



# NEWSLETTER

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## SUMMER IS GOLFING TIME (with thanks to Jack Murray)

Golf! You hit down to make the ball go up. You swing left and the ball goes right. The lowest score wins. And on top of that, the winner buys the drinks.

The term 'mulligan' is really a contraction of the phrase 'maul it again.'

A 'gimme' can best be defined as an agreement between two golfers, neither of whom can putt very well.

An interesting thing about golf is that no matter how badly you play; it is always possible to get worse.

If your best shots are the practice swing and the 'gimme' putt, you might wish to reconsider this game.

Golf is like marriage: If you take yourself too seriously it won't work, and both are expensive.

The best wood in most amateurs' bags is the pencil.

If you find you do not mind playing golf in the rain, the snow, even during a hurricane, here's a valuable tip: your life is in trouble.

## JULY AUGUST SPEAKERS (Meetings are at 10:00 a.m. in Morrill Hall, St. Mark's Church, every other week in July and August.)

- Jul 8** SMC Member and First Selectman Jeb Walker will address the State of New Canaan. Jeb has been a resident of New Canaan since 1978. He received his BA from Georgetown University after which he served 6 years as a commissioned officer in the Army and was awarded the Bronze Star in Viet Nam. He joined IBM in sales and management. After IBM, he then joined Deloitte & Touche in their consulting function. Jeb retired as a partner from Deloitte in 2002 and has since been involved in community service. He was Chairman of the Park and Recreation Commission for several years..
- Jul 22** Arthur Gottlieb will discuss December 7, 1941: The Attack on Pearl Harbor - This daring gamble by the Japanese to neutralize the US Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor catapulted America's official entry into World War II. Mr. Gottlieb was a professional curator of naval history and Technical Director of Exhibits at the Intrepid Sea-Air-Space Museum. He presently maintains a private practice as a Geriatric Counselor and Certified Senior Advisor in Norwalk, CT, and in addition, provides Pro-Bono trauma counseling to soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.
- Aug 5** Details not yet finalized at press time for the speaker. Stay tuned at the Friday meetings and on the website for further information.
- Aug 19** Jeff Fager became the first chairman of CBS News in February 2011, having served seven years as executive producer of "60 Minutes", which he continues to oversee. He has more than 30 years of experience at every stage of the electronic news business including also as executive producer of CBS Evening News in the 90's. For his work, the Producers Guild of America voted him best producer in non-fiction television four times and *TV Week* named him to its top 10 list of most powerful television news executives. Mr. Fager, a New Canaan resident, is a graduate of Colgate University.

**SUMMER BARBEQUE – FRIDAY, AUGUST 12** – Plan to attend our first summer barbeque, featuring the usual picnic fare of hamburgers, hotdogs and all the trimmings you'd expect. It will be at Waveny Castle, rain or shine, from 1 to 5 pm. The Amateur Chefs will do the cooking but all can help. Price is \$15 per person, sign up at the couth table or contact Nick Zaccagnino (203-966-7217 or nzaccagnino@hotmail.com).

**INVESTMENT DISCUSSION GROUP** - We are looking for anyone interested in joining an Investment Discussion Group. It would meet once or twice a month at a location and time most convenient to the participants. Subjects would include stocks, bonds, money funds, mutual funds derivatives, the economy, investment strategy, etc. If interested, contact Harry Hitch (203-966-1947). Everyone is invited, including members with experience in any of the above areas.

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**Jul 30 (Sat)** The One Day Jazz & Blues Extravaganza at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel in Cromwell, CT. This is an abbreviation of the usual 3-day annual jazz festival featuring music from the 1940's including Dixieland and Swing. This year they've added Blues and have made it a one-day event. We didn't have enough interest shown for us to hire a bus, so you're on your own for getting there. We can still get the tickets at the discounted price of \$20 per person if we reserve and prepay. Please sign up and pay and we will reserve your tickets to be picked up at the "Will Call" booth. Dinner is on your own and will be available for purchase on the festival grounds. Hosts will be Mike Allocca (203-966-0547) and Tracy Mackle (203-966-1149).

**August** There will be no couth trip in August.

Future trips will be announced at the Friday meetings and in future newsletters.

## ACTIVITIES (Check the website at SMCNC.ORG for updates)

**Amateur Chefs** There will be no meeting in July. The summer barbeque on August 12 replaces the August meeting. Bert Liebelt (203-966-3696), Nick Zaccagnino (203-966-7217)

**Bridge** Talk with your friends and organize your own games after the Friday meetings. You may play at Lapham or stay at St. Marks. Eric Musa (203-966-3125)

**Cycling** Meet at Lapham Center at 8:30 on Wednesday mornings for a ride. Sometimes we'll go from there, other times we'll carpool to a starting point. Les DeVilliers (203-966-9645), Roger Colson (203-966-9258)

**Golf** On July 11, we're at Ridgefield. First tee time is 9:30, price is \$45. July 26, we'll play at Sterling Farms in Stamford, with the first tee time of 11:03, and price of \$41. On August 8 we will play at Whitney Farms in Monroe. First tee time is 9:30, cost is \$45. All prices include the cart. A second August game will be scheduled, stay tuned at the Friday meetings or check the SMC website. Harvey Place (203-966-1821)

**Photography** The photography group will resume activities in September. Jack Messert (203-966-8754)

**Racquetball** Players wanted. Mon, Wed, Fri 8:00 a.m. at the YMCA. Bill Patton (203-966-4849)

**Sidewalks - NYC** A new walking program in New York City. On September 22, Pete will lead a walk across the Brooklyn Bridge to the new Brooklyn Bridge Park followed by lunch at Fulton Landing. Then on thru DUMBO and back across the Manhattan Bridge to Little Italy and the Feast of San Gennaro. Pete Stair (203-966-6497)

**Tennis** Play at Mead Park on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 8 to 10 a.m. A Rec Department permit is required. Ted Foster (203-966-4002)

**Trailblazers** Stay tuned for the next walk. Jack Murray (203-966-1416)

**4F Luncheon** Our informal, relaxing Dutch treat lunch is usually on the Fourth Friday. We will not have a lunch in July or August, but will resume in September. Don Tiefenthaler (203-966-5794)

**MYSTERY LITERATURE BOOK CLUB** - We are a group of Senior Men's Club members interested in mystery/espionage/true crime books as literature and a reflection on the times in which they were written. At our first meeting we hosted a former FBI Special Agent assigned to the New York office and discussed organized crime- Italian, Russian and Irish. In our second meeting we discussed the seminal efforts of A. Conan-Doyle in the creation of the modern detective novel featuring, of course, Sherlock Holmes. If you would like to learn more about our group, please contact Brian Hollstein (203)972-0633 or by email at [bhollstein@optonline.net](mailto:bhollstein@optonline.net).

**NEW MEMBERS** - We have one new member since the last newsletter: Tom Lewis. Please welcome him when you see him at the meetings.



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