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# RGC Newsletter

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## Pool Side

### Pool News

We would like to remind everyone that food and drinks (except water) are only allowed on the pool terrace or at the lower picnic tables. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and if you see other members with food please remind them.

### Family Fun Day, July 19

#### Hawaiian Theme

Come and meet your favorite characters, enjoy live music and activities all day long at the pool

12pm to 4pm - Bouncy Castle, 12pm - Character Show, 1pm to 5pm - Live Music, 1pm - Tattoos, 2pm - Big Splash, 3pm - Arts & Crafts, 4pm - Hula Hoop Contest

### Swim Team News

There was a great turn out for the swim team tryouts and we would like to congratulate everyone for trying out. Practice is in full swing every morning and weekday afternoons at 3pm. Due to the hard work and dedication the team has already taken first place at home and at the Greenburg meet.

Please note that Cathleen and her coaches are available 30 minutes before and after practice for questions. Check the swim team information board for up to date information on practice times, meets and much more.

Congratulations to one of Rye Golf Club swim team members, Kaitlyn Ferguson. Kaitlyn recently competed at the 2008 U.S. Olympic Swimming trials in Omaha, Nebraska. Kaitlyn had qualified in both the 100 meter and 200 meter Backstroke. In the 100 Backstroke, Kaitlyn was seeded 68<sup>th</sup>, but swam a personal best 1:02.59 and finished 21<sup>st</sup>, while in the 200 backstroke she managed her second fastest time ever in the event and moved from 73<sup>rd</sup> to 65<sup>th</sup>. This was the second trip to Olympic Trials for Kaitlyn who also competed in Long Beach, CA in 2004, where she placed 17<sup>th</sup> in the 100 backstroke. Currently a Senior at Penn State University, Kaitlyn achieved Honorable Mention All-American status this past year at the NCAA championships. While swimming for Rye Golf Club, Kaitlyn was a 5 time Westchester County Champion, and Girls High Point winner at the County Championships in 2001. We all wish her good luck in her future endeavors.

### **Swim Team Meets at Rye Golf Club**

**July 21st**—RGC Vs Scarsdale-7:30 warm up, 8:30 start.

**August 13th**—Conference Championship, 8:00am

## Green Side UP

The summer season is in full swing with the real first heat wave of the year occurring a couple of weeks ago. As discussed in previous correspondents, our biggest challenge in maintaining Rye Golf Club is compaction and wear. The property is very small with an awful lot of activity, which tends to create severe compaction in our heavy play areas. We do appreciate people adhering to the rules for both pull carts and golf cars. It helps the course conditions tremendously throughout the golfing season. Even though it may be inconvenient at times, these very programs have brought Rye Golf Club out of the turf grass dungeon.

There are two types of injury caused by play and players, acute and chronic. Acute injury is damage that is evident immediately following the action that caused the injury. A good example of acute injury is a divot, you take a swing at the ball and remove the turf, although expected this does injure the turf but given the proper repair, replacing the divot and seeding the injury will heal. Chronic injury is damage that occurs over a long period of time and needs ongoing treatment. Chronic injury occur over time from excessive traffic that goes relatively unnoticed until one day you have dead grass and wonder what happened. Once you start paying attention to how people enter and exit greens, where golf cart traffic is concentrated in landing areas, and the enter and exit areas around tees, you will begin to see the wear patterns occurring. A great example of this is the 2nd, 7th and 11th fairways do to the blind shots. Without the cart path rotation program, these fairways were receiving twice the cart traffic of any others due to players riding up to check the group in front was out of range and returning to their ball. The carts would travel right down the middle to the top of the hill where a full speed turn was accomplished after investigating whether the area people were hitting to was clear. This is fine for safety, but hopefully you can see what I am explaining with the chronic injury. These fairways 2, 7 and 11 have always been the worst and the answer is simple, cut down on the excessive traffic and the turf will improve. The proof of the effectiveness of the golf car rotation goes beyond better grass, but it takes less outside inputs to get better results with a decrease in pesticides, fertilizer and water. So I guess you could say the golf car rotation program is one way Rye Golf Club is going green.

Thank you for your continued patience with the golf course improvements and programs that are essential for continued success in the future and hopefully you will find the golf course a little better each and ever day you play.

Thank you

Chip Lafferty, Golf Course Superintendent

### **Note:**

**Handcarts should be a minimum of 30 yards away from greens, tees and bunker edges.**

## Golf & Tournament News

### Ladies

July 15th - Member/Guest (shotgun 9:00AM)  
 July 22nd - Met Net Qualifying  
 July 29th - Play for PINK (shotgun 9:00AM)

### Men

July 28th Member/Guest

**Golf Course will be closed July 21st all day for a golf outing.**

**Thursday Night Twilight is in full swing. Check golf shop for details!**

Remember to use your golf shop credit while inventory is at its fullest.

## Castle News

Enjoy outside dining on the terrace overlooking the 18th hole.

### Theme Nights ( Regular menu will also be available)

- Tuesday Night BBQ
- Wednesday is All - U - Can eat Pasta Night
- Thursday is Lobster Night

Reservations are suggested, please call 914-777-2053

### Music Night

The 1st and 4th Friday of every month enjoy soft live jazz music during dinner.

### NEW

Inquire about our Chef's tables in our private dining rooms for up to 24 guests, special menus and black tie service

Enjoy a special Thanksgiving Dinner in one of our private dining rooms, call for information

Interested in having a BBQ at your home or some other location?  
 let our sales staff explain our offsite BBQ and grilling options

**Reminder, use your member account and receive your 15% member discount on al la carte dining!**

**Our catering sales staff is ready to help plan your wedding or special event, call for information.**

## A Message from Member Services

Membership I.D Cards:

Please have your membership card with you at all times. Failing to bring your card will result in delays for you and other members trying to get into the pool. Don't forget there are new cards at member services waiting for you.

## Message From The Manager

Summer is upon us and it is hard to believe we are already half way through the calendar year. We have made much progress from last year in our maintenance, projects and infrastructures. In addition, our membership numbers are up, are year to date revenues are up, and so is club usage. It is great to see the membership using the club.

We still have much work to accomplish including submitting a plan for approval to pave the pool access road and cart paths and explore the possibility to make the existing member lounge a small fitness area. The finance committee will take these suggestions as well as rising fuel and other costs into consideration as they formulate the 2009 budget over the next month. If you have any suggestions on services or amenities please pass them along to me so they may be considered as well.

I am proud to report the staff and commission have been working hard to keep the club moving in a positive direction. Despite parking lot conversations or articles in the paper, the club is financially strong and responsive to issues, however decisions are made based on the good of the club and the membership at large.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and I look forward to seeing you around the club.

Regards,

*Scott*

Scott Yandrasevich, CCM  
General Manager

## Hours of Operation

**Golf Pro-Shop** - 6:30am to 6:00pm - 7 days a week

**Pool Hours** - June 16<sup>th</sup> to August 15<sup>th</sup>, 10am to 8pm

**Snack Bar** - 7:00am to 7:30pm

### **Whitby Castle**

#### **Monday to Saturday**

Lunch 11:30 am to 5:00pm

Dinner 5:00pm - last table seated at 9:30pm

#### **Sunday**

Brunch and Lunch 11:30 am - 4:00pm

Dinner 4:00pm—last table seated at 8:30pm

**Member Services** -Monday to Friday - 9am to 4pm and Saturday - 10am to 3pm