



Message from the President: February, 2020

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and did yourself proud ringing in the new year! We're now one month into 2020, and it promises to be a good one.

2019 was a great year for our Club. As well as being one of our best years from a financial perspective, our three managers - Drew Thompson, David Jones and Eric Kanner - delivered a high quality country club experience: a great golf course, expertly run golf events and a house function that delivered new and interesting food and events in a professional and friendly environment. Kudos to our new Executive Chef Tom Nocera, as well.

I would like to thank our outgoing Board members, President Jay Hoagland, Frank Trzepkowski and Dave Finn. These gentlemen have given of themselves over the past three years to continue the upward trajectory of our Club experience. Say thanks to them the next time you see them!

And welcome to our new Board members - James Bodziak, Bruce Davidson and Sean Sullivan. Thank you for agreeing to serve. Your individual and unique backgrounds will no doubt contribute to our future success.

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Upcoming Events - Reservations Required

Wednesday, February 5th Club reopens

Friday, February 14, Valentines Day

Club Hours February 2020

Sunday: Closed

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: 4pm - 8 pm
Wine Down

Thursday: Closed

Friday: 11 am-8 pm
(Fish Fry)

Saturday: 11 am-8 pm
(Prime Rib)

Board of Directors

Mark Melas 2020

President

Ann Woloszynski 2021

Vice President, & HR

Jon Zach 2021

Treasurer & Finance

James Bodziak 2022

Secretary, House & HR

Bruce Davidson 2022

Grounds & Audit

Rick Dean 2020

Audit & Golf

Kevin Roza 2021

House & Membership

Matt Hasselback 2020

House & Membership

Sean Sullivan 2022

Finance & Grounds

Message from the President: February, 2020 (continued)

Our Annual Member Meeting was held on Saturday, December 14th. The presentations summarized our 2019 accomplishments and described our priorities and challenges for the coming years. If you were unable to attend the Annual Meeting and would like to view the presentation, it will be available on our EACC website in the Member area. Thanks to all of you that attended and for your thoughtful comments and input.

It is my honor and pleasure to serve as President for 2020. I look forward to working with our talented Board, Managers, dedicated staff **and you**, our membership, to continue to improve the East Aurora Country Club experience. We have made tremendous strides over the past few years, and it is our goal to continue that trend.

Our Board is committed to operating with openness and transparency. We encourage your **constructive** questions, suggestions and input. However, our first goal will be to serve the needs of the greater membership - individual wants and grievances will **all** be heard, but realistically, they cannot all be acted upon. Please note, should you have a suggestion, concern or criticism, you may be asked to serve and assist in crafting a solution or in bringing your idea to fruition.

My contact information is as follows:

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CELL - 474 ~ 5777

Please feel free to reach out to me at any time. You may also see me at the Club from time to time. But please, no first tee ambushes!

Hoping you all continue to "winter well" -

Mark Melas, President

House News

Welcome back everyone!

January gave us the time for some maintenance and housekeeping to our clubhouse. Take a peek at our kitchen to see the new makeover.

Our first day of service is Wednesday, February 5. Join us for the first Wine Down Wednesday of the year! All of our house staff are returning for the 2020 season and Patrick will be back in April after enjoying some sunshine in warmer climates.

Valentine's Day is on a Friday this year. We are serving our dinner menu along with some very thoughtful and delicious specials. Call soon to make reservations, as we are sure to fill up quickly!

We will continue to be closed on Thursdays until the golf season. Thursdays are perfect for hosting a private event with us. If you are interested in hosting a special day or night at the country club, please call Eric.

Our Country Club dress code has evolved over the two years since I have been your clubhouse manager. Jeans are always allowed at the bar, and they are allowed in the dining rooms everyday **EXCEPT** Saturdays. Saturdays are reserved for proper dress slacks and shirts, no tie or jacket are required. Please keep in mind that even though jeans are allowed, they must be free from frills, tears, or any special treatments. And the overall attire should still maintain a professional yet casual look.

The clubhouse staff is looking forward to seeing everyone soon, please join us for some great food and drinks once we open in February.

Eric Kanner
Clubhouse Manager

News from the Golf Shop:

Happy Winter! I trust that everyone had a wonderful holiday. I can say that my house sure did!

The weather has been eerily like that of the 2015-16 winter. If you remember, that was a mild winter which led us to a very early start to the golf season. We had pegs in the ground March 12th and never looked back. Hopefully history repeats itself!

Outside of an optimistic attitude surrounding our early start, I don't have that much to report. The implementation of the new World Handicap System began on January 6th. This new system has been in the works for several years and has finally been launched. This system will undoubtedly take some getting used to. I am currently enrolled in some upcoming educational seminars to gain a more thorough understanding of the system. We will be setting up a member's seminar once the season begins to offer everyone at EACC an opportunity to become more comfortable with the system.

We recently returned from the annual PGA show in Orlando, FL. This is the largest trade show in the U.S. It never ceases to amaze me of the vast size of the business of golf. If you ever decide you want to make the trip, let me know. You won't be disappointed. On a side note, we had the opportunity to play a couple rounds of golf with some EACC members. On one specific round our own assistant professional Kevin Galek recorded his first Hole in One. He made this ace at the Innisbrook Resort; specifically, the Copperhead Course. He used a 5 iron on the 125-yard #13th hole..... Just kidding! The true distance was 160 yards and he used his trusty 7-iron. Certainly, a shot he won't forget. You will likely see this specific hole if you tune into the Valspar Championship March 16th-22nd.

Attention: Junior Golfers

The PGA Junior League Registration opens February 3rd.. If you have a child, or grandchild that might be interested in joining the EACC PGA Junior League, please go to the following link:

<https://www.pgajrleague.com/> Our password for registration is EACC2020

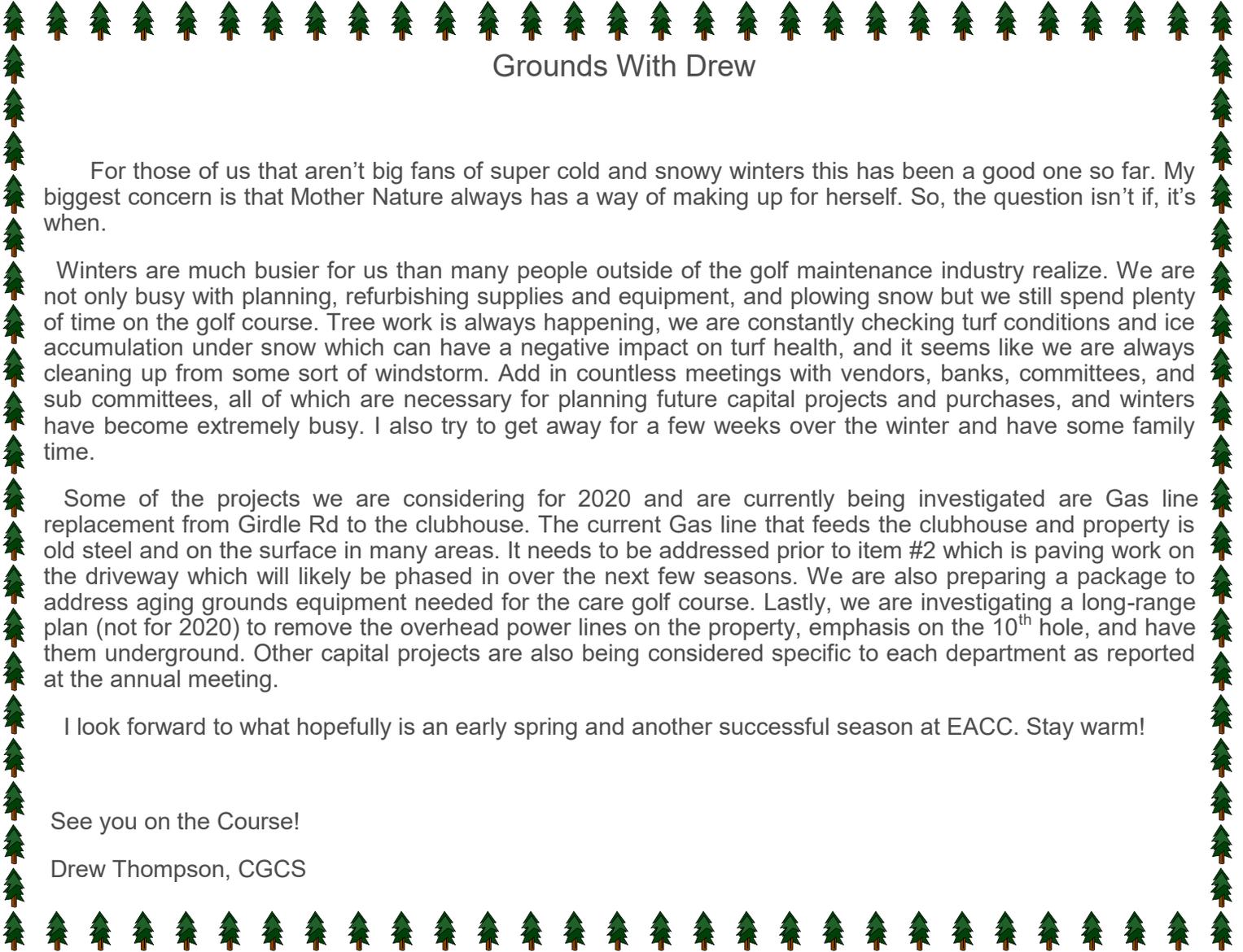
The Western New York Junior Tour is also opening for registrations on February 3rd. This is a great opportunity for our EACC kids to get some great tournament experience early in the season. See the following link for more details.

<https://westernnewyork.pga.com/junior-golf/junior-tour/>

On a final note, I wanted to report to you our current membership levels. We closed the 2019 season with 225 members. This is a fantastic trend for area Private Clubs. Just 4 years ago, our closing number was 191. That's a 16% increase. If we maintain this growth, we will be in a great spot in just a few short years. That said, we still need you to be our recruiting voice. You know why EACC is so special. We need to let our friends know too! If you have a friend, neighbor, or co-worker that has an interest in golf, or house membership, let me know and I'm readily available to fill them in on what it takes to become a fellow member at EACC.

Dave

PGA Head Professional



Grounds With Drew

For those of us that aren't big fans of super cold and snowy winters this has been a good one so far. My biggest concern is that Mother Nature always has a way of making up for herself. So, the question isn't if, it's when.

Winters are much busier for us than many people outside of the golf maintenance industry realize. We are not only busy with planning, refurbishing supplies and equipment, and plowing snow but we still spend plenty of time on the golf course. Tree work is always happening, we are constantly checking turf conditions and ice accumulation under snow which can have a negative impact on turf health, and it seems like we are always cleaning up from some sort of windstorm. Add in countless meetings with vendors, banks, committees, and sub committees, all of which are necessary for planning future capital projects and purchases, and winters have become extremely busy. I also try to get away for a few weeks over the winter and have some family time.

Some of the projects we are considering for 2020 and are currently being investigated are Gas line replacement from Girdle Rd to the clubhouse. The current Gas line that feeds the clubhouse and property is old steel and on the surface in many areas. It needs to be addressed prior to item #2 which is paving work on the driveway which will likely be phased in over the next few seasons. We are also preparing a package to address aging grounds equipment needed for the care golf course. Lastly, we are investigating a long-range plan (not for 2020) to remove the overhead power lines on the property, emphasis on the 10th hole, and have them underground. Other capital projects are also being considered specific to each department as reported at the annual meeting.

I look forward to what hopefully is an early spring and another successful season at EACC. Stay warm!

See you on the Course!

Drew Thompson, CGCS

Women's Board

February 2020

*Another year has flown by and we are welcoming in a new decade!
Happy 2020!*

For those that were able to attend, it almost goes without saying that "Breakfast with Santa" was another sellout, smashing, success enjoyed by all! Thanks to Eric & staff for helping the event to go off without a hitch.

The annual "Giving Tree" program was another success this year. Mary Murphy, our liaison with the Family Justice Center was again touched and truly impressed by the generosity demonstrated by our club members. This is such a worthwhile cause and year after year our club members have given from their hearts ensuring that those less fortunate have an opportunity to have a happier Christmas than they might have had otherwise.

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank those Board Members that completed their terms in 2019. Their positive contributions to EACC throughout their tenure were much appreciated. Special thanks certainly go to our former President, Kathy Lentz, for her leadership, inventiveness, and attention to detail in the execution of her duties which was clearly demonstrated in the accomplishments of the Board throughout the 2019 year.

The following individuals comprise the 2020 Women's Board:

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| <i>President:</i> | <i>Jody Marshall</i> |
| <i>Vice-President:</i> | <i>Katie Woloszynski</i> |
| <i>Treasurer:</i> | <i>Linda LaManna</i> |
| <i>Secretary:</i> | <i>Donna Almeter</i> |
| <i>Publicity:</i> | <i>Megan Zach</i> |
| <i>Events/Programs:</i> | <i>Judy Kohlhas</i> |
| | <i>Anna Davidson</i> |
| <i>18 Hole Representative:</i> | <i>Doris Brand</i> |
| | <i>Mary Hinnery</i> |
| <i>9 Hole Representative:</i> | <i>Debbie Kane</i> |
| | <i>Sharon Kettner</i> |
| <i>President Ex-Officio:</i> | <i>Kathy Lentz</i> |

As we look towards the coming year, we are planning for some new and exciting changes that we hope will be of value to all. As always, we look for your feedback in an effort to better service the EACC community through our collective efforts.

- Jody Marshall
Women's Board President*

18 HOLE GOLF NEWS

Just a few more months of winters' grip and then we will be able to golf again. Hopefully you are all enjoying winter in your own way...skiing here or golfing down south.

For those of you interested, we would like to extend an invitation to consider golfing with the 18 - Hole Ladies League. We play on Tuesday mornings with no obligation each week. We have ALL skill levels playing on our beautiful course. Nothing better than a serene, sunny morning and the birds are singing! The Pro Shop takes care of all the details and there's always a FUN game to play.

Yearly dues are \$45 and Opening Day is April 14th @ 9:00. If interested contact Doris Brand at dbrand@roadrunner.com.

If you prefer, there is a 9 hole league which plays on Thursday mornings and also a Wednesday Ladies Twilight League (WWL). So we have many opportunities for fun times and camaraderie

KEEP IT IN THE FAIRWAY !

Doris Brand - 18 Hole Chairperson

9-HOLE GOLF LEAGUE – FEBRUARY

Where has the time gone? It's already February and we have just a couple more months before we are in full swing on what I hope to be a great golf year. Our season starts off on Thursday, April 16th with our lunch meeting to follow. I would also like to invite any member of EACC to join our 9-hole league. We meet most Thursday mornings starting in April and continue through September. There is a one-time cost of \$45 for the season and is not necessary for you to be there every week. It is a great way to meet someone new each week of play, especially if you are new to the club. You can contact me with any questions at 652-3831 or email: dkane278@earthlink.net.

Debbie Kane – Co-chair

IJM Update February, 2020

Wow, 2020. Seems like just yesterday we were stockpiling food and other essentials ahead of the anticipated Y2K panic. Time sure flies.

Speaking of which, we are now less than five months away from this year's IJM. The 68th edition. The IJM committee has returned from the PGA Merchandise Show in Orlando and is up and running for our tournament in June. We have already received several applications and are hopeful that the field will be very strong this year. Our first committed player comes to us from the Manly Golf Club in Australia. Thank you to John McKenna for his continued efforts there.

The various committees will begin their work in earnest starting this month. As always, we are looking for some new/additional members to assist in planning and preparation for IJM 2020. As the club is now open for business we will be meeting regularly to put things together. The first meeting will be February 12 at 6:30.

Please see me, Paul O'Brien, Frank Ziolkowski or Ron Olson if you are interested in participating.

Jeff Kamien
Tournament Director

MULLIGAN'S NEWS

No report submitted

2020 MEMBERSHIP INVITATION

Join Now and Receive:

NO Dues until June 1st, 2020!

*** Up to \$4000 in Customized Membership Incentives!**

Choice of Incentive Credits Applicable to:

Initiation Credit

Dues Credit

Child Membership

Spouse Membership

General Golf Membership (Ages 40+) **\$4000 Incentive Credit:**

All Inclusive Dues only \$5660 (Annual)

7 and 12-month payment options available

Initiation: \$3500 payable over 3 years (\$1000 refundable)

Food & Beverage minimum: \$125/mo. (Annual Option Available)

Intermediate Golf Membership (Ages 30-39) **\$2500 Incentive Credit:**

All Inclusive Dues only \$4090 (Annual)

7 and 12-month payment options available

Initiation: \$2500, payable over 3 years (\$1000 refundable)

Food & Beverage minimum: \$125/mo. (Annual Option Available)

Sophomore Golf Membership (Ages 23-29) **\$1500 Incentive Credit:**

All Inclusive Dues only \$2520 (Annual)

7 and 12-month payment options available

Initiation: \$1500, payable over 3 years (\$500 refundable)

Food & Beverage minimum: \$75/mo. (Annual Option Available)

Call David Jones at 652-6800 extension 5 for more information.

*** Requires a 3-year commitment**

Offer applies to first time members only. Memberships are subject to yearly dues increases and Assessments if applicable. All dues are subject to sales tax. All member rules apply.

****12-month payment plan requires a \$200 finance charge**



EAST AURORA

COUNTRY CLUB

2020 Corporate Membership

Corporate memberships are available to registered business entities. This membership entitles one (1) primary member to all rights in and full privileges of the club, clubhouse and grounds, including the right to vote and hold office. This membership shall also entitle spouses, significant others and children of the primary member to such privileges of the club, including clubhouse, golf, tennis, and grounds, as may be determined by the Board of Directors and for which applicable fees have been paid. This membership also entitles up to three (3) designated employees privileges of the clubhouse and limited golfing privileges. They may play golf on weekdays and after 12:00 on weekends. (Can be altered at the discretion of the golf professional)

The corporate membership will receive forty (40) guest passes annually that can be used under the normal guest policies and will expire at the conclusion of each calendar year. The primary member or one of the designees shall accompany their guests. The designees shall be required to use guest passes when playing. In addition, the primary member shall receive an annual cart plan as a part of the yearly membership.

The three employees must be designated at the beginning of the year and must remain employees of the company to retain eligibility as a designee. Should a designee leave the employment of the company a new designee can be named for a change fee as determined by the Board from time to time. The designees may not vote or hold office.

Price \$8850.00 annually and has a monthly F&B minimum of \$225.00 per month excluding January. Or \$2475.00 annually.

Current General Dues \$5660.00
 Guest Pass Value \$2800.00
 Seasonal Cart Plan \$750.00
 Total Value \$9210.00

Call David Jones at 652-6800 extension 5 for more information.
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COUNTRY CLUB

2020 SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP INVITATION

Join Now and Receive:

\$450.00 credit to be applied to the annual fee.

Members taking advantage of the promotion will receive a \$450.00 club credit to be applied to the annual membership fee. This makes the annual fee only \$500.00

Do you think you want join a country club, but you're not 100% sure? We've got a membership for you! You can now join as a social member and receive all the benefits of being a house member with the added ability to participate in some select social golf events. This is perfect for the individual or family that is wondering if joining a country club is for them.

Eligible Social Golf Events:

Friday night 9 hole socials (Approximately 5)

Opening SWAT/Social

Memorial Day Social 9 or 18

Cross Country Golf

John Edward SWAT

Call David Jones at 652-6800 extension 5 for more information.

Offer applies to first time members only.

Memberships are required to pay a Food and Beverage Minimum of \$1375.00 annually or \$125.00 per month for 11 months.

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2020 HOUSE MEMBERSHIP INVITATION

Join Now and Receive:

\$400.00 credit to be applied to the annual fee.

Members taking advantage of the promotion will receive a \$400.00 club credit to be applied to the annual membership fee. This makes the annual fee only \$100.00!

Becoming a House Member at the prestigious East Aurora Country Club has never been easier or more affordable. New members can join the East Aurora CC for \$100.00 annually. We have also altered our traditional monthly minimum food and beverage spend. You now have 2 options. You can pay monthly...as always with no changes, or you can pay up front and use the club at your convenience. It is as simple as that. You are prepaid for the year and can use the facility as you see fit. No more having to race to the club at the end of the month to make sure you spend the minimum.

*To take advantage of the annual spend program, the annual minimum must be paid all at once and no later than January 31st. If payment is not received by January 31st, 2020, the monthly minimum spend program will be applied.

Call David Jones at 652-6800 extension 5 for more information.

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February 2020

| Sun. | Mon. | Tue. | Wed. | Thu. | Fri. | Sat. |
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| | | | | | | 1 Closed |
| 2 Closed | 3 Closed | 4 Closed | 5 4-8pm First Day!! Wine Down Wednesday | 6 Closed | 7 11-8pm Mulligans | 8 11-8pm |
| 9 Closed | 10 Closed | 11 Closed | 12 4-8pm Wine Down Wednesday | 13 Closed | 14 11-8pm Mulligans Valentine's Day Dinner | 15 11-8pm |
| 16 Closed | 17 Closed | 18 Closed | 19 4-8pm Wine Down Wednesday | 20 Closed | 21 11-8pm Mulligans | 22 11-8pm |
| 23 Closed | 24 Closed | 25 Closed | 26 4-8pm Wine Down Wednesday | 27 Closed | 28 11-8pm Mulligans | 29 11-8pm |
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