

Thursday,  
April 1, 2021

# SHERIDAN PARK GOLF CLUB



## Monthly News and Events Update

**THE SPRING PARTY HAS  
BEEN MOVED TO FRIDAY,  
MAY 21<sup>ST</sup> - NOCO PAVILLION**



### REPAIRING BALL MARKS:

#### The Proper Technique for Ball Mark Repair

Insert the ball mark repair tool behind the ball mark and gently pull the top of the tool toward the center. Continue working around the ball mark, pulling the surrounding turf in toward the center. Avoid using a lifting or twisting motion because this can damage turf roots. Once you have finished, gently tamp the area down with your putter to create a smooth, firm surface.

#### Unrepaired ball marks cause lasting problems

Unrepaired ball marks can take weeks to heal and can cause balls to bounce off-line. **If our Members contribute to ball mark repair we could, significantly, improve our greens.**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat, May 8: 2-Man Presidents' Cup

**Fri, May 21: Spring Party - NOCO**

Sun, May 23: 4-Man Kick-off

Sun, June 13: Memorial 2-Man Scramble

Sat, June 26: Invitational Day 1

San, June 27: Invitational Day 1

Sun, July 11: Senior Club Championship

Sun, August 1: Club Championship Day 1

Sat, August 7: Club Championship Day 2

Sun, August 8: Club Championship Day 3

Wed, August 11: Steak Roast - NOCO

Sun, September 12: Memorial 4-Man Scramble

Sun, October 3: Nightmare 2-Man Scramble

Sun, October 22: Fall Party - NOCO

### ON THE TEE KEITH SAWYER - PRESIDENT



Welcome all to 2021 Sheridan Park Golf Club. I have been a member of the Club for over 30 years. I have been part of the Board off and on for about 20 of the 30 years. I was President from 1999-2000 and am honored to be voted in as your President again in 2021.

2020 was a year we will never forget. I would like to thank our fellow Board Members for doing the best we could have done last year. Without their hard work we could have lost the entire season.

I am personally looking forward to seeing what 2021 brings to our Club. As you all have been notified, we moved the Spring party to May 21<sup>st</sup>. We are hoping that moving the date will allow more members to attend. We might also have an opportunity to play golf before the party. We are trying to increase our membership along with trying to get additional sponsors. You will notice we are trying to use more Social Media such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. We are always open to all members who might have any ideas to help us out with this.

With the work of Board Members, we came up with this Monthly Newsletter that has been put out by Bob Cohan. This letter will have updated information on upcoming events and results of Tournaments from the past month. I would also like you all to visit our new Website which Mike Zimmer did a great job on.

I look forward to seeing new and old faces (mainly new) at our Spring Party on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

*Keep Your Heads Down, Keith Sawyer*

### NEW MEMBERSHIP

As most of you are aware, our membership is down. The website has links to a new Membership Recruitment Flyer and a new Membership Application. They can be accessed on the new "Club Membership" page. ([LINK](#)) We encourage everyone to share the Membership Recruitment Flyer and Membership Application with anyone you know that may be interested in joining.



# THE SHERIDAN BIRDIE



(Getting to know past and present members and sponsors)



## **MEET NICK CHRISTOU, JR., Owner of Mitchell's Tavern and Club Sponsor**

By James Duggan

### **A wise man said: "It's all about family."**

Nick Christou, Sr., at 16 years of age migrated from his native Greece to Windsor, Ontario in the 1950's. On the heels of WWII and with Europe in turmoil, the eldest son of 7 children, Mr. Christou sought a better life in North America and arrived in Canada with little more than his love of cooking and a dream. He found sanctuary in the Greek community there and, having had no formal education, he lived a simple life that revolved chiefly around his job in local restaurants. With the money he sent to Greece he helped the majority of his family to come to America for a better life. A matchmaker introduced Nick to a young lady named Daphne and days later they were engaged to be married. With another relative the newlyweds started Nick and John's, a restaurant on Abbott Road in Lackawanna where Nick learned the art of restauranting by providing quality food and a family friendly dining experience. Quickly, his restaurant became one of the area's favorite dining spots.

In 1988, Mr. & Mrs. Christou purchased Mitchell's Tavern on Sheridan Dr. from Daphne's uncle, Peter Triantafillou who, in 1974 had opened the small business originally owned by the Mitchell family. Thus, the Christou family has owned and operated the current facility for nearly 50 years. The legendary Hamilton's Restaurant was owned by Nick Jr.'s grandparents, Jimmy "the Greek" and Melody who were regular golfers at Sheridan well into their 80's. The Christou and Triantafillou families shared a love of golf with both Peter and Nick, Sr. being past champions at Sheridan. Hamilton's, which abutted the Sheridan Course was, for many years, a haven for early morning golfers awaiting their starting times.

I had the pleasure of meeting with Mitchell's current proprietor, Nick Jr. who shared much of the family history and the rich legacy of a hard-working family whose mantra has always been to work harder than the other guy, be willing to make changes, provide a quality product and treat your patrons with the respect they deserve. He reminisced about the changing restaurant dynamic citing the number of restaurants that have closed in the years he has been in business.

Nick has run the business since 2000 and, while his Dad and he spent countless days and hours working together, Nick Jr. has held the reins for these 20 years. As we spoke, Nick paid tribute to his mom and dad for their work ethics and undying commitment to the hospitality industry. His Dad, a Sheridan Club Champion, passed away March 2020 and Nick still mourns the loss as he reflects on the footprint his father provided and the quality of life that he afforded Nick, his mom and his sisters.

An accomplished athlete who starred at Sweet Home and Canisius College in soccer, Nick has festooned the tavern with sports memorabilia and is proud of the fact that he and his staff were able to remain open through the darkest days of the pandemic. He indicated that his regular customer base has remained steady and that, he has added catering to his business model along with a meeting facility in the basement and his outdoor patio. Numbers of new patrons, including this writer, have found the food, ambiance, beverages and staff very much to our liking.

Nick has played soccer at its highest level in this area, played professional indoor soccer out of state, has coached local high school and college teams and has run a school for aspiring goalkeepers. These days, Nick who resides in Grand Island with his wife, Marlene and their "two amazing daughters" Sofia age 5 and Alena age 3 maintains a hectic yet fulfilling schedule. As we concluded our chat I had to ask if Nick is responsible for all the hiring. Smiling, he nodded an evident "yes" and should you need to know the nature of that smile, all you need do is meet any of his amazing staff. Sheridan is most fortunate to have Mitchell's as a sponsor and as a nearby watering hole perfect for an après golf experience.

And, yes, that wise man who spoke so dearly of family was Nick's dad, the late Nick Christou, Sr.

## SIGN-UP FOR CLUB EVENTS

Sign-up for club events will be through the links below, the website or emailing the club at [sheridanparkgolfclub@gmail.com](mailto:sheridanparkgolfclub@gmail.com). Sheets will be posted in the clubhouse if we get access. Links for the event sign-ups will also be posted on social media and emailed to all members.

[2-Man Presidents' Cup 5/8](#)  
[4-Man Kickoff Scramble \(5/23\)](#)  
[Presidents' Cup \(Singles\)](#)

## SPGC "HALL OF FAME"

The Club is currently forming a Hall of Fame committee. If you are interested in being a part of the committee, please email the club at: [sheridanparkgolfclub@gmail.com](mailto:sheridanparkgolfclub@gmail.com)

## PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR SPONSORS

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