



April 2019



McCall Matters

Jim Black has been a member of McCall Golf Club for 67 years! His relationship with McCall began in 1952 where he first became a member and started golfing. As a member, he spent many, many years golfing and enjoying our facility– he even got a hole-in-one on the 9th hole! In 1979 he began working at McCall as a PECO contracted employee. For numerous years after his retirement, Jim Black, assisted in volunteering around the course. His volunteer work included golf course clean up, marshalling, fixing sand traps and divots, and more. On behalf of all of us at McCall– thank you for all of your years of membership, employment, and support.

When did you start working for PECO?

December 18th 1952

What did you do?

I first began reading meters in the West Philadelphia area. Shortly after, I went into the service. When I returned, I came back to PECO and began reading meters in the Ardmore area. After that, I went into the city and worked in their customer service department. Finally, I transferred to McCall as a PECO contracted employee.

When did you start working at McCall?

I started working at McCall in 1979 as a contracted PECO employee, my title being “Public Relations.” Here, I took care of the locker room area, helped with the Pro Shop (at the time, the Pro Shop was located in the Men’s Lounge area), and helped with tournament sign ups.

When did you retire?

I retired in 1994.

When did you join McCall Golf Club?

I joined in 1952 when I first started working for PECO.

What did you like most about working at McCall Golf Club?

The best part about working at McCall was getting to see all of the PECO employees on a daily basis. I got to see everyone from linemen to VPs and it was great to see old friends and make new friends.





General Manager, Kevin M. Dwyer, CCM



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Welcome to Spring! As I pen this note to the membership, the sun and warm temperatures have arrived on a Saturday for the first time in many months! Even though the weather hasn't really cooperated during the winter months to get in that occasional round of golf, your management team has been very busy planning for the upcoming season.

During winter, we have refreshed the ladies locker room with painting projects and the men's locker room restroom area has been totally refreshed with new tile flooring, a granite vanity, new lighting and a drop ceiling. This has been a welcome refresh to an area that is frequented by members and special event guests alike.

The golf calendar has been published and we are looking forward to an active season of competitions and camaraderie. Your golf staff will see the addition of "Player Assistants," commonly known as "Rangers." The primary role of the rangers is to assist all players by advising the groups to be aware of their position on the course and to adhere to all club policies. All members were presented the updated golf policies and rules upon renewal and receipt of their bag tag. Please take the time to become familiar with all of the policies and reinforce the adherence of the rules in your group and your guests. These policies are in place to ensure enjoyment for all while playing the game of golf.

During the winter, we have made arrangements to increase the riding cart fleet by 20%. This decision was made to increase the availability of carts to the membership. Even with the decision to increase the fleet, we are pleased to know that cart fees remain at 2018 levels unchanged. Additionally, we are pleased to know that significant investments have been made to modernize the golf course maintenance equipment. By the second week of April, our ground crew, led by Joe Candelore, will welcome the addition of new mowers, utility vehicle, a new sand rake and turbine blower. This equipment was well overdue and will assist our crew to provide even better conditions on the course.

Special thanks to all of the members who completed our annual survey which was distributed with the dues renewal information. It is feedback like this that can only assist us in not only meeting the membership's expectation, but striving to exceed it! We encourage all members to continue to provide feedback on a regular basis as we are here to serve the needs of the membership and we will do our best to provide services and conditions that the membership expects.

We thank you for your membership and look forward to your visits being often and enjoyable.

Kevin





Director of Golf & Facilities, Joe Candelore



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Welcome everyone to the first addition on McCall Matters of the New Year. It is April 1st but don't be fooled, good golf weather is coming, it has to because we paid our dues last year and earned a good golfing year. I have seen a lot of members who have come out of hibernation, some have not come out yet and some never went into sleep mode as they were every day we were able to open. We miss all the activity of all the members around with the hustle and bustle of the season makes it a great place to be so come out and see us as soon as you can.

Out on the course we are in the middle of cleanup of leaves, sticks, branches and debris everywhere. Several weeks ago during a two day windstorm we lost several trees, but one smashed the fence behind #6, several on #8, and we lost the O'Doherty Willow down on #12. We are waiting for insurance for repairs and then we will clean up. We already have a new willow on site to replace the one on #12 and we will also replace the one we lost several years ago in front of #16 tee. We have a ton of stuff to do and so far the wet weather pattern has not changed but I am hopeful as the temps warm up the wet weather will ease up also. I will keep you up to date on the website under "course conditions." Just a reminder about flag color, Red is closed, Green is open and Yellow is a restriction such as walking only. We will get riding carts out as soon as possible but the grounds has to dry out a bit and the turf has to start growing or the carts will just destroy everything so thank you for your patience. In the clubhouse there has been a tremendous amount of work done with painting throughout, replacing ceiling tiles, restroom upgrades and more.

I look forward to seeing all my volunteers back and flowers going out, filling divots and everything else they do. Two quick notes on volunteers, Bill Mathis has been here just about every week during the winter picking up trash and just policing the grounds. Another volunteer, Bill Layberger, who spent several hours several times a week fixing ball marks and divots, had a stroke right around Christmas time. We hope and pray he comes back to us quickly.

Joe





PGA Golf Professional, Eric Figueroa



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April Pro Shop Hours of Operation

Mondays- 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Tuesdays thru Fridays- 7:30 AM to 7:00 PM

Saturdays and Sundays- 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM

I hope everyone has had a wonderful holiday season and a great winter. Now that we have moved into April, it's time to get geared up for the golf season. Are you as ready as I am? I sure hope so! We have some great things to look forward to this year. Please take a look at the golf schedule and see what peaks your interest. It is a great chance to meet new people and have a great day at the club. Just remember that we are here to make your time at McCall fun. We would love to have members and guests of all skill levels. As you stop into the pro shop for your bag tag, please do not hesitate to inquire about everything we have to offer. I look forward to answering any questions you may have. Here's to a great 2019!

Bag Tags

Please stop by and get your bag tag for 2019. We ask that you get your tag before heading out to play. Dues can be paid in the Pro Shop. Please know that you can not receive your bag tag until ALL fees have been paid in full. A \$100.00 late fee is added to dues that are paid after February 28. Hopefully you have sent your payments in already!

Rules of McCall

We ask that you read over them carefully. When you stop in for your bag tag, you will be asked to sign off that you have received a copy. We ask all of you to be vigilant while out on the golf course. We will need you to be our eyes and ears along with our rangers. Please let the pro shop know if any rules are being broken. We will deal with the issues at hand. Thank you so much for your cooperation. We are not looking forward to suspending any rule violators. We just want everyone to follow the rules and enjoy their time out on the course. Please read over the rules carefully.

Eric





PGA Golf Professional, Eric Figueroa



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Pro Shop Assistant

As you may have heard, we were in a search for an assistant this year. We had interest from within our own staff. After further discussions, we have decided to promote Mike Schubert into this role. Mike is well liked among the membership, and I believe this is a great fit. Mike will be responsible for inventory, helping run events, and helping with special orders. Any of our staff can help with daily information and activities. Mike will just take on a bit more responsibility. I'm sure this will be a great thing for everyone here at McCall.

Player Assistants (Rangers)

In your activity on the course, you will notice some roving employees on the links. We will have rangers out on the course to help with pace of play, rules infractions and for anyone needing help. Our rangers will be at the first tee checking receipts, riding around checking pace of play, and making sure things are in line. You have asked, and we listened. Remember that our rangers are out there to help. No abuse of rangers will be tolerated. These rangers are paid employees. They will have direct contact with the pro shop at all times. Although there will be a learning curve, we hope to have things running smoothly early in the season. Be sure to say hi when you see them out patrolling the course.

GHIN Handicaps

Since we are a yearly membership, we inactivate everyone's handicaps in the off season. We will activate your handicap when you come in for your bag tag. This is the only way we can keep from being charged for those people who no longer keep their membership at McCall. If you are away in Florida, and have paid your dues for 2019, please contact me and I will activate your handicap. GAP team captains will give me a list of those who have agreed to play, and I will activate those players so they will be eligible by the deadline date. So please stop in and get your bag tag as soon as you can, and I will activate your handicap that day.

Cash Free Facility

As you may have heard by now, McCall GC is now a cash free facility. All purchases at the club must be paid for by Visa, Mastercard or check. Please be prepared to adapt to this change. However, tips for employees may be given in cash.

Eric





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Spring Scramble (April 20th) **Benefitting Upper Darby First Responders**

The Opening Day Scramble will be held on Saturday, April 20th and is open to all members and their guests. The format will be 5 person teams and the field will be limited to 26 teams. **We will go back to a minimum team handicap of 55.** A full buffet breakfast will be served at 8:00 AM and the Scramble will start promptly at 9:30 AM. Lunch and prizes will follow the event. Payment for this event must be made by Friday, April 19th. Please call the Pro Shop to reserve your spot. As you know, we only have 18 riding carts. Please reserve your carts ahead of time. We will be able to order extra carts if we have enough carts reserved for the event. So please do not wait to reserve them. We do have a cut off time to order extra carts. Cart fees will be \$50 (\$25 per rider). Please make sure to get your payment in as soon as possible. Cost for the Scramble is \$70 for Members and \$85 for Guests. Payments made the day of the event, will incur a \$5 added fee.

Be on the look out for the event flyer. This will list everything you can expect during the day. We hope you can join us for a great day and a better cause!

Players Pledge

Pledge \$100 to the charity and receive a logo'd golf shirt

Pledge \$250 to the charity and have your entry fee waived and
receive a logo'd golf shirt

Tuesday Night League (April 16th – June 11th)

Everyone who has played in the golf league last year should be receiving his or her entry form shortly. Please turn in your form as soon as possible. There are only 80 spots and they do fill up quickly. New members are encouraged to call the Pro Shop for details and registration. The Pro Shop can be reached at 610-734-7903. The Tuesday Night League will start on April 12th and run for nine weeks. The price for the league will be \$45. We will revert back to the round robin match play format. This is a great way to meet new faces and enjoy some friendly competition. Please contact the Pro Shop for more details!

Eric





PGA Golf Professional, Eric Figueroa



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GAP Matches

The first tee will be closed from 8:15 AM until 10:30 AM on the dates listed below. If you are planning on playing these days, you must tee off before 8:15 AM or after 10:30 AM. Jon Stein will be the captain of the first team, Roland Thomas will be captain of the second team and John O'Rourke will be the captain of the third team. The 2019 schedule is as follows. Please let us know if you are interested in participating in the matches. It's a great time to be had.

	April 21st	April 28th	May 5th
McCall 1	Whitford	Rivercrest	Brookside-Pottstown
McCall 2	Applecross	Coatesville	Overbrook
McCall 3	LuLu	Sandy Run	Philadelphia CC

HOLE IN ONE

Congrats to Tony Iannucci for his hole in one during the winter season. Tony aced the 6th hole with a sand wedge!

MAY EVENTS

Club Championship (Rubenstein)

Qualifying for this year's club championship will take place starting May 6th until the end of the day on May 27th. Two rounds must be played in this time frame in order to be eligible for match play. You may play up to 4 rounds. Only those who want to try to qualify for the championship bracket (played with no handicaps) must play qualifying rounds. Please do not wait too long to get your rounds in. We will not extend qualifying days. You will be at the mercy of the weather if you decide to procrastinate. Those who wish to be flighted in the handicap brackets only need to call the pro shop to sign up. These players must sign up before the 28th, and must have a USGA handicap. No late entries will be allowed as brackets can not be changed once they are made due to handicaps. Once the brackets are set, players may start playing their matches.

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Wednesday Night Ladies Beginner's league (May 1st-June 26th)

Ladies, are you interested in playing golf but never played before or are just starting out? If you answered yes, then this is the league for you. Come out and join other ladies who are in the same situation as you. This is a great time to enjoy some instruction and play on the course. We will key on all the fundamentals of the swing, short game, putting, and etiquette. There is NO pressure associated with this league. It is put in place for you to have fun and learn how to play this great game. This year's league will run from May 1st until June 26th. Cost for the league is \$10 for members and \$20 for guests for each session. This price includes a half hour group lesson prior to heading out on the course. I will be conducting the group lesson and supervising the play on the course. Please call the pro shop for details and to register for the league.

VIP Pass

The VIP Pass will be offered once again this year. Please do not miss out on this great opportunity. There is no deal like it ANYWHERE! Here is how it works:

Cost is \$125 and you receive a \$125 in merchandise.

20% discount on all apparel, accessories and guest fees for the season.

10% off all equipment purchases (off retail price only).

5% off a dozen golf balls.

\$4 off 18 hole cart fees

This is what you call a no brainer. No retail store will ever come close to this deal. The Pro Shop will be offering the following clothing lines: FootJoy, Travis Matthew, Greg Norman, Chase 54 and Antigua. We will also carry FootJoy shoes, socks and rain wear. Titleist equipment will be well represented in the shop. We have accounts with all major brands and can special order anything you may need. Just remember that the initial \$125 must be used up by the end of the year. Any balance will be forfeited come January 1, 2020.

Golf Lessons

Golf lessons are available by appointment. Please contact me at 610-734-7924 to schedule a lesson. Now is a great time to get your game in shape for the 2019 season. Please keep an eye out for dates, times, and details.

Eric





Green's Chairman President, Roland Thomas



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Another long winter appears to be slowly coming to an end and with that, the McCall members will be eager to get out and get their games in shape for the 2019 golf season. I recently posed a few questions to our Superintendent, Joe Candelore regarding his plans for the early season maintenance on the course.

These are some of the items the staff has been performing between bouts with our continuing wet weather. The staff has been cleaning up branches and twigs as there have been several recent wind storms that not only scattered branches and twigs but also fell a few trees. The staff started this cleanup at greens and tees surrounds and have started fairways but with on and off weather issues this cleanup is a season long challenge. One tree behind 6th hole and the old Willow trees on number 12 were some of the victims of the long winter. The club is waiting on insurance claims on the large stuff that went down and fence that was smashed by #6. Two new caliber Willows arrived this week and will be planted when the lower part of the course allows for heavier equipment needed to be safely utilized.

Mowing and rolling of the greens will begin soon depending on the weather. This week the staff began to punch small holes with a solid tines in the greens and tees for gas exchange and this process will continue this week. The staff also has started repairing sore spots on greens and lots of bunker work. The Superintendent still has to schedule aerating and topdressing of the greens and also spraying for seed heads.

The bottom line as the weather improves, Joe and the staff will be working hard to get the course in shape to make our time at Mc Call enjoyable.



Women's Golf President, Tracey Harte



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We are all very excited about getting our 2019 season underway and hopefully everyone gets a chance to get a little practicing before our season officially get started on April 24th with our McCall women's golf Association opening day luncheon at 12 noon. We normally get started around 12:30 PM but have brought things forward 30 minutes to Allied for a guest speaker. Denis's viola a committee member from WGAP has graciously offered to attend our luncheon and give an informal presentation regarding membership and benefits Associate it with being a member of WGAP. Ladies, this is a great opportunity for us to find out everything we didn't know regarding WGAP, so have your questions ready.

At the end of our previous season the league voted in a new board for our 2019 to 2020 season they are as follows:

President:

Tracey Harte

Vice President:

Barbara Joachim

Secretary:

Carol Finley

Treasurer:

Loretta Dorsano

Assistant Treasurer:

Marilisa Patten

Tournament Chairs:

Jeanie Devers

Ruth Thomas

Overseeing The 9 Hole League:

Elaine Zappsosta

Madeline Klumpp



Clubhouse Manager, Bill Shields



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Spring has arrive and I know so many of you can't wait to get back in the swing of things as well as most of the staff here at the club. Even though we did not get a lot of snow this winter, it sure felt like it was one of the longest never ending winters in long time

The staff is looking so forward to have a very active season at the club and for that to happen they will need your support in both Grill Room and the Dinner Buffets on Tuesday nights

Upcoming Event's

The Tuesday Dinner Buffet will be held on the following dates this month

Tuesday 4/9/19

5:00PM till 8:00PM

&

Tuesday 4/23/19

Please Note: Reservations are highly recommended for these Buffets

Breakfast with The Easter Bunny

Saturday 4/13/19

Breakfast Buffet Starts @ 9:00AM

Bubbles the Clown, The Easter Bunny @ 9:30AM

Easter Egg Hunt @ 10AM

Featuring

Assorted Danish, Muffins, Yogurt Breads, Bagels

Omelet Station

French Toast, Belgium Waffles, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon & Sausage

Home Fries, Cream Chipped Beef with Biscuits

Assorted Juice & Coffee Station

Mimosa Station

Please Note: Reservations are a must



Bill



Clubhouse Manager, Bill Shields



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Special Reminder

The GAP Golf Team Matches Will Be Held on the Following Sunday's

April 14th

April 28th

May 5th

Always remember we are always looking to improve on what we can do for you at the club and if you have any suggestions. You can either stop by my office or you can e-mail me @ Bill.Shields@McCallgolf.com

Until Next Month,

Bill





Executive Chef, Bill Bodek



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Well not winter we were expecting, they predicted a lot of snow and that didn't happen. We all want nice, warm weather and I'm here to tell you that it's on the way. Welcome back, as our Grille at McCall is open. If there is something you would like to see available for lunch or an appetizer please let us know, because at the end of the day we are here for you. It's Spring time and in greengrocers' and farmers' markets around the your neighborhoods, signs of spring are all around. Make good use of the fresh, vibrant new vegetables and fruits that are available this time of the year, apr cots, asparagus, pineapples, peas, spinach, and etc.. This dish is the ultimate tribute to the season with spring-y pasta and colorful fresh vegetables. Enjoy this recipe, this dish you can add grilled chicken, sautéed or grilled shrimp to this.

Pasta Primavera

Ingredients

- Kosher salt
- 12 ounces fusilli or other corkscrew pasta
- 1/2 pound sugar snap peas, halved lengthwise, or broccoli florets (or a combination)
- 2 carrots, shredded
- 1 yellow bell pepper, cut into thin strips
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for drizzling
- 4 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
- 1 pint cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese

Directions

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add the fusilli and cook as the label directs. Add the sugar snap peas and/or broccoli, carrots and bell pepper to the boiling water during the last 2 minutes of cooking. Reserve 1/2 cup cooking water, then drain the pasta and vegetables and return to the pot. Meanwhile, heat the olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the garlic and cook until just golden, about 30 seconds. Add the tomatoes, red pepper flakes and 1 teaspoon salt; cook until the tomatoes begin to wilt, about 2 minutes. Stir in 1/4 cup of the reserved cooking water. Pour the tomato mixture over the pasta and vegetables. Add the parmesan cheese and toss to combine. Season with salt.

Chef Bill

