

# THE CGC CHRONICLE



*July-August 2021 Edition*

## **Presidents Message**

*Joe Green*

Greetings Fellow Members,

This contribution will be different from the previous ones as there has been some significant changes in our Management Team here at the club. We want to start the update process and share some of what you can expect as we move forward.

Late last year the executive moved forward with a recommendation to seek some 3rd party consultation regarding our overall structures. This was primarily focused on the management structure but also included some insights on the governance model of the Board. It became clear through this process that a key change in our structure was to separate the General Manager role from the Superintendent role so that there would be two distinct positions. As we brainstormed and dreamt a little about this change our consultant led us to think of ways in which other positions could be reframed or changed. This led to

the folding in of the Business Manager position with the General Manager role. It also enabled us to envision the Superintendent as having a greater responsibility over the buildings and infrastructure of the Club. Part of the process was to come up with job descriptions that incorporate these changes and to identify key competencies that will be necessary for the new hires to possess.

Since we've completed part of one of this new way forward we've also started a conversation with recruitment firm that has worked with other NSGA clubs. Our goal is to have that recruitment, hiring, and on boarding process completed by the end of our 2021 season. Once that new person is in place we'll start a process to hire a new superintendent. This will also need to be achieved quickly as they will need to be in place in advance of the 2022 season.

While these changes are being made the Board will start to look at our governance model and by-laws to

see what further changes need to be made. Part of what we hope will change is not only some positions, but also some of the culture. The changes we have undertaken are a bold step forward as we look at the identity of the Club, how different layers of our structure work and work well together, and at the end of the day how the Management Team can effect change that will enhance the member and guest experience of our spectacular seaside golf course.

I wish to say again how grateful we are to our previous GM Dave MacMillan for getting us to this point and to Philip Chandler who has stayed on to help in the transition. I also want to thank the remaining Management Team as well as the senior staff in all departments for helping make this transition smooth. They have already gone above and beyond which speaks to their professionalism and desire to have the Club succeed. Temporarily the Executive Committee has filled in some gaps and is helping facilitate in the transition. We do this with the same desire to see this process succeed but will work diligently to ensure that proper management positions are filled in a timely manner.

There will be more to disclose and respond to our August 25th AGM which will be held via Zoom. Again we can be reached at [executive@chestergolfclub.ca](mailto:executive@chestergolfclub.ca)

Thank you for your patience and support during this transition.

Joe Green  
President

**Head Professional**  
*Dan Fraser*

I'm not going to open with my usual "it's hard to believe how fast the summer is going". Nope not going to do it this time. Instead, I'm going to open with how great it's been to see some familiar faces around the golf course this past month. We've missed seeing you in 2020 and looking forward to seeing more of the "usual suspects" as we roll into

August. Can you believe how fast the summer is going? Oh crap.

This past month saw some great golf, not only from our members that teed it up in the Mixed 2 Ball, J.N. Pew, Women's Handicap and the Family Classic, but from our very own Mark Chandler who finished T2 in the NS Men's Amateur at Avon Valley. Mark qualified for the Canadian Men's Amateur in Windsor, ON and I'm sure he's been taking in all the advice I've been giving him. Best of luck Mark!

Getting back to the club events if I may, we've seen a greater number of participants in each event this season and that makes me thrilled to see so many of our club members taking part. As I type this the JN Pew and Women's Handicap is being played and we have almost 90 players! Our Club Mixed had 50 couples and was won by new member Mike Dunlevy and sharp shooter Carolyn Timmons. In non-club event related news, we hosted our yearly Castle Building Centre Junior Invite recently and saw 55 juniors from across the province take part. Jack Fougeron from Grandview and Annika Parkash from Ashburn walked away with the titles. We had 13 juniors from our own club participate and I would like to thank our partners at Castle Building Centers for their continued support of this event.

The Club Championship was held on August 7th & 8th and our BIG winners were Chad Pearson and Barb Arsenault with the overall titles. Our Senior Champions were Ross McNeil and Sherry Brine with Barrie Jardine and Linda Weckman winning the Super Senior and Masters Titles. Junior Champions are Jaxon Pearson and Bria Cowan. Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to everyone that participated. The course was in tremendous shape and the weather finally cooperated on a week-end club event. Great job weather!

Big events like the Club Championship always seem to come down to putting. When putting you want to be able to roll the rock with confidence. Pick your spot and remember to feel aggressive. Commit to

your line and always feel like you're gonna make it. There are so many different putter types on the market these days it's hard to know which one is best suited for you. Maybe it's time to switch to a mallet style? Shameless plug alert, your CGC pro shop has all sorts of different putters which may just be the last piece to the puzzle for you to win the Club Championship!

Well that's all for this month. Keep playing golf!

### **Food and Beverage Update**

*Megan Sheppard & Ceilidh Gaylor*

July has been a great month for the Food and Beverage operation. We are very happy to welcome back familiar faces that have been away for so long! We would like to kindly remind our guests that as excited as we are to see you, the 6ft rule must remain a top priority. Please do not approach staff for hugs – it's in our nature to do so, but we ask that you maintain your distance. Though restrictions have eased, we still must be diligent in following the current rules and regulations.

For the first time since Covid, we hosted a wedding! After patiently waiting an entire year, we were finally able to accommodate the Miller Dauphinee Wedding. The day went off without a hitch – the bride and groom looked fantastic and the weather, by some miracle, held off! Thank you to Makayla and Jim who were fabulous to work with. We wish them endless years of happiness together!

Our new 2021 staff have been doing well and are finding their stride within our operation! With Megan's departure on maternity leave, Ceilidh Gaylor has assumed the helm in the Clubhouse. Helping Ceilidh with the transition is long-time employee, Joanna Tranter who has stepped into the Assistant Manager role. As you may remember, Joanna is the ever-so-talented mask designer who created the works of art that are for sale in the Pro Shop. Please give these lovely ladies a warm welcome in their new positions!

August almost over and September is slowly creeping in, we would like to give a huge thank you for joining us this summer. We're already missing the staff heading off to school in September. If anyone knows of anyone looking for a little work, we will be hiring (dishwasher / wait staff) for the remainder of the season, so have them stop by with a resume! Race week was a very busy time, with arguably the best seats in town. We're hoping everyone enjoyed themselves! Several fundraisers and tournaments have already come and gone with much success and many more in September. This should keep ourselves busy well into the fall. Here's to more hot, sunny days and a longer golfing season!

### **Women's Division**

*Linda Oliver – Vice-President*

July was a fantastic month for our Women's Division golfers. Catherine Campbell and Anna Camp did an excellent job of organizing Tuesday morning golf. Participation is growing and there is a greater demand for tee times. This is exactly what we need to help grow the Club. We are very proud of the efforts of our monthly hosts in encouraging all women members to play on Tuesdays.

Update on the Chester Women's Field Day held July 20, 2021- A huge success- that is what the organizing committee was told by virtually every golfer. Thank you to the Club, to our pro Dan Fraser and his team, to Megan Sheppard and her dining room staff especially the Chef's, to the grounds crew and staff who prepared the Club so all our visitors saw Chester at its best! Greatly appreciated. We continued in the spirit of Chester Golf Club's reputation of being open and welcoming to all 108 golfers!



Update from the Women's Division on our annual fund raiser for Breast Cancer research held Tuesday August 10, 2021. The vent was a huge success - Gail Carleton, chair of the Fund Raising for the event, together with her vice chair, MJ Saffrey, did an excellent job of working to raise of approximately \$30,000 to go to the Cancer Society for Breast Cancer - and they did it with the excellent guidance of Linda Oliver, Event Coordinator. This achievement could not have happened without the support of donors, sponsors, golfers and Chester staff members. We are looking forward to an even bigger and more successful event next year.

Congratulations to Trudy Somers-Lamb, Catherine Campbell, Audrey Hartlin and Donna Flemming who qualified to represent CGC Women on August 10th at the Bronze Provincial Championship. Drive on!

### Junior Development

*PJ (Peter) Cowan*

We have 2 junior golf clinic sessions remaining in addition to 2 more family golf evenings in August and our always popular TOP Gun event August 22nd to wrap the season. The sessions have over 50 kids registered and are broken out into 4 separate groups. They have been well attended and not possible without the assistance of Mathew and Allison Chandler.

The Castle Junior event went ahead last July 22 despite ominous weather in the area. We had 59 registrations and 54 players on the course day of. The kids had a great day and happily spent their winnings in our Pro shop. Our small but mighty team of volunteers were rock stars again, Ruth Christian, David Walker, David Harvey, Paul Nickerson, John and Joanne Ravalo, thank you. Photos should be up on our website soon. 13 of our Juniors played in the event, U11 through U19.

Thanks to Castle Chester Building supplies and Steve Foran for his generosity and continued support. Huge thanks to Robert Stevens and Tony

Cahoon for their efforts and generosity to the Junior program. These 2 played 100 holes of golf for various charities and generously donated \$1600 to our kids junior program. Family Classic had essentially a full field. Thanks to Dan and the match committee for bringing this fun family event back, 9-hole and 18-hole formats allowed for even our youngest players to get out.



### 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.*



- Needs club repairs, spikes or new grips, see Bruce Bond in the Backshop. Bruce recently received a long awaited order of grips so if you have been waiting – they are in!
- If you have any information requests or questions pertaining to your membership, you can contact [memberservices@chestergolfclub.ca](mailto:memberservices@chestergolfclub.ca) for support.
- Have a great photo, please send them to [memberservices@chestergolfclub.ca](mailto: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 will be invited to the Celebration of Champions in the fall.*

#### Holes in one reported this season include:

Twila McInnis – Hole #8, Chad Pearson – Hole #8  
Art Robichaud – Hole #16, Kathryn Shaw – Hole #8,  
and Stephen Flinn – Hole #8

Did you have a hole-in-one this season and don't see your name above? Please provide details to [memberservices@chestergolfclub](mailto:memberservices@chestergolfclub) and we will take care of the rest.

#### **Rule Tip**

*Ruth Christian  
National Rules  
Official*



#### **Ball in Penalty Area - Relief options**

#### **Putting Green -Much kinder place to be with new rules**

There were significant changes made in the new golf rules as to what is allowed on the putting green.

One change we have all become familiar with is leaving the flag stick in the hole when we putt. Covid rules required us to leave it in but now that is no longer the case. It is at the players discretion as to whether they want to leave the flag in or take it out. I have heard some discussion that all players in the group must agree whether to leave it in or take it out - this is not the case it is an individual decision.

The second major change was that you can repair damage on the putting green. Damage on the putting green is defined to include all types of damage (such as ball-marks, shoe damage, indentations from a club or flagstick, animal damage, etc.) exceptions are aeration holes, natural surface imperfections or natural wear of the hole.

Another favorable rule introduced for the putting green is if your ball or ball marker is moved by accident there is no penalty as long as you replace the ball. So, if by accident you drop your club on your ball, kick it or are taking a practise swing and hit your ball as long as you replace it no penalty. This also applies to your playing partners if they move your ball or ball marker by accident. This is only on the putting green if you move your ball accidentally off the green unless it is during a search for the ball it is a one stroke penalty as long as you replace it (two strokes if you do not replace it).

However, an important rule to remember is if your ball is moved by natural forces (like wind) on the putting green and you have not yet lifted, marked and replaced your ball you must play the ball from its new location. If you have lifted, marked and replaced your ball and it moves from natural forces you replace your ball to its original location.

One final rule to know is when the ball is played from the putting green and accidentally hits a person (not attending flag stick), an animal, or movable obstruction (like flag stick, clubs etc. laying on the ground), or another ball in motion the ball must be replaced on its original spot and there is no penalty. If you hit the person attending the flag stick or the flag stick while in the hole you play the ball from its new location (no penalty)

An exception to this rule is If a player's ball in motion hits another ball at rest on the putting green and both balls were on the putting green before the stroke the player making the shot gets a two-stroke penalty. The ball that was hit is replaced and the player plays their ball from its new location. It is the responsibility of the player making the shot to

ask for balls to be marked if there is a chance they may be hit.

Knowing the rules of golf can be an advantage.

Ruth Christian, National Rules Official

### **Upcoming Events**

Sept 1<sup>st</sup> – Super Senior Closing (9:00am shotgun)

Sept 1<sup>st</sup> – WOW League Closing (4:30pm shotgun)

Sept 11<sup>th</sup> – Men's Night Closing (1:30pm shotgun)

Sept 28<sup>th</sup> – Women's Division Closing (9:00am shotgun)

Note: Schooner Invitational – Cancelled for 2021

*Note there are a number of group events planned for September, some of which were originally scheduled for June but changed due to COVID. Check the Event Calendar on our website (under the NEWS heading)*