

Cornwall Golf & Country Club



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**Spring
2009**

Dear Members,

I sincerely hope this newsletter finds all our members in good health and in good spirits anxiously awaiting the beginning of a new season. It has been another long and cold winter but the days are getting longer now and Spring is in the air.

Update!! During the winter the Board discussed and reconsidered the use of credit cards for dues. So you may now use those cards but please remember to notify the office if there are any changes to your card such as expiry dates.

Feel free to browse through our new revamped website where you can plan all your club activities on the events page. We are also preparing the log book so we urge you to inform us of any discrepancies or errors in the 2008 edition. Howard Desautels has been hired as the Associate Professional, he boasts 28 years of experience in the CPGA as an Associate or Head Professional. Howard is originally from Rosemere, Qc but has been working in the Toronto and London area for 16 years including 2 seasons at Glen Abbey. Assisting him in his new surroundings will be Dane Fitzpatrick, currently attending Bishop's University, with the cast of usual suspects in the back shop.

You may have noticed the flyer that came in the local AD bag s recently in an effort to secure comfortable membership categories for the future. Even though publicity can be well planned it remains costly and its effectiveness is always uncertain and unreliable. I have always believed that the best form of publicity for the club is through our membership; the most knowledgeable ambassadors we could ask for. Talk it up to your friends, neighbors, relatives, business acquaintances and the like. We have a great product at a great price. Please note that if you introduce a new full-playing member to the club you will receive a \$100 food and beverage gift card.

I doubled as the maintenance man this winter and I am happy to report there have been no major problems to the building under my watch. Mark O'Brien is back to work now so I leave the clubhouse and its contents in his capable hands. We are making a few minor yet noticeable changes to the interior as part of our plan to keep improving the overall experience at our club.

Chef Mike is back from vacationing and is raring to go with new menus and 15 wedding receptions to prepare for while Pam is getting her team ready for a very busy season ahead. Nancy underwent hip replacement surgery last month so please join us in wishing her a full and speedy recovery.

If it seems things have been coming your way of late, you're probably in the wrong lane!!

Regards,
Brian McDonald
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Hello Fellow Members

Hopefully everyone has survived the winter. Golf season is merely days away, and it is my pleasure to serve the membership as Club Captain for the coming year.

I wish to thank all the volunteers who assisted me last year, and also those people who have agreed to help me again this year, thus making my position much more effortless. It is very rewarding to see individuals donate their time and effort, to provide a great place to play golf.

Brian and I are in the process of planning a new Club Tournament in June, which will hopefully increase the interest in playing our Club events. Looking forward to seeing everyone on the course!

Please feel free to contact me at anytime,

Ray Champagne
Club Captain

With warming weather comes spring fever for sure.

We are well on our way now with spring only a few hours away. The winter was not that bad and it looks as if those extreme cold nights are behind us now. The high wind storm that blew through here in the middle of January left the course littered with debris so a spring clean-up is scheduled for April 18, 8am to 12pm. Everyone's help is always greatly appreciated.

Our course fall projects have moved along quite well, even with the snow and rain setbacks we had to endure during the construction. The new lake on #17 is all complete and will be ready for play as soon as we open. This new feature will add a different approach to the hole; as well will help support our drainage for this portion of the course, along with some added cosmetics to the course. A thing of beauty!!!

The project on the newly enlarged Driving Range Tee was somewhat difficult due to the amount of rain. We worked well into the winter on this project and with weather permitting will see this project finish in the early part of May. The range will open as soon as possible with mats being available in the front of the range. It is only temporary until the tee deck is completed. Sorry for the inconvenience but I assure you it will be worth the wait.

Reminder: I would just like to remind everyone that the course is closed at this time and that if you feel a need to walk the course this is fine, but anyone wishing to work out some winter kinks in their swing are asked to do so on the range portion only. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

See you soon,

Lloyd Jollota
Course Superintendent.

Spring greetings from the Ladies Division

Recap from last fall

Fall Meeting

The Ladies fall meeting was held on September 27, 2008. Even though we only had 22 ladies in attendance it was an excellent meeting with a lot of very proactive discussions. Hopefully next year we will see more women attend this very important meeting; your input is always appreciated. ***It is our division and we need to support the efforts of the ladies committee.*** Thank you to the ladies who attended this years meeting. Changes for 2009 include the Ladies Team Classic and the Club Championship.

Team Classic:

- Three lady team classic will now count the two best scores (instead of one). Handicaps up to 36 will be eligible to play, however the existing rule of playing to 32 will still apply.
- Three places will be paid for both player's pool and pari mutual bets.
- Play will be as a threesome, instead of six. No marker will be required.

Club Championship:

- This will be a two day event, rather than a three day event and will be held on Sunday and Monday of the Club Championship weekend (first long weekend in August).

Forward Tees

The ladies division has spearheaded a plan for the construction of six new "front" tees. The tees involved are #'s 2, 3, 8, 9, 11 and 14. Work began in the fall of 2008 and will continue through the summer and fall months. Mother Nature and funding will determine how the project will progress. To date we have received financial assistance from the Ladies Division, Men's Leagues including Pelicans, Wild Card, Team Classic and the Friday Fun Night organizers. We thank you sincerely for your support. We have also received two pledges for further funding; these would sponsor the building of two tees.

We are still actively seeking further financial support, so if anyone is interested in contributing to the forward tee project, please call Brian MacDonald or Linda Tranchemontagne

When completed C.G.C.C. will have four sets of tee blocks and all four will be rated for both men and women.

All players will be allowed to enter their scores for handicap purposes, from any tee block. A shorter course will be far more enjoyable for many of our members and may possibly be a drawing card for prospective new members.

Closing dinner

The ladies held their closing dinner on October 9th, 2008 in conjunction with the Teddy Bear closing. The Teddy Bear tournament is a great event as it motivates us to continue play after the Labour Day weekend event and enjoy the beautiful fall months.

Thanks to Jean Hall and Jean Leduc for organizing a great evening. Also thank you to the following for donating a variety of goodies for the evening: Diane Desjardins (Cornwall Fruit), Garth Whittaker (Whittaker Flowers), Glenda Gibson (TD Financial Branch), Jessica Lynn Ross (Sports Physiotherapy).

The low gross winner was Jackie Bouvier and top net honours went to Rita Desrochers. Congratulations !

Changes for 2009

Ladies Executive for 2009

<i>President/Playing Captain:</i>	Linda Tranchemontagne
<i>Vice President:</i>	Lynn Macdonell
<i>Secretary Treasurer:</i>	Nancy McGuire
<i>Publicity:</i>	Diane Pedersen

Ladies Division continued

Thanks to all the staff from the club house, pro shop and course who made the 2008 season a great one. Thank you also to the conveners/volunteers, both men and women for chairing last year's events, you did a tremendous job.

As we move forward to yet another year of fun on the links and stories at the 19th hole, I would like to wish everyone a golf season filled with laughter and low scores.

Reminder: Don't forget to sign up for our Opening Day Scramble and/or Dinner. It is always wonderful to catch up after the winter.

"If you pick up a golfer and hold it close to your ear, like a conch shell, you will hear an alibi". Fred Beck

**Linda Tranchemontagne,
Ladies President/Playing Captain**