



The 2019 season has come to an end and we would like to thank all our members and guests for another great year of golf and enjoyable events. We were happy to see a season of great conditions, fun and exciting competitions, growth in our youth and young adult categories, and the usual wonderful camaraderie.

It was a busy and successful tournament season. We held 27 member tournaments, 20 men's sweeps events, various women's MassGolf events, and eight junior tournaments. We saw some excellent competition and a few exciting finishes.

We are optimistic about the 2020 golf season. Committees have already met to discuss tournament dates and possible format changes. We hope to bring back the Women's Member-Guest event next year by changing the day and adding a rain make-up date.

The Golf Course has been re-rated by MassGolf and the results will be in effect as of January 1st

Our PGA Junior League program doubled in size this season, so this year we had two teams. One of our teams went 7-1 and came in first place, making Wenham Country Club league champions two years in a row!

Our Friday morning golf clinics continue to grow in popularity reaching over 300 kids and averaging 40 kids per week.

Wenham Country Club has become The North Shore's leader in junior golf!

With a completely new turf management team we completed an incredible number of projects and improvements to the course this year. Some of the accomplishments were:

- Completed two full core aerations with sand fill on our greens
- Performed several small solid tine aerations, and one deep solid aeration on all greens
- Aerated all tees and fairways
- Rebuilt bunkers on 1-4 including new sand.
- Filled obsolete bunker in 5th fairway
- Rebuilt mound which replaced tree on 4 making it both fair and penal
- Restored practice area at old 7th green to include a small low-cut area and teeing surface
- Rebuilt tee boxes on the 4th and 18th hole
- Installed drainage on the right side of the 13th hole
- Installed equipment wash pad by the maintenance shed to minimized equipment travel on driveway.
- Removed several nuisance trees specifically the cherry trees that drop berries on 5 and 18 and trees on the right side of 3.

In addition to the course enhancements we purchased some new equipment and performed some needed updates.

- Purchased a new grinder to improve the conditioning of the reels and blades used on our mowers
- Purchased a new heavier and more powerful greens roller
- Purchased new rough mower which will be delivered shortly, but likely not used until next year
- Replaced club house roof

- Painted club house
- Updated kitchen to be code compliant
- Driveway paving

Plans for next year include:

- Continue to improve course conditions and health
- Remove trees that impact shot selection and tee placement on several holes
- Continue to clean, add to, and re define bunkers
- Build new mounding on #5 were old bunker was
- Re sod and level #6/#10 tee
- Install new nursery green near maintenance shop
- Purchase new carts
- Secure food service

Enclosed are the 2020 golf membership application form and rate sheet. Please send a 50% deposit by January 11th with your application, with the remaining balance due by April 1st. Please notify us as soon as possible if you are not returning for the 2020 season.

Wenham Country Club continues to be the best membership value on the North Shore. We offer over 40 golf functions that are member only and provide guaranteed early weekend tee times from Patriots Day through Columbus Day.

The only change in next year's membership offerings is that we have lowered the rate for our restricted players. This classification allows for unlimited play during the week and after noon on weekends. This membership classification no longer comes with a GHIN handicap.

PREMIER and *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. No changes can be made after the tournament season begins (May 4th).**

The course will remain open as long as conditions permit. Once temporary tees and greens are in use, the first three holes will be closed until spring. We will be covering a few of our greens this year to protect them from winter conditions. When the course is playable, we ask that you start on the 4th 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 2020 membership has been made. We will be covering a few of our greens this year to protect them from winter conditions.

Enjoy your winter season. We look forward to golfing with you in the spring! The clubhouse will reopen on Wednesday, April 1st. We will celebrate opening day on Sunday, April 20th with a mixed tournament followed by a welcome back reception.

Sincerely, *Norm & Sue, Russ, & Pat Farr*