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to host
the 2020 Hudson Valley Cup



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Bill Smart

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The Hudson Valley Golf Course Superintendents Association exists to inform, educate and serve members within the Hudson Valley and surrounding areas.



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President's Message



Hope all is well with everyone! I have great news for 2020! Our season will officially start with our Hudson Valley Cup tournament hosted by Vince Barnaba at the Powelton Club on June 29th.

We as a board have decided to change the format this year to “best net ball of the 4-some.” The Hudson Valley Cup has been hosted annually by a prominent club in our section. Giving our members the chance to play a round of golf at one of these great sites, we felt you don’t get the same feel in a scramble format. Although, a couple of 4-somes were disappointed with the format change. All we ask is to give it a try and enjoy yourself. This is a fun event that creates scholarship opportunities for our members’ families as well as individuals looking to start a career in our industry.

I want to thank all our sponsors for their generosity this year. A special thanks to our Platinum sponsors: Harrell’s, Metro Turf Specialists, Site One, Westchester Turf Supply, and Grass Roots. Earlier in the season we were unsure whether we would be able to host some of our events this season, but now with the support of our sponsors and the NYS COVID-19 restrictions being lifted we will. Please show your appreciation to our sponsors and make the time to meet and talk with them when they contact you.

I hope to see you all next week. It will be great to get away from the course and enjoy a day of golf and camaraderie.

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Hudson Valley News of Interest

By: Kevin Collins

Here's a big shout out to Murphy, Haworth CC's course dog, for a full recovery after being injured in a freak accident at the club. Murphy was taking a nap in a Lely spreader that Superintendent Tim Garceau had filled with fertilizer to spread on his greens surrounds. Tim didn't realize Murphy was in the spreader until the fertilizer got low and he heard that telltale scream. Murphy is resting comfortably at home and is expected back at the course in 2022.



Bayer's Dave Sylvester recently won "Top Chef" honors at the "Old Saybrook Seafood Festival". Dave's winning dishes were Baked Clams in Lobster Sauce, Sea Rob-in Parmesan over Linguini, and Five Layer Chocolate Cake with Porgy Flavored Icing. Due to Covid-19 there were no attendees or judges at the festival. In fact, Dave was the only contestant that showed up. But, as Dave always likes to say, a win is a win.

Garrison CC's Jeff Newell received a shock recently when the course owners informed him that nine holes on the river had been donated to a local Shakespeare Company to stage their performances. Trying to make the best of a difficult situation, Jeff auditioned for the company and will be playing the role of Claudius in this season's production of Hamlet.



Brae Burn CC Super Blake Halderman, recently quarantined for Covid-19 exposure, is back at work and back on the lanes. Blake, an avid bowler, convinced Jefferson Valley Lanes to resume the Thursday Night Men's League. Safety precautions are in place. The ball must be disinfected after each throw, bowlers must wear masks, gloves, and face shields and are required to sit in their cars in the parking lot until it's their turn. Blake says it takes a little longer to complete a match but it's worth it. The league starts up at 9pm on Thursday nights and usually finishes by 8am on Saturday morning.



You Asked. We listened.

No one expected COVID-19, or what it would bring with it, but hindsight is 2020.



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11:00 AM Registration
 Practice Green available - No Driving Range

Lunch: Box Lunch
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12:00 PM Golf: Shotgun Start
Format: Best Net Ball 4-Person Team

Dress Code: Golf Attire
****Handicaps required at signup**

5:00 PM Cocktail 2-Hour (Beer & Wine)
 Dinner (No buffet) Burgers & Hotdogs only.

Fee: \$115 per person (includes golf, food & open bar)
 \$135 per person (everything above + (3) 50/50 tickets)



The Powelton Club & Vince Barnaba to Host Hudson Valley Cup

The Hudson Valley Cup will be held at The Powelton Club on Monday, June 29th. Since its inception, the HVC has raised well over \$100,000 for education and research. It is arguably the most popular HVGCSA tour stop every year. And the event will be even more welcome this year due to the hardships imposed by Covid-19 pandemic.

The Powelton Club

The origins of The Powelton Club, formally Powelton Farms, dates back to the mid-1800's. Powelton Farms was the site of the famed Powelton House Hotel which attracted guests from all over the east coast. After a fire destroyed the hotel in 1870, owner Homer Ramsdell formed the Powelton Lawn Tennis Club in 1882. The Powelton Lawn Tennis Club became The Powelton Club of Newburgh in 1892. Changes included a new clubhouse (still standing) and expanded activities including baseball, croquet, bowling, and ballroom dancing.

Legend has it that the first golf was played at Powelton that same year on a five-hole course designed by Homer Ramsdell's mother, Maud (she was a holy terror). Member James Taylor expanded the course to nine holes in 1897. In 1923, Devereux Emmet was hired to revamp the original nine and expand the layout to 18 holes. Powelton is truly one of Emmet's masterpieces and many of his original touches still remain. Other alterations to the course occurred in 1985 to accommodate the expansion of Route 84.

Powelton is not long by today's standards, but don't let the 6,000 yard layout fool you. The course places a premium on accuracy. Water comes into play on eleven holes, the terrain can be severe, and the greens are small and difficult. Even when playing a scramble, more than a few bogies are a distinct possibility.

The Powelton Club has undergone a transformation over the past couple of seasons. Greens and fairways have been expanded. All the bunkers have been renovated and reshaped. And, according to Superintendent Vincent Barnaba, they're not done yet. Extensive tree work and new tee construction (to lengthen the course for the members) is part of the long-term master plan for the club.

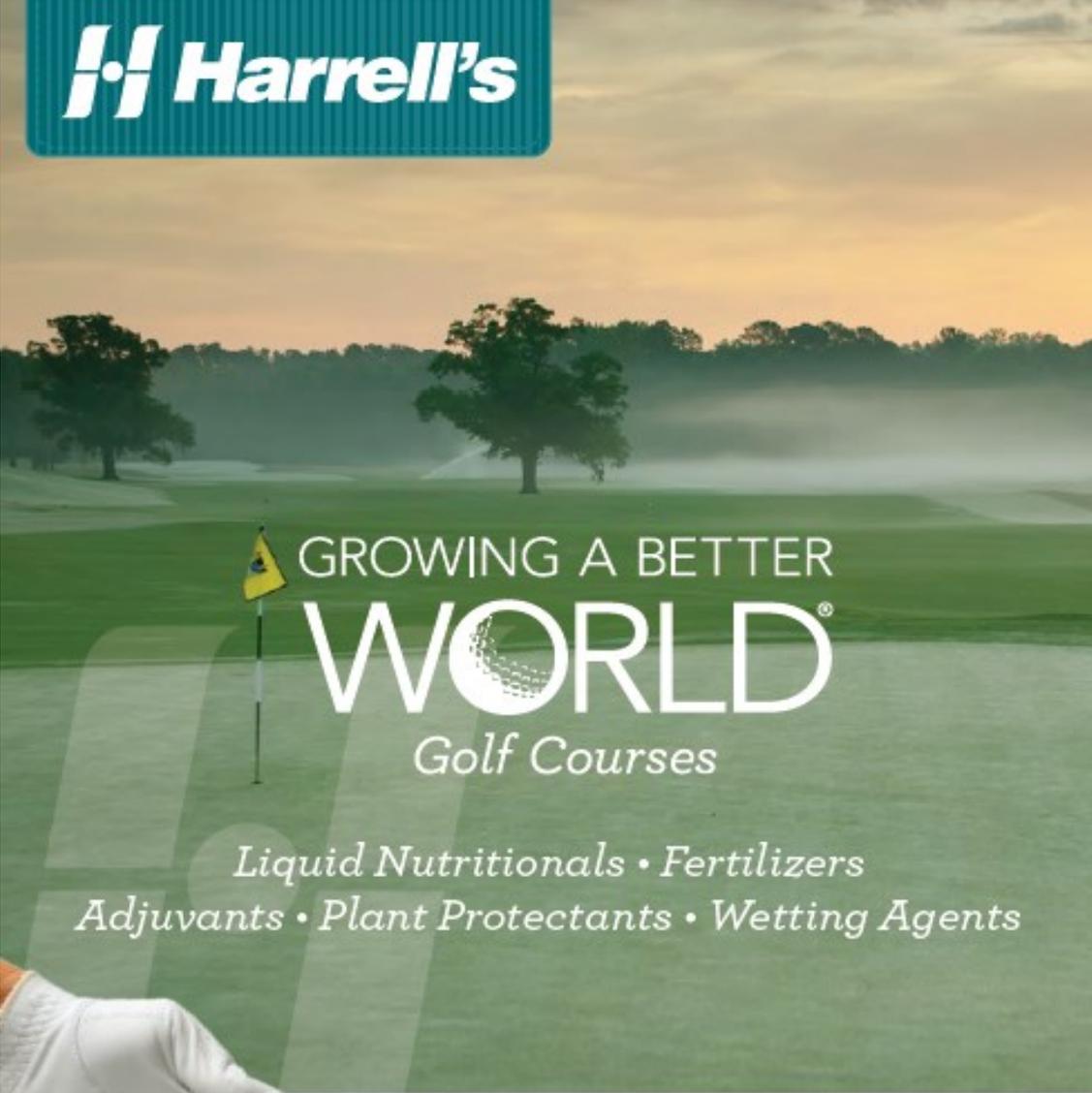
Vincenzo

Superintendent Vincent Barnaba was hired as Superintendent of the club in January of 2019. He had big shoes to fill replacing Bob DeMarco who had been the Superintendent at Powelton since 1981.

While in high school Vinny began his golf-career working in the pro shop at Greenock CC in Lee, Massachusetts. One day the course superintendent approached Vinny and asked him if he'd like to work on the grounds crew to get more hours. Vinny loved working on the course and quickly realized



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Losing a Loved One During COVID-19 Lockdown

Memories of Mom



On April 13th, my mom **Barbara Wright** went home to the Lord. I write this note for two reasons. One is the fact that mom represents the reason we do what we do. She was an avid golfer. After my dad passed mom played golf 4 or 5 times a week. I think golf helped her get through those lonely times. She played in as many as 3 leagues and if asked would play a round in a heartbeat. I was fortunate enough to play with her on her last round. Her last golf hole, the eighth at Shawangunk Country Club. She had what we thought was a fainting spell and she did not finish out the last hole.

Her health would deteriorate rapidly spending a week in the hospital in late October, December, and March. Which brings me to the second reason to write a little about mom. Covid-19 would make it so I could not see her the last month or so of her life. We had Facetime for a while until that got too difficult for mom to handle. My last phone conversation with mom was a dropped cell phone call. She put up a great fight but ultimately the combination of congestive heart failure and kidney disease would claim her life. By the grace of God, the nursing home allowed my brother and sister to take turns sitting with her so she would not be alone when she passed. I cannot express how much that meant to us. I was unable to take my turn as I had self-quarantined since my wife Karen is a diabetic and vulnerable to Covid-19 complications.

Most everything we have in place to get the grieving process moving cannot happen. No funeral, no visits from friends, no family gathering around to share memories. It was and is difficult. We decided that we would have a private graveside service. We could meet New York's limit of 10. So, we said goodbye to mom, with the eight of us a musician friend and her pastor. I placed some golf balls on the headstone somehow it just seemed appropriate.



Tom Wright
Shawangunk Country Club



Wendy Hewitt wife of Robert "Red" Hewitt passed away on June 12. Wendy had been employed by the Burke Rehabilitation Center in White Plains for 33 years. She enjoyed vacationing in Cape Cod for many years.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Dutchess County SPCA. A service in her memory will be held at a later date when large social gatherings will be allowed. Arrangements are under the direction of the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc. Please visit www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

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Powelton Club & Vince Barnaba....cont'd

that this was the career he wanted. While still in high school Vinny secured another position working on the maintenance crew at Wyantenuck CC in Great Barrington, MA.

Next stop was the turf program at UMass. Vinny completed his studies in three years. His first internship while in school was a two-year stint at Huntington Crescent Club in Long Island working for Harry Bahrenburg.

After graduating Vinny worked as an assistant for Brian Benedict at Seawane Club for two years. Then it was on to Winged Foot working for Steve Rabideau. Next stop was Westchester CC as an assistant under Dave Dudones. As Vinny remembers, "I learned a lot!!"

Vinny and wife Kaitlyn and their 4-year old son Leo reside at the club.

Vinny promises to have the golf course dialed in for the HV Cup.

See you there!!

Kevin Collins



Meeting Schedule

HV Cup
The Powelton Club
June 29, 2020

Nine & Dine
Storm King
July 23, 2020

August Meeting
Links at Union Vale
August 17, 2020

Welcome New Member

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Face masks! 😊



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August 10 - Edwin Budding Award nominations due

August 10 - DSA nominations due



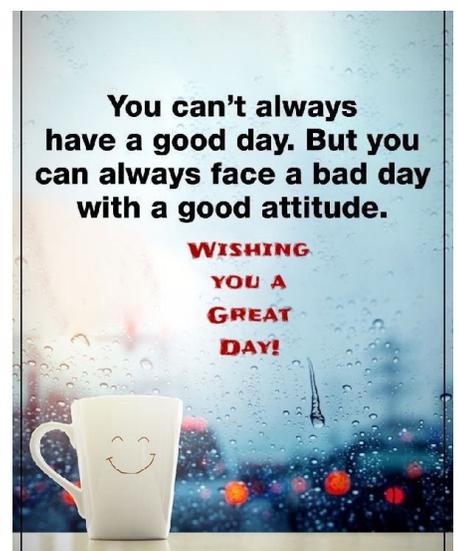
Webinars

July 9 - Variability in Soil Physical Properties Influences Plant Available Water in Fairways 10 a.m. (Central) Joey Young, Ph.D.

July 15 - Effective Large Patch Management in Zoysiagrass presented by Syngenta 10 a.m. (Central) Mike Richardson, Ph.D., Lane Tredway, Ph.D., and Matt Giese

COVID-19 and turf care center activities

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