

THE CGC CHRONICLE



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Presidents Message

Joe Green

Presidential Ponderings

You've probably noticed from time to time the many different plaques that are affixed to various things around our Club. Many of them are attached to benches and remind us of people and their contribution to our Club. I was playing recently and notice one such plaque. It was at the white/blue tee box on number 10. It said, in loving memory of Harvey W. Nauss and Allan R. Bremner.

When we first came to Chester, Harvey was one of the first people I met. Having known him from church, I remember one day looking for a tee time and asked Debra over the phone which groups needed a fourth. She listed off a few names and when I heard Harvey's name I asked to be put in his group. That day he taught me a great lesson. I was a late teenager and was attempting to hit it like Tiger and spraying the ball left and right. Harvey who was much my senior at the time had a bag filled with woods a wedge and a putter. He hit the ball not very far but on the fairway each and every time. He beat me by 20 strokes that day. But the lesson I also remember was that he introduced me to his friend Allan. They joked with each other and the people

we met along the way. They talked each other up when they hit a good shot. I came to realize they were more than playing partners but dear friends.

When I look around at various groups while playing, I notice that many of you play with the same people. I can almost predict the group if I notice one person who is playing in that group. I too have those people I play with on a regular basis who have become good friends. Apart from the game and the beautiful view, a round of golf can be a time of connection to old friends and to sometimes some new ones. Who are your golf buddies? How has your connection grown to each other, to the game we love, and the Club we are a part of?

You've got the honors,

Joe Green
President

UPDATE on the search for a General Manager: The executive wants to pass along to you that thus far we've met with 5 candidates who all have golf managerial experience. We may have a couple more candidates to consider before starting second round interviews. The process has been positive. We've

heard feedback recently of concerns that the job advertisement did not focus on aspects of member experience. The questions we have asked each candidate do include a member focus and it remains a priority in our search. More to come in the coming months but we look forward to making a potential announcement this fall.

Head Professional

Dan Fraser

A View From Behind the Desk

Good afternoon everyone. October golf is upon us, but not to worry, it's still a great time of year to get out and play. The leaves are changing color, the wind is a bit cooler than it was in August, it gets dark a bit faster, the ball doesn't quite fly as far as it normally would.... but hey it's October and you're healthy and you're playing golf so keep that in mind!

What did you think about the Ryder Cup? It seemed like the Americans were destined to win this one for Steve Stricker the American Captain. They had to have the edge all weekend as not many fans from Europe could make the trip across the pond. While they did outplay the Europeans this time, in two years' time when the Ryder is played in Italy, I'm sure the Europeans will reload and do their best to win back the Cup.

You're probably already aware that the club closing was postponed until the 17th of October. The plan is to keep the same groupings and tee spots as the original event. The food plan will remain the same, an on-course BBQ between holes 9 & 10 which will start at 10:00 and run till 5:00. If you're now unable to play or would like to play, please contact the Pro Shop. I will be sending out a new draw for the event a few days before the 17th. We will have to change the start times and format a bit to accommodate the amount of people playing while dealing with potential frost delays and darkness at 6:30.

Thanks everyone. Looking forward to seeing your name on the tee sheets in October!

Food and Beverage Update

Ceilidh Gaylor

It's been a great season! Just wanted to give thanks to everyone who stopped by for a quick patio beer, post-golf meal or to celebrate a birthday or anniversary. The summer went by too fast. Also, a thank you for understanding the short staff issue, allowing us to give one day off a week to our staff.

A notice that the restaurant / window will now close at 7pm.

The last official day of dine-in eating will be October 17th, with the window open 10-6 until November 1st.

A little update, as I know you've all been waiting for... Megan Sheppard finally had her baby!!! Mom and the baby girl are happy and healthy! The youngest club member yet.

Women's Division

Gail Mitchell -President

The Women's Division has accomplished many planned golfing experiences for our paid members in 2021

- We have a total of 110 women who paid a \$20.00 Membership Fee.
- There were 7 Bubble Teams in total created by our Women's Division members.
- Women's Division members chose to golf 9 or 18 holes every Tuesday to accommodate one's skill and enjoyment for the game of golf.
- Prizes were awarded at the end of each week to Winners and Runners-up in each Division. Events completed this season:

1) International Women's Golf Day June 1, 2021.

2) The Women's Field Day on July 20 was a staggered start event due to Covid safety rules. Reports were positive on all levels, with 116 participants. Linda Oliver, event Chair, continued the CGC Women's Field Day tradition.

3) Golf Fore The Cure, on August 10, raised over \$30,000.00 for Breast Cancer Research. Once again, many thanks to Linda Oliver, Chair and her committee members, MJ Saffrey and Gail Carleton.

4) Monthly scrambles and luncheons. The final event will be our end-of-year AGM, scramble, luncheon and our first Tuesday Morning League Scramble since 2019. Covid was a factor every step of the way during the past two years. It provided interesting challenges and unprecedented decision-making. Without the efforts of the following women, who created weekly draws, produced final results and chaired events, our league would not happen.

Thanks so much for all your contributions to the WD in 2020-2021:

Kelly McKnight - Past President
Sherry Brine – Secretary
Trudy Somers-Lamb - Treasurer
Linda Oliver - Vice President
Monthly Hosts- Rosemary McInnes -Barb Oland -
Catherine Campbell -Debbie Toogood - Anna Camp
-Moie MacGillivray - Sheila Boss -MJ Saffrey - Dee
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WOW League

Trudy Somers-Lamb

The Women on Wednesday (WOW) Fun League returned in 2021 after taking a hiatus in 2020 due to COVID-19. Despite the significant and ongoing challenges posed by pandemic restrictions on a social league, WOW rebounded and has grown to 190 members – 92 CGC members and 98 green fee players.

WOW commenced its 2021 season in May, a month earlier than normal. Inclement weather and COVID-19 travel restrictions during the month of May meant some low turnouts. The weekly turnout ranged averaged 56 players over the 18 weeks of the season, although on several occasions we had to turn people away as our tee times were full. We have asked for additional tee times for the league and hope to have good news on that issue next season.

The Clubhouse again offered weekly food and drink specials for WOW golfers and Pump House Brewery returned as our season sponsor. One new initiative this season was a WOW Golf Shirt, available in a variety of colors and featuring an embroidered WOW logo. Look for these spiffy golf shirts out on the course!

The last night of golf for the WOW Fun League for the 2021 season was our Going to the Zoo closing scramble and dinner on September 1st. Photos from the night are posted on the WOW bulletin board in the women's locker room and will soon be posted on the WOW page of the CGC website.

The feedback I receive from and about WOW is extremely positive, and WOW continues to grow through the enthusiastic word-of-mouth endorsements of its members. WOW welcomes golfers of all abilities to golf in a relaxed, supportive, non-competitive environment where they can improve their skills and gain confidence. I had the opportunity to take out several new golfers this season for their first ever round of golf. I'm pleased to say that these women continued coming out to WOW and are now getting out on the course outside of league play.

WOW would not happen without the hard work and dedication of the Monthly Hosts, and their efforts and their support are the foundation of this league. But the heart of WOW is the women who come out each week, bringing their good humor, their enthusiasm, and some extra balls. There is a real sense of mutual support and camaraderie within this wonderful group of women, and it has been a privilege to have served as the coordinator of this league for the past three years. So it is with mixed emotions that I've decided to step down from the role. It has been an incredibly rewarding experience, and I look forward to enjoying many more years with WOW as a regular and devoted participant!

Please join me in welcoming Diane Crowther as the incoming WOW Coordinator for 2022. Diane has been a Monthly Host since the inception of WOW

and is passionate about the league and its mission. WOW will be in very capable hands!

Junior Development

PJ (Peter) Cowan

The Chester Junior season activities have wrapped for the season. Although the kids are back in school, we hope they will still get out to practice and play. Next year we hope to continue to build out the program with more participation from our Tweens and Teens.

I would like to thank all those who participated in our booster program over the last number of years. Additionally, thanks to the Super Seniors group who donated the proceeds from their model fishing vessel raffle, Tony & Robert for their efforts and the Jordan Boyd memorial tournament for their donations. These donations have helped our junior development program provide solid financial support and programming to all.

Lastly and certainly not least, thanks to all the parents and volunteers who helped with all our activities this season. None of these would be possible without the leadership of our tireless professional Dan Fraser.

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.



- It's that time of year when we have to start thinking about preparing for the season end. Bruce Bond in our Backshop will be closing shop on October 25th, that means, all stored clubs will need to be removed by that date unless you want

to pay for winter storage. The driving range will be closed officially on October 25th.

- 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 it 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 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,
Stephen Flinn – Hole #8, Jim Key – Hole #8,
Matthew Collins – Hole #12, and Robin Bond – Hole #6

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

Rule Tip

*Ruth Christian
National Rules
Official*



Teeing Area (formally known as Tee Box) Rule 6.2

You are on Hole #3 where you know a good drive is so important to have a chance at a decent score. You hit a beautiful shot past the sand trap on the right. Your playing partner says, “Uh Oh I just noticed something” and points to your tee. If you would have been six inches further back, you would be triumphantly walking down the fairway – now you have to hit another ball. You have hit outside of the teeing area and now have a two-stroke penalty and must play another ball from within the teeing area or are disqualified.

If you hit from the wrong tee markers it is the same as if you had hit from outside the teeing area. You have a two-stroke penalty and must play another ball from within the teeing area at the right tee markers.

The teeing area is a rectangle marked on one end by the two tee markers and on the other by an imaginary line two club-lengths (of whichever club you choose) back.

You can stand outside the teeing area in making the stroke, but the ball must be in the teeing area.

Your ball may be teed or played from the ground. The ground can include sand or other natural materials put in place to set the tee or ball on.

Sometimes you’ll see a player settle up to the ball, as they are doing so the ball will fall off or be knocked off the tee. Inevitably a friend will call out “That’s a stroke” It’s not. This also applies to a practice swing (no intent to hit the ball) it is not a stroke or a penalty. If you want, you can re-tee the

ball or move the ball anywhere within the teeing area without penalty.

Of course, if you swing with the intent of hitting the ball you have to include that swing as a stroke. Even if you miss the ball or it is hit but remains within the teeing area you can re-tee the ball or move it anyway in the teeing area with no penalty. However, again if your intent was to hit the ball the swing counts as a stroke.

You cannot find your ball in the bushes and return to the teeing area under the stroke and distance option. You have teed your ball up and your playing partner yells they have found your ball before your three minutes to find the ball has elapsed. Because you have not made a swing at your ball with the intent to hit it the teed ball is not in play. You are required to play the found original ball. If you had made a swing at the teed ball with the intent of hitting it before the original ball is found the original ball is considered a lost ball and cannot be played even though your three-minute search time has not elapsed.

These rules apply whether you are starting a hole or returning to the tee box to make a stroke, or your ball is in play in the teeing area. These are specific rules to the teeing area and do not apply to any other areas of the course.

Upcoming Events/dates to remember:

October 1st - Tee times switch to 8:00 for booking
October 4th & 5th – Fall maintenance days. To allow individuals to play, we are working on the back 9 on the 4th and on the 5th, it’s the front nine.

October 7th - Chamber of Commerce Shotgun, no additional tee times available.

October 9th - Chester Minor Hockey Shotgun, tee-times start at 3:00 for regular play.

October 16th - GN Plastic Shotgun, tee-times start at 2:00 for regular play. October 16th – Tee-times switch to 9:00 (helps with frost delays)

October 17th - Club Closing Scramble for members, more details will be issued as we get closer to the date.