



The Country Club of Waterbury, Inc.

2017 Annual Greens Committee Report to Shareholders

To: Stockholders, The Country Club of Waterbury

From: Peter Baker, Greens Committee Chairman

Again, this year, my thanks to the Committee members – Bob Sweeney, Frank Monteiro, Rob Gillis, Mike Wihbey, and Ed Day for their attendance at our monthly meetings, their productive input and insights, and their communications to members' questions throughout the year. Our members have continued to be supportive of the work that Chase has accomplished on the course and have provided constructive input on a number of course issues.

The Committee's objectives set forth in 2016 have been realized this past year.

- ❖ In 2017, we began the year by being ranked 160th in Golfweek's Top 200 Classic Golf Courses which was up 14 spots from the previous year's 174th. As most of our members and myself know, we have one of the greatest golf courses around and this ranking solidified that. With over 16,000 golf courses in the United States, this put us in the top 2% which is a tremendous honor.
- ❖ During the July 4th weekend of this past year, we had a micro-burst at the club which caused significant damage to many trees on the golf course. Chase, his staff, and a number of club members helped to clear the debris of many fallen trees. After many days of looking and assessing each hole, we determined that the club lost 41 trees during the storm.
- ❖ Chase and his staff spent the majority of their time this past winter removing dead trees and a few trees that were marked as part of the master plan. As with last year, the Dusenberry Design team began the Master Plan restoration of the 1st green complex. We had two anonymous donors fund the project which is 90% complete. The weather this spring has put a halt to any of the work that could have been completed had we seen a more normal weather pattern.
- ❖ Also, this off season, we enhanced a few cart paths that needed to be smoothed out. The green committee agreed to a stone that would pack well, but also look good. We added this stone to the cart path on #10, #13, and the turn around that the range picker uses at the shed. We also worked to clean up the cart path around the 8th tee and will have much of that hydroseeded in the spring of 2018.

Chase and his staff have gotten a late start this year due to the weather and will be extremely busy over the next two weeks trying to get the course ready for the members and their guests. We are anticipating the 1st tee being ready for play in Mid-May.

In addition to our current committee, I would like to mention that we have added 1 new member to the Green Committee, Luke Freimuth. This gives us a total of 7 green committee members. We are looking forward to his input in the years to come.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Baker, Committee Chair