

Vote for **Tom Carroll** – Montaup Country Club – **Vice President**

Dear Montaup Country Club Member,

My name is Tom Carroll and I'm respectfully requesting your support in the upcoming Montaup election this weekend. My goal is to get Montaup back on course and get back to following our **Policies** and most importantly our **By-Laws**.

NEWSFLASH!!

- **We need OPEN meetings. All official business must happen in the OPEN!**
- **We need to get back to the basics of how we were governed before COVID and follow our By-Laws.**
- **We need structure to our meetings and must embrace audio/video technology (Zoom/Teams) to involve and provide ALL members the availability to participate online. (Only personal/HIPA issues discussed in Executive Session!)**
- **ALL decisions/items not in department budgets must be APPROVED by the Board of Governors!**

Why am I running again? ...

I took some time off after last year after serving three (3) consecutive years as Secretary. It was time for a change. It was too painful and certainly not fun. Why am I back? ... I know the formula and I have the historical knowledge and experience to navigate the politics and get the job done ... **for ALL members.**

PLEASE VOTE!! A MANDATE IS NEEDED TO GET BACK ON COURSE!!

- **We need to run our monthly meetings like a Town Hall. OPEN!**
- **Any proposals, outside ventures, potential partnerships, deals, etc. must be posted and put on the agenda and discussed in an OPEN meeting.**
- **Tee times, slow play, public green fees too low, outings on Mondays ONLY ...**
- **Many problems will be solved by involving our talented and knowledgeable membership in an OPEN forum.**

Background ...

I first played Montaup Country Club almost 50 years ago with my grandfather and uncle who were both members. Back when Montaup was growing into its own and the 12th hole was still a dog-leg left par 4. Montaup afforded my relatives a reasonable alternative to the more expensive and private courses they couldn't afford.

It was over 30 years ago in the early 1990's when I became a member. I was in my late 20's and I got involved as soon as I could vote. During my 30+ years as a Full member I have served as an Executive Officer on the Board of Governors (as either as Secretary or as Vice President) for at least 20 years. I have served as the Membership Chair and I have led and participated on numerous committees.

If you were an active voting member back in 2015 (crazy to think it's been eight years already!) you may recall the letter I mailed to the entire membership. The letter started out with "If you like the status quo and don't like change you may be offended by my letter. Upsetting you is not my intent." One of the intentions of my 2015 letter was to draw attention to the critical need address the conditions of the course. My letter focused on other issues but the main thread was the need to invest in our course, specifically the greens. We have made tremendous progress on our course conditions since then.

From my 2015 letter ...

Improving our product (course) will increase demand thereby increasing revenue and make Montaup the envy of every private club around. Better greens save money and in turn will make us money. Better greens don't equate to faster greens but it wouldn't hurt to gain a notch or two. Think of putting at Wannamoisett ... Shelter Harbor. Pure smooth roll. Add Montaup to the list. Imagine the interest and enjoyment when we have the best greens around. While some of you think what we have today is perfect we need to improve our product. If we don't improve our product then member dues will become the predominant source of our revenue and you know what that means ... more members and higher dues. The death spiral afflicting so many other courses.

Less water, less bumps better greens, more enjoyable experience. Golfers love beautiful greens. Our greens are average. We need to be above-average or excellent. Word will spread like wild fire. Montaup will become the talk of New England. The best course anyone can play. As a result our green fee sales will increase along with cart sales. Bar revenue goes up. Everyone wins. We haven't raised our green fees in years because we can't. We've had to reduce our outing rate to entice outside business. Public play is the revenue area needing growth. Our dues are high enough. With more demand for our product comes more revenue.

"These greens are like Wannamoisett. This course is one of my favorites" - Bobby Leopold after winning the 2023 RI State Amateur at Montaup this past summer

Please vote this weekend if you would like to see real and effective change benefiting ALL members