

The Babbling Brook

The Toddy Brook Golf Association Newsletter

Spring 2008

GREETINGS FROM THE TODDY BROOK GOLF ASSOCIATION

Nothing like an old-fashioned Maine winter to make us dream of the rolling hills and fairways of our home course.

It seems as if spring will never come, yet here it is mid-March and hope is on the horizon. The Golf Show was just in town, the days are longer and Daylight Savings Time has kicked in.

By now members should have received their handbook in the mail with the schedule of events throughout the coming season.

Sign-up sheets will be on the board very soon for the April tournaments starting with the Tax Scramble April 13, the April 20 Spring Clean-Up Tourney and Annual April Scramble and Dinner.

We hope to see everyone at the Open



House on March 30. This is a great opportunity to join the Toddy Brook Golf Association, enjoy the benefits of being a member and the camaraderie of your fellow golfers. See you at the Open House.

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Dave Burton, President
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COME JOIN US AT OPEN HOUSE

Even though snow is still on the ground, spring is right around the corner. Everyone is itching to return to the links and that begins with Toddy Brook's Open House. Please come join us on March 30 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. for a fun-filled afternoon. There will be hors d'oeuvres and refreshments served all day. Each person entering the building will receive a ticket for door prizes. We will also

have a raffle to win a 2008 membership. The pro shop will be open with some early season discounts. Weather permitting we will be giving tours of the golf course so bring your friends along.

Information tables will be set up



to answer any questions about memberships, leagues, tournaments, course or the Toddy Brook Golf Association. The association will have a table where you may sign up for memberships or leagues. Hope to see you there.



APRIL 5 RULES SEMINAR

The Maine State Golf Association will conduct a rules seminar at Toddy Brook for members on April 5. This will be a one-hour presentation followed by a one-hour question-and-answer session. We urge you to attend this seminar to become acquainted with national and local rules. This knowledge will make league and recreational play a more pleasurable experience for everyone. This will be a fun event with food and beverage available. All members attending will receive a free rulebook and ticket for a door prize of a year's cart use (valued at \$450).



CLEAN-UP DAY

In the past our member clean-up days have been a huge success. Every year the number of members involved has increased.



This is a great way to help improve your course. This spring we will have our clean up day on April 20 from 9 a.m. to noon followed by lunch

on us at the clubhouse. There will be a sign-up sheet on the board at Open House or give us a call and we will sign you up. Thanks to all who have helped us in the past.



TODDY BROOK CAFE

Thanks to those who supported the café all winter. The café remains open every day the course is shut down. Every winter we see more and more members taking advantage by dropping in for a meal or beverage. You never know how many of your friends or

fellow members you might meet. Our staff is looking forward to the course opening and seeing everyone. Join us for a meal before or after you hit the links. Maybe both.



GRANITE TEE MARKERS, SIGNS

The granite tee signs are a beautiful addition to the golf course. We have four more holes that still need signs. If you would like to donate one or know of any business that would like to, please call Mike Smith at 829-5100. We are also looking for some businesses to advertise on the signs. Thanks to all that have already donated.



SENIOR GOLF LEAGUE

This will be the second year of an eight-week senior golf league competing against nearby clubs Fox Ridge, Spring Meadows and Poland Springs. The league will be on Wednesdays in July and August. You do not have to participate every week. The age to participate is 50 and over. There will be weekly prizes and at season's end the league will make awards to the League Club Champion (one club) and a League Champion (individual). This is a good way to play other courses and find out if we have the best seniors. For more info contact Blaine Davis at 899-9778. Sign-up forms are also available in the pro shop.



MEN'S LEAGUE

Welcome to another exciting year of play at Toddy Brook Golf Course. One of the most important aspects of any public course is the development and promotion of the men's and women's twilight leagues. Our league not only provides a place to enjoy the camaraderie of team play, but also fosters an atmosphere of good health, friendly competition and sportsmanship.

We have sought feedback from Toddy Brook members and consulted with members of Twilight Leagues from other courses to enhance our league. One of the biggest developments in the 2008 season will be the expansion of the "regular season" from 12 weeks to 16 weeks. We are introducing an enhanced playoff format with more teams (8) qualify for a three-round championship format.

Another important development is the introduction of an Assistant Captain to each team. With an



expanded regular season and playoff format, team leadership and communication becomes even more important. The spirit of this change is simple: two people can share the organizational responsibilities of

team communication, scheduling, tee times, substitution, etc. This will also provide a leadership opportunity for an additional member per team.

We would like to make two general suggestions to league participants: try to book tee-times between noon and 5 p.m. prior to the day of your match; and find a substitute if one is needed.

We realize that there will be exceptions. Having multiple teams tee off and compete in the same timeframe creates an enhanced tournament atmosphere. It is also ideal to have teams finishing their matches and congregating on the deck for some fine food and refreshments.

Sign-up for the 2008 Toddy Brook men's twilight league starts at the annual Open House, March 30.

The cost is \$20 per member. The season will kick off with a Team Scramble on May 7, followed by the opening of the 16-week regular season on May 14. Playoffs begin Sept. 3 and conclude with the 2008 Toddy Brook Men's Twilight League Championship Sept. 17.

We would like to acknowledge the 2007 men's twilight league co-chairs Joe Pratico and Dennis Hersom for their time and dedicated service to the association and the league.

We urge all members to participate in the men's twilight league and to become active in its development. Should anyone have any questions or concerns, please contact one of us directly. Thank you very much for your participation, and we'll see you on the links.

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WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Once again Karen Anderson will head up the Women's Twilight League. This is a fun-filled weekly event held Thursday nights though out the summer. Ladies are not required to be club members but must be members of the Toddy Brook Golf Association to be eligible to participate. The cost for the league is \$20 and the association fee is \$35. The start date is yet to be determined, but will be available at Open House on March 30.



DART LEAGUE


This Toddy Brook Dart League's second season has been a huge success. The league grew from six, four-person teams to nine, four-person squads. The final playoff will be March 26 at 6 p.m. to determine the champions of the league. Thanks to everyone who participated this year. All members, family members and customers are welcome to play regardless of your skill level. If you are interested in playing next season look for our sign-up sheet at the end of the year.



IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING GHIN SCORING SYSTEM

This season all members are responsible to post their own scores in to the GHIN system. This means every time you play - whether it be on your own, league play, Friday free-for-all or tournaments - you will post your own score. We will no longer post scores for you. Make sure you adjust your score according to the following ESC


standards. The first number is the player's course handicap and the second number the score that can legally be recorded in the GHIN system: 9 or Less/2 Over Par; 10 through 19/7; 20 Through 29/8; 30 Through 39/9; 40 or More/10 A scoring chart is also located by the GHIN computer. All tournament scores must be

entered as a "T" for tournament. After posting your score, place your scorecard in the box next to the GHIN system. Scores must be posted within three days of playing. You may be penalized for not doing so. Any questions should be directed to the pro shop staff. 

GENERAL MANAGER NOTES

Every year we at Toddy Brook try to make improvements to the course to better your golf experience. To help speed of play we have a

rules committee and local rules. The rules will be available at Open House. There is a new tee box for men on hole No. 16. We hope this will

make a difference in scores on this hole. The biggest change this year will be that everyone is responsible to enter his or her scores in to the GHIN system. 

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