

Greetings Fellow Members,

It is a privilege to report to you in this first spring meeting as President of the club. As I write, it is a beautiful day in our province and from pictures I've seen that the course looks beautiful as well. I say pictures because like many of you I've been asked to stay in my community and to not travel so that the spread of COVID-19 would be mitigated. This has meant that I've not been able to enjoy something we all love in a place we all find spectacular. Hopefully as the case numbers decrease and the community clusters become fewer, it will mean we all will be able to return to seaside golf in Chester.

Your board has been meeting and adapting to the latest changes due to COVID-19. In addition your executive have been meeting to help support the Management Team in their day-to-day decisions. It has meant that we've added to our collective volunteer hours and continue to learn how to direct our club into this new season.

One significant area of work for the executive has been to establish a "Project Team". Following the 3<sup>rd</sup> party consultations we were apart of last year, it became clear that some recommendations for review and change would become the bulk of our work this year. Some of the review has to do with our governance and policies. We have reviewed membership and boundaries a number of times but not the other policies that help inform us and guide our staff. The other significant review has been under the guidance of Carrigan Partners. This review sought to revisit our overall management structure. We currently are in the midst of this review and once the Board and the Management Team have been engaged we plan to come to you as members to consider some ways forward.

In the past year we've given thanks to some board and committee members who have passed on the torch. We are also grateful that others have stepped up and into volunteer roles. If you would like to be part of a committee or help in any way please note that we now have an email ([executive@chestergolfclub.ca](mailto:executive@chestergolfclub.ca)) for contact, concerns, or questions. Since we last met there have been a number of fellow members who have departed us. A strength of our club has always been its members but there have been some like David Hume that remind us how important volunteering and giving back can be. He is a representative of the many people that make our club great. We are "stronger together" is an appropriate motto for our club as well as our province.

This coming year has the potential to be another successful season. We are looking forward to working with the faces of our Club by being supportive to our staff. We know that we start this year not unlike last year with some unknowns financially. We are grateful for your support of our club through the dues we all pay as it brings some stability to the financial health of the club in times of uncertainty. We take it as a great responsibility to steward your dues as we get through this latest storm together.

I hope that this report finds you well and that you and those close to you are safe and remain that way.

Respectfully,

Joe Green  
President