

# Frye Island News Service

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## Island Manager's Comments

**Greetings everyone:** I would like to welcome everyone back for another season on the Island. I would like to thank all of the employees and volunteers that work hard to get everything ready for the opening.

**Town Manager:** I am pleased to announce that Gary Donohue has been appointed the Town Manager effective July 1<sup>st</sup> 2014.

**SAD 6:** The hearing on the proposed budget for SAD 6 was held last night at the Bonny Eagle Middle School. The budget as proposed passed. That was the first step in the process. The second and final step in the process is the budget validation referendum. This is just a *YES* or *NO* vote. Yes I approve the budget as approved at the budget hearing or no I don't. This validation vote will be held on Tuesday, June 10th at the Frye Island Community Center. The vote is conducted by secret ballot. The polls will open at 10:00AM and close at 8:00PM. All registered voters are urged to vote. Absentee ballots are available in the office for those registered voters that are unable to vote in person.

If the proposed budget passes as presented it appears our taxes will increase by about \$41,400 for the remainder of 2014 (July 1 – December 31) and an additional \$41,400 for the first 6 months of 2015. We haven't prepared the budget for the 2015 tax year yet but typically the tax rate changes about 1 cent for every thousand dollars of change in the budget. So, if the SAD 6 budget increases by about \$41,000, the tax rate will increase by \$0.41 (41 cents) or we will need to cut \$41,000 from the operating budget to keep the tax rate flat.

**Maine State Primary Election:** Primary elections will be held Statewide on Tuesday June 10<sup>th</sup>. The election will be held at the Community Center. The polls will open at 10:00AM and close at 8:00PM. Absentee ballots are available in the Town office if you are unable to vote in person. Sample ballots for the Democratic, Green Independent and Republican parties have been posted on the bulletin boards at the town office. In the primary elections voters are restricted to vote for candidates in the party they are enrolled in only. There are no ballots for the "unenrolled" voters or those that have registered but have chosen not to enroll in one of the major parties.

**New Municipal Office:** The construction of the new Municipal Offices has begun. The concrete foundation was poured this week and construction of the knee walls and the first floor deck are expected to follow soon after. You may recall that a warrant article on the October Town meeting to apply for a loan through the Maine Municipal Bond Bank was approved. We applied for that loan this winter and we were approved for their spring bond issue. The MMBB bundles a number of loan requests into a larger bond issue. We were able to get an excellent TIC rate of 2.084012% for this loan. TIC is True Interest Cost – an average of the rates.

**Meeting Reminder: Public Hearing:** A Public Hearing has been scheduled for 2:00PM this Saturday (the 24<sup>th</sup>) to discuss the proposed charter amendment and the ring road project.

**Ring Road Project:** If you haven't already heard, our application to construct a Ring Road / parking area on the Cape Road property we own was denied by the Raymond Planning Board. State statutes allow 30 days to file an appeal of that decision with the Cumberland County Superior Court. Unfortunately, that 30 day window would have expired before the Island opened this year so it was the consensus of the Executive Committee to file the appeal and simultaneously request a hold be put on the process to give the Executive Committee an opportunity to discuss this with the Island residents. We just learned that we were given a 90 day stay which began on April 25<sup>th</sup> and will expire on July 25<sup>th</sup>. This will be discussed at the public hearing this weekend.

**Charter Amendment:** It has been suggested by a number of Islanders that we amend the Charter to hold the annual Town meeting on or before the Labor Day weekend instead of the Columbus Day weekend. We have scheduled a public hearing for 2PM on Saturday May 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss this proposed amendment. I have attached a proposed draft of the wording for the amendment. Now listen.....This is just a draft of the wording to give us a starting point at the public hearing and is subject to change as a result of the hearing.

**E-911:** I met with the 911 GIS Coordinator in Augusta earlier this week. I have been trying to re-number the Island properties in accordance with their wishes and finally called "uncle". I was pleased to learn when I got there that they had a computer program that would do it all for us. "duh" Kind of a no brainer.....I told her to go for it. We will get a chance to review all of the changes she makes before we actually implement the new numbering system. However, the implementation is an important piece for the Island because it will impact the phone service, mail service and more importantly the addressing used by all emergency responders. We decided the best way to do this was to have all of the address changes completed by the end of the summer so that all property owners could be informed of the change in their address with a notice that will be sent with their tax bills. We will actually implement the new numbering system January 1, 2015 so when you return for the 2015 season you will have a new street number. As we have said right along, your lot number will not change but your house address will. We will be determining the signage we will use and the location to place the new sign soon. As the details are worked out we will let you know. I realize that there are some that think this a waste of time and money but believe me in an emergency situation, this could go a long way in saving some one's property or some one's life. Trying to find some of these lot numbers during an emergency event is a nightmare. Oh, I found out too that it is no longer "E-9-1-1, but it is now "NG-9-1-1" (Next Generation). They continue to enhance the software to provide more and more information to emergency responders.

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**NIXLE:** We have become an “Authorized Information Provider” with NIXLE. NIXLE is a service that provides a means for municipalities and public safety agencies to connect with their residents via text, web, and email so their residents can be informed of important notifications. The best part of this is that it is a free service to both the municipality and to residents as well. We can initiate notices to all Islanders that subscribe to the service. However, in order to access the notices you will be required to subscribe. You can subscribe by going to their website at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com) and following the prompts. It is easy.....I just enrolled myself.

**Ferry Ticket/EZ Ride Reminder:** When sending in checks to the office to be deposited into your individual accounts - please include your Lot #'s, we do not use your badge #'s.

**Long Beach Marina:** The docks at the Marina have been installed. Remember.....you have to pay your rental fee this weekend, if you don't you may lose the slip. If you do not plan to rent the slip this year please let the office know so that we can issue it to the next person on the waiting list.

The fees for 2014 are the same as last year:

- Marina Equity Slips \$225.00 \*
- Marina Rental \$900.00 \*
- Quail Circle \$200.00
- Xtra wide slips add \$100.00

Have a great weekend.

Wayne

## Draft Warrant Article -- Town Charter Amendment

**Article YY.** To see if the Voters of the Town of Frye Island will vote to amend the Town Charter Articles II & VII to move the Annual Town Meeting date and Budget Preparation dates as shown in following text (additions shown in red italic and deletions shown in strike-through):

### Article II. Town Meeting

**Section 1. Meetings.** Annual Town Meeting shall be held each year in the Town of Frye Island *on or before the last weekend of August* ~~Columbus Day Holiday (October)~~ each year. *The exact date shall be published at least 30 days before the meeting.* Town Budget and Elections shall be a part of the Annual Meeting. Special Town Meetings can be called by a majority of the Selectmen or, if the Selectmen refuse to call a Town Meeting, by a notary public on the written petition of a number of Voters equal to at least 10% of the number of votes cast in the Town of Frye Island at the last gubernatorial election, but in no case less than 10. Special town meetings held during the months of November through April require 30 day advance notice by first class mail to all Frye Island Voters and property owners. There is no quorum requirement (i.e., minimum number of Voters required to conduct valid transactions) for Town Meetings or Town Elections.

### Article VII. Financial Procedures

**Section 2. Budget Preparation - Municipal Items.** The Town Manager shall initiate and assist in municipal budget development and capital improvement plan development for the coming fiscal year no later than *July 1* ~~September 1~~, consult with the Executive Committee of the Board of Island Trustees (or Municipal Budget Committee, if one is appointed) and hold at least one public hearing *during the last weekend in July* ~~by September 10~~, and present to the Executive Committee of the Board of Island Trustees the proposed budget by *the first weekend in August* ~~September 15~~. The Executive Committee of the Board of Island Trustees will review the proposed budget and make any changes with the recommendations of the Budget Committee so noted and have available to the Selectmen by *the second weekend in August* ~~September 30~~. The Town Manager shall also review contribution requests from the public service organizations serving the local area and submit recommendations to the Executive Committee of the Board of Island Trustees by *August 1* ~~September 1~~.

**Section 3. Budget Preparation - Other Items.** The Town Manager shall initiate and assist in non-municipal budget development (school, county and state budget items) for the coming fiscal year no later than *July 1* ~~September 1~~, consult with the Board of Selectmen (or Budget Committee, if one is appointed) and hold at least one public hearing *during the last weekend in July* ~~by September 10~~, and present to the Board of Selectmen the proposed budget by *the first weekend in August* ~~September 15~~. The Board of Selectmen will review the proposed budget and make any changes with the recommendations of the Budget Committee so noted and have available *one week before the Annual Town Meeting* by ~~September 30~~.



# Activities & Recreation

Recreation Chairperson: Tom Bishop

## UPCOMING EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
5/24	10:00am	Annual Plant & Bake Sale	Old Fire Barn next to Post Office
5/24	2:00pm	Public Hearing	Community Center
5/24	6:00pm	Ice Cream Social	Community Center
5/24	7:00pm	Capture the Flag	Ballfield (weather permitting)
6/10	10:00am	SAD6 Validation Referendum / Primary Election	Community Center

### Annual Plant & Bake Sale

Saturday, May 24th

10:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

Old Fire Barn – Next To Post Office

The F.I. Garden Club plant & bake sale will be held this Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. This year we have 2 exciting raffles planned with some great prizes! The first raffle will include a \$100.00 gift certificate to The Good Life Market in Raymond, a pass for 18-holes of golf for two, plus a golf cart at the Frye Island Golf Course, and a \$20.00 gift certificate to Fryes Leap General Store, just to name a few. Tickets are \$1.00 each, 6 tickets for \$5.00, and 12 tickets for \$10.00. The second raffle is for a beautiful (very large) totally finished, bird house that was made specifically to house purple martin birds. These birds eat lots of mosquitos and are truly fun to watch! This birdhouse was made and donated by Bob Ladow, and tickets are \$10.00 for 5 raffle tickets. Stop by and take a look at all the beautiful plants, bake goods and raffle prizes! This sale is the Garden Club's only fund raiser and we hope that all you Frye Islander's will come out to support us!



Capture the Flag  
This Saturday evening 7:00pm  
At the Ballfield (weather permitting)



### Frye Island Chapel

Services every Sunday 9:00 to 9:30 AM

Beginning Sunday, May 25th

In the Upper Room of the Community Center

All are welcome. Dress is casual.

You are cordially invited to attend our weekly **non-denominational** services.

Communion is offered on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month and a coffee and snack hour following the service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month.

Chaplains: Rev. Theodore Ekholm and  
Rev. David DeLuca

### Ice Cream Social



Saturday, May 24

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Make your own Sundae

\$4 per person

@ the Community Center

### Frye Island Book Group Selections for 2014

CUTTING FOR STONE by A. Verghese

BURY YOUR DEAD by L. Penny

ORPHAN TRAIN by C.B. Kline

STEVE JOBS by W. Isaacson

## Frye Island Fitness Center

Alicia Vesprini is planning for a Fitness Center on the Island and fund-raising is an essential part of the process. There is a growing body of evidence that fitness activities improve the length and quality of one's life and also help to delay the development of Alzheimer's Disease. You have an opportunity to get in early as a founding member for \$500, or more, or at other levels from \$100-200 or any amount that you wish to contribute. A few thousand dollars have already been committed. This is a good cause and it would be a useful resource for those who are interested and another amenity that could attract renters and add value to our homes. The plan is to have the Center be self-supported by user fees.

The funds will be held in an escrow account and they will be refunded if the Center is not developed. Please e-mail me the amount that fits your interest in the project and if you have exercise equipment that you would be willing to contribute, if it were needed. The funds will be collected at a later date.

Thanks in advance,

Ed Charrette

[edcharrette@gmail.com](mailto:edcharrette@gmail.com)

## Frye Island Trails Team

The maintenance of our Island trail system has been mainly a one-man show for the past several years. Well, the good news is that it is now time to share the feeling of accomplishment that comes from improving an Island amenity.

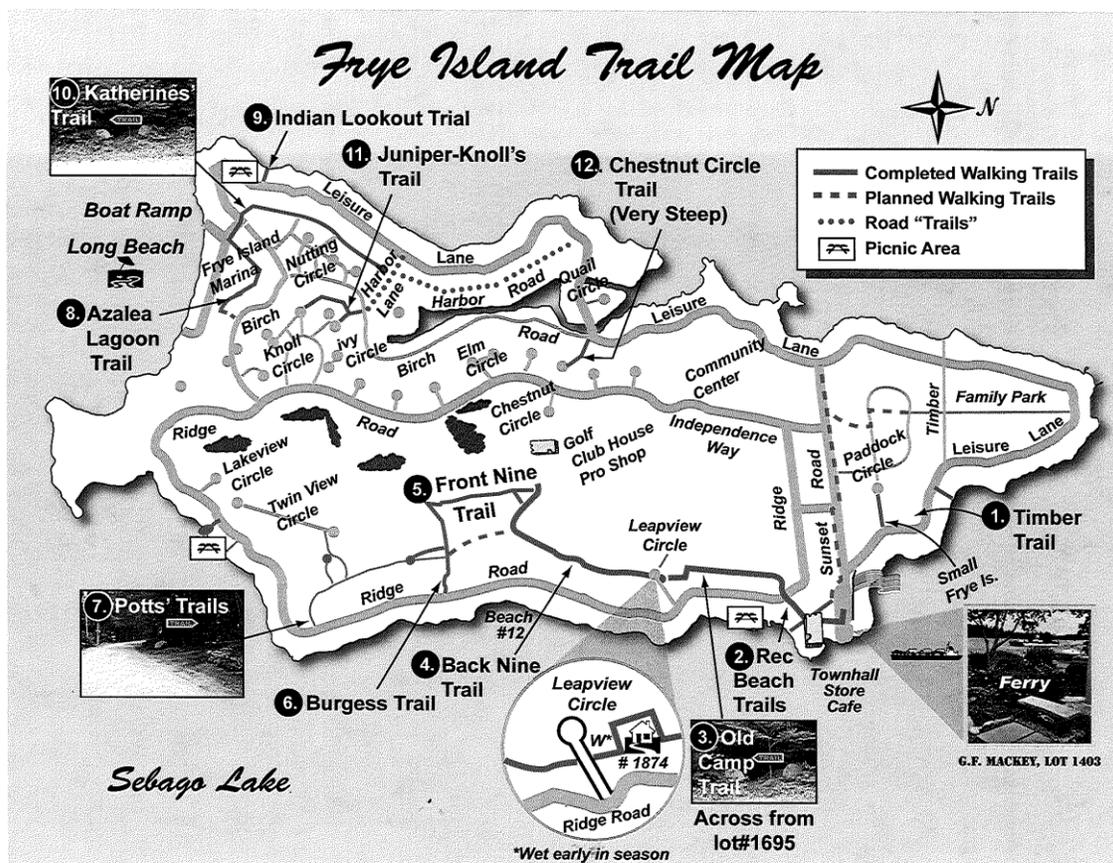
There are two options that those of you who are interested may select: One way is to join a new informal Trails Team that will participate in 1 or 2 after-noon work sessions early each season. The other option is independent trail work consisting of removing debris and leaf-blowing the trail(s) of your choice. Other activities include clipping over-hanging branches and covering survey pins with old tennis balls or plastic bottles and chain-sawing fallen trees that are blocking a path.

If you are willing to join the team, please e-mail me at [edcharrette@gmail.com](mailto:edcharrette@gmail.com).

The independent workers can pleasantly surprise us on their own time schedule.

Thanks in advance,

Ed Charrette



## Free Family Fishing Days May 31 & June 1, 2014

On these days, any person (except those whose license has been suspended or revoked) may fish without a license.

All other laws and regulations apply on these days.



# Frye's Leap

## General Store and Café

655-4256

We made it! The store is stocked (mostly) and we are open for business. The Memorial Day Weekend is here and another summer on our island paradise of Frye Island begins! Muffins are baking and coffee is brewing.

In the store we have done some re-arranging of our shelving and merchandise display. This will allow us to carry some additional products. If you can't find something that you are looking for, please be sure to let us know. With regards to clothing and souvenirs, we have increased our selection from years past. We think that we have some really nice new designs and there are even more yet to come. We hope that you see something that you would like to add to your own Frye Island collection.

Not only is the store open but so are the café and the ice cream stand, both opening on Friday at 4:00pm. Being early in the season, the menu will be limited in the café and the flavors limited in ice cream but we are confident that you will find something yummy none the less! And one thing that won't be limited is the selection of draft beers in the bar. We have some excellent drafts on tap, including familiar favorites of Frye's Leap IPA, Allagash White and Switchback. But we have some real interesting guest drafts as we open the season, ranging from Allagash Black, an outstanding Belgian style stout, to Banner American Rye, proudly brewed by one of Frye Island's own! It's not often that you can drink a beer where you know the brew master. And speaking of Frye Island's own, this weekend we will be showcasing another island talent, Alana MacArthur, who will be playing easy listening music at the café for your listening pleasure on Saturday evening starting at 7pm.

While we hope and always work to exceed expectations, we ask for your patience this weekend as there are sure to be a number of kinks that we need to work out. We have re-arranged the kitchen (again!) and have added some new staff as some of last year's staff have moved on after college and on to their next opportunities. We hope to be hitting our stride and be in mid season form by the time we enter the high season!

And finally, below you can find the store and café hours for the coming week.

### Store Hours 5/23 thru 5/29:

Friday	8:30am	8:00pm
Saturday	8:00am	9:00pm
Sunday	8:00am	8:00pm
Monday	8:00am	6:00pm
Tues thru Thurs	8:30am	5:30pm

### Café 5/23 thru 5/29:

Friday	4:00pm	9:00pm
Saturday	8:00am	9:00pm
Sunday	8:00am	8:00pm
Monday	8:00am	5:00pm
Tues thru Thurs (limited takeout)	Noon	2:00pm

And so let the good times roll! We look forward to seeing you and having another great summer at the store and café.

Amy and Dave Wagner

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**Frye Island Police & EMS**



**Rod Beaulieu**  
**Chief of Police**  
**Director of EMS**

**Dispatch (207) 893-2810**  
**Office (207) 655-2600**  
**Fax (207) 655-3422**  
**police@fryeisland.com**



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**Welcome back**

This is one of my favorite times of the year as I'm sure it is yours. Everyone is getting back together and getting caught up after a long winter. I look forward to visiting with many of you as soon as possible. But first, a little bit of routine business and a couple of reminders.

**How to contact the Frye Island Police-EMS Department**

To avoid any confusion contacting your Police and EMS Department, please follow these simple rules.

1. For emergencies; always dial 911
2. For non-emergency business; dial 893-2810 in area code 207. This is the number to the dispatch center that the island contracts with. Contact will be made with Police, Fire and EMS in real time by way of radio, phone, pager or email via I Phone. A call will be returned to the complainant shortly after we receive the information from dispatch.
3. When calling for police and EMS services please give a landmark along with your address. Example; I live at XXX Leisure lane across from Beach #\_. This will allow a quicker response.
4. Please do not leave police messages with the folks at the Town Hall, Public Works, Fire Department or other Town departments. In the past they have all been kind enough to relay messages to the police department but this is not there responsibility.

**Golf Carts**

As we all know the island has an island exemption from the State of Maine to utilize golf carts as a form of transportation on the island. Simply, what this means is that due to our unique situation, being island residents, we can operate golf carts on public ways. This is a privilege, not a right, and with all privileges from the State, this is governed by State Law. All golf cart operation must meet the following standards.

1. All golf carts must be registered through the Town Hall with the lot number displayed at the rear of the golf cart, (\$12.00)
2. All golf carts have to be insured the same as any motor vehicle, (\$50.00 to \$75.00).
3. All operators of golf carts must have a valid driver's license. There is no exception.
4. Golf carts that are operated after dark must have lights turned on.

**Volunteer Ambulance Drivers Wanted**

A one day ambulance driver's course will be held on June 21st here on the island. This 4-6 hr course will certify volunteers as AVOC Drivers and enable them to legally operate the ambulance during patient transport situations.

If you are interested and want to discuss this further, please send an email to police@fryeisland.com or just get word to the police department at 893-2810.



**Ferry News**

655-4258

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**This Week's Ferry Schedule**

	<b>First Ferry</b>	<b>Second Ferry</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	7 AM - 11 PM	10 AM – 6 PM
<b>Sunday</b>	7 AM - 9 PM	12N – 8 PM
<b>Monday</b>	7 AM - 9 PM	12N – 8 PM
<b>Tuesday</b>	6 AM - 9 PM	
<b>Wednesday</b>	7 AM - 7 PM	
<b>Thursday</b>	7 AM - 11 PM	
<b>Friday</b>	7 AM - 12 Mid	3 PM – 9 PM

**Thank you**

Elaine and I would like to extend a special thank you to Chip of our ferry team for going above and beyond last Tuesday evening. We were coming back from Portland, got on the ferry and were ready to disembark when our battery went dead. Fortunately for us, Chip was at the helm (and there weren't lots of people anxiously awaiting island departure!!). He got into the pontoon boat, traveled back to the mainland, got a charger and jump started our car. AAA will have to solve the long term problem but at least we were able to get back to Ridge Road (just in time for Elaine to watch the finals of The Voice!!) so it all ended well. Another example our fine ferry crew being friendly and helpful. Thanks, Chip!! Much appreciated.

Dave & Elaine Lowe  
1839 Ridge Road

# Public Works

John A Crosby  
Director of Public Works & Ferry Service

New Town Hall, we are now screening earth for the backfilling of the foundation, as soon as we are done screening we will be finishing the drainage, backfilling around the foundation, installing the septic and fire sprinkler water storage tank.

Our thanks to Frye Islanders Dwayne and Marsha Black owners of Swans Concrete for their donation of the septic tank and the 2000 gallon fire sprinkler water storage tank. All for our new town hall. THANKS Marsha and Dwayne!

Dust control, we will be picking up our first load of 2000 gallons of liquid calcium next week, we will be applying this to the roads starting in June.

DPW quote of the week;  
"God watches over drunks and third basemen".  
Leo "The Lip" Durocher

## Transfer Station

Saturday: 10 AM - 6 PM  
Sunday: 10 AM - 6 PM  
Holiday weekends: Saturday - Monday, 10 AM - 6 PM



655-3551

## Leisure Lounge

Fairway Lane (next to the golf pro shop)

Open to the Public

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### Hours:

Friday - Sunday: 9:00 AM – Midnight  
Monday - Thursday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
Last call 11:50 pm

### Sports Fans:



Enjoy satellite reception on two flat screen televisions



Please:  
**NO CHILDREN UNDER 16  
AFTER 9:00 PM**

At the lounge we offer a full bar  
including beer and wine



655-3551

# Frye Island Golf Club

Open to the Public

Fairway Lane

## Hours

Friday - Sunday: 9:00 AM – Dusk

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM



Sunday Scramble Fee (9 holes): \$20.00

## Greens Fees

Weekday Adult: \$27.00

Weekend and Holidays: \$36.00

Twilight (after 5 PM)

Weekdays \$20.00

Weekends \$23.00

Weekday Youth (16 or younger): \$10.00

Weekend Youth (16 or younger): \$20.00

3-day weekday pass: \$60.00

Week-long unlimited golf pass: \$150.00

## Cart Rentals

### Gas Cart:

9 Holes: \$16.00

18 Holes: \$26.00

### Pull Cart:

9 or 18 Holes: \$4.00

**Club Rentals: \$12.00**

**Own Cart (no trail fee)**

9 Holes: \$10.00

18 Holes: \$20.00

## Reminder

Annual membership can be paid at the town hall or pro shop, checks or cash only.

## 2014 Fee Schedule

- Single Membership \$675.00
- Family Membership \$1,000.00
- Trail Fee \$220.00
- Initiation Fee \$525.00

## Tentative 2014 Tournament Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Tournament</u>	<u>Organizers</u>
Sat, May 24	Ryder Cup	Mark Thomas
Sat, Jun 7	Superintendents Revenge	Dana
Fri, Jun 20	GE Tournament (Private)	Tom Bishop
Sat/Sun, Jun 21-22	June Invitational (Private)	John Kett
Sat, Jun 28	Summer Open (Private)	John Hodge
Jul 1 – Labor Day	Club Championship	Nisula(s) or TBD
Sat, Jul 5	Steak and Hot Dog	J.Kett/R.Thurston
Sat, Jul 19	Night Golf	J.Kett/M.Hurley
Sat/Sun, Aug 9-10	Member-Guest	Hodge(s)
Sat, Aug 16	President's Cup w/Lunch	Vic S/Laura D
Sat, Aug 23	Night Golf	T.Canty/J.Hirsch
Fri-Sun, Sep 5-7	Sebago Lake Escape(Private)	Mark Thomas
Sat, Sep 20	TKE Fall Classic (Private)	Hodge(s)
Sat, Oct 4	Captains Choice	Bob, Laura & Ken
Thurs, Oct 18	Cross Country	Bob & Todd

## Note:

The 2014 tournament schedule has availability for additional tournaments (both for members and outside events).

## Sunday Morning Scramble

Every Sunday morning, tee off at 8:00am, sign up starting at 7:30am.

### Sunday, May 18th Scramble Results

1<sup>st</sup> Place (-2) \$26.00 each:

John Kett  
Mike Morrill  
Dan Harris  
Tom Sibley  
Trevor Gudreau

### Closest to the Pin:

Hole #8 – John Kett \$29.00  
Hole #4 – George Greenwich \$22.00

## This Saturday - Ryder Cup

Saturday, May 24

Format: 18 holes 2 person

Entry fee: \$15.00 per person + any applicable green fees

Sign up at the golf club.