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Message from the President: October, 2018

Hasn't this weather been fantastic?? Hopefully, there will be a lot more of the same to come. You may have noticed the photographs of our three managers in a wooden frame at the bottom of the main staircase in our clubhouse. Every year many of our members donate their time and expertise to improve our club. In this case we thank Bob Tait for using his wood-working talents to make that beautiful frame.

Current membership is 238 compared to 232 at this time last year. Please don't hesitate to contact our head pro, Dave Jones, if you know of someone who might be interested in joining EACC. We have membership incentives that would be attractive to many potential members.

The Board, and our managers, are still working on determining what options we have and what costs there will be in replacing the collapsed pro shop ramp and dealing with the kitchen A/C. We are in a different situation regarding the A/C unit on the roof that cools the kitchen. While the ramp must be replaced, the A/C unit could either be replaced or repaired. Hopefully, this will be resolved soon. A huge thanks to Chef Steve and his staff for doing a great job under difficult conditions in the kitchen.

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Please note that the date of this years President's Ball will be:
Saturday November 17th

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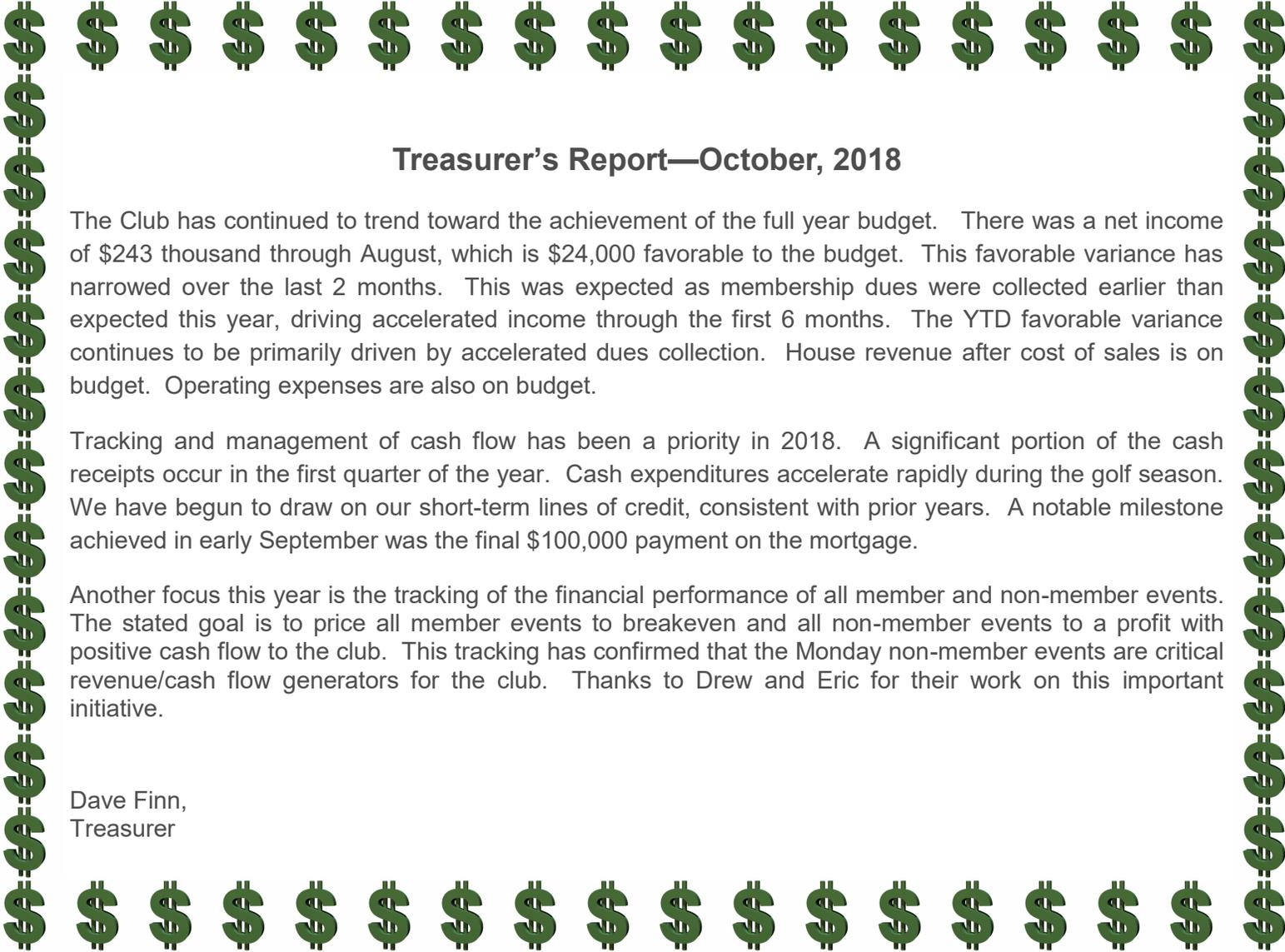
We have been actively encouraging members who have been delinquent in paying their accounts, to pay on time. Delinquent accounts incur a 2 ½ % penalty per month, and I am sure we all agree that that is a penalty to be avoided. Thank you to the great majority who always pay on time!

Fall weather at EACC is usually absolutely spectacular. Please take every opportunity to enjoy golf at our beautiful course this Fall!

Doug Marky, President

“Of all the hazards, fear is the worst.”

Sam Snead



Treasurer's Report—October, 2018

The Club has continued to trend toward the achievement of the full year budget. There was a net income of \$243 thousand through August, which is \$24,000 favorable to the budget. This favorable variance has narrowed over the last 2 months. This was expected as membership dues were collected earlier than expected this year, driving accelerated income through the first 6 months. The YTD favorable variance continues to be primarily driven by accelerated dues collection. House revenue after cost of sales is on budget. Operating expenses are also on budget.

Tracking and management of cash flow has been a priority in 2018. A significant portion of the cash receipts occur in the first quarter of the year. Cash expenditures accelerate rapidly during the golf season. We have begun to draw on our short-term lines of credit, consistent with prior years. A notable milestone achieved in early September was the final \$100,000 payment on the mortgage.

Another focus this year is the tracking of the financial performance of all member and non-member events. The stated goal is to price all member events to breakeven and all non-member events to a profit with positive cash flow to the club. This tracking has confirmed that the Monday non-member events are critical revenue/cash flow generators for the club. Thanks to Drew and Eric for their work on this important initiative.

Dave Finn,
Treasurer

Upcoming Events (Reservations Required)

October 5, Friday: Clubhouse will close at 5pm for a memorial gathering

October 6, Saturday: "Goodbye Summer Clambake"

October 10, Wednesday: Kick off party for "Wine Down Wednesday"

October 20, Saturday: Edward Swat

Club Hours
October 1—15

Sunday– 11am-5pm
Monday-Closed
Tuesday-11am-7pm
Wednesday–11am-8pm
Thursday– 11am-8pm
Happy Hour 4:30-7:30pm
Friday-11am-8pm
Saturday-11-8pm

Club Hours
October 16—31

Sunday– Only for Bills Games
Monday-Closed
Tuesday-Closed
Wednesday–4pm—8pm
Wine Down
Thursday– 4pm-8pm
Happy Hour 4:30-7:30pm
Friday-11am-8pm
Saturday-11-8pm

House News

Fall in Western New York has arrived and change is in the air. The days are getting cooler, the nights are getting longer, and the leaves will soon be in peak colorful splendor. We are fortunate to live in such a beautiful area during Autumn, and what better way to take all that in than by golfing a few more times before the powdery white stuff hits the ground.

Speaking of change, we have some big ones coming from the House.

Wine Down Wednesdays start off again with a "Wine Down Wednesday" Kick Off Party on Wednesday, October 10 starting at 4:00 pm. There will be wine specials, food specials, and some terrific cheeses from around the globe. Bring all of your friends so we can kick off the Wine Down season with a blast.

Starting November 1 through March 31, we will no longer be open on Thursdays. Attendance for dinners on Thursdays during the off season has been very low, and to keep operating costs at bay, we have decided this was the best course of action. This ultimately will free up Thursdays to promote for more special events or hosting outside parties. If you are planning a party or event, Thursdays will be a perfect day for that.

Finally, we have a new menu and new menu concept in the works. We hope to launch this menu the first weekend of November.

Around the middle of October we will start the House winter hours. The new hours will be posted on the calendar, the website, around the clubhouse, and the newsletter, or call the House for specific days and times. We will, however, plan to be open during winter hours on those occasional sunny and warm autumn days.

The new dress code will officially be enforced. Tasteful jeans are allowed everyday and night EXCEPT Saturday for dinner. Gentlemen, please wear sports coats for dining in the dining rooms on Saturday nights. This is the one day of the week we can proudly dress up in style and enjoy the evening in a formal clubhouse setting. So please, don't make me seat you in the bar if you don't wear your sports coat or suit on Saturdays.

Save the date for the President' Ball! This year it is scheduled for Saturday, November 17. This black tie affair will offer the best of the best from our kitchen. More information will be posted about this terrific event honoring our past and present presidents in the coming weeks.

One final note, the Clubhouse will be closed after 5:00pm on Friday October 5 for a special memorial dinner. Thank you for your understanding and please join us during our regular business hours starting on Sunday after the "Goodbye Summer Clambake".

Eric Kanner
Clubhouse Manager

News from the Golf Shop:

We conducted our last major of the year, the Harvest, on the 7th & 8th of September. We had another fantastic field and in turn, another fantastic event. Two days of great weather led to two days of great golf. Tim Connelly & Dan McDonnell outlasted the field, shooting a score of 130.5. Our runners-up were Brett Burgher & Rob Stewart who shot a score 133. Our flight winners are as followed:

Barley – Jim Bodecker & Paul Vargovich – 138
Corn – Scott Uebelhoer & Shaun Mallen – 136.5
Flax – John Clouden & Anthony Day – 138.5
Rice – Mike Cleary & Jamie Franz – 138 (MOC)
Rye – Rick Dean & Rudy Ruschmann – 134

After Day 1, Team Golf found themselves down by 5 and needing to step it up on Day 2. And step it up they did! The team fought back well, but ultimately Team Grounds held on to win the Ryder Cup portion of the event 31-29. Looks like I'll be washing Drew's truck again next year...

On September 22nd, the ever-popular Cross Country event took place. Fittingly, it was the first cooler day of the season which made it feel like Cross Country should feel like, fall. Our winning team consisted of the Olson's & the Davidson's. A truly unique way of seeing and playing the golf course.

Both the 18 Hole and 9 Hole ladies groups wrapped up their official season at the end of September and what a great season it was. Thank you all for making the season fun and enjoyable for us all.

Please be sure to spend any golf shop credit you may have at it expires at the end of October.
We have plenty of great merchandise left, so be sure to stop in.

Our very own Molly Zittel made her first ever hole in one while playing in an event at Orchard Park Country Club this past month! Molly Flynn also had an amazing shot here at EACC, making an albatross on #3. If you remember, we had another albatross in August on the same hole made by Scott Uebelhoer. Great shots all around!

Best,
Dave
PGA Head Professional



Grounds With Drew

What a summer!!! If you like warm weather and low rainfall this was the summer for you. There were plenty of good days to play and the weather posed many challenges for us as all summers do. As we are now officially into fall I remind you that the season is far from over. Make sure you keep your clubs out!

With the fall comes one of our busiest times of year. Leaf clean-up is a long and tedious process. We strive to make the course as clean as possible daily, but at times leaves fall as fast as we can clean them up. Please keep that in mind when searching for balls and know that we will try to keep those searches to a minimum.

The Grounds, Golf and Master Plan Committees are each in the process of reviewing items from the Master Plan for 2019 implementation and we hope to tackle a few more items with low budget impact over the winter and into the spring. These items will be communicated as they are approved by the Board in the coming months. We plan to continue projects that will improve the golfing experience and the attractiveness of our facility to current and potential members. Stay tuned!!

Thank you all for a great summer and enjoy the club through the fall!!

See you on the course!

Drew Thompson, CGCS

18 HOLE GOLF NEWS

Autumn began on Sept. 23 as we finished a great month of golf. The season for the 18 Hole Group officially ended with golf our closing luncheon and meeting on September 25.

It was a spectacular year weather wise, with many events to keep us busy. Congratulations to all the 18 holers, who received recognition for their achievements this year.

As my year is ending as the 18 hole chairperson. I would like to thank everyone who supported me and helped make 2018 go smoothly. To Drew and his Staff, Eric and his Staff, and Dave, Kevin & Brandon in the pro shop, thanks to all of you for running events & making play each week easy for us. You all did your job without complaining, even if we sometimes had to change things at the last minute. It was a pleasure working with all of you.

Next year's Chairperson will be Debbie Colt, who I am sure will do a great job.

Though our 18 Hole League is over you'll still see a few of us out on the course until it snows.

Rita Szczerbowski- 18 Hole Chairperson

Women's 9-Hole League

October, 2018

Hello Everyone! Well, the Women's 9-Hole League has officially wrapped it up for the season. We ended with a lovely luncheon and plans to keep playing on Thursday mornings, weather permitting. Western New York is known for its wonderful fall season, with days of mild temperatures and golden sunlight. So, let's keep playing!

Many thanks to Brandon for all his help and support this year. And thanks also to all the staff and crew who keep our course looking so beautiful and our club running so well.

See you on the course!

Lisa Bonaventura, Co-Chair

MULLIGAN'S NEWS

Even though we are beginning to see the snowbird exodus, Mulligans continue to experience good attendance on Fridays, with golfers, as well as those who come only for lunch.

Because so many of our members are absent during the winter months, we have moved the election of officers to October, added a second winter vice president to the list of officers, to help lead off season activities. This will permit snowbirds to hold office even though they are present only during summer months. We hope that this added flexibility will permit more members to run for office.

We were honored last month by Kay Glosser who provided us with a golf day breakfast in appreciation for the support and friendship shown to her by Mulligans. To show our gratitude for such an enjoyable gesture she was awarded a beautiful bowl turned by Brian Huckle, from wood of trees taken from the golf course. She was also presented with a framed certificate of appreciation for the beauty of the flower gardens which she works so hard to maintain.

It is appropriate also, to express the appreciation of our group to all of our dedicated employees who work to provide us with a truly exceptional venue which we enjoy in so many ways.

Bob Tait
President

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October

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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1 Closed	2	3	4	5 Mulligans House Closes at 5pm	6 Goodbye Summer Clambake
7 Clubhouse 11am-5pm	8 Closed	9	10 4:00pm Kick off for "Wine Down Wednesday"	11	12 Mulligans	13
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