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CLUB NEWS

Long Island's Classic Courses Make a Strong Showing

Several pristine Long Island layouts were duly recognized in the March 14th issue of Golfweek. In the publication's listing of the country's best classic courses, six Long Island designs were among the top 32, with an astounding five among the top 19. The highest ranked of the group was Shinnecock Hills at #3, followed by its Southampton neighbor, National Golf Links of America, at #6. The exclusive Fishers Island Golf Club checked in at #11, followed by two-time U.S. Open host

Bethpage Black at #18, which narrowly edged the prestigious and 19th ranked Garden City Golf Club. One of the Island's oldest and most storied clubs, The Maidstone Club, rounded out the group at #32. Congratulations to each of these excellent courses for well-deserved recognition.

Baiting Hollow Club

Folks driving down Sound Avenue over the past year might have noticed an impressive new building going up on the north side of the road. This lodge-style structure, now finished, is the clubhouse of the Baiting Hollow Club. The grand opening took place on May 30th, an event overseen with great pride by general manager Barry Beil, head pro John Hines, and superintendent Anthony Stalters. This trio is responsible for implementing sweeping changes at the club, including not only construction of the clubhouse but also a rerouting of the course to better reflect the vision of its designer, none other than Robert Trent Jones, Sr. Both inside and out, the clubhouse has a charm that exudes both rustic warmth and class, establishing it as the ideal complement to the challenging, picturesque, but under-the-radar course that meanders along the gently sloping hills north of the clubhouse. Unlike other clubs of such stature, Baiting Hollow features a yearly membership plan that's more palatable than the typical initiation fees that most other membership facilities charge. Visit www.baitinghollowclub.com for clubhouse photos, course information, and contacts.

Bethpage State Park

The excitement of the U.S. Open is still palpable in the air at Bethpage, as golfers have returned to the course in droves since our national championship concluded in late June. The Black course re-opened for play on June 28th but was preceded by the Red, Green, Blue, and Yellow courses, all of which re-opened on June 23rd. The Black has also reverted to its traditional system of allowing one round per month for any one golfer, rather than the more restrictive system that was in place prior to the Open. For reservations and course info, call 516-249-4040, or simply arrive in the parking lot with enough supplies to last the night!

Cherry Creek Golf Links

Golfers with an appetite will love the new promotion going on at the Woods Course at Cherry Creek Golf Links in Riverhead. Every Sunday, Monday, and Wednesday, golfers can play nine holes of golf with a cart and enjoy a gourmet three-course dinner at the club's highly-rated Stonewalls restaurant. The Nine & Dine costs $55 on Sunday and $50 on Monday and Wednesday. Call 631-506-0777, ext. 2 to reserve your spot.

Cherry Creek will be hosting its flighted Club Championship in August. Golfers wishing to enter must hold a current Cherry Creek Links or Woods handicap. The 36-hole qualifying tournament for the Club Championship will be held on Saturday, August 8 and Sunday, August 16. Call the pro shop at 631-369-6500, ext. 1 to sign up or to get more information.

Cold Spring Country Club

Two of Long Island's classiest institutions joined forces in late May at The Great Tee Off Party, held at Huntington's Oheka Castle. The event celebrated the union of Cold Spring Country Club and Oheka Castle in a partnership that will allow guests of the castle to enjoy golf and tennis at the club. Oheka Castle owner Gary Melius was on hand, as was Cold Spring Country Club president Burt Gold, to commemorate the occasion. Just as Oheka Castle founder Otto Kahn did in 1919, Melius hit a ceremonial tee ball, splitting the fairway with a sweet swing that held

up amidst the pressure of having more than 100 pairs of eyes on him. Visit www.oheka.com to check room options, to view photos, and to book your stay and take advantage of this new partnership.