



Fall 2022 NEWSLETTER





President's Message

BY GREG ROCCA

We recently had the Men's Locker room and the Card room HVAC systems upgraded to a split system, matching the upgraded Ladies locker room and front offices completed earlier this year. Our bunker repair project has commenced once again with work being done by Waitkus Design. This includes the 3rd hole right green bunker and all bunkers on the 4th and 12th holes. We will also be adding a full kitchen behind the Pub. This will give the club flexibility in providing food to our membership while helping to avoid delays with orders and the safety issues of running food up and down steps. We are anticipating this will create a better overall experience in the Pub.

After a summer of Men's League competition, I want to congratulate Doug Baran for winning this year's League Playoff. I would also like to congratulate all of our tournament winners this year. Next year will bring plenty of opportunities for some great competition, camaraderie, and good times.

With the Holidays almost upon us keep an eye on our Pub hours and know that the 2nd floor will be operating with food and various social events several nights a week including Karaoke Night every Thursday evening. All are welcome! We also have our very successful Trivia Night every first and third Wednesday as well. There will be plenty of opportunities to spend some time at the club over the coming winter months.

On December 9th our events Committee will bring a Holiday Party with light fare to the 2nd floor so please watch for announcements. It will be a great way to spend time together and celebrate a fantastic year. Kim's Open House will be Friday, December 16th in Alexanders Pub, always an enjoyable evening and don't forget to bring a toy for the Toys for Tots box in the front lobby.

Thank You to our Board, their committees, and our Staff for their hard work making 2022 a memorable and enjoyable year for all YCC Members and their Guests.

Wishing everyone a Happy Holiday season and the very best in the New Year.





The Pro's Corner

BY JOHN SHAPCOTT

Golf Shop News



The summer is behind us and now we're gearing up for the Holiday season. The Golf Shop is full, and this is a wonderful time to start spending the Shop Credits you've accumulated this golf season. We will have great deals throughout the holiday season on all our merchandise. Look for our "Wheel of Savings" again before Christmas.

The golf course is in great shape, and with that said, here are some late season reminders about golf cart & pushcart traffic and golf course upkeep. Remember to keep all four wheels of your golf cart on the cart paths and all push carts should be keep 30 feet away from the greens. Be sure to fill divots with the sand provided on your golf carts and repair all ball marks. If we can follow through with these simple tasks it will go a long way in keeping our course in great playing shape throughout the year.

****Upcoming Events****

Saturday, November 27th – Turkey Shoot

10:00 Shotgun - Make your own foursome - Format: Scramble with wacky pins and 6" cups.

Golf Shop Black Friday Sale – November 25 – 27

- All Summer Apparel buy 1 get 2nd at 50% off
- All Outerwear & Accessories - 15% off
- Golf Shoe Sale – 25% off



Club Repair & Regripping

*Did you know we can handle almost any club repair?
Stop in and see Rick for more details.*

This is the time to get your clubs regripped and ready for next season or any golf trips you have planned for the winter!

Fall Regripping Special

Get 8 or more clubs regripped and receive 10% OFF







Congratulations to all our Champions for 2022!



2022 Tournament Champions

Men's Club Champion	Charlie Kovalcik
Men's Stroke Play Champion	Charlie Kovalcik
1st Flight Champion	Jay Levitt
2nd Flight Champion	Paul Kawoczka
3rd Flight Champion	Clyde Waite
4th Flight Champion	Drew Worek
Women's Club Champion	Karen Klemp
Women's 1st Flight Champion	Deb Wagner
Women's 2nd Flight Champion	Wendy Kursman
President's Cup Champions	Mike Augustin/Terry Law
Curtis Cup Champion	Deb Linde
Chairwomen's BB Champions	Alyssa Ault/Linda Shea
Men's Triple Play	Bill Hellmann/Clyde Waite
Women's Triple Play	Deb Linde/Anne Shapiro
Senior Club Champion	Greg Buliga
50 - 59 yrs. Champion - Gross	Paul Rogowicz
50 - 59 yrs. Champion - Net	Ruben Amaro
60 - 64 yrs. Champion - Gross	Ed Erickson
60 - 64 yrs. Champion - Net	Paul Dansbury
65 - 69 yrs. Champion - Gross	Mike Arnold
65 - 69 yrs. Champion - Net	Dennis Warwick
70 -79 yrs. Champion - Gross	Pat Pastilock
70 -79 yrs. Champion - Net	Jim Chapman
Women's Senior Champion - Gross	Deb Linde
Women's Senior Champion - Net	Anne Shapiro
Bob Slater Men's Gross	Greg Buliga/Joe Sherry
Bob Slater Men's Net	John Buliga/Graham Thomas
Bob Slater Women's Gross	Monika Poelzmann/Deb Wagner
Bob Slater Women's Net	Jane Daveler/Alyssa Ault
Husband Wife Champions - Gross	Marty Dansbury/Lynn Apple
Husband Wife Champions - Net	Jim Ambrosio/Pat Rodeawald
Mixed Champions - Gross	Paul Dansbury/Monika Poelzmann
Mixed Champions - Net	Greg Buliga/Beth Paoni



Superintendent

BY MATT GLENN

What a long, dry summer it was! With the record drought conditions behind us and most of the damage healed, we are moving into leaf clean-up and winter projects.

We just finished up on our Fall bunker projects. Waitkus renovated #3 right greenside, all of #4, and all of #12. The crew completed #14 bunker earlier this Fall. All the bunkers are beginning to root and #14 has already been sprayed once with another application going down soon. If the weather cooperates, we will be installing bunker sand in #14 this winter and the rest will be completed in the Spring. Kent's Tree Service has already taken down some of the dead trees that had safety concerns. We are compiling a list of other concerns that need to be addressed. We have leveled #8 forward Tee, it will be ready for the Spring golf season.

We have done quite a bit of over-seeding of the rough and play areas to help ensure the golf course is in great shape for the 2023 golf season. The crew has also been concentrating on Fall cleanup to ensure the golf course is in great shape for the winter months. The committee and I are working on winter projects to help improve the golf course for years to come. Look for emails this winter on improvements moving forward.

Hope everyone has a Happy and Safe holiday season and I look forward to seeing you out on the course.





Treasurer

BY DENNIS WARWICK

As we move towards year-end, YCC remains on target for its Board approved full year 2022 expenditures against available revenue/income that supported the much-needed course/facility improvements. As discussed during the recent Shareholder's Meeting on November 8th, the 3rd Quarter Financials (2022 as of September 30th) demonstrate continued profitability primarily driven by sustained Membership levels that generate 70%+ of overall YCC revenue. We will continue to monitor both revenue sources and required expenditures as we look to evaluate appropriate 2023 budgets for the club.

Do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions and/or suggestions.



YCC Giving Back

TOYS FOR TOTS



Bring a smile to a child's face this holiday season! Yardley Country Club will be hosting a Toys for Tots event on December 17th & 18th during our Brunch with Santa! A Toys for Tots representative will be at YCC for the event with their collection box. We will also have a collection box in the foyer of the clubhouse so please donate a toy for Christmas prior to December 18th.

Toys for Tots, a 74-year national charitable program run by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, provides happiness, and hope to less fortunate children during each Christmas holiday season. The toys, books, and other gifts collected and distributed by our Marines and volunteers during the Christmas season offer these children recognition, confidence, and a positive memory for a lifetime. Toys for Tots also provides support year-round to less fortunate families experiencing challenges and exceptional circumstances, thus sending a message of hope beyond the holiday season. It is such experiences that help children become responsible citizens and caring members of their community. Last year, the Marine Toys for Tots Program fulfilled the holiday hopes and dreams of 7.4 million less fortunate children in over 800 communities nationwide. Since 1947, over 272 million children have been assisted. The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation is a not-for-profit organization authorized by the U.S. Marine Corps and the Department of Defense to provide fundraising and other necessary support for the annual Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program.

For more information, please visit www.toysfortots.org.



Membership

BY LORI BURKE-NATALE

This Fall has been a wonderful season at Yardley! It's always a good time of the year for golf and fun events. It's getting colder but Trivia is bringing our members in the first and third Wednesday every month and they are having a blast as always!

Please welcome our newest YCC members

Rich Harkins
Andrew Kavulich & Chrisi Papa
Jeff Blankman
Harry Mateer

I have been receiving many positive responses regarding YCC and our exceptional golf course & facility, the word is spreading fast to the public! The walk-in's, phone calls and email requests to join The Yard are increasing and our wait list has been boosted to over 120 candidates! We determine how many we can bring in off the wait list by monthly evaluations of current membership stats and the tee sheet availability. If you know someone who is interested in joining, please reach out to me.

A special Congratulations to our seven members who achieved a Hole in One in 2022!

Tom Sawka #9
Arlene Frey #15
Bill Ault #15
Chris McHugh #17
Mike Daveler #9
Phil Lebovitz #17
Larry Stern #15

Click here for the drone video of YCC

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HkG_qSx_tIHuY0SfFOX_OLPbYfz89KLM/view

Dan Sussman, FAA Licensed & insured drone pilot, owner of Bird's Eye Pilot was here last month to take footage and snap aerial photos of the course (captured on the front and back cover of this newsletter). Bird's Eye Pilot is a full-service drone photography and cinematography company. From business advertising and marketing to real estate and the construction industry, Bird's Eye Pilot is your one stop shop for all your aerial needs. Thank you, Dan!



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Thank you for enhancing our club with your membership. We take great pride in providing one of the best golfing experiences in the region and fostering a true community of golfers and friends. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

We wish you and your families a happy & healthy holiday season~

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Please scan the QR code to follow and share our new Yardley Country Club Instagram page.





Member Spotlight

ANNE SHAPIRO BY ANNMARIE JAMES

Listen up YCC members! No, really, listen up. Anne Shapiro has a new podcast out about golf! Anne's podcast, "From the Reds" is a refreshing look at golf from the red tees. Anne has this vision of bringing the feminine side of golf to light, as well as interviews with women golfers, including former YCC assistant pro, Bridget McLaughlin. Each episode so far has provided so much insight into the sport that previously flew under the radar for women. Anne also shares additional background knowledge about herself, including that she was born in South Africa (how cool is that?!) and different experiences she has had, including the internal company Ryder Cup that she was asked to play in on her first day at her new job. No pressure, lol!

Anne is the perfect person to bring us a new podcast. Her massive talent for accents, humor and performance is shown through her podcast, thanks to her experience for many years of performing in a band and doing lots of comedy/improv all over New York. I'm both proud and humbled that Anne had her first sit-down interview with us here at YCC.



Q: Why did you want to start a podcast about golf?

A: A couple of things. I had started to think that I wanted to do something creative about golf. I was reading a book called, "A Course Called America." By Tom Coyne and while reading that book, I got the idea that I wanted to bring a uniquely female perspective of golf to other woman golfers. It's important to me to cover many different golf topics so even that savviest player can learn something new. Since COVID, *Bloomberg Magazine* has indicated that 25% more women are playing golf more than ever. That is a huge demographic to speak to and I want to give them a voice. It's important to celebrate little victories in each round played.

Q: What kind of advice would you give to a new player just starting the game?

A: I have been playing for nearly 15 years and each time I play, I learn something new. Lessons are important to fine tune a part of the game, especially when you are struggling. But the best piece of advice I can give to new golfers is just to keep playing. We all had to start learning the game, no one is born a golfer. The game can be frustrating but if you surround yourself with fellow players and friends that enjoy the game, you'll find more success and grow with the sport.

Q: Which golf courses do you recommend to people to play?

A: Anytime you get the opportunity to play as a guest at a new club, do it. The experience you can get from each round is something I can't put into words. One of my favorite memories from new places I played have one thing in common. It was enjoyable & memorable. For example, in episode two, I focused on Morris County Golf Club that was originally started in the late 1800s by women, for women only and was taken over in a coup by the great grandson of Paul Revere. Being able to research about what happened in that era & talking to the local historian really shed new light when we played and that was so inspiring.

**Authors note, the interview with the Morris County Golf Club historian, Alice Cutter in episode two is fascinating. Don't miss it.

Having just recently started playing golf myself, I found this closing comment from Anne in her inaugural episode really inspiring.

"As we move forward with this podcast, I look forward to telling the stories of women who have created a legacy in this sport. We will be cheerleading for all the women trying to beat their personal best and supporting young girls who dream of competing at the highest level. The journey of golf is a solo sport, but it requires the support and love that we all share together for the game."

"From The Reds" is available now on Spotify or wherever you get your podcasts. Episode #3 streaming now. <https://open.spotify.com/show/6ukdrSrsFrXpoKN82FYbDu?si=aa49659cbef84d90>

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Member Spotlight

AARON HIBBS BY ANNMARIE JAMES

As a self-proclaimed car lover, I was very excited about picking Aaron's brain about everything cars. In the late dark afternoon, Aaron sits at the high-top in the Pub, sharing his knowledge of cars with humble pride. As a life-long resident of the Yardley area, he has been a fixture in our community for many years, helping everyone who comes to him. At Aaron's, everything from factory service and maintenance repair to inspection and emissions is available. Knowing that you get superior service and attention to detail when you conduct business with Aaron and his team is one less worry to have. The passion in his voice regarding everything about cars speaks volumes that cannot be translated into words.

With the legacy in his family, I am confident that Aaron will pass along his lifelong knowledge to the next generation, his grandkids, Ford and Norma who are the brightest lights in his life.

Q: How long have you been in business and owned your garage? How did you become interested in cars?

A: I have owned *Aaron's Automotive* since 1980. Growing up in the Yardley area, my Dad and Uncle had a garage, *Hibbs Bros* where *Sitkos* is located now. It was a landmark in Yardley when it was in operation and it's also where I learned a lot about cars. I used to race cars when I was younger and re-built my first car; a 1955 Blue Chevy and I have great memories of the business since it has shaped my own career today. I employ two full-time and one part-time staff members who, along with me, stay up to date with the latest advancements in car care so we can give our customers the best possible experience.

Q: Do you have a preferred car brand?

A: I have seen and worked on everything from classic cars to Tesla's. I don't really have a favorite, but I am partial to Lexus since I drive one and I've driven the car for many years now. They seem to hold up, even with high mileage. I have a customer that drives a Lexus with 500k miles on it which is unheard of. But I am so fortunate that I work in a job that allows me to see everything from classic roadsters to the latest models off the assembly line. As much as I enjoy classic cars, I don't work on too many since the parts for those cars are hard to find and require a lot of extra work.



Q: What are your thoughts on the big push to switch to electric vehicles? What issues do you foresee happening as people move away from gas-powered vehicles. Is it too soon?

A: I don't think it's too soon, but there are certain issues that people need to consider before making the switch away from fossil fuels. If there is a power outage that lasts for days, how will you charge the vehicle? You also need to think about the maintenance issues on electric vehicles. Right now, the price for many of these repairs is through the roof. In time, as more and more electric vehicles are on the road, the parts, and products to repair the problem will become more affordable but that is something to think about since we are not there yet. Someone on a limited income may not be able to afford the nearly \$3k battery replacement which powers the entire car, but on the other hand, other things like brakes don't need to be replaced as often as they do on gas-powered vehicles. You need to weigh the pros and cons to see if it really fits your needs. Eventually, we will get there, but perhaps not at the timeline they are currently saying. There are many factors to consider. In the meantime, for those looking, I recommend moving into a hybrid vehicle which gives you the feel of an electric car but has the backup of gas-power to ease some concerns of what could happen, such as a power outage. Fossil fuels are not going away anytime soon, even with electric vehicles. The power grid relies on fossil fuels to charge electric vehicles. Auto makers also need to work on bringing down the cost of the cars to appeal to a larger demographic.

Aaron's Automotive is located at 81 E. Afton Ave, Yardley, PA, open Monday through Friday 8:00AM to 5:00PM.



YWGA News & Happenings

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YWGA NEWS

BY PAT RODEAWALD AND MAGGIE COE

The YWGA Closing Dinner on October 19th was well attended, and a good time was had by all. Thanks go to the Social committee – Laura Roche, Anne Morrow, Carolyn Cottrell – for putting on a great event. Attendees approved the re-election of current executive board members Pat Rodeawald, Maggie Coe, Karen Klemp and Leslie Daveler. Jane Warwick and Jane Daveler handed out the cash awards for Ringers, Chip-ins and Birdies. (Don't know what this is? Talk to Jane or Jane. It's a fun way to compete all year long.) Deb Wagner recognized Laura Roche as the most improved player, with Karen Klemp a very close second. Arleen Frey, Sadhana Rao and Chris McHugh received commemorative ball markers for their hole-in-one's.

YWGA established two new committees for the coming year – the Mentor Committee and the Community Service Committee. The Mentor committee will continue the work that Maggie started this year, introducing new members to the ins and outs of membership at YCC. The Community Service committee, headed up by Monika Poelzmann and Leslie Daveler, will identify areas of need in the greater Yardley community and recruit YWGA members to volunteer. If you have a local group looking for some support, get in touch with Monika or Leslie.

The YCC community came together to honor our friend and fellow golfer Janet McIlvaine who passed away in February. There is now a bench and plaque with beautiful new plants on the 8th hole, and we made a donation of \$700 in Janet's memory to the Woods School, where Janet was Executive Director. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the memorial fund, and to Frank Petrecco and Matt Glenn for securing the bench, plaque, and plants.

The YWGA will close out the year and celebrate the holidays with a cocktail party on 12/6. The event will be open to all women members. Details will be posted in the locker room and sent via email.



WGAP Open Day at Brookside Country Club
Wendy Kursman, Rachel Garry & Anne Morrow



WGAP Open Day at Trenton Country Club
Wendy Kursman, Rachel Garry, Anne Morrow, & Susan Gambell



Els Appleby with a 30 yd chip in for Birdie on hole 7 on September 15, 2022
This incredible shot has earned Els the nickname "Chip" around the Clubhouse!



WGAP CELEBRATES 125TH ANNIVERSARY **BY CHRIS MCHUGH**



Anne Shapiro, Chris McHugh Jane Warwick, & Deb Linde pictured here with Val Skinner

The Women's Golf Association of Philadelphia was founded in 1897 by four clubs: Philadelphia Country, Merion, Philadelphia Cricket and Aronimink. This year the WGAP celebrated its 125th anniversary with a special dinner at Huntington Valley Country Club plus cocktails and a silent auction. Featured speaker of the evening was Val Skinner, a 20 year veteran of the LPGA tour. Val played against many of the greats of the game and recounted her experiences with them: Nancy Lopez, Annika Sorenstam, Laura Davies, and Beth Daniels, to name just a few. After quitting the tour, Val did features for the Golf Channel for many years. Since retiring, Val has spent her life crusading against breast cancer through her foundation devoted to research and education.

YCC members Anne Shapiro, Jane Warwick, Deb Linde and Chris McHugh attended the dinner.

AUDET & CAMPBELL WIN BIG AT JASNA POLANA

BY CHRIS MCHUGH

Two YWGA stalwart members, Lorraine Audet and Katrina Campbell, came in big winners at Jasna Polana this past spring. Audet & Campbell beat out a tough field on the Gary Player designed course which is not easy. The pair came in First Net and Second Gross in their flight. Quite an accomplishment given the strength of the competition. The Trenton District tournament at Jasna always draws plenty of team participants from dozens of clubs so the Audet-Campbell win was quite an accomplishment. Congratulations !!!



Photo by Jane Warwick



WOMEN'S TRENTON DISTRICT ASSOCIATION BY KAREN KLEMP

The WTDGA closed out the season with the WTDGA Cup Championship which featured the 8 top Gross players, and 8 top Net players based on points received during the season. This year Yardley sent two women to the Net championship—Jane Warwick (past champion) and Karen Klemm (first time playing in the championship). Karen made it to the top four before losing to Jane Warwick. Jane made it to the finals but lost in a very close match. An amazing accomplishment when competing with the top 8 in our district.

The Trenton District will be going to a one-charge next year which will include cart and lunch. No breakfast will be served at any of the clubs next year. The very tentative schedule is posted in the locker room but changes will be made by March 2023. The registration fee will still be \$22. The website is the best place to keep informed: <https://wtdga.org/>

Next year, Yardley will host two tournaments. The Tomec will be held on Sunday, May 21 and the Seniors tournament, Thursday, July 6. Lastly, the participation was way up this year from our members with many wins. The winners are posted in the locker room.



Lady Pro Am at Sunnybrook Golf Club
Laura Roche, JT Wambold, Maggie Coe & Anne Morrow



WTDGA CUP BY JANE "NEON" WARWICK

The WTDGA Cup is a season-long competition where players win points in each tournament that they place. The matches are played in late August over a two day period. There is a Gross & a Net competition.

The top eight (8) players in each category qualify. The first two matches are nine holes.

Jane Warwick qualified 1st & Karen Klemm qualified 4th in the Net bracket.

Jane won her 1st match 1 up. Karen won her 1st match 3 & 2. In the semi-final match, they were paired up against each other and Jane won 2 & 1.

In the final 18-hole match, Jane lost 1 up.

Let's congratulate our two (2) fine competitors for a great WTDGA season!



Lady Pro Am at Sunnybrook Golf Club
Rachel Garry, Deb Wagner, Rich Hughart & Deb Linde



YWGA CLOSING DINNER

Thank you to our Social Committee (Anne Morrow, Carolyn Cottrell, and Laura Roche) for organizing our closing Dinner at Rosa Bianca.

Pics by Anne Morrow



WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Chris and I welcome pictures or article submissions for consideration for the YWGA Section of the quarterly newsletter. While Chris does a remarkable job keeping track of what our Ladies achieve, we are sure there are things missed. Take a pic and note who/what/when/where, or even better, write a paragraph or two. Send your submissions to rachelgarry71@gmail.com



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