

CLAYTON COUNTRY CLUB  
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Dear Golfers,

Thanks to all of you for your continued support. Our second season proved to be a challenge weather-wise, as it was one of the driest summers on record. Billy Youngs, Dave LaLonde and Gordon Winters dutifully watered the greens and tee boxes. Though the fairways' suffered, I hope you enjoyed the increased yardage on your drives.

Congratulations to our Club Champions, Sue Hoffman and Steve Cooley. Their respective matches went down to the last hole so be prepared for increased competition in 2017. For this accomplishment, each receives a free membership for the 2017 season. Everett Griffin won the inaugural Senior division and receives a discounted 2017 membership.

In addition to the 2016 Spring and Summer improvements to the course and Clubhouse, we have had a very busy Fall and Winter. After seasonal play, we did core aeration, pulled plugs and top-dressed all the greens. This process, along with the fertilizing and fungicidal treatments that occurred every 2 -3 weeks will hopefully allow us to stay ahead of the dollar spot and other concerns on the greens. We replaced the bridge crossing the ditch by hole #4 and #5 fairway. This season golfers will be able to use the newly enlarged #7 elevated tee box and increased #7 fairway width.

In the Clubhouse, old bar stools were removed and replaced with new ones for your comfort before and after play. This delightful space is available for special events like birthdays, showers and other celebrations: Keep it in mind during slower times and off -season. All the girls will be back in the clubhouse too, which makes us happy. Always great to see their smiling faces and we are fortunate to have them all.

Although the NYSDOT rejected a request for a separate entrance and exit, the parking lot size has been increased for a safer alternative to the street shoulder during League nights and tournaments.

The most notable change will be quite evident as soon as you approach the Course. We are in the final phase of constructing a new platform tennis court on the East side of the enlarged parking area. For over 24 years, this fabulous "winter" sport has been played at the Clayton Yacht Club. We envision this enhancing our goal of year round use of the property, as well as create membership opportunities for a new group seeking outdoor activities. This same court can

be utilized in spring, summer, and fall for Pickleball. Pickleball currently is "...America's fastest growing sport. ..." After requests from our Snowbird members, we are excited to help introduce this sporting opportunity to the North Country.

In the plans for these new improvements, we incorporated the removal of the power poles and overhead wires from the street to the Clubhouse. There have been a few 'curveballs' and National Grid has not yet completed their responsibilities. However, we are confident that all construction improvements and landscaping will be completed prior to League play. Ladies start Tuesday May 2nd and the Men's twilight League starts Wednesday May 3rd. League pricing will stay at the current rate for the 2017 season.

Enclosed is a copy of our 2017 membership rates, greens fees, and cart rental options. We will develop membership fees for Platform Tennis and Pickleball. (These will offer individual, couple and family rates as well as combinations of the racket sports and golf.) Look for rates posted in the Clubhouse when the final phase of construction allows for the fun to begin. Also look in the Clubhouse and on our Website: [www.claytoncountryclub.com](http://www.claytoncountryclub.com) for information as we continue Thursday night scrambles, Friday night couples, list of fundraising tournaments, and annual tournaments including: Member/Guest, Championship Day, TIPS (formerly the SMOK) and the Ryder Cup format.

Thank you again for past patronage. It is greatly appreciated. We look forward to you joining us for a great 2017 season at the Clayton Country Club.

Sincerely,

George Kittle, GM

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