

# NEEPAWA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB



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*SPRING NEWSLETTER 2019*

**Your executive for the upcoming year is as follows:**

**President** –Bob McCreath

**Vice-President** – Dan Free

**Treasurer:** - Ward Szucki

**Secretary** – Kris Jacobsen

**Directors** – Garrett Rempel, Ralph Dreger, Brad Wilson, Scott Freeman, Loretta Free, Lynda Lowry and Grant Babcock

## **GROW GOLF CAMPAIGN**

**The Neepawa Golf and Country Club would like to announce an exciting new initiative for the 2019 golf season. We will be offering FREE golf to all youth, less than sixteen years of age, beginning in the spring of 2019.**

We have secured two new major sponsors Guinn Brothers Memorials and The Neepawa Dry Cleaning & Laundromat to sponsor our “Grow the Game” initiative.

Our goal is for this to be a long and rewarding initiative that can grow the game of golf in our community for all youth. We are also hopeful that it creates a lifelong interest in the game of golf and can lead to future stability in our adult golf membership.

The Board in conjunction with Landon Cameron, would like to encourage our existing members to help the youth golfers, with learning golf etiquette, respect for the golf course and the enjoyment of the game that we all experience.

The Board of Directors of the Neepawa Golf Club would also like to thank Ward Szucki of Guinn Brothers Memorials, and Brad Hackewich of The Neepawa Dry Cleaning & Laundromat, for stepping up as sponsors of this program.

## Great Read:

### Regarding Kids Playing Golf

#### Don't squash enthusiasm with criticism

According to John Elliott Jr., kids learn by doing. So, let them go out, hit the ball and make mistakes. Don't worry about what they're doing wrong, help them get better at what they're doing right. Too much criticism takes its toll.

Pro Scott Davenport agrees, noting that small kids will often do everything they're not supposed to — hold their club cross-handed and move their feet in their stance — but Davenport says to let them. Their young bodies are adjusting for leverage and balance; they'll eventually outgrow these corrections.

Let your kids get excited about what they're doing, even if it means they keep lifting their head to see where the ball's going. Kids don't get serious about golf until their teens, so make it about fun rather than technique.

#### Getting the right clubs

There are many options available these days for even the youngest of players. You don't have to buy brand new clubs when you can rent clubs or even buy second hand ones. Joyce Wilcox has something for you to keep in mind though. It's harder to swing a heavier club and this is supposed to be about fun! So, err on the side of shorter and lighter.

And how do you know when a club isn't right? "Have your child pose in the proper swing positions — halfway back, at the top, halfway down, and so on. If he or she can't hold these positions, the club is too heavy and too long."

Kids Playing Golf is the lifeblood of any golf club. With this promotion to grow the game in our area, I hope this will strengthen our future for years to come.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2019 Golf season at the Neepawa Golf and Country Club, in this our 75<sup>th</sup> year of operation. It was an incredibly long and harsh winter and I am sure that we are all very eager to get out and swing the clubs. Fingers crossed, but it appears that we will escape any major flooding again this year. The greens and the course appear to have survived the harsh winter quite well also. Credit to Mark Kerkowich and his staff for the fall prep work that should lead to great course conditions this year.

Once again Landon Cameron will be our Golf Pro and General Manager. We are incredibly lucky to have Landon and his positive attitude in place to promote and lead our Golf Course activities. Mark Kerkowich will be back again as our Grounds Superintendent and we are excited to continue working with Mark to improve and maintain our course. Both Landon and Mark will have some familiar faces on their staff as well as some new employees. We look forward to great conditions and great atmosphere around our fantastic course.

As always, you, our members are our greatest asset along with the course itself. I would like to thank everyone in advance for the volunteer work that goes into supporting all of our projects and golf activities.

In this our 75<sup>th</sup> year of operation, we may all recognize that some of our membership has seen a lot of these years. We are very proud of all our long-standing members, and we hope that our membership remains strong for years to come.

With membership in mind at this time, the Board of the Neepawa Golf and Country Club would like to announce an exciting new initiative.

On a financial note we have decided to leave all of our rates the same as they were in 2018. We are happy to have less than five years left on our mortgage from our expansion to 18 holes. We will be entering into a "Restricted Membership Agreement" with Sandy Bay again this year. This is proving to be a very solid revenue stream for our golf course.

In closing, I look forward to seeing you all at the golf course.

Here's hoping for:

- Great golf weather until late October!
- A great golf swing!
- And Course conditions that will probably be better than both the weather and our swing.

Bob McCreath  
NGCC President

**Website:** We are in the midst of moving to a new lay out hopefully operational by the time you read this. If you have any suggestions on how we could change it once it's up and running, please let me know. Take a look at: [www.neepawagolf.com](http://www.neepawagolf.com)

## **New Privileges for Members:**

(Membership Cards will be provided and must be shown to receive discount)

For Reciprocal: (50% off green fees)

A great reason to travel Westman and play some great golf courses.

**Portage** \$50 includes 18 holes and cart

### **And 50% off Green Fee's at participating courses**

**Shilo** Valid anytime, some restrictions may apply.

**Killarney** Valid anytime, some restrictions may apply.

**Minnedosa** After 2PM Weekends and Holidays, some restrictions may apply.

**Glenboro** Valid anytime, some restrictions may apply.

**Hamiota** Valid anytime, some restrictions may apply.

**Melita** Valid anytime, some restrictions may apply.

**Hartney** Valid anytime, some restrictions may apply.

**Boissevain** Valid anytime, some restrictions may apply.

**Birtle** Valid anytime, some restrictions may apply.

**Shoal Lake** Valid anytime, some restrictions may apply.

**Souris** Valid anytime, some restrictions may apply.

**Valleyview Rapid City** Valid anytime, some restrictions may apply.

**Reston** Valid anytime, some restrictions may apply.

**Cartwright** Valid anytime, some restrictions may apply.

**Rivers** Valid anytime some restrictions may apply.

**Oak Lake Golf Club** Valid anytime some restrictions may apply.

### **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@ncepawagolf.com](mailto:pro@ncepawagolf.com) or come talk to me whenever you have time.

## **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**

With most of the snow gone, the grounds crew and I are looking forward to another great year. Some staff are already out on the golf course getting things ready for the 2019 season. The greens came out of winter with very little disease and hopefully mother nature will help us keep them that way. Also, this spring might be the least amount flooding seen in several years.

We have purchased a few more pieces of equipment, including; A sprayer, 2 rollers, and Kirby's aeration business. Lawson Davie, Danny Ardron, Austin Gwilt and Roger Cross are all returning to our crew this year, allowing us to hit the ground running this spring. If anyone is interested in a full time or half time position with our crew, please contact Mark Kerkowich at [grounds@neepawagolf.com](mailto:grounds@neepawagolf.com).

Lastly, thank you to all the volunteers who help with anything we need on and off the golf course. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

See you 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**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

## **WEDNESDAY OPEN LADIES NIGHT**

We will be keeping the same format, because I think it has been working to bring new ladies from the community out to our golf course. Any ideas on how we can improve this and make it even better are always welcome. Please email me [pro@neepawagolf.com](mailto:pro@neepawagolf.com)

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

Tuesday Morning Senior Men's start up Meeting will be on Tuesday May 6<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

Thursday Morning Ladies start up meeting will be TBD

## **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 17th.





**NEEPAWA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB - 2019 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **MALE**  **FEMALE**   
**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**MAILING ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2019 (PRICES INCLUDE TAXES)**

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (2 adults and children)	<b>1780</b>	
ADULT CLUB MEMBERSHIP	<b>850</b>	
INTERMEDIATE MEMBERSHIP (Age 18-25)	<b>600</b>	
JUNIOR CLUB MEMBERSHIP (Age16-18)	<b>150</b>	
STUDENT CLUB MEMBERSHIP	<b>350</b>	
YEARLY TRAIL FEES	<b>155</b>	
YEARLY SHED FEES (NO ELECTRICITY)	<b>200</b>	
YEARLY SHED FEE (ELECTRIC SHED)	<b>250</b>	
CLUB STORAGE	<b>100</b>	
DRIVING RANGE FEE (MEMBER)	<b>115</b>	
JUNIOR RANGE FEE (MEMBER)	<b>50</b>	
DRIVING RANGE FEE (NON MEMBER)	<b>225</b>	
JUNIOR RANGE FEE (NON MEMBER)	<b>90</b>	
	TOTAL	

**Yearly Power cart rental available \$850 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)**

**\$575**

(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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