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MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome to the First HGC Newsletter

As part of the Board's regrouping efforts, we thought it would be a great idea to produce a newsletter. Our hope is that this will become a place for information and entertainment.

Going forward we welcome any information,

ideas, or news you feel should be included in the newsletters. Feel free to share things like a hole in one, an interesting picture while on the course, or something funny that happened, etc.

Our plan is to produce several newsletters through-

out the year, with the next one at the end of May. Please email, by May 1, any photos, information / news, and ideas to:

[newsletter@honesdalegc.com](mailto:newsletter@honesdalegc.com)

*Be sure to watch your email!*

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## Letter from the President

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Dear Member of Honesdale Golf Club,



We are improving! Honesdale Golf Club has and will continue to go through major challenges, adjustments, and changes; with our membership, infrastructure, finances, future endeavors, rising inflation and increased costs. However, it is with "all of us" that we can and will continue to have Honesdale Golf Club rise and concur.

Last year, we learned how far our club can stretch our memberships financially by hurdling a drought that affected our course, and many more obstacles. We were blessed to receive unanimous support from our HGC stockholders (bonded members) to trust the board of directors to raise dues to fight inflation, charge assessments for much needed repairs throughout the club, both on and off the course. Because of this huge support, it quite honestly saved our club.

We are not out of the woods yet. Just like our personal lives, golf courses have seen rising costs of upwards to 40% involving the golf course, restaurant, and bar. With continued support and diligence of budgeting properly, and living within our means; we can do this!

I am happy to say that this year we are able to keep our amazing team, as well welcome new staff members. Daily operations through the season carry a lot of work and we are very appreciative of our hardworking staff.

All of this leads the board of directors to take a long and hard look at everything we do as a club at HGC. It made us realize the club cannot continue to be a bank for members that fail to pay invoices and dues on time. This is the reason the board of directors, through your trust, authorized requirements for members to keep credit cards, or checking accounts on file to keep due invoices being paid on time and keep a stable treasury. You may still pay your invoices within a 28 day window with a check, or by cash.

In a positive response, we have found that a majority of our members have really stepped up and paid their dues in full for the coming year. This is helping our treasury to grow and become sustainable as we enter our golf season.

Our physical achievements during 2022 included a much needed ceiling replacement in the club house, a remodeled pro shop, new golf carts, and new golf course maintenance equipment. Also, through an assessment, we were able to replace one of our two (30 year old) furnaces and air conditioning units for the bar and the west side of the club house.

We know that our future holds the need to replace a lot of aging equipment and infrastructure. We will continue to monitor our golf course equipment needs, a golf cart replacement strategy, and future large purchases through our long-term planning. Items that we have on our radar at this

time include: kitchen dishwasher, aging clubhouse furnace and air conditioning unit (east side of building), fairway and greens machinery, sprayer, water and irrigation needs, and the aging locker rooms and plumbing inside the club house.

All of this can be and will be accomplished through our support of each other and financial responsibilities of all of us taking part in owning this great golf club!

This past year we were also grateful to all of our membership committees that came together for the betterment of the club to add additional golf and social activities for members. Members of the committees worked very hard behind the scenes to make these events happen for all of us to enjoy.

As we commence into the new year, we are in the process of planning a wide range of exciting and enjoyable golf and social activities for the 2023 season. Future golfing events scheduled so far are Men's Opening Stag on Saturday, April 29, 2023; Ladies' Opening Dinner on May 2, 2023; Men's Member Guest on June 16-18, 2023; Ladies Member Guest on June 20, 2023, an all inclusive Men and Ladies' Memorial Tournament and Club Championship Tournament September 2-4, 2023, with a club house membership celebration and barb-a-que prepared by your president. Please see page 5 for upcoming social events.

Honesdale Golf Club is all about Great Golf and Great Times! Between our golfing events, social gatherings, private parties and dining; we have built a legacy of being the ideal place to bring family, friends or business associates for an enjoyable day of golf and relaxation – right in our own backyard.

We encourage you to help us grow our membership and encourage you to bring guests to golf, for a drink, or for dinner on our deck to enjoy the views of our wonderful course and beautiful sunsets.

Through continued support, enthusiasm and involvement in the club, we look forward to building a strong club community!

We can do this! Together.

Sincerely yours,

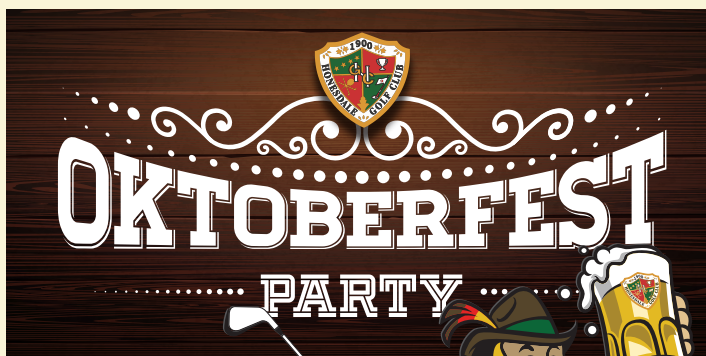
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott D. Miller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Scott D. Miller  
President and Proud Member

P.S. We will be celebrating 125 years (Quasquicentennial) in 2025! Time to celebrate our longevity, and offer a cheers to the future of the club. We will be looking to get our members involved in the planning and achievement of our upcoming celebration.



# CLUB EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



The Honesdale Golf Club hosted its first Oktoberfest on October 15, 2022. Outside a chipping and putting contest was held under the direction of Patti Bursis, Mike Miller, George Garrick, Terri Henderson and Gene

Hopkins. Winners of that event were Gary Mesko and Sandy Scull.

Inside the club was decorated in bright blue and gold representing the German traditions. The decorating committee included Ann Marie Simons, Nancy Moro, Vicky Botjer, Patti Bursis, and Terri Henderson. The bar staff prepared specialty drinks, mulled wine, and featured some great German beers. The kitchen prepared appetizers including the Bavarian Pretzels, Kielbasa and kraut, and others. The German Buffet included Alpine brats, red cabbage, spaetzle, pork wrapped in bacon, roasted potatoes, and much more. Fabulous desserts were made by the Lakeside Café students at Wallenpaupack High School. Live music by Paul Knakk was enjoyed by all.

A good time was had by members and their guests. We hope to see you next year! The plan is to have this be an annual event, making it better and better, year by year.

*Mark your calendars for the 2nd Annual  
Saturday, October 14, 2023!*





# CLUB EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

## Annual Breakfast with Santa

On December 4, the HGC brought back its Annual Santa's Breakfast. The club had been decorated for the holidays with a buffalo plaid theme and was very festive.

A breakfast buffet was provided by the kitchen staff and Mr. Scott Miller. After singing carols, creating crafts, and doing various Christmas activities, the jolly old elf himself, Santa, stopped by to visit all the good boys and girls who attended. Santa presented presents to the children and posed for pictures taking time to talk with each child.

Special thanks go to Michelle Leunes who created a beautiful backdrop for pictures with Santa and two of his elves. Nancy Marro assisted with the festivities and took fantastic photos for our Facebook page. We have invited Santa to return next year and he can't wait to come back!



*Oh, what fun!*

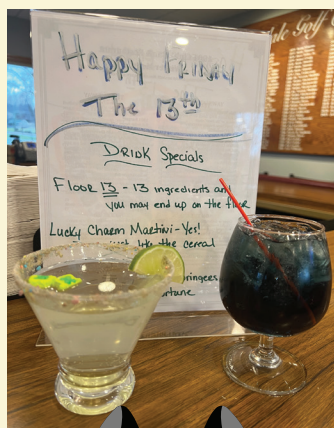


## Superstition Lucky Party a Huge Success!

Luck Friday, January 13th! It was a lucky day for the club. Over 100 members had partaken of the fabulous meal and exceptional drinks prepared for the occasion! (see photos)

Hats off to Chef of the Day President Scott Miller, his assistant Cody Stanton and Hospitality Manager Carissa Morgan for doing an incredible job!

Along with the food and drinks, there were lucky (or unlucky!) pull tabs, and a special 50/50 raffle won by Ed Kasper. Congratulations Ed!



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## APRIL

Sunday, April 2 **Easter Bunny Brunch**  
Saturday April 29 **Men's Opening Stag**

## MAY

Tuesday, May 2 **Ladies' Opening Dinner**  
Friday, May 5 **Cinco de Mayo**  
Saturday, May 13 **Broadway Cabaret  
(Dinner Theater)**

## JUNE

June 6 **Ladies' Spring Mixer**  
June 16-18 **Men's Member-Guest**  
June 20 **Ladies' Member-Guest**

## SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

**Saturday, May 6 @ 7:30 a.m.**

***Your help would be greatly appreciated!***

**Burgers & Dogs for lunch!**

*the more, the merrier...*

## Memberships Explained

**Full Membership (Bonded Member)** As a full voting member and shareholder, with your Golf Membership you will enjoy all of Honesdale Golf Club amenities including unlimited championship golf without green fees on our private course, practice facilities, clubhouse, dining and a full year-round social calendar with events and activities for the entire family as well as business associates and friends. Membership includes voting rights and stock options. These members own a share of stock and are eligible to vote and hold office on the board of directors. This membership requires purchase of Stock Holder Bond for \$500.00 to be paid in full. The annual membership is \$1300 plus \$100 assessment, and \$50 scrip at the bar and restaurant. All Bonded members receive access to the USGA handicap computation service, access to the GHIN system to include the GAP App, access to member-play day and special events lotteries, free golf digest, free GAP magazine, and access to compete in GAP events at an additional fee. This membership category will receive special invitations to Honesdale Golf Club Tournaments.

**Junior Membership (Age 14 - 15 Yrs.)** Junior Golf Members enjoy all of the same member benefits as Full Golf Members, excluding voting rights. There is no initiation fee, scrip, or bond. \$250 Yearly Dues. This membership category will receive special invitations to Honesdale Golf Club Tournaments.

**Junior Membership (16-20 Yrs. or college age through 25 Yrs.)** Junior Golf Members enjoy all of the same member benefits as Full Golf Members, excluding voting rights. There is no initiation fee, scrip, or bond. \$350 Yearly Dues. Junior Members must be at least 16 years of age and have a valid automobile driver's license to operate a golf cart. This membership category will receive special invitations to Honesdale Golf Club Tournaments.

**Social Membership (Class 1)** As a social member there is no initiation fee or bond. Annual dues cost \$650 Yearly Dues; \$50 Scrip; \$100 Yearly Assessment; Total \$800. Social Membership (Class 1) is open to any individual over the age of 36. Membership includes limited golf of 5 (five) times per year and the payment of green fees and cart fees as determined by the Board of Directors. This membership category does not have voting rights or stock options and are limited to invitations to Honesdale Golf Club Tournaments.

**Young Adult Membership (Ages 21 - 35) (Limited to 5 Years) \*** As a Young Adult Golf Member you will enjoy all of the same member benefits as a Full Golf Membership, excluding voting rights. The annual dues cost \$575 Yearly Dues; \$50 Scrip; \$100 Yearly Assessment; Total \$725. Young Adult Members are eligible for full use of the course, club house, and invitation into certain tournaments. Membership includes unlimited golf with no green fees. Young Adult Members are encouraged to bring guests as green fee players. Nonrefundable \$100 yearly payments toward your bond will begin as a Young Adult member. This membership category does not have voting rights or stock options and are limited to invitations to Honesdale Golf Club Tournaments.

**Family Member \*** A non-equity family member is open to all new members over the age of 21 who is the spouse or life partner of a voting member. The annual dues cost \$575 Yearly Dues; \$50 Scrip; \$100 Yearly Assessment.. Total \$725. Non-Equity Family Members are eligible for full use of the course, club house, and tournaments. Membership includes unlimited golf with no green fees. Non-Equity Family Members are encouraged to bring guests as green fee players. This membership category does not have voting rights or stock options and are limited for invitations to Honesdale Golf Club Tournaments.

**Second Club Membership \*** A non-equity second club member is open to all members. There is no initiation fee or bond. Annual dues. No initiation fee or bond. \$675 Yearly Dues; \$50 Scrip; \$100 Yearly Assessment.. Total \$825. This membership is open to members of another golf club only. Full use of the grounds, club house, invitation to all tournaments, unlimited golf, no green fees, and bring guests as green fee players.

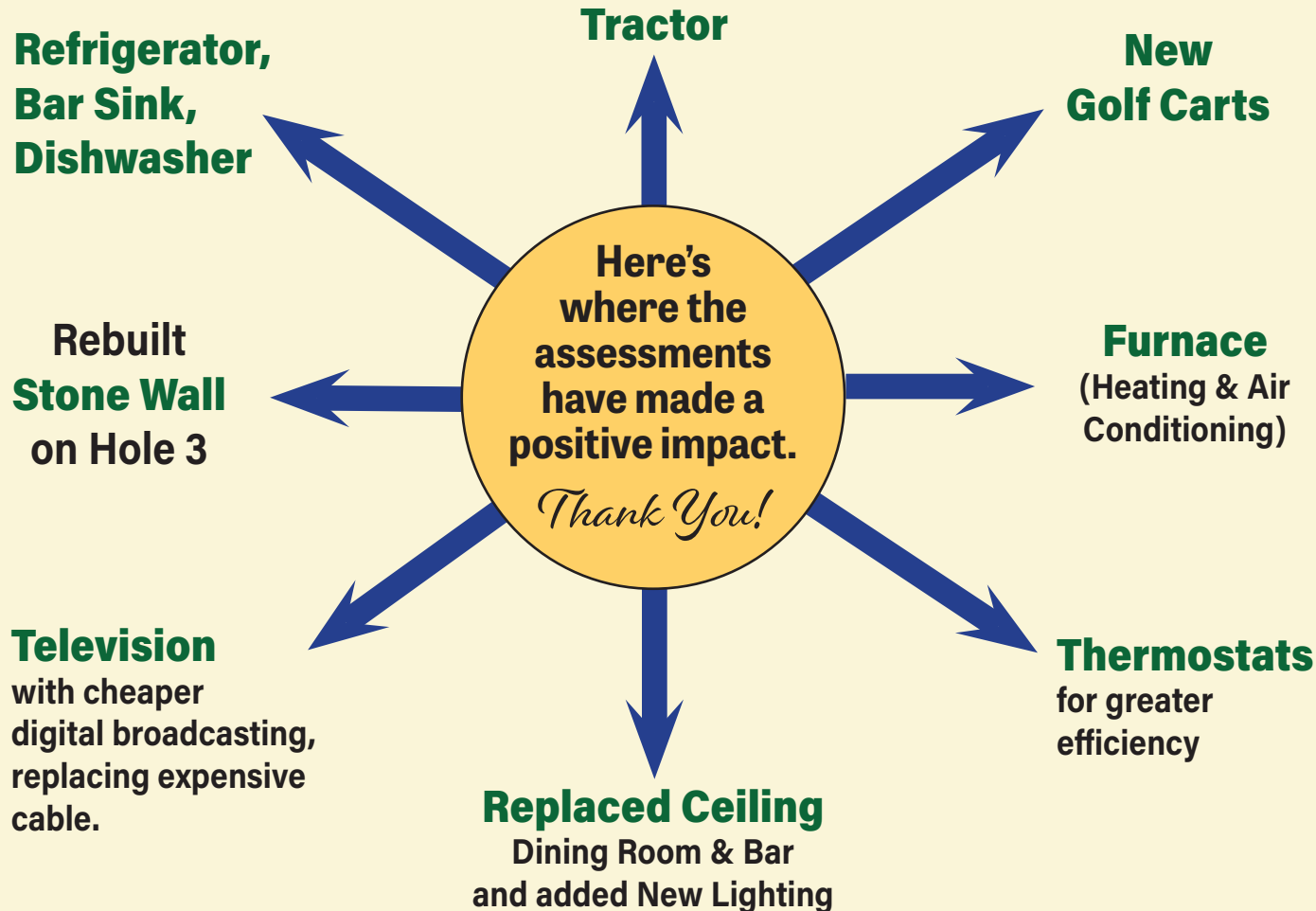
### Please Note:

**Non Members playing as a Guest  
may only play 5 (five) rounds per year.  
(9 holes, or 18, considered a round. Outside tournaments excluded.)**

\* Membership classes are created by the board of directors under trial membership of the club bylaws and as such may be continued, modified or discontinued on an annual basis. Membership classes are subject to change or be substituted with comparable membership.



# GOOD THINGS HAVE HAPPENED!



## The GHIN System

### POST SCORES USING YOUR PHONE/TABLET

The **GHIN Mobile App** offers a personalized mobile experience that allows golfers easy access to manage their games by utilizing the various features listed below. Downloading the app is easy and free!

It is available for download on Androids, iPhones, iPads and the iPod touch. Just search "GHIN Mobile" in the Android Market or iTunes store. Then you'll enter your GHIN number and Last Name to have the app customized for the NYSGA member experience.

#### GHIN Mobile Includes:

- Score Posting
- Stat Tracking (PPR, GIR, FIR)
- Score History
- Golfer Lookup
- Course Handicap Calculator

#### New GPS and Course Maps Update:

- 3D color map course imagery
- Distance to center of the green

You may upgrade to Enhanced GPS for additional features including approach heat maps, putt break maps, shot tracking and distance to the front and back of every green.

**A unique email is now required to access your GHIN profile.**

Download the GHIN Mobile App today!

*Thank you!*

**Ed Langendoerfer & Chris Moran** for saving the club a bunch of money by cutting and removal of the fallen tree on hole 9.

**George Garrick** for being the main man of the golf carts for so many years. We are really lucky to have your knowledge and dedication!

**Ann Marie Simons, Vicky Botjer, Terri Henderson, Nancy Moro, Mike Miller, Patti Bursis, Pete Engle, George Garrick and Gene Hopkins** for getting the Oktoberfest together and running smoothly.

**Ann Marie Simons and Nancy Moro** for making another Santa's breakfast successful!

**Scott Miller** for bringing his culinary skills to the kitchen and stepping up to cook for so many events!

**Carissa Morgan, Cody Stanton and all of our great staff** for working hard at various tasks to make outside and inside events happen!

# Women Have Been Teeing Off For Quite Some Time

Since March was National Women's History Month, it seemed very fitting to start our history column with mention to the importance of women during the founding years of the Honesdale Golf Club.

Women have a long history with golf that dates back to the 1500's in Scotland. However it wasn't until the late 1800's that the United States welcomed women players. It is believed that the first to do so was Shinnecock Hills Golf Club in Southampton, New York in 1891.

As our championship

board shows, Honesdale Golf Club is also one of the earliest clubs to welcome women players. Rebecca Fuller was the first woman champion at HGC in 1901!

Unfortunately the HGC minutes of the first five years have been lost, but the 1906 records show that women outnumbered men. There were 186 total members, which 106 were women and 80 were men! Women had equal club voting rights and were elected to the Board of Governors (directors) and were often elected Vice President.

It is also noted that women

were in the majority for the first forty years at HGC. That didn't change until the mid 1940's. Possible cause for this was due to World War II.

It is absolutely amazing that our small, rural golf club was far ahead of the times and opened the way for women to play golf.

Please take a moment and notice the women's championship board in the bar/restaurant area.

On a national level, the LPGA was established in 1950 by thirteen brave and bold women launching a dream for women to play professional golf. Over the

years there have been outstanding women golfers and today's professional women golfers are no exception.

The first professional female golfer was Helen Hicks in 1934. In the 1940's-50's Babe Zaharias was a legendary golfer who was the first female to professionally compete against men. In modern day, Annika Sörenstam has been called the best female golfer of all time.

*Act like a lady,  
play like a beast!*

## 2023 MONTHLY MEETING DATES

January 25, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.

February 22, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.

March 29, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.

April 12, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.

April 26, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m. \*Semi Annual Meeting\*

May 31, 2023 @ 8:00 p.m.

June 28, 2023 @ 8:00 p.m.

July 26, 2023 @ 8:00 p.m.

August 30, 2023 @ 8:00 p.m.

September 13, 2023 @ 8:00 p.m.

September 27, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m. \*Semi Annual Meeting\*

October 25, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.

November 1, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m. (Reorganization)

November 29, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

*All are welcome!*

## 2023 Board of Directors

Scott D. Miller..... President

Dan Pahls..... Vice President & Treasurer

Ann Marie Simons .....Secretary

Frank Bannan

Patricia Bursis

Paul DePaoli

Bob Kranick

Bob Simons

Jeffrey Tamblyn

## 2023 Committee Chairpersons

**Men's Golf:** Bob Simons, Jeff Tamblyn,  
and Bob Kranick

**Woman's Golf:** Vicki Botjer

**Long Term Planning:** Dan Pahls

**Greens:** Bob Simons

**Pro Shop:** Patricia Bursis

**Financial:** Dan Pahls

**House:** Paul DePaoli

**Bar:** Frank Bannan

**Kitchen:** Frank Bannan

**Membership:** Ann Marie Simons and  
Bob Kranick

**Social:** Ann Marie Simons and  
Scott D. Miller

**Technology:** Scott D. Miller



*Keeping our members informed, and prospects interested...*

## • 2023 Tournament & Golf Schedules •

### Ladies'

Vicky Botjer, Chairperson

May 2	Opening Dinner
June 3	Parent/Child (CC 2:00)
June 6	Spring Mixer (CC 1:00)
June 13	Handicap Tourn. Begins
June 20	Member/Guest (CC 1:00)
July 8, 9	Memorial Tournament (CC)
July 17	Senior Champ. Begins
July 18	Solheim Cup (CC 1:00)
Aug. 15	Member/Member (CC 1:00)
Sept. 2, 3, 4	Club Champ. Begins (PT)
Sept. 5	Player of the Year (PT)
Sept. 12	Fall Mixer (CC 12:00)
Oct. 3	Closing Dinner
Dec. 5	Christmas Party

### Men's

J. Tamblyn, B. Simons, B. Kranick,  
Chairs

April 29	Opening Stag (CC 12:00)
June 3	Parent/Child (CC 2:00)
June 16, 17, 18	Member/Guest (CC)
July 8, 9	Memorial Tournament (CC)
July 29, 30	Handicap Tourn. (PT)
Aug. 5, 6	Senior Member/Guest (PT)
Aug. 19, 20	Member/Member (CC)
Sept. 2, 3, 4	Club Championship (PT)
Sept. 9, 10	Senior Club Champ. (PT)

### Outside Tournaments

May 13	Kelley Lalley Memorial (CC)
Aug. 12	Bill Bursis Tourn. (CC 12:00)
Aug. 21	Bob Simons PIAA Girls Classic (CC)
Oct. 9	John Davis - Court House (CC 12:00)
Oct. 22	Turkey Tournament (CC 12:00)

**CC = Closed Course**  
**PT = Preferred Tee Times**