

NEEPAWA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB



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SPRING NEWSLETTER 2020

President's Message:

Firstly, let me congratulate all our Members, staff and residents of Neepawa for following the COVID-19 protocols by staying home and staying safe during the early stages of this pandemic. By following those protocols, we now have the opportunity to get out more with social distancing and now to the point of enjoying one of our favorite summer past times GOLF.

With the opportunity to open our Club on a restricted bases I welcome you all back for hopefully a long and warm season. Our winters are always long and harsh, so getting back to golf is always on our Members minds at this time of year. Having had the opportunity to walk the course prior to our opening I was pleased with how the course wintered. We owe are gratitude to Mark Kerkowich and the grounds staff for making sure all the right things are done in the fall so when spring arrives, we get to enjoy our golf under great early conditions knowing they will only improve.

We are also very pleased to have Landon Cameron back as our Golf Pro and General Manager of the Neepawa Golf and Country Club. Landon provides our Club with great leadership and promotes our Club in a positive manner. Landon continues to bring major tournaments to our facility as they become available and is a big promoter of Junior golf which are our future members and the future of golf. Also, if you need help with your game, Landon provides lessons that come with a verbal guarantee.

Please note that many new requirements have had to be put into place so we can open for the 2020 season and Landon has made sure that we are meeting them. Please make every effort to support these procedures as this is the only way we will be able to provide you and the public the golfing opportunity NGCC has to offer.

Unfortunately, we will not have our Club House open at this time, but we do hope that over the coming weeks that the opportunity to do so does become a reality. This is the one item that will take the longest to get back during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is the social part of the game that will be missed the most as many a good time has been had at the 19th hole.

In closing, myself and the Board ask for your continued support as we enter into a new era for golf and look forward to seeing everyone back and enjoying this greatest summer pastime ever.

Warren McLeod, President NGCC

Your executive for the upcoming year is as follows:

President –Warren McLeod

Vice-President – Dan Free

Treasurer: - Scott Freeman

Secretary – Kris Jacobsen

Directors – Loretta Free, Lynda Lowry, Garrett Rempel, Ralph Dreger, Brad Wilson, Grant Babcock and Preston Jarema

COVID 19 PROTOCOLS

If you haven't taken the time to read all the new policies and regulations on how we are operating under COVID`19 Protocols. Please do.

Please see the updated policies and procedures below related to operations under the current public health mandate.

Social distancing of 2m/6ft is required AT ALL TIMES while on the property. This includes the parking lot, pro shop, golf cart staging area and all areas of the golf course – especially tee boxes and greens.

Ensure that you do not have COVID-19 related symptoms, haven't left the province within the last 14 days, and haven't come in contact with anyone that may have COVID-19. If any of these situations apply to you, STAY HOME.

Provincial guidelines, legislation and fines apply while on the property, and must be strictly adhered to. Anyone failing to comply with social distancing, or any of the policies listed below may be removed from the facility and further banned until all such policies have been lifted.

BEFORE ARRIVING AT THE GOLF COURSE

- **Due to limited tee times, ALL PLAYERS MUST HAVE A TEE TIME PRIOR TO ARRIVING AT THE GOLF COURSE**
- NGCC Golf Club members may book up to 7 days in advance. Non-members may book up to 5 days in advance.
- Tee time bookings can be done online at neepawagolf.com or by phone (204) 476-5711
- Plan to arrive at the course **NO MORE THAN 20 MINUTES BEFORE YOUR ROUND.** This will help to drastically reduce the amount of traffic around the clubhouse & pro shop

UPON ARRIVAL AT THE GOLF COURSE

- Signage will greet you as you walk towards the pro shop with instructions as to how to check-in and proceed with your round.
- Only 2 customers at a time will be permitted in the pro shop. Please always follow social distancing markers both inside and outside the pro shop
- All golfers must use the hand sanitizer station before entering the Pro Shop or clubhouse washroom facilities.
- Golfers are encouraged to pay daily fees by credit card over the phone

CHANGES TO YOUR GOLFING EXPERIENCE

- Social distancing of 2m/6ft must ALWAYS be maintained. This includes keeping your distance with all members of your group as well as course staff.
- Please wait in the designated “On Deck” area until the group in front of you has left the tee box.
- Tee times will be in 12-minute intervals to ensure course is only at 50% capacity
- All groups will be called to the tee at their scheduled time. You will not be permitted to tee off early and if you are late for your tee time you will have to wait in the parking lot until the next available time slot.
- No groups will be “squeezed in” and no one will be permitted to start their round off the 10th tee (or any tee other than #1)
- There will be no congregating of golfers permitted in any area of the course at any time.
- All power carts will be limited to 1 rider unless you reside in the same house together
- All rental power carts will be washed after each round and will also be sanitized before & after each round.
- All high-touch areas on the course have been removed including ball washers and bunker rakes. On course benches have been removed or will be taped off and cannot be used during the round.
- Only touch your own personal items – this includes golf balls, clubs and golf bags.
- Flagsticks are ALWAYS to remain in the hole. Measures are in place for the cups to ensure you do not have to reach into the hole or touch the flagsticks.
- When in a bunker, we ask that you please smooth the sand with your foot following play. If you land in someone else’s footprints or a disturbed area you may take relief in another area of the bunker without penalty.
- **ALL RENTAL POWER CARTS MUST BE OFF THE COURSE 1/2 HOUR BEFORE TIME OF SUNSET IN ORDER TO ALLOW FOR ADDITIONAL CLEANING AND SANITIZING PROCEDURES.**

AFTER YOUR ROUND OF GOLF

- Maintain proper social distancing of 2m/6ft while unloading in the parking lot.
- Maintain proper social distancing when entering and exiting the cart storage shed.
- Return your rental carts to the appropriate area (follow the signage) so it can be properly cleaned and sanitized.

- No congregating in the parking lot allowed. Please exit the facility upon returning your cart. Within 20 minutes of finishing your round.
- Please take your garbage home. All on course garbage bins will be removed. Do not leave in the cart for cleaning staff to remove to limit exposure to the staff.

FACILITY & OPERATIONAL CHANGES

- The Clubhouse Restaurant & Bar will remain closed to start the season. Purchasing snacks or beverages will be allowed by checking in with proshop staff.
- Washrooms in the Clubhouse and at the snack shack will be open and sanitized 4 times daily. Please use sanitizer station outside
- Only two people at a time will be allowed in the pro shop. We recommend that only 1 member of your foursome plan to come in to check in your group.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be available at the pro shop and on course. It is recommended that you bring hand sanitizer with you if you have it.
- Tee times will be at 12 minutes intervals to ensure proper spacing on the golf course and reduce the amount of traffic on the property.
- ****Please note that this may be subject to change following clarification by the province.**
- The putting green will be closed to start the season.

****PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL POLICIES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATIONS OR MANDATES HANDED DOWN BY THE PROVINCE.**

WE WILL REQUIRE THE COOPERATION OF ALL GOLFERS TO ENSURE THAT ALL NEW RULES, POLICIES & PROCEDURES ARE ADHERED TO AT ALL TIMES TO ENSURE SAFETY FOR EVERYONE.

THESE POLICIES ARE NOT A RECOMMENDATION, THEY ARE MANDATORY. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE IS PUTTING YOU AT RISK FOR LOSING YOUR GOLFING PRIVILEGES AND PUTTING THE GOLF COURSE AT RISK OF ABRUPT CLOSURE OR SIGNIFICANT MONETARY FINES.

LEAGUE NEWS:

Tuesday morning Senior Men's league and Thursday morning Ladies league

Will operate very similar to the past years but will be done on a tee time start as opposed to a shot gun start.

Wednesday Night OPEN Ladies Night

I am hoping to run it very similarly as well but on a tee time basis. It may put a little bit more responsibility on the golfers to make your own groups and book the tee times.

Thursday Night Men's League

This one is a little trickier

Here is the plan for now, but I am open to ideas on how we could change it to accommodate everyone.

We will still sign up and the schedule will be made the same as previous years. But we will not assign you at tee time. Your match can be played on any day of the week to accommodate the mass of players. You will be responsible for making arrangements with your opponents and the proshop staff to reserve your tee time.

This way it keeps the league going for a hopeful return to normal by mid summer.

Please Remember you can Only Book 7 days in advance

If you would like to sign up for any of the leagues with your partner, please phone the proshop ASAP

RESTAURANT NEWS:

RESTAURANT WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Pop, water and snacks are available in the proshop. The proshop staff will be able to serve alcoholic drinks as well so please purchase them from the proshop. We are hopeful to have Snack shack and possibly the beverage cart operational once the weather starts to cooperate.

JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER

BY ORDER OF MANITOBA LIQUOR AND LOTERIES.
ALL LIQUOR CONSUMED ON THE GOLF COURSE MUST BE PURCHASED
FROM THE NEPAWA GOLF COURSE. NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL IS
PERMITTED.

GOLF NEWS:

All memberships, trail fees, and shed fees are due. We can accommodate people with post dated cheque payment plans. We do not accept credit card for membership payment unless you are willing to pay a 5% fee for processing.

All people who took advantage of our early bird membership drive, please remember that your trail fee and shed fees were not accepted at that time and are still outstanding.

Thanks for everyone's consideration and loyalty in these trying times, this is going to be a year where the club will need your support more than ever.

GROUNDS REPORT

As temperatures warm up, the grounds crew has been hard at work preparing the course for opening day. Overall, the course wintered well considering the wet fall and cool spring. With new policies in place due to Covid-19, we are continually adjusting our maintenance program to ensure the success of our golf club. Some noticeable changes include:

- The removal of bunker rakes and ball washers
- Modified hole to eliminate touching the cup
- Garbage bins have been removed. **PLEASE DO NOT LITTER.** We are asking you to take your garbage home to limit exposure to our grounds team.
- Hand sanitizer stations on #1 tee, #10 tee and #7 shack/washrooms
- All on course washrooms, **except #7 shack**, have been made unavailable for use
- Greens will remain our top priority, while expectations must remain realistic
- Greens program will ensure the health of the turf before green speed

We would like to ask our members for their continued patience this spring as we will do our best to safely provide excellent playing conditions. Members can help by strictly following policies and signage throughout the course. Cart traffic will be very important this year as there is potential for a lot more cart traffic.

We hope to see everyone outdoors soon and thank you for all your support. We are looking forward to a unique but successful 2020 season.

Cheers,

Mark Kerkowich

NEEPAWA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB - 2020 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME: _____ MALE FEMALE

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2020 (PRICES INCLUDE TAXES)

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (2 adults and children)	1780	
ADULT CLUB MEMBERSHIP	875	
INTERMEDIATE MEMBERSHIP (Age 18-25)	600	
JUNIOR CLUB MEMBERSHIP (Age16-18)	150	
STUDENT CLUB MEMBERSHIP	350	
YEARLY TRAIL FEES	165	
YEARLY SHED FEES (NO ELECTRICITY)	215	
YEARLY SHED FEE (ELECTRIC SHED)	265	
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 \$850 incl tx. (inquire in Proshop)

To qualify for the **Student Membership** you must be between 18-25 and attending a post secondary school FULL TIME. (No apprentices will fall under these rules).

WEEKEND PLAY PASS (some restrictions apply)

\$600

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

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Cheque Cash Debit

WE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTING CREDIT CARD FOR MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT

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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