

# NEWSLETTER

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## RAIN RAIN GO AWAY!

Now that July is behind us, here is to better weather, August is set to be a fantastic month at the club, with only member events.

Make sure to sign up for the club championship coming up this weekend, Its a great way to test your game under some friendly competition.

This newsletter contains plenty of valuable information, so please take the time to read through it. If you have any ideas for the newsletter, please email them to [alexegan@chestergolfclub.ca](mailto:alexegan@chestergolfclub.ca).

We are going to be getting very busy at the club so make sure you get into the lottery 7 days in advance.

## TAGMARSHAL NUMBERS

We are starting to see longer round times, for two main reasons. Lots of walkers due to no carts and having to work around the wet areas are seeing the average time creep up to 4:13. The below numbers are just for June and July.

- We have tracked 1789 Groups.
- 1073 - 18 hole rounds
- 716 - 9 hole rounds
- Average round time 4:13
- Expected round time is 4:15

We will provide more updates throughout the summer, This system and our marshals have helped us keep the pace at the club consistent. Please remember to drop your tags off in the Bins located on by #9 & #18 Greens.



# NOTE FROM OUR GM

Well July was a very interesting month, we saw months worth of rain happen in a matter of 24 hours. Our course handled the abuse fairly well considering. We are hoping that our stellar conditions will be back very soon and August is going to make up for our rainy July.

Our operations have been running smoothly this season, thanks to the hard work of our managers. July and August are particularly busy months for us, with member events and our OHC Fundraiser, which is our only external event. Additionally, we are proud to announce that Dan and Jake will be leading two teams to the PGA of Atlantic Pro Junior. This tournament will provide a valuable experience for our young golfers, as they compete against 42 other teams. Everyone participating will receive a prize. Furthermore, the CGC will be represented at the Atlantic Golf Superintendents Association Yearly scramble at Fox Meadow in PEI, with Ricky Rafuse, Matt Blackburn, Dan Fraser, and myself forming a team. This event will be an excellent opportunity for team bonding.

We are also excited about our upcoming annual staff party in August. Our management team is organizing the event, and we will be closing the restaurant to host our staff for an enjoyable evening of golf, dinner, prizes, and laughter. I want to acknowledge the high morale and hard work demonstrated by our staff across all departments this year. The team has come together to provide our members and guests with the exceptional service they deserve.

Lastly, I want to remind everyone that our club championship is approaching, so please sign up as soon as possible. Below is some information about your Golf Canada Gold Membership info and a reminder.

## Golf Canada Gold Card Benefits

Every member of the CGC receives a Golf Canada Gold Membership that has lots of benefits, the full list can be found [HERE](#). Below I have highlighted some of the great features.

- Up to \$1,500 reimbursement for damaged, lost or stolen equipment
- Up to \$1,000 towards the cost of repairing or replacing a window
- Up to \$1,500 for golf cart related accidents
- Up to \$1,000 for any travel related incidents
- Free access to online Rules of Golf education that explains procedures for commonly encountered situations on the course
- Membership dues are reinvested into Grow the Game programs
- Support Canadian youth as they learn life skills that are acquired through golf

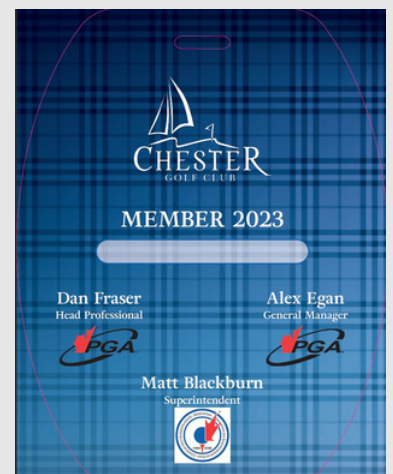
We look forward to seeing you on the course.

Alex



## Member Bag Tags

Every member of the CGC got a bag tag printed this year, we have many left to hand out. Please see the starter to get your 2023 Bag tag.



# COURSE MAINTENANCE NOTE

A lot of the last month has been trying to deal with the rain and cleaning up the mess from the rain. Finding the balance of sending out mowers, knowing they will cause some damage but if we don't mow then the clippings will be messy and difficult to deal with, has been a challenge.

We are at the point now where we have things cleaned up and looking tidy again but there are still areas that will take some time to dry.

The following are some highlights of the recent work we have completed:

- all product applications are on schedule
- continued fine tuning of the irrigation system
- continued work to five tee to grow it in (it will be ready for club championship)
- continued tree pruning
- cleared out an area of trees to the left of six tee
- cleared out an area of trees behind four green

The recent humidity has resulted in some dollar spot disease in the fairways and we will treat them.

Please take care and follow the signage and stay out of the wet areas that are pegged off.

The crew has been resilient to keep pushing through this weather and we feel we are close to providing you with the product we want. It has been a struggle, but we have continued to make small gains where we can and keep moving forward.

Matt Blackburn  
Golf Course Superintendent



# HELLO FROM THE PROSHOP

Umbrella sales are still up! What a wild weather year it's been so far in 2023 and I'm sure you're tired of everyone talking about the rain, so I'm not going to talk about it. I'm gonna focus on the great weather we're going to have for the rest of the season. Hopefully I'll be able to report that sunscreen sales are through the roof for the September Newsletter. Even though the golf course has had a rough go it was nice to sit back and watch The Open on Sunday as Brian Harman played some incredible golf to win his first major title. I personally enjoyed watching someone navigate their way around a course as opposed to the new style of bombing it as far as you can.

The J.N. Pew & Women's Handicap Tournaments were both rescheduled for reasons we don't need to mention. The new date for both events will be Monday, August 14th at 1:00. If you're able to play please see the following link. Or come into the Pro Shop and they can assist you.

[www.golfgenius.com/ggid/ebucuj/register](http://www.golfgenius.com/ggid/ebucuj/register)

Also the Club Championships are less than a week away, but there is still time to register for Championship week-end. Defending Men's and Women's Champs Chad Pearson and Barb Arsenault are both looking for the rare Michael Jordan 3 Peat. You can sign up online with the link or sign up through the Pro Shop.

[www.golfgenius.com/ggid/rhkyfd/register](http://www.golfgenius.com/ggid/rhkyfd/register)

With the not so pleasant weather it puts extra pressure on the tee sheet during the nice days as EVERYONE wants to get out of course and take advantage of the nicer days. Couple of reminders with the lottery to keep in mind.

You can put in your lottery request online, in person or over the phone at any time during the day. It doesn't have to be first thing in the morning as someone that puts an online request in at 11:59 PM has just as good of a chance of getting the 9:00 Monday time as someone who puts in a request at 6:31 AM.

Also in the effort of fairness, please put in the names of your guests or other playing partners if you know who they are going to be. There is no time crunch with the lottery. If you don't know who they are yet, you can put guest, guest, guest, but please keep the Pro Shop informed when you do find playing partners. We're trying to avoid separate lottery requests from 4 individuals who normally would play together. The Club will continue to monitor those who try to cut corners on tee times and potential loss of booking privileges will be an option. The lottery has been a great addition for the club, and there is no perfect booking system. Golf continues to be at an all time high for popularity and we want to keep it that way!

Now that that's out of the way it's time to do some shopping! We have a shirt sale on the go for the hot August weather as all polo's are now BOGO and shorts are 30% off. We have some new styles from Puma, Footjoy and Nike that may catch your eye!

Pro tip of the month...

One of my favourite tips to give people on the putting green on shorter putts is for them to listen to the ball go into the hole. If you let your ears become your eyes your head will stay down and keep the putter head moving down your intended line. You'll start hearing more KerPlunks on those tricky testers.

That's all for now. Hope to see yours, and your playing partners names on the tee sheet soon!

Dan Fraser  
Head Professional



**Tour Edge Lady Set Reg \$698.88 Sale \$559.10**  
**Tour Edge Women's Moda Silk Reg \$949.99 Sale \$759.99**  
**Cobra FMax 2 Set Reg \$1199.99 Sale \$959.99**  
**Cobra Fly XL Set Reg \$999.99 Sale \$799.99**

**Tour Edge Junior Set 11-14 Reg \$288.88 Sale \$231.10**  
**Tour Edge Junior Set 9-12 Reg \$288.88 Sale \$231.10**  
**Tour Edge Junior Set 7-10 Reg \$228.88 Sale \$183.10**



# HELLO FROM THE CLUBHOUSE

With record amounts of rain, course closures and flooding, July was definitely not the month we expected here at the golf course. The team did a fantastic job of minimizing the damage and keeping the course beautiful and playable today! Despite the persistent rain, we were fortunate enough to successfully organize and host a series of successful events throughout the month. What's even more encouraging is the increasing numbers we see in the clubhouse each day, particularly now that the sun is making a much-awaited appearance. The support of our members and guests has been incredible this year and it's so great to see more and more people returning to dine with us.

August tends to be a quieter month when it comes to events, but that doesn't mean we don't have anything exciting planned. We kick off the month with the highly anticipated Club Championships, and we conclude with the WOW and Senior Men's Closings. We invite everyone to join us in the clubhouse after your rounds for some well-deserved relaxation and delicious food. We also have our monthly Nine and Dine on August 24th. Prepare to be entertained by the talented Jon Cyr as he performs live music following 9 holes of golf. Limited spaces are available, so be sure to secure your spot by booking early. After the success of our July event, we expect this to sell out quickly! Keep an eye out for an email with all the event details.

We are excited to embrace the (hopefully) sunny summer months ahead and remain dedicated to delivering outstanding service and memorable experiences. Whether you're indulging in a delightful meal before or after a game of golf, organizing a special gathering with loved ones, or seeking a relaxing spot to savor a refreshing beverage, our club house restaurant is ready to cater to your desires. We deeply appreciate your ongoing support, and we eagerly anticipate the opportunity to serve you at our restaurant throughout the summer season!

Cheers,

Joanna Neilsen  
Food & Beverage Manager



# CLUB PICTURES

## CASTLE JR INVITATIONAL



### MEMBER MIXED RICK & TWILA MCINNIS



### HOLE IN ONE THERESA GROULX #8 WITNESS MARY RAINE, SARAH LINDSAY, LINDA WECKMAN



### WOMEN'S FIELD DAY



### FAMIL CLASSIC WINNERS CHAD & JAXON PEARSON (PICTURE IS FROM 2022)



# AUGUST & SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

## August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 NSGA JR Girls Event 12 – 1	4	5 Club Championship 8:00 am Tee Times
6 Club Championship 8:00 am Tee Times	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Big Sky Jr Shootout 5:30 PM	24 Nine & Dine 4:00 Shotgun	25 Tee Off The Back 9	26
27	28	29 Women's Club Cancer Fundraiser 8:00 am Shotgun  Member & Green Fee Split Tee 2:00	30 Sr Men's Closing 9:00 am Shotgun  WOW Closing Tee Times	31		



## September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 Labor Day	5	6 Member & Green Fee Shotgun 8:00  BBB Shotgun 1:00	7	8 NSIWA Shotgun 9:00  Member & Green Fee Split Tee 2:30	9 Member & Green Fee Shotgun 8:00  Men's League Closing Shotgun 1:00
10 Bonny Lea Shotgun 9:00  Member & Green Fee Split Tee 2:30	11	12	13	14 Member & Green Fee Shotgun 8:00  IPONS Shotgun 1:30	15 Building Trades Shotgun 9:00  Member & Green Fee Split Tee 2:30	16 Member & Green Fee Shotgun 8:00  Pro Kids Shotgun 1:00
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Schooner Invitational No Tee Times Till 4pm
24 Schooner Invitational No Tee Times Till 4pm	25	26 Member & Green Fee Shotgun 8:00  Legendary Hospitality Shotgun 1:00	27	28	29	30

