

## NEWSLETTER

### TIME TO PAY RESPECT TO THE START OF THE GOLF SEASON – FIRST SMILE

It was back in the 70's and a soon-to-be prominent golfer (Ray Floyd) was playing at Augusta for his first Masters. Back then the players could not bring their own caddies but had to use one of the locals. Floyd told the caddy master he wanted a big fellow who could handle his bag, but who also would keep quiet, no advice needed. The caddy who was assigned to Floyd said, "Hello, Mr. Floyd." Floyd said "Hello." And followed that with, "That's the last time I want to hear from you unless I ask you a question." Everything went well until the 10<sup>th</sup> hole when Floyd pushed his drive into the right trees on the par 4. After surveying the scene he said out loud, "I'm going to hit a low fade out through that opening to carry and land mid green and then roll over the crest down near the hole." Surprisingly he pulled it off exactly and turned to his caddy and said, "How's that?! The caddy spoke for the first time and said, "That wasn't your ball."

### SECOND SMILE – GET READY FOR A DUMB BLOND GOLF JOKE

A man got on a bus with both of his front trouser pockets full of golf balls that he had retrieved from a water hazard and sat down next to a beautiful blonde. The puzzled blonde kept looking at him and his bulging pockets. Finally, after many glances from her, he noticed her repeated staring and said, "Golf balls." The blonde continued to look at him for a very long time, thinking deeply about what he had said. After several minutes, not being able to contain her curiosity any longer, she asked, "Does it hurt as much as tennis elbow?"

### AND FINALLY, ONE MORE...READY FOR A GOLFER'S LOVE STORY?

An elderly couple were having dinner one evening and her husband asked, "Soon we will have been married 50 years and there is one question I have wanted to ask you all these years..have you ever been unfaithful to me?" "To be honest with you, yes I have..three times but always for a good reason. The first time we were having big problems paying our mortgage. I met with the banker the next day and he notified us that the loan would be extended. Then do you remember when you were sick and we didn't have the money to pay for your heart surgery? And if you recall, the doctor did the surgery at no charge." "Yes, I recall those occasions and I can forgive you for them! Now tell me about the third time." "All right..so do you remember when you ran for president of your golf club, and you needed 53 more votes?"

### MAY SPEAKERS – (Meetings are at 10am in Morrill Hall, St. Mark's Church)

May 4 Dick Campbell is former special assistant to Henry Kissinger in the White House and later the State Department. He participated in the secret negotiations to end the Vietnam War, the negotiations with the Soviets in the strategic arms limitations (SALT) talks, the Middle East shuttle following the 1973 War and the opening of relations with China. After leaving government, he spent over 10 years with PepsiCo. and then the last third of his career with Paine Weber. The title of his talk: "*American Foreign Policy: Where We Are and How We Got Here.*"

May 11 ANNUAL NCMC MEETING LUNCHEON – Everyone is coming to this luncheon at the Country Club of New Canaan. Cash bar and 'munchies' start at 11:30am, then social time and a delicious lunch is served at 12:20pm. Choice of roast beef (a man's cut) or delectable salmon. Wine at the table included. A most enjoyable and convivial time socializing with old friends and making new ones. Open seating. Easy parking. Cost is \$55 in advance or \$60 at the door. Make reservations at a Friday meeting starting April 13<sup>th</sup> or mail check to Paul Stein, 172 Oenoke Lane, New Canaan, CT 06840. Write *fish* or *meat* on your check.

May 18 Joe Carbone is President & CEO of The WorkPlace, Inc. Since 1996, WorkPlace has evolved into a nationally known leader in innovative workforce development and job training programs. A major example of WorkPlace leadership was the creating and launch of Platform to Employment(P2E) in the mid-2006 recession period to help long term unemployed executives return to work. The P2E program operates in CT and a number of other states. The title of his talk will be: "*Workforce & Economic Trends Impacting Connecticut*".

May 25 No Meeting – Memorial Day

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**Tuesday, June 5** – **Lunch at the Culinary Institute of America** – We'll meet at St. Mark's at 8:15am, board a bus to the Institute. We will be given a guided tour at of the facility at 10:15am by students showing classes on entrees and desserts. At 11:30 we will be seated at the Bocuse French Restaurant for a 3 course meal. See the website for the menu. The estimated cost including bus transportation, assuming 50 participants is approximately \$100. If interested or have questions contact David Holman at (203-972-1497).

## ACTIVITIES

- Amateur Chefs**      The May **PASTA-FEST** will be held at Lapham on **Thursday, May 17** at 12 noon, \$15 cash or check holds your reservation Please pay at the Couth Table. Joel Pelzner (203-972-1771)
- Book Club**      The Book Club selection for May is: "*The Scarlet Letter*" by Nathaniel Hawthorne. This American classic of historical fiction examines recurring universal themes including sin, guilt, repentance and dignity. Hawthorn helps us "...meditate on human alienation and its effect on the soul" (Goodreads, 2003) Dan Eng (203-972-0649), Jack Lapolla (203-966-1107)
- Golf**      **Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>** – H. Smith Richardson in Fairfield. 1<sup>st</sup> tee time: 9:36am. \$52 including cart  
**Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup>** – Sterling Farms in Stamford. 1<sup>st</sup> tee time 9:33am. \$44 including cart  
**Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>** – Ridgefield Golf Club in Ridgefield. 1<sup>st</sup> tee time: 9:30am. \$42 incl. cart  
Harvey Place (203-966-1821)
- Investments**      Next meeting will be on **May 7<sup>th</sup>** at 10am at Lapham. The topic we will address: World Trade and Profits. Paul Strassmann (203-966-5505)
- Paddle Tennis**      Play Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays, 9-10:30am. All welcome to play and/or socialize. Join us for coffee even if not playing. A Rec. Dept. permit is required. Joe Adiletta (203-966-5843), Nick Guthrie (203-273-4051)
- Pickleball**      Play Tues, Wed & Thurs. at Grace Farms -10:15 to 11:45am. George Perkins (203-972-6852)
- Sidewalks of NY**      **Rescheduled for Fall 2018** – Train to NYC and a guided tour of the Louie "Satchmo" Armstrong house/museum in Queens. Lunch on your own. Cost TBD. Limit: 14 people.  
**Rescheduled for Fall 2018** – Train to NYC and a walking tour of Ft. Tryon Park to reach The Cloisters. Admission and lunch on own at The Cloisters. Cost: TBA. Limit: 14 people  
Pete Stair (203-962-2034)
- Table Tennis**      Play at the YMCA, Monday and Wednesday at 8am. Stephen Halpert (203-972-7555)

**NEW MEMBERS** – Happy to announce that we have 3 new members: Ed Sweeney, John Silvestri and Keith Richey. Welcome, Gentlemen! We are delighted you have joined the New Canaan Men's Club!

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR NCMC PRESIDENT** – I humbly take this opportunity to thank those who toil mostly in the background to make my term, ending next month, a successful one. We prosper under the leadership of our distinguished Board and our program chairmen who have delivered a unique combination of guest speakers; our Technical support, P.R. Newsletter, Directory, New Member Orientation and Hospitality committees, just to name a few, work diligently to provide for a welcoming venue for our members. Significant member participation in a vast array of activities make the NCMC truly unique. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president for the 2017-2018 term. May we all take pride in the many members who volunteer in the New Canaan community and may we all look forward to enriching the quality of life of NCMC members as we work to enhance the lives of those around us. Warm regards and best wishes. Nick Yanicelli. President 2017-2018.