



NEWSLETTER

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Well another golf season is finally here. If the rain ever stops so that the course can dry out we should get some bounce and roll. The greens crew has been working very hard to get the course in great shape.

The club house is also looking good. Stop in and have a look at what we did, say hi to Keisha and her crew, check out our new menu and have some lunch. The pro shop is well stocked with new merchandise so drop in and look around. Steve is just waiting to help you find something for a birthday, anniversary, father's day or even an early Christmas present, whatever the occasion.

Finally, on behalf of all of the Directors, I would like to thank Billy Terris and Gus Tanguay for their great work over the many years of service they have put in on the course. Happy Retirement Gus!

Let's have a great year!

Chuck Needham
President

GREENS COMMITTEE

For the year 2009, the Directors felt it was imperative to restore the quality of our greens after the disappointing 2008 golf season. Therefore, the committee will be making every effort possible so that the members will have a course they can be proud of and enjoy playing.

We are very fortunate to have Corey Phillips, the Course Superintendent at Frog's Breath, advising us on how best to revitalize our greens. The course staff has been busy since the beginning of the season implementing the extensive five-year program that was drafted by Corey. To reestablish the greens, a heavy aeration and top dressing program will take place throughout the year. Two greens will be done each week and we apologize for the reduced putting quality of those greens, but for the longer term, the grass will be much more resilient to various stresses.

We are very pleased with the efforts of our energetic staff to this point in our season. Albert "Abby" Russell, Nelson Denomme, Doug Scott and our mechanic, Conrad Denomme have returned from last year. We are very fortunate to add the experience of Solange Dubé and Phil Grieve to our staff after they had spent the previous few years at Frog's Breath. Eric Denomme

has also joined the crew after working elsewhere for the past two summers.

In March, we advertised for a Course Superintendent and received only one application from a man who eventually went elsewhere. Fortunately, Yvon Rivard was persuaded to take on the responsibilities of managing the team.

We think you would agree that the appearance of the course to this date is most encouraging. We thank Yvon and his staff for the pride and commitment they are exhibiting in the ever-improving condition of our course.

- Gabe Falardeau, Bill Johnston

A hack golfer spends a day at a plush country club, playing golf and enjoying the luxury of a complimentary caddy. Being a hack golfer, he plays poorly all day.

Round about the 18th hole, he spots a lake off to the left of the fairway. He looks at the caddy and says, "I've played so poorly all day, I think I'm going to go drown myself in that lake."

The caddy looks back at him and says, "I don't think you can keep your head down that long."

PLANNING

The identification of physical components of the club has started. The list will be transferred to a spreadsheet and costs will be assigned each item. The initial set up of the spreadsheet will be labour intensive but the maintenance of it shouldn't be too hard. Once established it will be a valuable document for future executive and planning committees.

Capital projects and course improvements are also a large part of the planning committee responsibilities. Projects recommended for this year at an identified cost of \$2,700.00 are:

- City water to clubhouse (\$500.00) enabling the club house to open earlier in the season.
- Set up of a greens nursery (\$1,000.00).
- Tree planting if and when trees become available.
- Replacement of the outhouses with Porta potties.
- Stump removals (\$700.00).
- Scoreboard repair (\$500.00) and/or relocation
- Planters on the tees. (to be done by volunteers)
- Entrance enhancement (to be done by volunteers)
- Clubhouse carpet replacement with flooring

- Mike Bonnah

PRO SHOP

The next time you are in the Pro Shop, take time to look over the golf equipment, apparel and shoes in stock. Steve says that we carry many top-quality, brand names such as Calloway, TaylorMade, Cobra, Titleist, Sunice, Ashworth, Aureus/Aurea and Footjoy. And if he doesn't have it in stock, he can probably order it for you.

Coming in shortly is a brand new line of Karbon shirts with the new NLGC logo. They will be available in a variety of colours in both ladies' and men's sizes.

A reminder: the driving range will be closed Thursday Nights after 7:30 P.M. to allow the Pro Shop Staff time

to ready the driving range for mowing and any maintenance needed early Friday morning.

Also remember any profits made from the sale of golf equipment, etc., go back to the club, so your support of our Pro Shop is greatly appreciated.

- Joe Marsh

CLUB HOUSE

A lot of work was done early this year mainly by volunteers to get the clubhouse looking great. The new flooring looks super with the walls that were painted last year. The deck has been stained and the really good news is that we have water that can be turned on first thing in the Spring and we don't have to wait for the ground to thaw.

I'm sure everyone has noticed how good the meals are for men's night and ladies' nights this year with more variety and table service. The regular menu is pretty tasty too. If you're playing a round and don't want to take the time to stop for lunch, you can put your order in with the beverage cart and the cart person of the day will bring your lunch out to you.

The clubhouse can also be booked for special events such as birthday parties and other celebrations. Talk to Keisha to make arrangements.

The Clubhouse put on an Italian night dinner early in the season and all who attended loved it. They are hoping to host another special dinner. Watch for the announcement. You don't want to miss it!

A big thank you goes to Steve Chenier for volunteering his time to revitalize the clubhouse and for working with Keisha and her staff to make our clubhouse a welcoming place for golfers to gather.



If you think it's hard to meet new people, try picking up the wrong golf ball. ~Jack Lemmon

If you wish to hide your character, do not play golf. ~Percey Boomer

TOURNAMENTS

Well golfers, the season is well underway and the course is great!

The 2-man tournament was a success despite the cold weather. And the Audrey Nightingale was also terrific. Forty-seven 2-lady teams attended. No surprise, the winner was the local mother-daughter team of Aline and Natalie Desjardins.

The Cubs Social enjoyed a good turnout when it was held on July 4th. It was moved forward this year to take advantage of all the people who were traveling home the first weekend in July. Thanks to everyone for supporting the midget team.

The Club Championship is on July 11. The Annual Smitty Tournament is July 25th. Come out and show support. It's a good cause. Also a good cause, there is a Wells for Well-Being Fundraising Tournament on July 18. The Junior/Senior tournament is on the 26th. OK Kids, this is your time to show Mom and Dad what you can do.

Have fun. Tee it up high.

- Kathy Denomme

WEBSITE

The website will be redesigned before next season but for now we are happy to report that the information on it is current. You can check it out at www.nlgc.ca. Any suggestions for what you would like to see can be passed on to Mike Bannah or Peter Snowdon.



Putting Tip

The main reason golfers lift their heads is because they focus too much on results rather than keeping their eye on the ball (when they are standing over a putt).

To keep your head down, the key is to listen for the ball to enter the hole, rather than looking for it to do so.

VOLUNTEERS

Thanks go out to the many volunteers who worked hard on installing the new flooring in the clubhouse, staining the deck, creating and planting the flower beds and containers, painting the benches, website management, etc. If you have any ideas for a volunteer project that can make our course even better, please pass it on to any member of the Executive.

The Blind Golfers

A priest, a doctor, and an engineer were waiting one morning for a particularly slow group of golfers.

Engineer: What's with these guys? We must have been waiting for 15 minutes!

Doctor: I don't know but I've never seen such ineptitude!

Priest: Hey, here comes the greenskeeper. Let's have a word with him.

Priest: Hi George. Say George, what's with that group ahead of us? They're rather slow aren't they?

George: Oh yes. That's a group of blind fire fighters. They lost their sight while saving our club house last year. So we let them play here anytime free of charge!

(silence)

Priest: That's so sad. I think I will say a special prayer for them tonight.

Doctor: Good idea. And I'm going to contact my ophthalmologist buddy and see if there's anything he can do for them.

Engineer: Why can't these guys play at night?

The reason the pro tells you to keep your head down is so you can't see him laughing. ~Phyllis Diller

If you drink, don't drive. Don't even putt. ~Dean Martin

GOLF ETIQUETTE REFRESHER

New to the game? Here are some etiquette tips to take with you on your round.

- Quiet! Don't talk when another golfer is hitting and please, no cell phones or beepers!
- The player with the lowest score on the previous hole, tees off first.
- The player furthest away from the green, hits first.
- Don't stand directly behind a player when he/she is hitting but do position yourself where you can see where the ball goes.
- Know what ball you are playing. It is seriously bad to hit another player's ball in error.
- Keep the play moving by being prepared to hit your shot when it's your turn.
- Let faster groups play through
- When finished putting, replace the flag quickly and leave the green. Record your score when you reach the next tee so that others playing behind you can hit.
- Repair any divots you make on the fairways, rake the bunker after you hit from it and repair ball marks on the green
- If you are carting it, and have to leave the cart some distance from where your ball is, take a couple of clubs you think you might need to save a time-wasting walk to the cart and back.
- Keep carts away from greens, tees and hazards
- Putting Manners
 - ✓ The player furthest from the hole putts first.
 - ✓ Don't step on another players putting line.
 - ✓ Mark your ball if it is in the way of another player with a coin or ball marker. If another player hits your ball while putting, he/she will incur a 2-stroke penalty and will not be happy.
 - ✓ When another player is putting, stand quietly and make sure that your shadow is not in someone's line.
 - ✓ Leave the flagstick in the hole until all players are on the green unless someone asks for it to be taken out.
 - ✓ Remember that if you hit the pin while putting on the green, that is a penalty so don't putt with the flagstick in. Hitting the flagstick from off the green is perfectly ok.
- Recreational Golf
 - It's ok to bend the rules in friendly games to speed up play.
 - ✓ Pick up the ball if you have more than 10 strokes on a hole
 - ✓ Move the ball out from under a bush or tree
 - ✓ Play ready-golf. If you are ready to hit your shot and your partner is not, go ahead and hit.



**Don't forget to sign up for the
40th Annual Jim Sargent Civic Tournament
August 1-2, 2009
Practice Round: Friday, July 31
Lets make it the best ever!**

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