Dear Fellow Members,

Wow! Summer certainly flew by. Can you believe that summer is officially over and the leaves are quickly changing?

**Golf Course:** As golf season winds down, I’d like to recognize Rocco and his team for the contribution that they made.

It was a very hot and dry summer with record setting heat and drought. As you might imagine, the conditions were challenging to say the least. Thanks to Rocco’s leadership, our course came through the summer in remarkably great condition.

In addition to beautification, our goal is to make the course as enjoyable as we possibly can for all levels of players. The recent fairway extensions and green extensions should help a lot. The fescue is still a work in progress and by next season we expect it to be very playable. Thank you Rocco and team!!!

**House:** A number of members have told us how much they are enjoying the new Fall menu. We’ve been busy so stop in and enjoy a delicious fall treat. With fantastic food and attentive service, the Club is great choice for your holiday party.

**Events:** Mark your calendar for two important events.

- On Friday, October 7th at 5:30 pm the Board of Governors is sponsoring a happy hour to celebrate Rick Keding’s 25 years of service to our Club.

- The annual meeting will be on Wednesday, November 16th at 6:00 pm. Hope you will join us for both events.

See you at the Club,

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1961 Exhibition Match

This month we celebrate the life and contributions of Arnold Palmer. We also remember the remarkable event Mr. Palmer played here at Binghamton Country Club through the words of Historian Emeritus Dick Ringwood

How would you like to be able to sponsor a head-to-head match between the British Open champion and the U.S. Open champion in your own backyard?

That’s exactly what did happen. Even though it does not seem that long ago, it has been 50 years since BCC hosted such an exhibition match between the then current British Open champion, Arnold Palmer, and the U.S. Open champion, Gene Littler.

Indeed on August 2, 1961 Arnold Palmer, the world’s leading golfer and fresh from his first British Open title took on Gene “The Machine” Littler, the 1961 U.S. Open champ before a crowd of about 1500 at Binghamton Country Club. The crowd was held that low because of the terrible weather, with the match being preceded by a six hour torrential downpour. The match was played in late afternoon in about two and a quarter hours; and Littler ended up beating Palmer, 69 to 70. At that time the course played only at about 6200 yards, and before the extension of many tees to their present day maximum; and also prior to the fairways being watered (though that fact was inconsequential because of the rain-soaked course).

About 6 weeks earlier Littler at one over par at Oakland Hills in Detroit, had won the U.S. Open and came into the exhibition match $14,000 richer because of that victory!! (Contrast that to today’s $1.440 million dollar payday to champion Rory McIlroy.) Littler had won the US Amateur along with 28 other tour victories in his career.

Palmer’s winning share (other than the Claret Jug) for his British Open victory a few weeks previous to the BCC match, I was unable to determine.

Reports of the amount which BCC paid the participants varied but $1,500.00 total plus expenses seemed to be in the ballpark.

Palmer had won his first U.S. Open championship in 1960 at Cherry Hills in Denver and had finished second in the British Open. In those years all British Open contestants had to qualify in spite of their finish in previous years. Accordingly, Palmer’s recent Tour activity was relatively sparse but he had participated in the PGA tournament the week before the match. His local appearance was part of a “barnstorming tour” including stops at Drumlin’s in Syracuse, Old Forge, Lake Placid and Pittsfield, Mass at Berkshire Hills, (another Tillinghast course) the day before. The tour was put together by the famous Mark McCormack, Palmer’s agent and included other golf notables such as Mike Souchak, Bob Goalby and Doug Sanders as participants at various venues.

As short as the BCC course was, and without the watered fairways, the legendary BCC greens, as wet as they were, proved as difficult as always, even to the world’s two best golfers; and each champion needed 31 putts to navigate the BCC course.

The fans did get their monies worth, ($3.00 advance sale and $5.00 at the gate) with Palmer, the usual crowd pleaser and Littler, the mechanic with the perfect swing. Shuttle buses were provided from the IBM Country Club parking lots and during the match only a few sprinkles fell. In my recollection Palmer had hit the “shot of the day” on number 14 from a spot deep in the woods. He threaded a needle through a tiny opening by toeing in his 4-iron for the 140 yards to the green, ending up in birdie position. When he missed the putt, I recall, that he put his hands on his hips, turned around and asked no one in particular “where in the hell IS that river”. As we all know, being forewarned of the hidden roll of putts towards the Susquehanna, even the best putters still have to experience the phenomenon, in order to believe it!!

Fifty miles away from BCC, a youngster named Nicklaus was rained out at Robert Trent Jones Golf Course at Cornell in Ithaca, playing in defense of his USGA National Junior Amateur title.

Jim Brewster, long-time BCC member was Events Chairman that year (though he was not yet old enough to be a Resident member), and was responsible for scheduling the match through his contact with Mark McCormack a formidable amateur golfer, close friend and agent of Arnold Palmer who also would establish “International Management Group”, which set the stage for PGA Tour golfers and other professional athletes for the next half century.

After the match, Littler with his family, had to hustle out of town, driving to Baltimore to defend his Eastern Open title the next day.

Arnold graciously stayed for dinner and a question and answer and bull session with the BCC members.

Certainly, it was a different era for golf and the PGA tour but BCC was at the forefront then as now and was probably the only club in the USA to host a British Open and U.S. Open in a Champion’s head-to-head match.
**Daily Drink Specials**

**Tuesday's:**
Half Off Manhattans & Martinis

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**HAPPY HOUR CELEBRATION**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7TH**

5:30-7:30

**COMPLEMENTARY APPETIZERS**

**FEATURED DRINKS:**

**THE DEW SWEEPER**
BELVEDERE VODKA, NOILLY PRAT VERMOUTH, CUCUMBER BITTERS, MINT SIMPLE SYRUP, MINT LEAF

**THE PRO**
EAGLE RARE BOURBON WHISKEY, NOILLY PRAT SWEET VERMOUTH, NOILLY PRAT DRY VERMOUTH, PEACH BITTERS, BING CHERRIES

*FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, RESERVATIONS SUGGESTED*  
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**Vera Bradley**

**End of Season BLOW OUT Sale**

All Vera Bags and Accessories- Huge Discounts!

*Please Come and take advantage of this once in a lifetime Sale!*
Sat., October 29th
5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Music & Games

Cost $27.95 per adult $15.95 for Children 12 and under + tax & tip.
Children 3 and under will be our Guests

Call 797-2339, ext 1 by Oct 21st for Reservations
(Please include ages of children)
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PARTY LIKE IT'S 1925!
The Cider Mill Playhouse requests the pleasure of your company at our second annual gala.

CASINO NIGHT AT THE GREAT GATSBY'S

SATURDAY
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COCKTAILS 6:00PM
CASINO OPENS 6:30PM
FINAL CALL 10:00PM

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Food, Drink, Casino Style Gaming
Live entertainment by Cider Mill Playhouse
Celebrities, Silent Auction

Cocktail attire and 1920's Gatsby theme encouraged!
$100 per person - reservations required by October 9, 2016
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### Cider Mill Gala

- **Rick Hedding’s 25 Years Happy Hour Celebration**

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