

News from the Clubhouse

MAY 2022

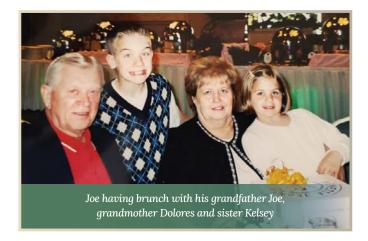
The DeNardo Family Creates Memories at Montour Heights for Three Generations

Montour Heights Country Club (MHCC) welcomes new members Leah and Joe DeNardo. Joe is the third generation of his family to be a member. We hope you enjoy Joe's walk down memory lane.

FIRST GENERATION Joe's grandfather, Joe (for whom he was named) and his wife Dolores were longtime members of Montour Heights, dating back to the Club's days on Beaver Grade Road. Joe was famously known as the chief meteorologist at WTAE-TV, and his wife Dolores was the head nurse in the delivery room at Sewickley Valley Hospital before becoming a stay-at-home mom.

Joe played an integral part in founding the famed Linguini Open alongside Orlando Falcione. His contributions to the region included founding Moon Park and establishing The Salvation Army's Project Bundle-Up. On the weekends, Joe could be found teeing it up with any number of people, including many of our current members.





SECOND GENERATION When Joe passed in 2018, his two sons, Jeff (Karen) and Doug (Sharon), joined the Club as social members. Jeff and Karen could be found relaxing poolside on any given day in the summer, hosting their son Josh (Morgan) and grandson Jace. Doug and his wife Sharon have hosted a number of family events over the years at the Club, including their daughter Kelsey's (Stephen) bridal shower, gender reveal party, and future baby shower. Doug has also enjoyed using the Club over the years as a place to connect with his clients as an estate planning attorney.

THIRD GENERATION Joe (the son of Doug and Sharon) and his wife Leah joined the Club in spring 2021. He was drawn to the Club for a number of reasons, including the family-oriented atmosphere he experienced as a child.

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May Message from Board President Marianne Mustio

Enough already with the April (snow) showers! The Farmer's Almanac is predicting a hot dry summer, so let's go with that.

SURVEY

Thanks to all who participated in the Capital Planning Survey. We received 249 responses and a multitude of helpful comments. We will be sharing the results with the membership on May 25 at the By-Laws Meeting, but I wanted to address two of the most popular comments.

DRIVING RANGE

The cameras have been installed, and the range will be monitored by the Pro Shop. If staff is available, they will be on the range for major events. This year, we will have two sections on the range, irons only on the left (as you face the net), and woods and drivers on the right.

You may hit any club you wish as long as the shot does not exceed 250 yards. We will be asking all members to police this. If you see someone hitting balls over the net, please report it to the Pro Shop immediately. Anyone found hitting balls over the net will have range and golf privileges suspended.

We are still waiting for the new restricted flight balls to arrive. In the meantime, we will use the limited supply left from last year.

Some work has been done to address the drainage problem in the range with improvement. However, with the recent rainy weather and the contour of our range, we are still not able to open the range every day. We appreciate your patience as we work through other viable solutions to a fully functional range.

PIZZA PIT

The good news is that we have hired a dedicated chef for the Pizza Pit. It will open in May and run through Labor Day. Days and times will be announced soon.

COURSE MAINTENANCE

As the weather improves and rounds of golf return to full capacity, it is imperative that all members practice golf course maintenance. Please replace all divots, when possible, or use the sand buckets on the carts to fill them. The Bag Room staff will be properly trained to have all sand buckets filled. We have ordered a stand for #10 tee for refills of the sand buckets.

In addition, please repair your ball marks on the greens along with any others nearby. This will be a huge help to the Grounds Crew and will go a long way in keeping our course in great condition.

EASTER WEEKEND

A huge thank you to Don Seese and the entire Food and Beverage Department for an amazing job on Easter weekend. They served more than 500 members for the Easter Brunch, and more than 200 members attended the Bunny Bash! Wonderful job!

Fingers crossed for warm, dry weather!

Marianne Mustio
MHCC Board President

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Dear Members,

With the summer months approaching and the volume of business at your Club, please be mindful of your childrens' and guests' behavior to ensure the enjoyment of all Members!

With summer also comes a more casual lifestyle.

Be sure to review the Member Handbook for dress code requirements.

Volunteers Always Needed for the Social Committee

Meets the Second Thursday of the Month at 5 p.m.

Contact J. Rodriguez at jrodpolo@gmail.com

Nominations Open for the MHCC McCune Cup Honoree

On May 20 and 21, 2022, Montour Heights Country Club will be hosting the McCune Cup Member/Member Tournament. During this event, we will honor a long-standing Member who has taken a **Leadership Role in Our Club, in Our Community** and has demonstrated a **Consistent Civic Consciousness**. This individual clearly has volunteered his or her time, talents and treasury in an ethical manner enhancing the experience we all enjoy at Montour Heights Country Club.

This is your opportunity to nominate any active member of our Club for this most prestigious MHCC annual award. Please take a moment to complete the nomination form included and email it to Zach Street at zstreet@montourheightscc.com or deliver it to the Golf Shop.

The MHCC Golf Committee will then review all nominations and announce this year's unanimous honoree by Sunday, May 8, 2022.

May Golf Events

9 AND DINE

FRIDAY, MAY 6 5 PM SHOTGUN

TAYLOR MADE FITTING DAY

SATURDAY, MAY 7 11 AM – 5 PM

CALLAWAY FITTING DAY

SATURDAY, MAY 14 11 AM – 3 PM

MCCUNE CUP MEMBER/MEMBER

FRIDAY / SATURDAY, MAY 20-21 FRIDAY – 8:30 AM SHOTGUN SATURDAY – 9 AM SHOTGUN

SUNDAY MIXER

SUNDAY, MAY 22 1 PM SHOTGUN

PLAY WITH THE PRO

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25 11 AM TEE TIMES

Congratulations to the Winners of the Spring Invitational!

NET WINNERS Shawn Michael and Matt Derose **GROSS WINNERS** Frank Bedoloto and Chris Catanese

FROM THE GROUNDS

An Update from the Grounds Committee

The Grounds Committee this year has never been more popular. We have a total of 11 Club members on the committee and the Grounds Superintendent Ken Brunermer.

The purpose of the Grounds Committee is to make sure the golf course and Clubhouse grounds are maintained at country club standards. The committee meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 4:30 p.m. We held our first meeting of the year on April 13. Those minutes are available on Member Central. Here are a few highlights:

- Greens made it through the winter well.
- The Greens were DryJected on Monday, April 25.
- We have six full-time grounds crew.
 We were fortunate to get all six of our H2B visa employees back this year. In years past, we have had a full-time crew of 11. Labor shortages are pervasive.

- All Green finished installation of the new irrigation system in October 2021.
- The overflow pipes on lake 17 need to be replaced. We will add a new 24" HDPE pipe to serve as the overflow drain at the corner of the lake closest to #16 tee. The right side of #17 tee will be dug up and will need to be rebuilt.
- We have an ambitious bunker renovation project underway and are reviewing proposed changes made by Frontier Golf. Hopefully, work can begin mid to late summer.

Patrick Healy Grounds Committee Chair





MAY 5

5 - 8 p.m. in the Heights Grill Room

ALL YOU CAN EAT MEXICAN BUFFET & BALLOON ARTIST

MENU ~ Chicken Enchiladas, Mexican Rice, Mini Tacos, Nacho Bar to include Chicken, Steak, Refried Beans and all of the Fixings, Churros

PLEASE NOTE: The regular Kid's Buffet will not be available this evening. Kids eat free from the Mexican Buffet.

Free Mexican Beer or Margarita for all Beer Club & Cigar Club Members with purchase of the Buffet!

CIGARS BY THE FIRE PIT AT 8 P.M.

Cigars will be available to purchase. All Members are invited to stay after the buffet for a Cigar Event in the Heights Grill Room Patio Area.

Check our
online Events
Calendar and watch
your email
for more details!

Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday, May 8 ♥ 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Celebrate Mom with a Brunch fit for a queen!

Reservations on the Half Hour

Photo Booth for Pictures with Mom

FOR DINING & EVENT RESERVATIONS:

Contact Tammie at (412) 264-5950 or tprozzoly@montourheightscc.com OR via ForeTees



MUSIC & DINING ON THE GRAND TERRACE

Rick Purcell & Donna Groom Live

Friday, May 6 • 6:30 – 9:30 p.m Appetizers Specials from 4 p.m. until Close



Meet Our New Head Swim Coach and Director of the Sports Complex

We are delighted to announce the arrival of Mark Rauterkus as the new Montour Heights Country Club Head Swim Coach and Director of the Sports Complex. Coach Mark has been active in aquatic leadership positions since his first lifeguard job in 1976 when he started a swim team from scratch in Pittsburgh's eastern suburbs.



He has been a college swim coach for more than 10 seasons and is currently the head high school and middle school coach at The Ellis School and the club coach for Duquesne University. Coach Mark helped out last summer at the end of the season and began introducing the game of SKWIM to campers and pool visitors then.

What's Happening

Coach Mark, an Ohio University Journalism graduate, runs many websites, too, including for the International Swim Coaches Association.

His two sons are currently working as business consultants with BCG, and his wife is Director of Audiology at UPMC and a professor/acting chair at the University of Pittsburgh. They reside in Pittsburgh's historic South Side neighborhood.

This is going to be a fun summer of game-play, new gadgets and discovery at the pool in 2022!



Tuesday, June 21 - Friday, June 24

SIGN UP BY JUNE 14.

FOR INFORMATION, <u>EMAIL TAMMIE</u> OR CALL (412) 264-5950 x 210





MAY 7 & 8

Sign up for our fantastic Swim Programs!

11 am to 2 pm under the Pavilion (weather permitting) or at the Clubhouse in the Heights Grill Room, if inclement weather.

MAY 28

Sports Complex and Pool Opening Day

POOL HOURS: Sunday - Thursday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

VERY IMPORTANT!

Dear Members,

With Summer quickly approaching, we would like to request any updates regarding children, including phone number and email address, to ensure that we give you our best service.

Please send updates to: Anna Cehelsky or Tammie Prozzoly.



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Dino's 3-5 y/o - \$17.50/day

2 days a week – Monday and Friday – 6 or 6:30 pm for a half hour. We teach our little ones water safety while building a foundation of basic skills, such as arm and leg movements and breath control. Your child will have fun getting comfortable in the water in a fun and safe environment.

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Our coaches will help your child with endurance to swim safely and confidently. Swimmers will work on breathing, freestyle, backstroke, breaststoke and treading water, and will have an introduction to turning at the wall and diving off our blocks. Coaches will encourage our Dolphins to graduate to next levels.

Super Dolphins Ages 7 and up – 6 to 7:30 pm

Swimmers able to swim the length of our pool (25 yards) and are able to swim freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke, tread water, and dive. Our coaches help improve your child's technique and become more efficient swimmers. Your child can compete in our super-fun swim meets.

Super Dolphins and Dolphins Swim Team Programs \$200 per child, \$25 discount for second child

Monday, Wednesday and Friday This is 17 days of instruction over the month and half swim season until Swim Meet Championships on July 19 Cost includes bathing suit and cap. There are no makeup days.

Private Lessons \$30 per half hour

Schedule lessons through Coach Mark.

Grandchildren of members are welcome to join any of our classes. Guests are welcome to attend ONLY if the member swimmer is participating. Guests are not permitted to participate in swim meets.

2022 SWIM MEETS TO BE ANNOUNCED

July 19 Home - WPCCSA Championships





Check our
online Events
Calendar and watch
your email
for more details!

Contact Tammie at (412) 264-5950 or tprozzoly@montourheightscc.com OR via ForeTees



POOL & SPORTS COMPLEX OPEN 11 AM - 8 PM

Live DJ from 1 - 4 p.m. Cannonball Contest & More Course Open for Tee Times



Cookout on the Grand Terrace 5 - 8 p.m.



BAKED MAC AND CHEESE

Ingredients

- 8 ounces elbow pasta
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- 2 (12-ounce) cans evaporated milk
- 12 ounces shredded, extra-sharp cheddar cheese, about 3 cups, divided
- 1/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 1 cup bias cut green onions

Directions

- 1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.
- 2. In a large pot of boiling salted water, cook pasta according to package instructions; drain well.
- 3. Melt butter in a large skillet over medium high heat. Whisk in flour, paprika and onion powder until lightly browned, about 1 minute.
- 4. Gradually whisk in evaporated milk until slightly thickened, about 4-5 minutes.
- 5. Remove from heat. Stir in 2 cups cheddar cheese and Parmesan. Stir in pasta; season with salt and pepper, to taste.
- 6. Put pasta mixture into a lightly greased 9 x 13 casserole dish then top with remaining cheddar.
- 7. Place into oven and bake until golden brown, about 20-25 minutes.
- 8. Serve immediately. Garnish with green onions. ENJOY!

Please reach out to me to share your food & beverage suggestions & feedback! jhart@montourheightscc.com



Welcome NEW MEMBERS!

Candess Harper Bruce Haviland James Martin Melissa McAdams James McCarthy Attilio (Bob) Necciai Joseph J. Poset William Zinsser



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THIRD GENERATION "I can remember coming here as a kid for bingo nights with the whole family," Joe said. "I once won the jackpot of \$500 and thought I was set for life. Needless to say, it wasn't the answer to early retirement." He also has fond memories of the course as a kid, hopping in Big Joe's red Mercedes convertible to squeeze a few holes in after family dinner on Sundays. "Those are memories that will last me a lifetime, and the long shadows of the golf course on a summer evening still take me back to that time with my grandfather," Joe reminisced. "No matter what is going on in my round of golf, anytime I step on 18 tee and look at the Clubhouse, I think of him."

Joe also played golf here in high school on Moon's varsity golf team for three years. He recalled the different families that shared a similar generational experience at the Club. "In high school, I played alongside families like the Hakims, Cutrones and Captlines, just to name a few. And knowing the course as we did, it wasn't too often you'd see a visiting school come into Montour Heights and leave with a victory," recalled Joe. "It is awesome to see that so many of the 'kids' I grew up playing with are now members of the Club in their young adult years, continuing the family tradition of MHCC."



When recapping his first year as a member of the Club, Joe was quick to point out the warm welcome the members provided. "Everyone has been so friendly, and it has been great to hear stories about big Joe and his days here," Joe said. While walking through Champion's Hall one day, Joe noticed his grandfather and John Cabalik on a plaque as two-time champions of the 2-Man Match Play season-long tournament. "I remembered my grandfather and John being decent golfers, so it didn't surprise me, but it was cool to see. I've been told there may have been a little sand in the bag though! Sorry pap, only kidding!"



The highlight of Joe's first year was winning his flight in the Dye Invitational with his father-in-law Glenn, and playing in the Linguini Open with his father Doug. "Growing up, all I would hear about was how fun the Linguini Open was. It was one of my grandfather's favorite days of the year, and the opportunity to play in it for the first time with my dad was special to me," said Joe. "It was cool to see the Falciones in some vintage Linguini Open apparel win the event this year, and see that their family was just as committed to continuing their own family traditions."

Joe currently resides in Moon Township with his wife Leah, and Mini Australian Shepherd, Levi. They are expecting their first child in October. Joe works as a wealth advisor at a boutique, independent wealth management firm, Miller McCurry, based on the North Shore of Pittsburgh. Leah works as the Digital Media Manager and Community Outreach Coordinator for Lamar Advertising Company. "We appreciate how this Club has welcomed us with open arms," said Joe. "We are looking forward to the years to come, and hope to create some of the same family memories I speak of with children of our own someday."



