



**President's Letter**

March has arrived and hopefully winter will come to an end. Although the weather has been mild, we never know what March will bring!

The Spring Meeting and Icebreaker is scheduled for Sunday, March 19, at 2:00 PM. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there. As a reminder, the yearly dues increase has been reflected in the February statement and will be discussed at the Spring Meeting.

Our Pro Shop has been receiving new product and is gearing up for the season. Also note that the League portals are open for signups; if you have any problems signing up, please reach out to our golf professional John Roche at [eccproshop1929@gmail.com](mailto:eccproshop1929@gmail.com). Email is the best way to contact John if you have any issues or questions. Deadline for league sign-ups is March 20th.

As always, I ask our membership to spread the word about Sr. Golf Memberships available at Elmhurst Country Club. If you know anyone interested, please reach out to the office to receive an application.

The kitchen will be opening on Thursday, March 9th at 4:00 PM. Please check Clubster for the food and beverage hours and updates.

Raffle tickets will be sent out shortly with the drawing to be held on Sunday of Opening Day Weekend; April 23rd.

Looking forward to a great season and seeing everyone at the Club!

Michael Brozzetti – ECC President

**Board Notes**

**Membership:** Chairman Bracey presented the following: Senior resignation approved from James Walsh, Steve Gardner, Alan DeLucy, Steve Pokowicz, Robert Seguin, and PS3 Resignation Briar Robinson. Social Resignations approved Lois Draina, Paul Taylor, Michael Haikes, Francis Hedglin & Louis Beardell with a Junior. Senior to Honorary Neil Sylvester, John Farris & Gerard Dempsey. Spouse Leave of Absence Claudia Remish. New Seniors Ryan Manley, Guy Ardizoni, Michael Pane, Stephon Burgette, James Rude, David Heckman, Dawson Driscoll, Robert Pagotto Stephen Maganzini & Spouse Eliza. PS2 Colby Bailleau, PS3 to Senior Partrick McDonough, PS1 to PS2 William Trainor. New Social James Walsh.

**Jim Lanza—Course Superintendent**

This February we had a lot of fun on the course thanks to the favorable weather. Our project work on 4 tee, 5 approach and 6 drainage are all ready for sod. We continued cleaning out the native area on 1, 8 and 9, focusing our attention on the hazard trees and native beech trees in hopes we could complete before Beech Leaf Disease (BLD) took effect. BLD was first discovered on the shores of Lake Erie in 2012 and most recently discovered in Lackawanna County in 2022. This disease, led by nematodes, affects the foliage of the tree resulting in dieback from lack of vigor. When a tree loses its canopy, it also loses the ability to provide vital food to its root system though photosynthesis. It's unfortunate that yet another pathogen from overseas will have a negative impact on our land. The Emerald Ash Borer, Gypsy Moth, Spotted Lantern Fly, and BLD nematode all share a common origin of China.

Speaking of land, after taking a closer look at the area between 8 green and 9 tee we discovered the left side of 9 tee has a natural plateau which would serve well as a teeing ground. The current tee space on 9 is around 30% smaller than what a facility of our size should be. The project was presented and approved at our February board meeting with the backing of our greens committee. This project will add the square footage needed. Hopefully Mother Nature continues to be kind and we can get an early jump on the 2023 golf season!!

**Skeeter's Scuttlebutt**

As always our hours are depending on the weather, please call if there are winter conditions to make sure we are open. Constant reminder Reservations are Required. Please call the club at 570-842-7691. You will be able to see all the days and hours of operation for the bar & kitchen on Clubster.

**ECC Ladies 'Fore'um**

You will be receiving your Welcome Back letter shortly with the 2023 Association and League information. Our Opening breakfast is April 15th at the Club. Join us for the women's league on Wednesday night with a 4:30 pm shotgun start and stableford format. Looking forward to Spring and being together again! Welcome to our new members: Marisa DeNaples & Eliza Maganzini!