

NEEPAWA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB



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SPRING NEWSLETTER 2018

Your executive for the upcoming year is as follows:

President –Danny Guillas

Vice-President – Dan Free

Treasurer: - Cam Tibbett

Secretary – Bob McCreath

Directors – Brent Boyle, Brad Hackewich, Brad Wilson, Ward Szucki, Loretta Free, Lynda Lowry and Kris Jacobsen

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 2018 golf season is about to commence. After a long cold winter everyone is ready to shake these last cold days and begin what will hopefully be a long and enjoyable summer. We are optimistic at this time that flood damage this spring will be minimal. There is concern however that the cold winter and minimal snow cover in the early winter may have contributed to some desiccation of fairways and greens. This remains to be seen and we keep our fingers crossed that with favorable weather the course will be in great shape once again this year.

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. New contracts with Landon and Mark have been negotiated for 5 and 3 years respectively. Going forward with long term commitments from these two integral pieces to our success as a club is very promising for the future.

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. Volunteers came through big for our club again last year, caring once again for all the flowers on the course and also with the painting and staining of the benches and bridges. Special thanks to Neepawa Gladstone Co-op for supplying the bench stain as well as the stain that will revitalize our deck this spring.

With the ever-increasing cost of operations and the need to maintain a reliable equipment fleet, we will be pursuing all avenues to increase revenues this season. Your board has increased green fees for the coming year and has also approved a larger increase to memberships than has been seen for the last few years. Margins in food and alcohol sales will look to be improved and our cash calendar draw will once again be necessary to ensure our operation's success.

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

Golf Club Lines

I will be carrying Taylormade Golf line again, with the new #twistface technology. Please ask me about fitting you for the newest technology and find out what it can do for your game. I also have accounts with all the leading golf club manufacturers and clothing lines so we can order anything you're interested in.

Clothing is arriving daily, come on out and check out the 2018 lines!
Under Armour, Adidas and Loft 8.

Thanks for your continued support

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.

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

The NGCC grounds crew are waiting patiently for warmer weather and hope to see great spring conditions once again. With the extended cold temperatures this spring, superintendent Mark Kerkowich is hopeful that conditions will not be set back dramatically. Once everything begins to melt and the crew can make their way around the course, staff will be out there getting things cleaned up and open for play as soon as possible. The 2018 golf season looks to be another busy year, with a number of course improvements planned, and several great tournaments already confirmed. Bring on the warmer weather and we will see everyone out there soon.

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 2018

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

Name: _____

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

This year we will be attempting to resurrect the Friday Night Mixer. (Mixed Golf Night) Every 2nd Friday a mixed fun night will be taking place starting in June.

WEDNESDAY OPEN LADIES NIGHT

We will be keeping the same format, because I think it has been working to bring new people in the community out to the golf course. Any ideas on how we can improve this and make it even better are always welcome.

TUESDAY MORNING SENIOR MEN'S LEAGUE & THURSDAY MORNING LADIES LEAGUE

Will both be having a start up meeting once the course gets rolling. I will keep in touch via email once I know more.

GROW GOLF CAMPAIGN

We have decided to continue with our grow golf campaign, What we have done for the past 4 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 in the next few weeks or can be picked up in the Proshop. Golf camp will run on 4 consecutive Fridays starting May 18th.

Form attached on next page:

Great Read: Regarding Kids Playing Golf

By: John Hughes

Golf is hard. But, it's easier to learn to play well at a young age versus attempting the same later in life. Although there are different opinions among experts about the ideal time to introduce a young child to the game, there are many advantages to starting a child early in golf. So, what is the ideal age to start your child in the game of golf? Can you start your child too early?

The simple answer is that there is no "absolute" best age for your child to begin learning and playing golf. While it is best to wait until a child reaches a certain level of maturity before introducing specific learning tasks, children of almost any age can be exposed to the game in some way and start having fun right away. When kids have fun around golf they will develop the desire to learn more and become better at it.

Some of the advantages to starting your child in the game of golf at a young age aren't just limited to golf.

More Likely to Play Golf as an Adult

According to a report on junior golfers by the National Golf Foundation, kids who start golfing at a young age are much more likely to play golf as adults. Of course, you may know the old saying: In golf as it is in life, it's the follow through that makes the difference.

Getting your child involved in golf at a young age is no guarantee, but he or she is much more likely to fall in love with the game if they play when they are young. Let them succeed and fail at their own pace and keep them involved in the creation of fun activities that will help grow their interest in golf.

Ingrained Swing Mechanics, Increased Focus on Strategy

Children who learn to play the game at a young age should have instruction from a qualified PGA Professional. If they do, they will likely develop a fundamentally solid swing that will benefit them the rest of their golfing life. Learning the correct fundamentals early will help them avoid struggling with swing mechanics as time goes on. Their sound swing will be ingrained their subconscious, which results in consistently good ball striking and lower scores. This allows them to increase their focus on the short game and the mental side of the game.

Learning Confidence ... and Patience

Of course, one of the hardest things for a child to learn is patience, and as we all know, there are few things in life that test it more than golf. And as your child matures, gets better, and begins to compete against peers, they will be able to draw from what they've learned from their early start in the game. They will develop confidence in themselves through this process.

So, what are the most important things to focus on regarding the junior golfer? Well, according to one golf psychology specialist, Dr. Ron Mann, seven specific issues stand out:

- Emotional control

- Focus and concentration
- Realistic expectations
- Perseverance
- Personal responsibility
- Self-worth
- Self-belief

These are all great lessons that transcend the game of golf.

In the Beginning

Of course, if you are interested in introducing your child to the game of golf, you can start at the beginning with plastic toddler sets or mobiles in the crib. The concept of the game is simple enough ... according to one study, children can understand the spatial relationships between objects and apertures before they turn 2 years old, and few concepts are easier to understand than putting a ball in a hole.

As a parent, you should always:

- Keep the game fun: Create interesting games and don't get overly concerned about the results.
- Provide the instruction at the right levels: Children are great mimics, and they will imitate what they see very well. Don't get wrapped up in the finer points of the game too soon.
- Give kids the proper equipment: The equipment available for junior golfers is better than ever. For example, a 5-year-old doesn't yet need the maximum of 14 clubs in their bag; in fact, many young children prefer hitting shorter almost exclusively over longer irons because they like getting the ball up high in the air.

Even when kids start real competition (world championship tournaments start at age 5), it is smart to keep things on the lighter side:

As kids improve in golf, very often children at the age of 8-10 years start showing great skill and can often dominate the competition in their age group. However, golf is typically a sport in which true performance characteristics emerge only after the age of 14-15 years, when other children mature. So, at young ages, parents should not place too much emphasis on winning, one way or the other. Let the kids have fun and concentrate on being supportive throughout.

Never Too Late

PGA Tour player Larry Nelson didn't pick up the game until he was in his early twenties, and several Tour players didn't pick up a club until reaching their teens, so even if your child didn't pick up their first club until junior high, they may still turn into a championship golfer with the right motivation and opportunity. Of course, if they wait, there will be a good amount of catch-up to do. There is no denying the benefits of starting golf early.

NEEPAWA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB - 2018 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2017 (PRICES INCLUDE TAXES)

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| FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (2 adults and children) | 1780 | |
| ADULT CLUB MEMBERSHIP | 850 | |
| INTERMEDIATE MEMBERSHIP (Age 18-25) | 600 | |
| JUNIOR CLUB MEMBERSHIP (under age18) | 150 | |
| STUDENT CLUB MEMBERSHIP | 350 | |
| YEARLY TRAIL FEES | 155 | |
| YEARLY SHED FEES (NO ELECTRICITY) | 200 | |
| YEARLY SHED FEE (ELECTRIC SHED) | 250 | |
| CLUB STORAGE | 100 | |
| DRIVING RANGE FEE (MEMBER) | 115 | |
| JUNIOR RANGE FEE (MEMBER) | 50 | |
| DRIVING RANGE FEE (NON MEMBER) | 225 | |
| JUNIOR RANGE FEE (NON MEMBER) | 90 | |
| | TOTAL | |

Yearly Power cart rental available \$820 incl tx. (inquire in Proshop)

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

WEEKEND PLAY PASS (some restrictions apply)

\$545

(weekends) Friday, Saturday and Sunday
 Must play after 11am on Saturday and Sunday
 No Club Tournament or league privileges

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Cheque Cash Debit Credit Card

(Prefer not taking Credit Card for Memberships due to service 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.

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

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