

Open for Business

Shawangunk Country Club Opens to the Public

by Frank Muller, SCC Golf Pro

The *Shawangunk Country Club* of Ellenville is located on **Country Club Road**, just south of the Village (photo, right). Established in 1927, the nine-hole golf course expects to be open for play around April 1st. The club is known for its excellent greens and fairways, with a challenging but fair layout. With three par-3 holes, par for the course is 68, with an updated course rating of 68.0 and a slope of 129 for the men, as established by the Metropolitan Golf Association in 2002. The new ladies course rating is 69.3 and a slope of 121, with a par of 70.

Shawangunk Golf Shop is open weekdays from 7:00 AM until dark. Opening for the season is expected around April 1st with a closing date in late November. The club is open to the public for either nine or 18 holes. Carts are available for those golfers who prefer to ride. The club also has twilight rates in April after 4:00 PM.


In addition to golf, the club provides a spectacular view of the valley with exquisite scenery, particularly during fall foliage. A swimming pool, putting green, and a restaurant with a wonderful outdoor eating facility and spectacular scenery complete the available options for your enjoyment.

Introductory membership rates for 2003 are \$500 single and \$750 family. A new, corporate membership is being offered for the first time this season.

All the regular golf equipment and supplies are offered at reasonable prices through the full service pro shop. Lessons, groups of lessons, and gift certificates are additionally available for gifts.

Summer leagues have openings for interested golfers. Ladies' league is on Tuesday evenings and the men's league is held on Thursdays. Openings are available in both for singles or pairs of golfers. Golf clinics for all ages and types of golfers will be held. Look for sign-up sheets on the bulletin boards.

The club runs a number of small, intimate outings each season. If you have a group of up to 50 golfers, contact the pro shop for prices and availability.

So, if you are looking for a place to play a quick nine holes (or 18 holes), usually with no waiting, or if you are looking for a place to hold a small golf outing, or if you are looking for golf and dinner, try the *Shawangunk Country Club* in Ellenville. For information, or tee times, call 647-6090. 

(Bring this article with you and buy one greens fee and get the second greens fee for FREE. You must present this article to the Pro Shop staff.)



Good Works

The Recycle Shop

by Barbara Innes Stone

In 1991, Kate Van Etten had a bright idea, which became *The Recycle Shop* at the *Ellenville Reformed Church*. Since then we have been helping to redistribute the clothing and household items of our area to people who need them and want them. It's a good thing and makes everyone happy. People can clear their closets of items they don't use or that don't fit... we at the church can receive a small donation to help with local and foreign missions and projects... and the frugal and/or needy can go home with a treasure to warm their hearts or hands.

To name a few things, we have children's clothes, men's suits, books, craft items, dresses, dishes, warm coats, sheets, etc. We would like to invite everyone to come and see what we carry and use us as a resource.

There are two reasons that make us more important lately. Several local stores have closed, so that Kingston and Middletown are the nearest places to get some of the items we carry, and the economy has constricted so that there are many more people who have lost their jobs or must tighten their belts because of loss of income.

It's a great thing to see a pair of last year's mittens be spotted by a kid with cold fingers and get a hug for making him happy.

When we can, we give our extra stuff to a rehabilitation center, nursing homes, or homes for the disabled.

Think of us before you throw something out because someone may need or want it.

The Recycle Shop is at **188 Canal Street**, on the left side of the *Ellenville Reformed Church*, through the kitchen door with the *Thrift Store* sign over it. We're open **Wednesday, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**, **Thursday, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**, and **Saturday, 10:00 AM to Noon**. The number at the Church is **647-4130**. We hope to see you soon. 