

From the President.... Chris Kelley

On behalf of the entire Board of Directors I welcome you to another great season here at Malone Golf Club. The Committees have been working diligently at planning for the upcoming season. I'm pleased that the drainage project that you approved last fall has begun very smoothly and I anticipate the completion of it this spring to see the results (although I would rather have more sun than rain!) The spring reopening of the restaurant is also right around the corner. We look

forward to enjoying the menu items Laura, Donna, and the House Committee have picked out for this upcoming season.

As usual Derek, Scott and Laura have been busy preparing the course and clubhouse for the 2010 season. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated management team ensuring that our membership enjoys the best golfing experience in the Northeast. In closing, I would like to say that it will be an honor to serve as your board president this season and I hope to see you on the course or in the restaurant this season.



Reminder

Pay your membership dues by March 1st to receive the lowest rate.

(Your dues must be postmarked by March 1, 2010.)

Cart coupons are only available until March 1st.

(Cart coupons cannot be carried over from one year to the next.)

If you wish to pay your dues in person, the Pro Shop office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Credit card payments are also taken over the phone by calling 518-483-2926 during office hours.

For your convenience we accept: MasterCard, Visa, American Express, and Discover.

E-mail

If you would like to receive our Linkster e-mail, please send us an e-mail at proshop@malonegolfclub.com. We send out a Linkster about every week during the summer and periodically throughout the slower months. The Linkster keeps you informed and up to date about events happening at the Club.

If you have changed your e-mail in the past few months, please send us your new one.

We do not sell or give out any personal contact information about our members including e-mail addresses and/or phone numbers.

From the Greens.... Dick Edwards

The massive drainage project for 14W begins! In the late fall of 2009, after receiving authorization from the annual membership meeting, the massive project to greatly improve the drainage on #14W started with the installation of the "collector" drains. These are the large drain pipes to which the smaller "slit" drainage lines will connect to. Next spring or early summer, once 14W has dried out, the slit drains will be installed. The process of growing in grass over the lines will then occur, but play will continue once the slit line construction is completed. Excess dirt excavated from the drain lines will form the basis for mounding to the left of the ladies tee on 16E to help protect golfers from errant shots from the driving range. The Greens Committee has received the 57 page Master Drainage Plan for the balance of the wetter holes. As money becomes available, work will be done on a step by step process to eradicate other chronically wet fairways. This process will last several years because of the cost involved and to minimize disruptions in play.

The Greens committee and crew will review these other areas in 2010:

- ◆ Location of pin placements to enhance the playability of the holes with the faster green speed
- ◆ Rehabilitation of the grass surface over the drainage work done last year on #10E
- ◆ Continued modernization of the irrigation system to totally automatic

- ◆ Re-design of the driving range to make it better and safer
- ◆ Review of and recommendations for rebuilding unlevel tees
- ◆ Implementation of a 'Adopt-a-Hole' program for members to make a special effort to help keep the courses in top shape.

There will be a WORKBEE on a Saturday in late March or early April, so plan on coming out and lending a hand. As usual, a hearty lunch will be served thereafter. Stay tuned for more details.



#14 West: This custom built piece of equipment expedites the backfilling of the drainage lines. Photo courtesy of Bob Gaspar

And REMEMBER, when you see Scott, Steve or any of the maintenance crew, greet them with a warm smile and a nice 'hello, how are you doing?'. They make our courses great and we need to show our appreciation! Good Golfin' in 2010,
Dick Edwards, Greens Chairman

From the General.... Derek Sprague

It has been an interesting and hectic winter season thus far. Our annual New Year's Eve celebration was canceled when I received a call from our scheduled DJ who had an emergency appendectomy about one week from the event. The new year brought new carpeting to the large banquet room. This carpeting was not replaced due to fiscal restraints when we replaced the other carpeting throughout the clubhouse a few years ago. It looks fantastic. We had the usual after-holiday rush of booking events. We booked three more wedding receptions the Monday after New Year's! It must have been a good Fall for the jewelry stores! Overall, the restaurant banquet business looks strong. The House Committee met on the menu and most of your favorites will remain on the menu this year and a few of the slower sellers will move off the menu for this season. New items will be introduced to take their place. As usual, there will be daily specials and home-made soups available. The Restaurant will open for the season on Wednesday March 31st this year.

In other news, I attended the PGA Merchandise Show this past January. We will be stocking clubs and custom fitting irons from Callaway, Cobra, Ping, and Titleist. Titleist has introduced several new wedges this year which have received rave reviews. If you are interested in these clubs or any other merchandise not found in the shop, stop in and speak with me regarding information and special orders. As usual the Shop will

have several nice clothing lines for men and women from top-line companies like Cutter & Buck and Antigua. Jennifer and Linda will be re-introducing a few new lines for the women. I spent about 2 hours with a graphic designer of Imperial headwear and custom designed a few new hats that are pretty cool. I will also be carrying co-branded hats with the Malone Golf Club logo and the Yankees, Red Sox, and Syracuse University logos and colors on them as well. The new 2010 calendar of events for members should be on our website www.malonegolfclub.com by the end of February. Check under the Members Only section of our website. If you need anything before the courses open, the Pro Shop is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Golf Leagues

Letters will be sent out by early March to those teams that played last year in any of the organized leagues (men or women) to give those teams first priority to play this year. Once availability is known for the leagues, new teams will be able to join on a first come, first serve basis beginning Saturday, April 17th, 2010. Forms will be available in the Pro Shop on the 17th.

Notice

For your safety and due to potential damage to the Courses: Cross-Country Skiing, Snowshoeing, Walking, Sliding, And Snowmobiling Is Prohibited!