



# Elmhurst Country Club

December 2022 Newsletter

## President's Letter

Holiday season is upon us and I wanted to wish a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our members and staff at Elmhurst. Congratulations to Marty Pane, Dan Bracey, Glenn Lesniak, and Bill Drazdowski on being elected to the Board of Directors. In addition, I want to thank the membership and board for entrusting me as your President.

Congratulations to the following Turkey Trot Winners; Tim Hinton & Brian Hoban - White /White; Paul Arvey & Joe Knabel White/Gold; Frank Chisdock & Lanny Masucci Gold/Gold.

As winter arrives, our outdoor golf season is coming to an end, but the **Indoor Simulator Season** will kick off in January! The portal for the Indoor Simulator League is out. If you have any trouble signing up, please contact our golf professional, John Roche at [eccproshop1929@gmail.com](mailto:eccproshop1929@gmail.com). Stay tuned to Clubster for additional updates on the league and winter food and beverage services.

Pro Shop Holiday Sales are underway, so why not take advantage of some great deals for the Holidays! Look better, play better with ECC Attire and take advantage of these Equipment sales to buy yourself a better golf game. Pay attention to Clubster for pop up specials and pro shop hours. Please note pro shop credit will expire 12/31/22.

Membership drive is underway! Please share this year's special with family and friends.

Have a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Michael Brozzetti – ECC President

## Board Notes

**Membership:** Chairman Heller presented the following: Senior resignations approved from Jake Gastinger & Joe Gentile; Return from LOA to Senior Mark McHale; PS2 Leave of Absence Jake Dunda; PS2 resignation Aaron Goryl; PS3 resignation & change to Social Robert Lesniak; Non Voting to Lady Honorary Karen Clifford; Honorary to NPH Tom Dziadkowicz & Frank Goryl; Social with Junior resignation Wendy Posluszny & Kris Domes; Social resignation Scott Seltenheim.

## Jim Lanza—Course Superintendent

Winter prep has begun on the golf course. Greens get the most attention when we are preparing the golf course for winter. We start with a few chemical and fertilizer applications to protect the plant from winter diseases such as pink snow mold while building up plant reserves with a special cocktail of micronutrients and potassium. We then switch gears and focus on the cultivation methods that could be used to prevent water staying on the surface of the green during frozen conditions. We start with a deeptine aerification. This creates open channels for water and creates a potential for mother nature to aid in our constant efforts to relieve compaction. The channel will fill with water during rain or melting events and once that water freezes in the hole it will expand, hopefully penetrating the wall of the deeptine hole, fracturing the soil at the 8" depth. That area in the soil profile is the most difficult section to relieve compaction due to the depth. We wrap up our process by taking strips of sod out of the greens in low areas to create water ways for surface drainage. Once the greens are frozen, internal drainage is obsolete. It's all about getting water off the green tops to prevent ice buildup. Ice cover can kill Poa Annua after just 2 weeks of cover. It encases the plant and eliminates any gas exchange from happening. The result is the plant essentially rots to death under the ice. We put a lot of effort in during the winter months to prevent this. Constantly monitoring each green and removing snow/ice when we can. As golf course superintendents in this region, we always get the question "What do you do in the winter?" Not many people understand how stressful a winter in the northeast can be for a superintendent growing Poa Annua. I worry more about losing grass in the winter than the summer! We have a lot more control in the spring, summer, and fall. We can push water off after a rain event, we can water when soil moisture is getting too low. Mother Nature takes a firm grip in the winter and we are at her mercy. All we can do is make sure all of our preparations are proper; cross all our T's, dot all our I's, and pray Mother Nature is kind the next few months!!!

## Skeeter's Scuttlebutt

Kitchen hours are listed on the enclosed calendar, Reservations are always required and can be made by calling the club office at 570-842-7691. As a reminder if you have a reservation and the weather is inclement please call the club to make sure we are open.

We will be open for New Year's Eve ala carte dining and you must have a reservation. There is absolutely NO TAKE OUTS available that day. Watch Clubster for the menu features.

Wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy & Prosperous New Year!!