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Andrew J. Spano, Westchester County Executive

The newsletter for Westchester County Golfers Fall-Winter 2008-09

A Message from the County Executive



According to the calendar, winter is setting in and another golf season is coming to a close. But I see that many of you are still out on the courses playing every last hole while you still can. In fact, play has been brisk all season long, and we're currently 7,000 rounds ahead of last year.

We've got the good weather to thank for that, as well as our continuing program to get and keep our courses in great condition. On top of that, group outings have doubled over last year thanks to new marketing efforts. All in all, it's been a tremendous season.

So don't mourn the end of the golf year, because the 2009 season is really right around the corner. There are some important dates to mark on your calendar, starting with the Lower Hudson Golf Show on March 14 and 15 at the County Center. Take a look at page 2 of this newsletter for other dates you'll want to watch for in '09. And keep an eye on your e-mail and our golf Web site, www.westchestergov.com/golf, for announcements on this year's closing date. With the end of the year come the holidays of course, and in this season for giving why not give a favorite golfer (maybe even yourself) a stocking full of Golf Westchester gift certificates? See our story on page 2 for all the details on these thoughtful and affordable gifts.

So stay fit this winter so that you can play at your best starting on the first day of the new season. Happy holidays, and thank you for helping us to make 2008 a successful year.

Sincerely,

Andy Spano
County Executive

SPRAIN LAKE IMPROVEMENTS



New cart path to fourth hole upper tee

The opening of a new Sprain Lake Golf Course driving range last year was followed in 2008 by the improvements to the 4th, 7th and 9th holes that are designed to make the course more enjoyable.

Improvements included the enhancement of the upper and lower tees of the fourth hole, improving both its playability and the view over the course from that strategic location.

The fairway to the 7th hole was revitalized and expanded, with some trees and vegetation cleared, and a new cart path paved for easy access.

Meanwhile, a new decorative Belgian block wall was installed at the 9th hole and a new starter's booth was built at the 1st tee.

All the work was performed by Parks in-house maintenance forces, thus saving capital construction costs. Thanks to Sprain Lake golfers for your patience during the project. We invite you to try out the new improvements and bring some friends.

**Courses will remain open through
Sunday, January 11, 2009,
weather permitting.**

GIVE THE GIFT OF GOLF FOR THE HOLIDAYS



The perfect present any time of the year for the avid golfer is a gift certificate for greens fees at any of the six Westchester County golf courses.

Golf gift certificates can be purchased in \$10 or \$20 denominations and can be used at any of the courses: Dunwoodie and

Sprain Lake in Yonkers; Saxon Woods in Scarsdale; Maple Moor in White Plains; Hudson Hills in Ossining; and Mohansic in Yorktown Heights. They are valid for the 2009 golfing season for resident, non-resident and senior golf fees.

They can be picked up at any one of the county-owned golf courses, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Certificates can also be purchased in person at the County Parks administrative offices from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, at 25 Moore Avenue in Mount Kisco; and at the Westchester County Center, 198 Central Avenue in White Plains, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. You can also purchase golf gift certificates using your American Express, Visa or Mastercard by calling (914) 864-7075.

A golf certificate order form can be downloaded from [here](#) and sent to Westchester County Parks, 25 Moore Avenue, Mount Kisco, NY 10549. Attention: Golf Gift Certificates.

Happy Holidays!

SAVE THE DATES FOR 2009

Westchester golfers should save Saturday and Sunday, March 14 and 15, 2009 for the annual Lower Hudson Golf Show, presented in conjunction with the *Journal News*, at the County Center in White Plains.

As always, the show will feature the latest gear, important golf tips, information on exciting places to golf and much more. Look in the *Journal News* for discounts for the show.

Vendors should call show manager John Zanzarella at (914) 945-0480, Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or email JAZMC@aol.com.

Other key dates in 2009:

E-Z Reserve Sign Up, Saturday, March 7

Opening Day, Wednesday, March 18

To receive Golf Westchester updates, log on to www.westchestergov.com/golf and subscribe to the Parks E-Club.

GOLFERS CAN SAVE UP TO 25% ON FEES UP TO 30% SAVINGS FOR SENIORS

Golfers who play after 11 a.m. on five Westchester County-owned courses can save up to 25% off regular greens and cart fees (up to 30% savings for senior citizens and juniors) as part of an ongoing special.

During the offer, all golfers who play after 11 a.m. save \$10 off regular Monday to Friday rates and \$9 off Saturday and Sunday fees. The special rates are as follows: Monday to Friday with resident Park Pass \$32, without Park Pass \$42 and Seniors/Juniors with Park Pass \$25; Saturday and Sunday with Park Pass \$37, without Park Pass \$47 and Seniors/Juniors \$37. All fees include the golfer's share of a cart.

The five courses are Dunwoodie in Yonkers, Maple Moor in White Plains, Mohansic in Yorktown Heights, Saxon Woods in Scarsdale and Sprain Lake in Yonkers.

This special is not valid at Hudson Hills and cannot be combined with any other discount.

Tee time reservations for all golf courses are available by calling (914) 995-GOLF (995-4653). Golfers can also reserve tee times on-line for all golf courses by logging on to www.westchestergov.com/golf and clicking on "On-Line Reservations."

TELLTALE WINDSHIELD FROST



The short explanation for frost is that it is frozen dew. It can form when the temperature (or wind chill) is near or below the freezing point.

Golfers, however, may be more interested in the cause of frost delays than what causes frost. Delays to starting times are scheduled to prevent permanent damage that results when a foot comes in contact with frosted turf.

Footprints or tire tracks made on frosted surfaces will cause long-term damage. The signs of damage emerge within 48 to 72 hours as the leaves die and turn brown. The damage could take an entire season to repair. Even the greenskeeper will avoid going out on a frosty course because of the potential turf damage. Usually, by 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. the frost has dissipated and playing can begin.

A good rule of thumb to remember if there is frost on your windshield there is probably a frost delay. If so, call your golf course to determine if there is a delay so you can enjoy a second cup of coffee at home.