

Neepawa Golf & Country Club

Spring Newsletter



Opening Date: Hopefully (Weather permitting) We will have the top 9 holes and driving range open for Wednesday May 4th

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Well we are once again putting together our spring newsletter with the ground covered in snow. It was a long winter with lots of snow and will make for an interesting spring at the golf course.

For those that were not at the Annual meeting held in January 2011 I would like to introduce the Board of Directors for the upcoming season. We have Kris Jacobsen taking on 2 positions as Secretary and Vice-President, Janice Plaisier - Treasurer, Golf Operations Chair - Jason McLaren, Grounds Chair – Martin Hales, Clubhouse/Management Chair – Dean Fletcher, Fundraising/Promotions Chair Heather Douglas and rounding out our board is Mark Morehouse and I Warren McLeod - President. All of these great people are committed to the Club and trying to make it the best golf experience for Members and green fee traffic alike. I would also like to thank Clayton Carefoot, Tyler Stewart and Sheldon Anderson for all their time, commitment and efforts put into the Club as well. Due to other commitments they resigned their positions. We are actually down in numbers on the Board right now so if anyone would be interested and would like to discuss this further, please feel free to contact any one of our Directors. The more people we have the easier the job.

We are fortunate to have both Landon and Kirby returning for the upcoming season as well. They too, want to make your golf experience one of the best in Manitoba. It is a great feeling knowing we have 2 great people working for us that have the same vision and commitment as your Board. I don't want to steal from anyone's reports but I want to inform the Membership of some of the costly activities we have been forced to do. The first one is the major renovations to the kitchen in the Clubhouse. By the time you get this letter it should be mostly completed. As you will see we redid the ceiling, walls and floor. The New cupboards are a real eye pleaser and we owe much gratitude to the Neepawa Gladstone Co-op as they graciously donated them to us. We purchased 1 new stove with the second one being provided by the Ladies leagues through their generous donation towards the total project as well. We will be looking at some painting upgrades and will be looking for volunteers to help with this.

We have the annual water in the basement problem and had to replace the pump to keep the water at bay. The furnace needed repairs as well so you can see a lot of time and effort has already been put in and the snow hasn't gone yet. We did continue with the riverbank enhancement in an attempt to stop some of the eroding when the expected high waters go through our course. These are just some of the issues we have dealt with so far in 2011, so you can see why fundraising is so important to Neepawa Golf & Country Club. Please take the opportunity to help us when we approach you, our Membership, to sell our annual cash draw tickets. It is such a necessity and in the end will benefit us all as we enjoy playing on one of the best golf courses in Manitoba.

Well I have gone on here long enough. Keep your eye open for our spring annual meeting to be scheduled in May 2011. I just want to welcome everyone back and I look forward to the new season starting. See you all on the Course.

Warren McLeod

President

Management Report

Happy golfing to all in 2011, at the Neepawa Golf and Country Club. We are making some changes this year. We have hired a new clubhouse manager, Murray Martin will be bringing some new menus and specials which we will all be looking forward to. We also have a lot of other changes happening at the clubhouse, re-modeled kitchen, new paint and a new look for the 2011 Golf Season. Please come out and enjoy.

Dean Fletcher
Management Chair

Pro-Shop Report

Welcome back for another exciting year, I for one, is really looking forward to this season and have been since Golf Manitoba granted us the "Manitoba Men's Amateur Championship" July 18-21. This will put our course on display to the top 140 amateur golfers in the province and we will do what we can as a staff to make it a guaranteed success. This tournament will do nothing but improve our reputation in the golf community, and it will change us from being the best kept secret in Manitoba, to one of, if not the best golf experiences in the province. As of a week or two ago, I have finalized with the Manitoba High School Athletic Association to be the host of the Manitoba Provincial High School Golf Championship on September 23rd. Hosting two provincial championships in one year is a great honor for our club and free advertising for years to come. I am also working on trying to get more corporate tournaments booked and have booked some new ones already.

Pro-shop news, I have my 2011 inventory already in the proshop and the lines I will be carrying will be similar to 2010. Taylormade, Adidas Titleist and Loft 8 (clothing) will be the majority of what I will have, but if you're interested in something else let me know because I have access to all of the major club manufacturers. As far as staff goes it will be similar to last year as well, Maxine Cross, Gary Reidle, and Jamie White will be back as well as new recruit Dylan Thornbrough from Glenboro, who has completed his first year at Lethbridge College taking Professional Golf Management. Dylan brings with him a proven track record for being a great junior golfer and a really polite, nice kid. He will be helping me grow the junior golf program, hopefully to one of the more successful ones in the province.

We will again be continuing our reciprocal agreement with Minnedosa Golf and Country Club where our members can play at their course for a reduced fee, we should take more advantage of this agreement, as we are spoiled in having 2 great courses so close together.

I look forward to seeing everybody this spring (if it ever gets here) and will be looking forward to helping everyone have a successful season.

Thanks for your support
Landon Cameron

Grounds Report

It is an interesting start to 2011 with a White Mud Neepawa flood. At one point there was about ten fairways and three greens underwater. Aside from the flooding, the golf course is in great shape. There is a lot of flood debris to be cleaned up but once the snow is gone my crew and I can start working on the course. Bunkers that have been damaged will be cleaned up completely with fresh sand, cart paths will be refurbished, and silt will be washed off the fairways and greens affected by the flood.

Plans for the 2011 season are to see the naturalized grow-out areas come to fruition. This is how the golf course was originally designed and it will save the grounds crew time as these areas will no longer be maintained. These areas will be roped off to encourage golfers to steer clear of these areas with carts and allow the grass to establish. Other areas of the course are going to continue to be tuned up such as the carts paths and bunkers. In the fall we will be looking at installing some more drainage on select parts of the course.

Everyone is looking forward to our tournament schedule this summer including the Men's Manitoba Amateur. There will be sign up sheets closer to the tournament looking for volunteers to work on the grounds during and/or before the tournament, any help is greatly appreciated.

The crew and I are looking forward to a successful year and hope the weather cooperates with us!

Sincerely,

Kirby Ashcroft

Neepawa Golf Course Superintendent and grounds crew

League News:

Thursday Morning Ladies League meeting Wednesday May 4th @ 10am

As for the other leagues, no news on when we are starting them as of yet, Men's and Ladies league registration forms can be downloaded from www.Neepawagolf.com. The majority of the league play will be determined by getting all 18 holes open for play.

2011 Tournament Schedule

July 9 - Neepawa Men's Open (Westman Golf Tour Event)

July 11- Sr. Men's Open

July 18-21 - Manitoba Men's Amateur Championship (Golf Manitoba Event)

July 25 - Touchwood Charity Tournament

Aug. 5 - Harris Pharmacy Junior Open

Aug 6 - Mixed Open

Aug 9 - Ladies 50+ Open

Aug 11 - Shane Hnidy charity

Aug. 13 &14 - Club Championship

Aug 27 - 2nd annual Sandy Bay Jets hockey tournament

Aug 29 - CRI Tournament

Sept 2-5 - Rose Bowl

Cornucopia Classic Ladies (Date to be confirmed)

Sept 6 - Manitoba Retired Teachers Tournament

Sept 23 - Manitoba Provincial High School Championship

NEEPAWA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB - 2011 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME: _____ **MALE** **FEMALE**
EMAIL: _____ **PHONE:** _____
MAILING ADDRESS: _____ **CITY:** _____
POSTAL CODE: _____

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2011 (PRICES INCLUDE GST)

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (2 adults and children)	\$1,550	
ADULT CLUB MEMBERSHIP	\$725	
New*** WEEKEND PLAYING PASS (INFO IN PROSHOP)	\$400	
JUNIOR CLUB MEMBERSHIP (under age18)	\$125	
STUDENT CLUB MEMBERSHIP	\$295	
YEARLY TRAIL FEES	\$125	
YEARLY SHED FEES	\$165	
CLUB STORAGE	\$55	
DRIVING RANGE FEE (MEMBER)	\$75	
JUNIOR RANGE FEE (MEMBER)	\$35	
DRIVING RANGE FEE (NON MEMBER)	\$200	
JUNIOR RANGE FEE (NON MEMBER)	\$90	
SEASONAL CART RENTAL	\$620	
	TOTAL	

To qualify for the **Student Membership** you must be between 18-25 and attending a post secondary school.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

**Inquire about payment plans in pro-shop

Cheque Cash Debit Credit Card

M/C OR VISA # _____ EXP ___ / ___

SIGNATURE _____

MEMBERSHIP REFUND POLICY

Membership refunds are determined by the board of directors in accordance with company policy. Please make your request in writing to Neepawa Golf and Country Club, Box 1119, Neepawa, MB, R0J 1H0, Attn: Landon Cameron CPGA Head Professional. The board meets on the last Monday of every month.

SPECIAL EVENT IS 2011?

Contact the Proshop to coordinate your next event. We are able to accommodate a variety of events from small golf groups to large corporate events. We are here to make your event a success.

I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO ALL FEES, POLICES AND CONDITIONS OF THE NEEPAWA GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB:

CLUB:
MEMBERS SIGNATURE: _____
DATE: _____

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