



As the 2022 Wenham Country Club golf season comes to a close, we look back on an enjoyable and interesting year!

After a cool spring, summer brought us one long stretch of hot and extremely dry conditions. Even with the challenges we faced with irrigation, heat, and staffing, we feel that the 2022 season was a success. We saw our tournaments continue to grow in participation and saw many new members participating in events: we successfully ran over forty member events during the 2022 season! Many traditions continued while it was fun to see some changes too. This year we crowned new club champions in all three categories. Congratulations to:

*Men's Champion – Rick Wilson*

*Women's Champion – Marcia Veale*

*Senior Champion – Bob Zilinsky*

The management team is so fortunate and thankful to have the staff that we do. We receive many reviews through various providers, and a “friendly and helpful staff” is probably the most consistent of all the comments left.

### **Wenham Country Club Continues as North Shore's leader in junior golf and a top program in New England!**

Our Friday Morning Golf Clinics continue to be the biggest junior golf program in the area, and our PGA Junior League program continues to gain popularity: through data and feedback provided by the PGA of America, Wenham Country Club's junior golf program is ranked one of the best in New England.

This season we hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual North Shore Junior Golf Championship and had nearly eighty participants! Players came from all over the Boston area to compete. Despite many of our staff being hit with Covid that week, the rest of the staff stepped up and delivered a great event and fun day for the kids.

### **Course Management**

2022 was a year full of challenges for the turf management team at WCC. Although we were very fortunate to retain most of our great staff members, early in the season our assistant superintendent left us, leaving us shorthanded for much of the early season. We hired Nick Carbone to the position in June, and he has been a great fit for the team. Nick is relatively new to the industry but will be attending the Rutgers Turf Winter school in the off-season so that he can further enhance his skills.

We had some struggles this past season with drought-induced irrigation and water supply issues but believe this is all behind us as we finished the year in great shape. We are continuously striving to improve and provide the best conditions while implementing projects to enhance the playing conditions. With that said we did accomplish a lot this year: here's a sampling of the work we've done:

- Leveled and re-sodded tees 8, 12, 15 and 16
- Performed tree work with our contractors and in-house team
- Expanded some of our cart paths and added new stone
- Improved the drainage near the 5<sup>th</sup> green
- Aerated and verti-cut our tees twice, and did the greens several times
- Started an overseeding campaign on our tees to try and keep up with the high use they receive and provide better quality all season
- Implemented an organic fertilizer plan with resounding results, seen by the quality of our greens during the severe drought from May through September
- Purchased a new fairway mower to keep them looking as beautiful as ever.
- Continued to update and repair our irrigation system with new controllers and heads

**Planned course improvements for 2023 will include:**

- Pruning and removal of trees that impact tee shots on the back nine
- Add irrigation on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> holes to allow for fairway expansion
- Building a new nursery green
- Rebuilding and expanding the forward tees on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> hole
- Continuing to expand and maintain our cart paths

As always, we at the turf management team will always strive to provide the best possible conditions and the greatest member experience we can on the North Shore. See you in spring 2023!

**2023 Wenham Country Club Membership**

Wenham Country Club continues to be the best membership value on the North Shore. Enclosed are the 2023 golf membership application form and rate sheet. We offer over forty golf functions that are member-only and provide guaranteed early weekend tee times from Patriots Day through Columbus Day. Please notify us as soon as possible if you are not returning for the 2023 season.

As a reminder, Mass Golf will require all handicaps to be managed directly by each golfer. Please visit [massgolf.org](http://massgolf.org), click "Join/Renew" and proceed to acquire your 2023 handicap. If you previously selected "automatic review" you do not need to do anything. Mass Golf handicaps will be required to participate in all member tournaments.

PREMIER, FULL, and YOUNG ADULT members must opt for either a tournament assessment or pro shop assessment. Restricted Members will automatically receive pro shop credit. The tournament assessment covers entry fees for select tournaments which are designated on the tournament schedule; non-restricted members that opt for pro shop credit can still play in any club event by paying the entry fee. Please make sure to indicate your assessment choice on the membership application. If no indication is made, the assessment will automatically be placed into the tournament pool. As a reminder, no changes can be made after the tournament season begins (May 15th). Regular member tournaments are only open to Family, Premium, Full and Young Adult memberships. Restricted members may participate in the mixed holiday tournaments. This year we have added a new membership category – RESTRICTED PLUS ABCD – This will allow our women restricted members to also participate in our monthly ADCD events.

**Winter Play**

The course will remain open through December 4<sup>th</sup>. Temporary tees and greens will be in use as of December 6<sup>th</sup> and the first three holes will be closed until spring. When the course is playable, we ask that you start on the 4<sup>th</sup> tee and use only the temporary greens and tees. This restriction is necessary to prevent damage to the course during the winter.

*Winter play is only available if a down payment toward a 2023 membership has been made.*

Enjoy your winter season. Be well and we look forward to golfing with you in the spring! The clubhouse will reopen on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. We will celebrate opening day on Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> with a mixed tournament followed by a welcome back reception.

Sincerely,

Norm & Sue, Russ & Pat Tarr, Ryan McDonald, Alex Daly, and the rest of the team at W.C.C.