



## ***The Country Club of Waterbury, Inc.***

### **2017 Annual President's Report to Shareholders**

**To: Stockholders, The Country Club of Waterbury**

**From: Len Mecca, President**

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May we have a moment of silence for our members who have passed since our last annual meeting:

Angela Lamoy	Raymond Petit	Audrey Gagne	Frank Healy
Anita Liebeskind	Robert Veillette	Anthony Palladino	Dennis Burke
Lillian Shaker	Marie Griffin	James Genthe	Cynthia Villano

Let us also remember Kenneth, the son of James Cleary and the fathers of Peter Baker and Chris Deluca.

I would like to acknowledge our retiring board members John Bardelli, Tim Sullivan, and Kyle Vanderlick. Thank you for your efforts. I would also like to acknowledge our board members, committee chairs, and committee members for their hard work and support. It is so important for as many members as possible to get involved and participate in the future shaping of our wonderful club.

I would like to thank Steve Shaker for the diligence and commitment he has made through his chairing of the House Committee. He has built a team that has taken the house to a level that this club has never seen before. Working with Chris Deluca, Cathy and Rebecca, he made it look easy, but how can you get better support than from those three individuals. Thank you all.

Peter Baker, working with his committee and Chase Cameron, deserve a round of applause. The improvements they made this year to preserve and restore this great Donald Ross masterpiece is impressive and well thought out. The improvements that come to mind most easily are those done on Holes 12 and 7 and the newly restored green and bunkers complex on Hole 1 is something we should all look forward to.

Bill Dunn, our Treasurer, and Arlene Pryor and her staff deserve a great thank you. Much has been accomplished this year in this department. We refinanced the debt at the club and will enjoy a great savings annually going forward. The Merriman Fund, our safety net, is at the level it has not been to in several years. Improvements have been made to our computer software system that should make the club run more efficiently and allow us to communicate better to our membership.

Thank you Doug Veillette, Golf Shop Chair, for working with our great Pro, Tom Gleeton and his assistants, Dave, Brad and Ralph to make this club what it is, the best golf club in the state. Beyond running the shop and the tee, they are totally involved in Sawbuck Saturdays, kids programs and summer camp, Ladies 3+9+18 Holer Programs, inside and outside tournaments to name some activities that make the CCW a real family facility. A fun place to be for all.

John Daddona, working closely with Tom Gleeton and Chris Deluca kept our membership numbers at a level that supports our budget and leaves room to do improvements and repairs as necessary. Thank you three for your dedication to this mission in trying times.

Pool and Tennis Programs fall under the House Committee. Thanks go out to Mike Stedronsky and Tom Currier for building active and successful programs in both areas. They are also very dedicated to the Kids Day Camp Program which is also well received and not draining our resources.

We did not get through the year without incident. On June 30th we got hit with what was called a microburst. It devastated the club with over \$400,000 worth of damage. Club members and staff sprang into action with their time, labor and equipment to help with the cleanup effort. Thank you all who came out to help. It was a chore to deal with the insurance company and adjustors, but when all was said and done, we got through it and are probably better off now. Thankfully no one was injured. The staff actually completed a wedding that was going on in the middle of it all. The wedding party will probably speak of it for the rest of their lives.

I now would like to thank Frank Monteiro and John Lombard for getting so intimately involved in our Line of Flight, Voluntary Capital Campaign, and Construction Committees. We are within a month or two of completing Phase One which included new siding, additional seating in the Merriman Room with a new deck and bar area, new windows upstairs and down, new patio, additional patio seating, outdoor kitchen, fire pit and new Back First Tee and Pro Shop improvements.

This was done through over one million dollars, voluntarily contributed by 48 generous members.

Now onto Phase Two. New kitchen to support additional seating and to replace old tired equipment, improvements to Ladies Rooms, a real commitment to the Tennis area, and improvements to the pool area.

To accomplish this end, which the board has a total commitment to finish, we need help from our other 300+ members. We will get this done if we have the total support of the membership.

It has been my pleasure and an honor to have served as President for the last two years and I thank you all for the opportunity. I think we have protected the club and improved it. None of this could have been done without the active support I have been given by our Board of Directors. We have acted as a team. We have pushed the wheel in the same direction and I cannot thank you enough for participating to the high level you each did.

Sincerely,

Len Mecca  
President