of golf, it’s really quite simple.

Postscript: Much to our chagrin, we discovered upon our return to the States that the ruling at Royal Portrush was not entirely correct. When Member A took back his 60° wedge, he actually violated Rule 4-4a., which also says the player “is limited to the clubs thus selected for that round” and he “must not add or borrow any club selected for play by any other person playing on the

course.” Although Member B did not own the 60° wedge, it was in his bag at the start of the stipulated round, therefore it is deemed to be a club selected by him for that round. When Member A reclaimed it during the round, he violated Rule 4-4a. Without declaring to his opponents that the wedge would be out of play for the remainder of his round, Member A should have been disqualified. Now this would have thrown the match into a tailspin and really caused an international incident!

—Bill Hannigan



Parting Shot

“Only one eye on the ball...”

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						I AUGIE KAMMER PUTTING CONTEST
2 AUGIE KAMMER PUTTING CONTEST	3 Labor Day AUGIE KAMMER PUTTING CONTEST	4 CLUB CLOSED	5 ONE-DAY MEMBER/GUEST (5th of 6) 1:00 pm Shotgun – Both Courses 9H CRYSTAL CUP	6 ONE-DAY MEMBER/GUEST (5th of 6) 1:00 pm Shotgun – Both Courses 9H CRYSTAL CUP	7 STAG GOLF 3:00 pm Shotgun NEWTON WINERY DINNER	8 MIXED MEMBER/GUEST
9	10 Dining Rooms Closed	11 18 Holers CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP – Qualifier	12 9 Holers CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP – Rnd 1	13 WOMEN'S SENIORS 8:30 Shotgun – Upper	14 Qualifier Round 1 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP T P	15 Qualifier Round 2; Numbered Flights Round 1
16 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP P Championship Flight Rounds 1 & 2; Numbered Flights Semifinals	17 Dining Rooms Closed	18 18 Holers CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP – Matches	19 9H CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP – Rnd 2 18H CLUB CHAMP. – Matches	20 18 Holers CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP – Matches	21 18 Holers CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS – Finals	22 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP P Championship Flight Semifinals; Numbered Flights Rain Date
23 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP P Finals – All Flights	24 Dining Rooms Closed	25 18H PLAY FOR P.I.N.K.	26 9 Holers CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP – Finals	27 Mixed Mid-Jersey	28 Mixed Mid-Jersey	29 THE KELLER CUP T P Finals
30 THE INTERNATIONAL T P Finals	I Oct. Dining Rooms Closed	2 18H CRYSTAL CUP	3 ONE-DAY MEMBER/GUEST (6th of 6) 1:00 pm Shotgun – Both Courses	4	5	6 SILVER BALL P Fall Member/Member

- NO MEMBER PLAY; NO GUESTS
- WOMEN'S SPECIAL EVENTS
- NO REGULAR GUEST PLAY

CODES:
 UC=Upper Course UF=Upper Front UB=Upper Back
 LC=Lower Course LF=Lower Front LB=Lower Back
 • Specific Front, Back, or Entire Course **closed**
 per time(s) noted
T Tournament Score **P** Player of the Year Points