

THE CGC CHRONICLE



June 2021 Edition

Presidents Message

Joe Green

Presidential Ponderings

Just this past Friday I lingered around the Club after my Men's Night round completed to meet a couple who I will be helping to get married. They both have connections to our club but were drawn to the magnificent backdrop that surrounds us. I've been to a few weddings hosted by CGC and my father has officiated dozens of weddings just off #9 green amongst the apple trees. One Christmas we gifted dad a framed print of that area that a local artist rendered of picturesque parts of our course. As the couple and I strolled around that area I joked that whomever will be doing the photos will have no lack of beautiful backdrops.

It got me thinking - what is your favorite vista at our club? Is it approaching #7 green and getting that fabulous panorama of ocean, islands, and various shades of green? Is it looking from #14 tee box to the narrow fairway and newly repaired stone bridge that leads to the green? Is it the walk down #18 as you see the marsh to one side and the Pro Shop perched up on the hill? There really are so many places that you can choose from. I remember not too

long ago standing on #10 green and looking back towards the water - a scene that I may not have fully taken in before. It surprised me that I hadn't taken time to see it from that viewpoint. Every so often I catch myself thinking that in other places I just haven't taken the time to notice.

Whether you are focused on your score, the conversation, or where the beverage cart is, I want to encourage you to have a look for those different viewpoints and to see our beautiful surrounding in this magical place we call "our Club".

You've got the honors,
Joe Green

General Managers Message

Dave MacMillan

Since my last GM installment, provincial travel restrictions have loosened, and as a result the Club has once again become very busy. Tee times are at a premium for both Members and guests, and a full tee sheet on a daily basis has become the norm, as weather permits.

All three departments of staff are virtually at full strength and are busy in their many and various tasks working to provide great conditions, and fantastic service for our members. With indoor dining once again being allowed (with Covid spacing restrictions, etc.), we are definitely seeing an uptick in traffic in our restaurant, and we have received a lot of positive feedback with regards to food, service, and atmosphere.

Regarding our busy tee sheet, the Club's Tee Sheet Management committee will be meeting in the very near future to explore ways in which to alleviate some of the frustration Members are experiencing in finding their desired tee times.

I would like to congratulate all members of the Club's staff for the wonderful job they have done this season, and I want to express my gratitude to the membership for the patience, understanding, and cooperation they have shown as we get through this 2nd phase of the provincial Covid re-opening plan. Their love and passion for Chester GC has been so apparent during this difficult time, and I want to thank each and every one personally!!

In closing, I would like to offer a subtle reminder to everyone to continue to be diligent in the practice of our Covid protocols. Although the situation has improved; we are not out of the woods yet, and must continue to follow the various health and safety guidelines that have gotten us to this point such as frequent hand washing and sanitizing, mask wearing, social distancing, etc.

In the meantime, I encourage everyone to get out and play!! Enjoy our beautiful course, socialize responsibly with family and friends, and make only pars and birdies!! The warm weather has arrived at Chester GC and we look forward to seeing you all on the links!! Let's have a great summer!!

Food and Beverage Update

Megan Sheppard

It took until early June, but the Food and Beverage operation finally got the green light to open for in-person dining. First, as outdoor, patio seating only, and then the bump to indoor seating! We were thrilled to be open in any capacity but were so relieved when we were able to welcome members and guests inside!

All our hoping and wishing worked, as we were able to open in time for Father's Day! Thank you to everyone who called in orders, made reservations, stopped by and grabbed a table, and celebrated their dads with us!

We are now functioning as fully as we can be. We are using our space to its maximum capacity. Last year was a huge learning curve and we were able to use that to our advantage this year. We have increased the number of tables and have fine-tuned our practices. Thank you for showing patience and understanding.

Please remember:

- The only entrance is through the bar, and only exit is through the dining room.
- All guests of the Clubhouse – even if they reside in the same house – must check-in when entering the building.
- Masks are required at all times, and frequent hand sanitizing is encouraged.
- As tempting as it is to visit friends at other tables, you must remain seated at all times, unless using the facilities or preparing to leave.

We are so looking forward to the true summer season beginning. Once school is out, and we hit that Canada Day mark, summer is officially here! To help with summer planning, here are a couple of dates and times to keep in mind for the month of July:

- *Thursday, July 1st* is the first official day of Clubhouse summer hours, which extends our closing time to **9pm**.
- As *July 1st* is **Canada Day**, we will open for breakfast at **9am**.
- *Saturday, July 3rd*, the first weekend of July, will mark our first weekend of breakfast! For *July and August*, the Clubhouse will open at **9am Saturday and Sunday** with a full breakfast menu!
- Please note on days that breakfast is offered, lunch does not commence until **12pm**.
- *Saturday, July 10th* we will be closing following breakfast service at **12pm** for a wedding! The window will remain open for Snack Bar services only.
- *Thursday, July 29th* the CGC is hosting the Jordan Boyd Memorial Tournament. The restaurant will close at **3pm**, but the window will remain open for Snack Bar services only.

Looking forward to seeing you here soon! Don't forget to call ahead or email to make reservations: 902-275-4702 ext. 3 or reservations@chestergolfclub.ca.

Thanks,
Clubhouse Team

Head Professional
Dan Fraser

Hello Members,

Hard to believe that we are already into July! As Mark says, soon we will be curling. I want to thank our Pro Shop and Outside Services team for the job they have been doing. As you are aware, the tee sheets have been very busy and they are doing the best they can to get you the tee time you want, and to get you started on time. I do not expect the tee

sheets will slow down in July and we have got some fun member events lined up for you.

Our friends from Titleist are back!

Titleist Fitting Day, July 8th 10:00-2:00.

Book by appointment only by emailing Danfraser@chestergolfclub.ca

Member Events in July

Mixed 2 Ball- July 3rd - This event is almost sold out so if you have not signed up yet, please do so.

Family Classic-July 18th One of the best events of the season, and a great chance to get out with your family. Look for the poster soon after the mixed event.

JN PEW Men's Event July 24th - This net stableford point style event is wide open for the whole field.

Women's Handicap July 24th - Same for our Women, the net event means anyone can win this big event. Look for these posters just after the Mixed event as well.

Tip of the month- While doing the Cobra and Callaway fitting days along with clinics one of the most common questions always asked is "How high do I tee up my ball"? With the Driver we want to hit up on the ball, so I always like to see people tee it high. This helps promote an upward motion and gets that lower degree driver up the loft and helps you get the ball up in the air. Now can you tee it too high? Sure, but if you sky it, it is more likely from swinging down with the driver.

With an iron or a more shallow faced club you want to tee the ball down to help you with that downward motion to make good clean contact. But with a Driver? Tee it high and let it fly!

That's all for now. Thanks everyone and keep playing golf!

Dan

Women's Division

Gail Mitchell

Women's Division Tuesday Morning League

Welcome back to everyone! International Women's Golf Day was celebrated for the first time on Tuesday, June 1. An invitation was sent out to every female member of our club, and seventy-two women signed up. Please visit the Women's Division Tuesday Morning League on the CGC webpage and view the slideshow. Many thanks to MJ Saffrey, Gail Carleton, Diane Stevens, and Sue Hennigar for their crafty crocheting. Also, the efforts of Sheila Boss, Anna Camp and Sherry Brine for preparations began in March. Well done, volunteers and lots of fun for all participants! The winning team of Sue Hennigar, Lois McPhee, Sara Filbee and Cathy Rafuse walked away with new baseball hats. Finally, two groups tied for the second prize and were given a free putting lesson by our Pro Dan. Thanks, Dan, for offering your time and expertise in support of IWGD '21 and the Women's Division.

Two women worked together for the first time as June monthly hosts pulling off each Tuesday with class, rain, or shine. A job well done, Sheila Boss and Dee Dee Dyer!

July presents two prestigious WD tournaments, the Bronze Provincial Championship Qualifier and The Nunn Trophy. Hosts Anna and Catherine will be sending out an email to inform all Women's Division Members of July's schedule of events.

Linda Oliver is back as Chair for the second year of Golf Fore the Cure on August 10. Sign up soon as this event fills up quickly every year.

Continue entering scores on Golf Canada, respecting the pace of play, and enjoying golf in July.

Gail Mitchell

Around the Club

Dean Durnford

Changing your email address or contact information? Be sure to let the Pro Shop Staff know of any change to your contact information so we can continue to stay in touch.



- We have removed the pool noodles from our cups and bunker rakes/ball washers will be reintroduced in the coming days. You can also remove the flags or leave them in place, it's your choice. While touchpoints are not regulated within The Order of the Chief Medical Officer, it is best practice to use any means to avoid cross-contamination by wearing a golf glove, using a towel etc. – these are effective strategies.
- To become a Junior Member (ages 6-18) – The Junior must be a child or a grandchild of a member **or** a resident of the Municipality of the District of Chester. Any Junior who maintains his/her membership, in good standing, for the three (3) year period prior to turning 19 will be eligible for Intermediate or Senior membership upon reaching the age of 19.
- If you have any information requests or questions pertaining to your membership, you can contact memberservices@chestergolfclub.ca for support.
- Have a great photo, please send them to memberservices@chestergolfclub.ca, it could be used in an upcoming newsletter! Also, if you have any ideas for content in the newsletter that would be of interest to the broader membership, please send them in, we are always looking to improve your newsletter content.





Have a hole in one? Be sure to let us know the details and a photo would be great. Let us know what hole, what club was used and who you were playing with. All entries are posted to the Hole in One Club on the website, and you are invited to the Celebration of Champions in the fall.

Rule Tip

*Ruth Christian
National Rules
Official*



Ball in Penalty Area - Relief options

Rule 17.1

Last month we discussed playing your ball from the penalty area without penalty. This is not always the best or even possible option and for one penalty stroke you have the following options:

Stroke and Distance Relief: (yellow & red penalty areas)

At any time if your ball is lost or out of bounds, you **MUST** take stroke-and-distance relief by adding one penalty stroke and playing a ball from where the previous stroke was made. You only have 3 minutes to look for your ball. If your previous stroke was in the general area place a marker like a tee at the original spot and your relief area is one club length from the marker no closer to the hole. If you are returning to the teeing area you can play your ball from anywhere in the teeing area and can tee it up. Smart to play a provisional ball if you are in this situation.

However, if your ball is lost in a penalty area and you are 95% sure that it went in the penalty area and your playing partners agree you have the following additional penalty relief options:

Back-On-The-Line relief option: (yellow & red penalty areas)

Adding a one stroke penalty you can drop your ball as far back as you want on a straight line between the hole and where the ball entered the penalty area. Once you choose how far you want to go back you establish a reference point on that line by, putting down a marker like a tee and your relief area is one club length from the marker no closer to the hole. Important to remember the line is a straight line from the hole and from where the ball entered the penalty area not where it ended up.

Lateral relief: (red penalty area)

Again, adding one penalty stroke, this is the most popular choice for taking relief from a red penalty area. Where the ball entered the red penalty area you establish your relief area for lateral relief. The relief area is two club-lengths from the boundary of the penalty area no nearer the hole. Drop a ball within the two club-lengths.

Local Rule at Chester - Lateral relief for red penalty area on left hand side of the fairway on Hole #4

As an additional relief option, you may drop a ball on the opposite side of the penalty area that is the same distance from hole as the estimated point where the ball entered the penalty area on the other side. The relief area is two club-lengths no nearer the hole. This applies only to Hole #4.

Note: These three relief options are the same for an Unplayable lie with one major difference. The penalty area reference is from where the ball entered the penalty area with the unplayable lie it is from the spot of the original ball. This is why you cannot take the unplayable lie option in a penalty area.

Ruth Christian, National Rules Official

Tee Maintenance Series

Dave MacMillan

General Manager-Superintendent

For this month's golf course topic, I would like to talk a little bit about our cart paths.

We have used a variety of different materials at different locations around the golf course ranging from asphalt to Eco- grid grass pavers, to Class - A gravel. Asphalt is very durable, but very expensive. It is generally applied in areas of high traffic, when the Club can fund this type of "big ticket "project. We have installed Eco-grid grass pavers in areas such as in front of and to the left of # 18 green, to the right of # 3 green, and a small area to the left of # 7 green. These areas are also high traffic spots, but very much in play to the golfer. To reduce golf balls bouncing uncontrollably we felt this material to be more appropriate than asphalt, and more aesthetically pleasing than gravel.

The remaining paths are generally surfaced with Class - A gravel. This a combination of small stone and sand. It is relatively inexpensive compared to asphalt or Eco-grid; but requires frequent maintenance and is susceptible to wash - out in periods of heavy rains.

Hole #4



Hole #11



Lately many of you may have noticed a new grey colored material on # 4, # 11, and # 16 cart paths. This material is referred to as crusher dust, and is composed of finely crushed rock only, with no sand

or other differently sized material therein. This material packs much more firmly than Class - A and is less prone to wash - out. Also, we feel it is aesthetically pleasing to the eye, and we have received a lot of very positive feedback from our members to this affect. Over the coming weeks and months, we intend to resurface as many of our cart paths with this material as possible; with the ultimate goal of doing all trails and paths on the golf course.

For the record, regarding ongoing work, cart path repair was one of the main maintenance priorities listed for 2021 by the Greens committee, along with bunker maintenance, new forward tees, and irrigation system upgrades. We believe that work to the Clubs cart paths is long overdue and is very important to the look of the golf course, and indeed to the overall experience and enjoyment of our members and guests.

I certainly hope this little bit of information is helpful in highlighting some of the work being carried out this season by our dedicated grounds crew. Stay tuned for next month's instalment, and please remember to repair your divots, fix your ball marks, and above all ...stay safe!!

Upcoming Events

Mixed Two-ball Saturday **July 3rd**.

Family Classic- **July 18th**

JN Pew and Women's Handicap **July 24th**.

Club Championship **Aug 7th-8th**.

Play FORE the Cure – **August 10th**.