

Note: The following bios are offered for consideration of election to the Board of Directors. They appear in alphabetical order by last name.



### **Jackie Deslauriers | 802-309-1679**

Thank you for your consideration in reelecting me for a 3-year term on the board of directors. During the past 2 years, I have been proud of the progress that we have made, taking the club to the next level. It has been a pleasure seeing more and more participation from the ladies in our membership along with seeing the growth in membership overall.

As a lady member, I will advocate for such projects as a new lady's tee on hole 17. I believe the bulk of the major projects have been completed over the past 2 years with satisfying results. I believe the board, moving forward, will undertake smaller projects, like drainage on 1, the 15th approach, and 16. I support the board in hiring an outside company, specializing in golf course drainage.

I currently serve on the restaurant committee, where I have spent countless hours, focusing on providing quality experience for our members and ever-growing guests. I am proud to be a member of Champlain Country Club and to serve on the board.

### **Wally Johnson | 45A Donaldson Road, Swanton, VT**

- Three year member Champlain Country Club
- Started golf career as caddy at CCC 1960s
- Played as greens fee player, member guest with father 1970-1990s.

Sports editor St. Albans Messenger 1964-67. Assistant Sports Editor Burlington Free Press 1968-75 Vermont Sportswriter of the Year 1971. Golf writer, Free Press, Member US Golf Writers Association. Current member USGA since 1978.

Member St. Lawrence University Golf Club 46 years. Director of golf league SLGC 2010-2021. Director of Public Relations, St. Lawrence University Golf Course 1978-2021. Sports Information Director, St. Lawrence University Golf programs 1975-78, 2000-2016. Rules official and scorer St. Lawrence University Golf Invitational 2000-2013 (first coed tournament in NCAA history 2000).

College Sports Information Director's Hall of Fame 2013, CoSIDA Lifetime Achievement Award 2016 CoSIDA Warren Berg Award 2001, ECAC Irving T. Marsh Award 1995, Pete Nevins Award 2012, American Hockey Coaches Association Jim Fullerton Award 2017.

Academic: BFA class of 1967, UVM class of 1971.

Volunteer scorer club championship and Member-Guest 2022, 2023 and 2024. Men's League participant 2022-24.

### **Steve Messier | 802-309-1679**

My name is Steve Messier and I am writing this bio to help provide some of my background and why I would like to be considered as a member of the Champlain Country Club Board of Directors. I would be happy to speak with other members to answer any questions that I may not capture here and to discuss my hopes and vision for CCC in the years ahead.

I am a lifelong resident of Franklin County. I was raised in Swanton and attended Missisquoi Valley Union. After selling our first house in Saint Albans City, my wife Katie (DesLauriers) and I now make our home in Saint Albans Town along with our three children, Easton (12), Eva (12), and Adeline (10). I have had the pleasure of playing at CCC since I was a teenager and am now lucky enough to consider it my home course since becoming a member several years ago.

Professionally, for the last 12 years I have been a school administrator at Missisquoi where my main focus is supporting emotionally and behaviorally challenged students, as well as serving as the head of our district's school safety work. Prior to working at MVU, I spent nine years at Northwestern Counseling and Support Services and have also previously been the Director of Athletics for the Swanton Recreation Commission. I have

also been able to serve our community in a number of volunteer positions, having been a member of the Saint Albans City and Franklin Central Supervisory Union School Boards, a board member for the Samaritan House/Tim's House (our local homeless shelter and transitional housing organization), and currently as a member of the Board of Directors for Champlain Little League, where all three of my children have played baseball or softball. Over the last several years, my passion for the game of golf has grown considerably. I have spent the last four years as the Middle School Golf Coach at MVU and have now just begun my first season in the same role at the Varsity level. I hope that in these roles, as well as through a potential seat on the CCC board, I can continue to grow the game and increase local youth interest in the sport.

We have seen some incredibly positive developments at CCC over the last decade, both on the course, and in the clubhouse. The physical improvements that have been undertaken are significant, and I hear both members and visitors say that the club "...has never looked better." I believe that further strategic and financially responsible investments in this work will not only help us all continue to enjoy the course and clubhouse every summer, but will also bring increased greens fees and revenue from non-members, as well. Although the first summer of Irons and Ales at the Club is not yet complete, I think we are at a great place to continue to build upon what has been established; which should position the club for long-term success and financial stability.

I would like to help continue this great work in the coming years so that the next generation of Franklin County golfers can enjoy the game at this great club in the same way that I have been lucky enough to. Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to reach out anytime if you have any questions or would like to touch base. Hope to see you on the course!



**Patrick Noel | 802-309-1679**

My name is Patrick Noel and am asking for your consideration for the CCC board. I have been a member of CCC for approximately 15 years, and currently live in Milton Vermont with my wife Tracey, with whom I have been married for 26 years. We have three children, Jackson 24, Kaylyn 22, and Evan 19. I graduated in 1992 from Vermont Technical College with a Mechanical Engineering degree, and am currently co-owner of Vermont Industrial Products, a company in Essex Junction. My company employs 11 people and has been in business for 20 years. At VIP, we specialize in mechanical seals, mechanical seal repair, pump and industrial equipment repair, and the repair and replacement of engineered industrial components. Some of our current local customers include Global Foundries, Ben & Jerry's, Franklin Foods, EHV Weidman, and Autumn Harp.

My family and I have attended St. Ann Parish in Milton for close to 20 years, where I am a Eucharistic Minister, and have been president of the Parish council for nearly a year. I am also a member of the Knights of Columbus Catholic Men's Fraternal Organization at St. Ann, where we participate in many community dinners to support scholarship and outreach programs, and food shelves, along with other acts of local and statewide charity. Other than golf, my hobbies include weightlifting, running, and obstacle course racing.

I believe that with my background in business and management, I would be well suited to help CCC continue the path of growth and financial security. My experience in dealing with employees, state and federal regulations, tax concerns, safety and OSHA requirements, and all the financial considerations involved with profit & loss statements and balancing a budget, can be an asset to the board as they continue to build upon recent upgrades such as Irons and Ales.

CCC has provided me with a great deal of enjoyment and many memories over these last 15 years, and I feel excited for the opportunity to give back to a place that has given me so much. I thank you for your consideration.

**Bruce Thompson | 802-922-0031**

Greetings! My name is Bruce Thompson, I am interested in running for a position on the Board of Directors. I have been a member of the Club for over 30 years and have served on the Board as well.

Newly retired I have the gift of time to put my energies into being a member of the Board. I am proud of our Club and hope to help support its continued success. Thanks very much for considering me when you cast your vote.