
GRASSY HILL MEN'S ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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February 2011

Well - winter's is in full swing - you know what the "Farmer's Almanac" states- Snow is Nature's fertilizer, well we have gotten a s*** load of it! That being said we expect Kip to have the course in excellent shape again this year. A big welcome back to Glenn Dobieski, Grassy Hill's PGA Professional! As always, the Grassy Hill Men's Association is planning many great events for another fantastic golf year. **Opening Day is scheduled for May 1, 2011.** Don't miss out be sure to **get your application and 2 checks in by March 31, 2011!**

Great News!! -the Association Fee & Preferred Tee Time fee is REDUCED to \$275, Fantastic Savings at a \$40 reduction and still best deal around - Please still need payment in 2 checks please.

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APPLICATIONS and FEES (due by March 31, 2011) 2 Checks:

Men's Association Dues:	\$150 (Check payable to GH Men's Association)
Preferred Tee Time	\$125 (Check payable to Grassy Hill Country Club)

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Grassy Hill Men's Association Meeting Schedule: The Grassy Hill Men's Association meetings are held monthly and ALL members are welcome to attend. Beginning in April the meetings will be held in the back room of Mulligans the 1st Wednesday of each month. Meetings begin at 6:00 pm. Please plan on attending and help the organization.

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Glenn's Corner -

This is the 2nd year of PGA Professional Glenn Dobieski at GHCC and he would like to welcome everyone to Grassy Hill Country Club! Sure, there is a pile of snow on the ground but now is the time to improve your golf swing. **Have you ever even considered working on your golf swing during the winter months?** The questions I always had was where do I start, will I benefit from winter golf practices and can it negatively impact my swing next season? If you learn more about even one aspect of sound golf swing mechanics this winter, you will enjoy more success and confidence next season. Skill can only increase with true understanding.

The golf shop is offering numerous golf swing improvement opportunities this winter starting Saturday, February 12. Please click on my web site <http://sites.google.com/site/tiggolf/> for detailed information. To sign up, please email me directly at g_golfrpga@yahoo.com. You may also call the golf shop 203-795-1422. If no one is immediately available, please leave a message and I will get back to you.

Email Mailing Lists

This year we are looking to publish email addresses on the internet at the grassyhillgolf.com website. The purpose of this list will be to allow players in the association to contact other members to arrange foursomes, common tee times, etc. We will **ONLY publish those email addresses that people who check YES** - Published on the application. We work very hard to keep your personal information confidential.

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PAY ATTENTION - PREFERRED TEE TIME RULES:

- Glenn would like to note the following for the coming year. Be ready to play 15 minutes before you tee off time. Players not ready will risk being bumped to the next available tee time. Delays of even two minutes makes everyone's round longer. Do your part - **BE ON TIME.**
- If you make a tee time and are unable to meet that time, Call the Pro Shop and **Cancel the time!!** Failure to do so may cause you and the other three players to get the last available time the next time you request a time.

- Preferred Tee Times are for members of the association **ONLY!!** Each foursome must have at least 3 members from the association to be awarded a preferred time. Do NOT abuse this privilege.

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Etiquette - Courtesy on the Course

Safety - Prior to playing a *stroke* or making a practice swing, the player should ensure that no one is standing close by or in a position to be hit by the club, the ball or any stones, pebbles, twigs or the like that may be moved by the *stroke* or swing.

Consideration for Other Players -The player who has the *honor* should be allowed to play before his opponent or *fellow-competitor* tees his ball. No one should move, talk or stand close to or directly behind the ball or the *hole* when a player is *addressing the ball* or making a *stroke*. No player should play until the players in front are out of range.

Pace of Play -In the interest of all, players should play without delay. If a player believes his ball may be *lost* outside a *water hazard* or *out of bounds*, to save time, he should play a *provisional ball*. Players searching for a ball should signal the players behind them to pass as soon as it becomes apparent that the ball will not easily be found. They should not search for five minutes before doing so. They should not continue play until the players following them have passed and are out of range.

PLEASENO CELL PHONES DURING PLAY

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Calendar of Events

February 26, 2011 Applications Mailed
March 31, 2011 REGISTRATION CLOSES FOR RETURNING MEMBERS
May 1, 2011, Sunday OPENING DAY
 A B C D - 4 Man Scramble - Open to the first 144 members who sign up Grassy Hill Country Club - Sign up at Pro Shop
Weekly Tournaments Begin
 Saturday/Sunday - May 7 & 8, 2011

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CSGA Supports the "First Tee" Program

Probably every golfer in the state knows the name of First Tee. The First Tee is dedicated to providing young people of all backgrounds an opportunity to develop, through golf and character education, life enhancing values such as honest, integrity, and sportsmanship. These skills are taught at every level of the First Tee program and that is why this is so important! The skills curriculum is based on a set of nine core values:

**Honesty, Integrity, Sportsmanship, Respect, Courtesy, Judgment,
 Confidence, Responsibility and Perseverance**

All contributions are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. For more information see data posted their website <http://www.thefirsttee.org/>

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Handicap Chairman Information:

We are fortunate again to have Howard Boyd as the clubs Handicap Chairman - Howard will be looking to achieve the following objectives this year which he believes will make our men's associated both enjoyable and competitive:

- 1) Howard's first objective is become more familiar/certified in the USGA Handicap System.
- 2) Develop rules/duties/responsibilities for adhering to the USGA Handicap System
- 3) Comprise a formal committee that will oversee responsible for all aspects of the USGA Handicap System, including the computation of each member's Handicap Index.

Howard will keep everyone posted as he works thru above. He looks forward to seeing everyone soon!

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CSGA Information:

The Grassy Hill Men's Association is a member of the CSGA. Some information about the CSGA follows. The Connecticut State Golf Association (CSGA) functions as an extension of the USGA and provides stewardship for amateur golf in Connecticut. Founded in 1899, it is the country's oldest state golf association and is based at Golf House in Rocky Hill. **Get Your Handicap & Scoring Record**

Via E-mail

If you have an e-mail address you can have your USGA® Handicap Index™ information e-mailed to you automatically every revision! In addition to your USGA Handicap Index, the eRevision contains other valuable information such as your handicap scoring record, Handicap Index History and Association News. The eRevision also contains a convenient printable copy of your handicap card that you can cut out and use to verify your Handicap Index. If you would like to receive the eRevision, register your e-mail address at the time you submit scores through the club GHIN system.

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DON'T FORGET VISIT THE CLUB WEBSITE AT: www.grassyhillgolf.com

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February 28, 2011 Applications Mailed

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CLOSES FOR RETURNING MEMBERS**

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A B C D - 4 Man Scramble - Open to the first
144 members who sign up at Grassy Hill Country
Club pro shop

**May 8 & 9, 2011, Weekly Tournaments
Begin**

ASSOCIATION BOARD FOR 2011 SEASON

President	Ed O'Doy
Vice President	Rich Cenami
Treasurer /Secretary	Daniel Brennan
Handicap/Rules Chairman	Howard Boyd
Tournaments Chairman	Rich Cenami
Members	Roger Reher
	John Rodrigues
CSGA Rep	Daniel Brennan