

NEEPAWA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB



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SPRING NEWSLETTER 2017

Your executive for the upcoming year is as follows:

President – Danny Guillas

Vice-President – Grant McKelvy

Treasurer: - Cam Tibbett

Secretary – Bob McCreath

Directors – Jason McLaren , Mark Morehouse, Brent Boyle, Brad Hackewich, Brad Wilson, Ward Szucki, Scott Freeman and Mike Wilson

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another golf season is upon us, and our course is ready for another busy year. Flooding was minimal and if temperatures cooperate, a long season of golf is about to commence.

2016 was successful for our club. Improvements were made to the clubhouse, we continue to replace and update grounds equipment, and our long term debt continues to decrease. The season was long with lots of good golf weather, and food and beverage sales were up.

We have replaced our rental cart fleet with new carts for 2017. This will eliminate the many repairs the old fleet was requiring and increase the enjoyment of the course by those renting our carts.

The success of our club relies on many factors. Favorable weather and a long golf season are a must. We have a dedicated manager and staff, as well as a grounds crew that works tirelessly to keep our course beautiful and in top shape. Neepawa Golf & Country Club is also lucky to have a solid membership base that gives us the confidence to move forward each year with plans and improvements. Many members go beyond purchasing their memberships and are active volunteers as well. A dedicated group each year attend to the flowers that beautify our course. Others have volunteered for specific projects over the years. All members have been asked the last number of years to sell calendar draw tickets to do their part to ensure the success of our course. Many members have already picked up their tickets to sell or give to family and friends as gifts. The reality is that proceeds from our calendar draw initiative are a necessary source of revenue to ensure the financial success of our course. We are never more than a flood , or a couple bad months for golf away from an unprofitable year. Therefore, again this year members will be required to pick up and pay for their calendar draw tickets at the same time they renew their memberships. Selling their tickets, then, will allow members to recoup their \$125 initial cost, and the club will benefit from a more streamlined system for distribution and oversight. Thank you in advance for your continued support of this initiative.

In closing I wish everyone an enjoyable summer that includes lots of golf and good times on a course we can be proud of and as members we can call our own.

Danny Guillas
NGCC President

PRO-SHOP REPORT

Staff has slightly changed for the year Brady Henderson and Austin Gwilt will not be returning for the 2017 golf season. I would like to thank them for all the help they have given me for the past few seasons, and wish them the best going forward in their new endeavors. Maxine Cross will be returning along with Ben Rainka and Wiley Speiss coming in full time. Thanks to all the members and guests for the constant support you have given to us in the past 6 seasons.

Golf Club Lines

I will be carrying Taylormade/Adidas Golf lines again, but have accounts with all the leading golf club manufacturers and clothing lines so we can order anything you're interested in.



Clothing are arriving daily, come on out and check out the 2017 lines!
Under armour, Adidas and Loft 8.

Thanks for your continued support
Landon Cameron

Restaurant News:

Restaurant will be operating status quo to last year, with more of a self serve restaurant style, with limited staff for day to day operation. By the looks of it as of right now, it will be a similar staff to what we have had in the past. Menu will be a similar style with short order items making homemade soups and fresh sandwiches and regular quick to prepare items. Any questions or concerns or ideas on how we can do a better job, feel free to email me at pro@neepawagolf.com or come talk to me whenever you have time.

*******IMPORTANT*******

JUST ANOTHER REMINDER

Just a few concerns going forward:

The consumption of alcohol not purchased from our clubhouse or beverage cart at the Neepawa Golf and Country Club must come to an end.

First of all, this practice is illegal and it jeopardizes the golf course's liquor licence. If this practice was discovered, the course could lose its liquor permit and an important service to our members and green fee players would be gone. We would also lose an important source of revenue for our club. Everyone wants our club to be successful and have a profitable season, but there seems to be a disconnect with some who don't see that this activity undermines the chances of our food and beverage service being a contributor to our bottom line. We all know the importance of the lounge patronage to our local curling club's success, and no one would dream of bringing their own beer to the curling rink. The golf course is no different!

Excuses such as the concession on #7 tee not being open or the beverage cart not running, are just that: Excuses. Our club last year acquired 30 coolers that can be stocked at the clubhouse and used by our golfers. If the same foresight that allows someone to pick up beer at the vendor was used to stock a cooler at the clubhouse, the issue of beverage cart service and concession hours would be non-issues.

At our annual meeting it was suggested that the golf club acquire an extra set of keys for each cart shed so that random inspections could be performed to ensure alcohol and gasoline are not being stored in the cart sheds. This would be an onerous task and we don't believe our members want it to come to this.

The question of monitoring compliance and possible penalties was also raised. The loss of cart shed use (first offence?) and the revoking of one's golf club membership (second offence?) were suggested as possible consequences for violators. Sound serious? This is serious! Please do not put yourself in peril by your actions, and please do not put Landon, and your executive in the position of having to make these decisions.

We have a wonderful golf course that deserves your support not only by the purchasing of your membership, but by supporting all of its initiatives. Let's have a great season in 2017.

From : NGCC Board of Directors

GROUNDS REPORT

Golf course has survived the winter and in pretty good shape. What looked like it could be a tough spring for flooding, with the slow melt and Mother Nature's help we got away with only minimal ground flooding. We have purchased 2 new fairway units, and have most of our key staff returning. Lawson Davie, Danny Ardron, Colin McNairney, Roger Cross for senior staff and with the additions of Austin Gwilt, Jonah Freeman and Landon Young for young guys it seems like a great mix and all are looking forward to get going.

Thanks to all the volunteers (too many to name) for their help doing anything we need like garbage clean up and work parties.

See you on the course.
Mark Kerkowich

Thursday Night Men's League:

Sign up in Proshop. \$25 again this year!! Both teammates must have membership paid before spot in desired time slot is guaranteed)

Thursday Night Men's League 2017

Desired Time Slot 4:15-5:00 5:00-5:30 5:37-6:07

Name: _____

Name: _____

(Please cut out form and fill out and drop off in the Proshop)

WEDNESDAY OPEN LADIES NIGHT

Will be staying status quo. If you have any questions or ways we can make it better, please feel free to send me an email or drop in with any suggestions.

First Ladies Night will be May 17th. Signup sheet will be ready on the 10th of May.

TUESDAY MORNING SENIOR MEN'S LEAGUE

Start up meeting and scramble May 2nd Meeting at 9am with scramble to follow. We will have sign up for teams that day so if you can't make it to the meeting and are interested in playing please let Landon know in the Proshop.

THURSDAY MORNING LADIES LEAGUE

Meeting has already been arranged for Tuesday April 25.

GROW GOLF CAMPAIGN

We have decided to continue with our grow golf campaign, What we have done for the past 3 seasons is all Grade 6 students in the area are given a junior membership for the season. This has not only increased the young people golfing but has strengthened our junior program. It's very nice to see kids using our facility and it also looks to keep our membership strong in the future.

Beginner Junior Golf Lessons:

Forms will be handed out to schools this week or can be picked up in the Proshop. Golf camp will run on 4 consecutive Fridays starting May 19th.

Great Read:

10 Reasons You Should Get Your Kids or Grandkids into Golf Today!

By Andrew Wood

I didn't know it at the time, I was only 10, but the day the old golf pro, at Cow Glen Golf Club, near Glasgow died, would prove to be the start of the amazing odyssey that has been my life. A life dominated by chasing a little white ball around the World. The friends I have met, the money I have made, the lifestyle I have enjoyed all link back to that dumpster!

The dumpster where they put 60 years worth of old clubs, balls, and rubbish that the old pro had accumulated in his tiny little pro shop. From it, my uncle Forbes, whom I happened to be visiting, rescued a hand full of hickory-shafted clubs, which were promptly cut down and sent back with me in England.

My parents didn't play golf so I started hitting balls on my own on a playing field. Soon after, I persuaded my parents to get me into a club as a junior member. For the next 8 years, I spent every waking hour, other than school, at Lilleshall and later Shifinal golf clubs. The handful of kids I played with there are still my best friends today although I moved 4,000 miles away. The knowledge I gained about life and business on those fairways surpassed anything I ever learned in college. Although my golf did get me a full scholarship.

Make no mistake about it, getting your kids involved in golf will be one of the greatest and most valuable gifts you will ever give them!

I grew up in the late 70's and sure we had video games like Space Invaders and Pac-man but it was an afterthought, not a lifestyle. Today's kids need more than ever to get away from the computer games and get out and socialize with real people, not virtual people. Golf is by far the very best way to accomplish that and set your kids up for success in life.

Here is Why:

- 1. Anyone Can Play:** Golfers come in all shapes and sizes. You don't have to be particularly strong, tall, lean or fast to succeed. Golf champions come in every shape and size imaginable. It's never too early to start, and unlike most other sports you can enjoy golf your entire life!
- 2. Minimal Risk:** Unlike many other popular sports like baseball, soccer, and Football, the chances of injury, especially serious injury, are almost non-existent; golf is a non-contact sport.
- 3. Safe and positive environment:** The golf course is a safe place and facilitates mentoring relationships.

4. Lifelong friendships: You never know who you will meet on a golf course, but it's one of the easiest places in the world to make friends. Success breeds success and people who play golf are by in large more successful than the average bear. Those are the people you want your kids hanging out with! Best of all, golf creates a unique bond so those friendships can be developed all over the world and last a lifetime!

5. Prepare for business: It's hard to think about it now but kids grow up and the people they meet as children can play a huge part in their success later in life. Golf is a sport that helps prepare kids and teens for careers in business and other professional arenas. Even at 12, I was learning about real life business every day from all the adults I played with.

6. Time Spent Outdoors: In today's world of video games, smart phones, and child obesity, it can be hard to drag your son or daughter off the couch. Golf is the perfect excuse to spend an entire day enjoying nature and presents the opportunity to develop healthy lifelong exercise habits!

7. Important Life Lessons: Golf closely parallels real life as one experiences the highs and lows of the game. The range of experience, from birdies to bogeys, rewards a young person's ability to keep each shot in perspective, manage one's emotions, maintain a positive outlook and focus on the shot at hand. Golf is a sport that will teach your child things like integrity, discipline, and respect. As they learn to conduct themselves on the golf course, these lessons will translate directly into everyday life.

8. College Scholarships: Avid golfers have a lot of opportunities when it comes to college funding. The earlier your child starts, the greater his or her chance is of gaining access to scholarship money.

9. Spend time with family: Golf is a game that encourages family participation. When children are young, they enjoy doing just about anything with you (but it doesn't long last so start now). Golf is an opportunity for quality bonding time and it's one that can last a lifetime.

10. It's FUN: This should probably be at the top of the list, but one of the best reasons to get your son or daughter involved with golf is that they'll have an absolute blast. They'll have the chance to learn new skills both physical and mental, make new friends and discover new opportunities. There are a million things you can buy your kids or gift your kids in the hope that it helps them learn and grow, only a few make a real impact. Encouraging them to play golf is one!

Next Steps:

- Get your kids some lessons with a local pro.
- Get them a junior membership, normally amazingly cheap compared to other activities.
- Give yourself a high five for doing something that will make a real difference in your child's life!

I know it did in mine... I can't tell you, what amazing difference golf has made to my life. Although I had hoped to become a golf professional, I never did. In the end, it didn't really matter, the travel, friendships, business opportunities and the fact that at 52 I can still easily walk 36 holes in a day, more than made up for it!

NEEPAWA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB - 2017 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME: _____ MALE FEMALE
 EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____
 MAILING ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2017 (PRICES INCLUDE TAXES)

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (2 adults and children)	1650	
ADULT CLUB MEMBERSHIP	785	
WEEKEND PLAYING PASS (INFO IN PROSHOP)	500	
JUNIOR CLUB MEMBERSHIP (under age18)	150	
STUDENT CLUB MEMBERSHIP	340	
YEARLY TRAIL FEES	155	
YEARLY SHED FEES (NO ELECTRICITY)	200	
YEARLY SHED FEE (ELECTRIC SHED)	220	
CLUB STORAGE	95	
DRIVING RANGE FEE (MEMBER)	100	
JUNIOR RANGE FEE (MEMBER)	50	
DRIVING RANGE FEE (NON MEMBER)	225	
JUNIOR RANGE FEE (NON MEMBER)	90	
	TOTAL	

Yearly Power cart rental available \$800 incl tx. (inquire in Proshop)

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

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Cheque Cash Debit Credit Card
 (Prefer not taking Credit Card for Memberships due to fees associated with this)

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 2017?

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:

MEMBERS SIGNATURE: _____
 DATE: _____

NGCC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL MEMBERSHIP FOR BREACH OF CLUB POLICIES
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