

Cedar Hill Golf Club

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Fall 2015 Newsletter

President's Report Gregg McKinnon



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As I come up to the end of my first year as your Club President it's time to reflect on the past season. I was fortunate to know most of the Board elected last year and we have worked well together to promote golfing in general and tournaments for our Members in the various categories within our Club structure. Our Board is elected at our AGM for two year terms, with 50/% of the terms coming due each year to keep some continuity on the Board. Each Board member takes on one or more Chairs to keep the Club running. We have had a great Board this year and they then recruited additional Members to assist them in our numerous tournaments and Club activities making for a successful year.

We had decent weather during most of the winter which helped to keep the course in good winter shape. Then came the rains, and the geese and ducks moved in on some of our fairways and made them their personal mud baths. Unfortunately this caused some considerable damage that took months to fix with some areas still not generating grass. Mark and his greens keeping staff did a remarkable job to get the course ready for the Cedar Hill Open and we had many positive comments on the course in general and the greens in particular.

As you will note in Carole Ireland's report more drainage is planned for this winter to make for even a better course next year. Len Kelly is our Board member responsible for liaising with Mark and I would ask that you speak to Len if you have any concerns and not directly to Mark or the greens keepers.

2015 Upcoming Important Dates

November 15	Cedar Hill Golf Club Annual General Meeting 2:00pm
December 5	Ladies Division Christmas Luncheon

President's Report (cont'd)

Our AGM is coming up on Sunday, November 15th and I encourage all Members to come out to listen to the reports detailing this year's activities, the financial report and the proposed budget for the upcoming year, and to vote for the Board positions that come due this year.

Carol Thompson, along with her Social Committee, organized a successful Awards Night Dinner and Dance. From reports I have heard people were happy with the menu and the change from a live band to a DJ which allowed for the ticket prices to be kept low. There were some repeat winners but also several new winners including some new Members to our Club. So congratulations to all the winners, but also everyone else that supported the tournaments during the year. Our Mixed Tournament Chair, Wendy Swonnell used the money that would have gone to a gift certificate for the winners and applied it to the cost of the ticket to encourage more of the winners to attend.

I am looking forward to the 2016 Season and increasing our Membership even more than we did last year. We need to focus on recruiting Junior members to our Club and your Executive is working with the Cedar Hill Course management team and Pro Shop to implement strategies to accomplish this.

Looking forward to seeing you at the AGM or on the course.

Gregg McKinnon
President/Secretary

Greetings from Carole Ireland, Golf Course Manager

It's hard to believe another golf season has come and gone. We can't remember a stretch of weather as good as what we received this year and it really showed in the rounds played through to the end of September and activity for all golf functions. The new Foot Golf course received lots of media coverage in October and is proving to be popular with soccer players and families, with minimal impact on golf. Foot Golf will be available Saturday through Monday afternoons due to the demand we are getting. School groups are also booking during the week.

Contact Craig Rencher at 250-475-7151 for more information on golf and Foot Golf.

Grounds Maintenance

It looks like we're in for another mild winter and the Grounds Crew are planning for more drainage improvements on holes #1, #2, #4, and #18. Progress in these areas will be weather dependent. We would like to thank the club for their continued support of these course improvements through the CH Open funds.

Clubhouse

Winter hours for Clubhouse Food and Beverage services came into effect on October 10th. They are:

Monday to Friday 10:30am – 3:30pm

Saturday & Sunday 8:30am – 4:00pm

Please note: In the event of inclement weather and course closure, Clubhouse Food & Beverage Services will be reduced to 10:30am to 2pm.

Remember you can book the Clubhouse for private and business functions. As a Club member you are eligible to have the facility rental fee waived and a 10% discount on your personal event. Some restrictions apply. Contact Geoff Parker at 250-475-7156 for more information.

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Well another full season of events is almost behind us, and all in all I found most members had a great time competing against each other and the always challenging Cedar Hill Golf Course.

The golf course has been maintained at an excellent level by Mark and his staff and comments from visiting players and Cedar Hill members, indicate they have never seen better playing conditions at Cedar Hill.

The men's tourneys were well attended and in spite of some attrition from membership that normally attend these events, attendance was pretty much as good as in the past.

Once again "The Cedar Hill Open" saw a full field out to test their early season skills. **Kevin Carrigan** was the overall low gross champion to have his name engraved on the Dick Munn Cedar Hill Open Trophy, and **Bernie Ash** was the overall low net champion. **Jim Perry** returned to take the low net Cedar Hill spot and hoist the John Merriman Trophy.

This being my final year as Club Captain, I would like to thank all the players and volunteers who always help make this position a little easier to fulfill.

Respectfully submitted,
Harold Wickstrom
Club Captain

GREENS REPORT

The year has quickly come and gone and I believe it was a great year for the golf course. We made some major improvements in equipment, and how we maintain the course and surrounding areas. Talking with Mark our greens keeper this morning we discussed the ongoing plans for the course in the coming months. Drainage of course is the first priority as well as cleaning out some invasive species that are going where they ought not. Over the past five years from what I have been told, we have made major strides to make Cedar Hill one of the most enjoyable places to play on the Island. This indeed a reflection of the people who work here and the majority of the members who take pride and responsibility for how we present ourselves. As the year is closing down, please be advised that the greens crew is now smaller, so all the little things that we enjoy, greens cut every day, dew and little bits of leaves or tree parts not picked up may not happen on the day you play. Thank the greens crew when you see them for a job well done instead of maybe expecting a little too much.

All in all I have enjoyed very much playing on my course, and have immensely enjoyed working with the members, the board and Mark and his crew. I have learned much. I thank all of you for your support and encouragement throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted
Len Kelly,
Greens Chair

LADIES' CAPTAIN'S REPORT

This was a really busy season. We began the year with our Spring Opening under sunny skies. What a change from the rained out years. It was a welcome get together after a long winter. The fantastic summer has provided a course in wonderful shape. The greens keepers should be commended for their work.

Congratulations to the winners this year. Gross and Net winners are included in this report.

The Spring Opening Cup

Winners: Doreen Hall and Deborah Nyberg

Spring Cup Tournament is a three day event with the best two of three games counting.

The Low Net and Trophy Winner: Mary Bennett

Overall Low Gross: Anne Hartlen

Cedar Hill 46th Annual Field Day June 12th, Cedar Hill's biggest tournament for ladies. It is a charity event to benefit Victoria Hospice. Our big coup this year was to gain a sponsorship from Peninsular Coop which donated \$3,500 for pain pump supplies to Victoria Hospice on our behalf. They were a presence on the course with water and gifts. This year we had 128 participants, including 26 out-of-towners who took advantage of our Getaway Package. As always, the event was a huge success with many, many prizes including 19 golf lessons, rounds of golf at 20 Island golf courses, 9 on-site sponsors, 56 hole sponsors, 24 silent auction items and over 150 donors. This, our most successful tournament to date resulted in a donation to Victoria Hospice of over \$15,000. This could not have been possible without all the volunteers on the day including Maurice Dean's 25 volunteers from the men's group, nor without the help of all our sponsors and donors. Last but not least our scorekeeper Gregg McKinnon.

The Field Day Trophy winning team was Yvonne Audette (CH), Ilka Abbott (CH), Marie Van Dyk and Margaret Newman

The Memorial Cup Tournament—July 7th

This is an alternate shot tournament

Low Net & Trophy Winners: Carol Thompson and Jean Hunter

Low Gross Winners: Cindy White & Joyce Carr

Kate McCrae Tournament—Sunday July 19th

Low Net & Trophy Winner: Liz Munn

Low Gross Winner: Anne Hartlen

Ladies' Club Championship—August 11th/August 13th

Low Gross & Trophy Winner:

Val Mieras

Low Net Winner:

Nancy Griffin

Tuesday Ladies Club Champion

Anne Hartlan

Senior Ladies Club Champion

Sandy Drever

Super Senior Ladies Club Champion

Shirley Granger

LADIES CAPTAIN'S REPORT (cont'd)

Low Gross Tournament—Sept 29th, October 6th and October 13th

Low Gross & Trophy Winner	Alison Sweeten
Overall Low Net Winner	Kathy Lines

.Interclub Matches

We fielded teams for nine home and away games with Arbutus Ridge, Cordova Bay, Cowichan, Gorge Vale, Metchosin, Olympic View, Uplands and Royal Colwood and Ardmore

Our results were close in all the matches. Our final standings were, won 2, tied 1 and by a narrow margin, lost 6. Onward and upward we hold our own in all these matches It is not the winning but the enjoyment of the competition

Our ladies continue to support Zone events as wells as other club events such as Gorge Field Day, Uplands Heart Tournament and Ardmore's Field day to mention a few.

Senior Games

This year 14 of our members entered the Senior Games. Nine members returned with medals. Joyce Carr, Barb Rainey and Wendy Swonnell won gold. Silver medal winners were Shirley Granger, Linda Kroeker and Nancy Taylor. In the Bronze medalists were John Flegel, Mick Goodger and Gail Hunter.

Zone 5 City Foursomes

The qualifying round for the **City Foursomes** held at Cedar Hill was a huge success with everyone doing their part. The course condition received rave reviews and so did the lunch. Although we had many ladies participating and several made the grade we did not have winners this year.

New Members

This year we welcomed six new members to our Ladies' Division. Our new members are Patti Alexander, Miranda Jones, Susanne Owens, Rose Lambert, Kari Taylor Atkins, Gaylene Wilkinson and Janet Labh.

I hope to see all the ladies at the Club AGM on November 15th at 2pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Doreen Hall
Ladies' Captain

Business Ladies' Report:

Opening Day and Spring Meeting was March 21, 2015. We had the meeting but no golf due to rain. Thankfully we had incredibly good weather for the rest of the season.

New members Kari Atkins, Brenda Ollis, Patti Alexander, and Grace Lee were welcomed to the Business Ladies.

Our congratulations to Business Ladies Low Gross Champion Teresa Wong and Low Net Champion Moyra Graham. Quite a tourney with the gross winner decided in extra holes.

BLs also participated and did well in ladies division and mixed tourneys. This was shown by Ladies Club Champion Val Mieras, Ladies Club Championship low net Nancy Griffin, and by His and Hers winner Sandy Drever shooting a possible record breaking gross score of 70.

In another area we did not fair so well. We lost all three Inter-clubs but won hands down in the "food after match" department. All in all however the year went well.

In closing I'd like to wish the best to Linda Plunkett our 2016 Business Ladies captain.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Munn,
Business Ladies Captain

JUNIOR REPORT

Our Junior program is still available. The fixture list is not yet approved but will be ready before next January. There is only one junior at this time, however two more have indicated interest in joining next year. The Pro shop has advised that they will direct any possible new members to the club if they appear interested in joining.

We have approved some incentives for others to join the club. There is no charge for juniors to join the club. Also no charge for them to play in tournaments. Refreshments are free for all tournaments and there are good prizes for the different divisions.. We are looking into approval from Saanich to use a section of the old club house for storage of their clubs and equipment. This will also be free for the juniors. We have a good budget and will offer to help with the cost of lessons if there appears to be a need. They will be required to pay green fees or have a pass to play. The Junior pass is only \$250.00 for the year.

A number of our regular members have indicated that they would be pleased to play with the juniors and I would appreciate hearing from them so I can give a list to the juniors at our Spring Opening.

Respectfully submitted,
Fay Johanson,
Junior Chair

SOCIAL:

The first Social event for 2015 was the Spring Fling on Friday, April 24, which took on some new twists. With Wendy Swonnel's help we added a touch of golf followed by a social gathering. 38 people played golf and 55 attended the social.

Members could choose to play 9 or 18 holes and Wendy awarded prizes for low net and some KPs. As golfers completed either 9 or 18 holes they came into the Clubhouse for the Social, which included a putting contest (thanks to John Flegel), Blackjack, Crown & Anchor, Horse Races and Silent Auction.

The following were catered for \$12 inclusive: Italian meat platter with crackers and French bread, cheese and crackers, veggies and dip, sushi platter, and sandwiches. Everyone seemed to have a good time.

The next social event was the Member/Guest event on July 3rd. The response was overwhelming with a blaze of 88 golfers showing up in red. Again Wendy helped organize the golf and Craig arranged for a crossover, which worked very well.

Prizes of \$20 were given for Fun Boxes and KPs. We put all the names in a basket and drew for rounds of golf courtesy of Carole Ireland and for \$40 Saanich Gift cards.

The guests had a great time, loved the food (choice of Baron of Beef, Shrimp Caesar Salad, Burger and Fries or Salad). They thought it was excellent value said they would come back.

The last event for 2015 was the annual Awards Banquet on October 24th. The theme this year was the 60's and 70's. Dressing up was optional but many did. This year we had a DJ instead of a live band. The dinner choices of steak, salmon or chicken were excellent. It was a great success and the 87 who attended seemed to really enjoy themselves.

I'd like to thank Doreen for doing all the Posters and Tickets and also Grace, Leigh, Fay, Wendy and everyone who helped make these events successful. This includes Craig in the Pro Shop and Geoff in Food and Beverage. Also a thank you to Allison Farquhar for working the door and selling 50/50 tickets at the Awards Banquet.

Respectfully submitted
Carol Thompson,
Social Chair

MIXED TOURNAMENTS

Another year is coming to an end. I have enjoyed the past three years running the mixed tournaments. The weather held for all the tournaments, for which I was truly thankful.

We started with the Bob Gillespie Memorial in April with the Blue team coming through as winners. High Scores (Stableford) went to Dale Aune and Sandy Drever. Later in April we had the Frank Dutton Memorial which is a Ryder Cup style tournament. Low Net and trophy went to Wayne Messer and Gregg Hendry for the men and Nancy Griffin and Anne Hartlen for the ladies.

Our ever popular Captain vs President was played in May and the Captain's team finally had a victory after 4 years.. Congratulations to Harold Wickstrom and his team. Top scores for men and women were Scott Spence (5&4) and Jean Hunter (6&5). The Cedar Hill Members Memorial Tournament, held in May, was created to recognize members who pass away each year. This year we lost 8 members. It was a Texas Scramble format and the winners of the first Cedar Hill Members Memorial , Frank Kroeker, Linda Kroeker, Kyle Gagne, and Diane Fraser successfully defended their title. We also had mulligans in this tournament. It was a tremendously successful tournament.

The Bill Pepper was held in June. This is a fun tournament using dice to determine which shot to use. The winners were Doreen Hall, Dave Jones, Morris Dean and Gregg McKinnon. They had to win at Blackjack to take the trophy!. We played the His and Hers in July and Sandy Drever and Darryl Aune took the honors. Sandy shot a 70 that day!

Another Thursday tournament was held in August. The Cedar Cup, which was also a Ryder Cup format. We also added mulligans to this tournament. The overall winners were Tom Felter and Greg McKinnon.

The Charlie Gibb was held in September. The winners were Pam Andrews, Ray Rae, Anne Young and Thomas Felter.

The Survivor was held on October 29th and 50 people braved the weather. Using only 2 clubs and a putter, Ray Rae won the mens' division dying on the 18th green and Moyra Graham and Wendy Swonnell both died in the hole on the 17th to tie for first.

The Tombstone was held on November 1st and the weather was tough so 16 of the 75 golfers did not golf. With one club and a putter, Chris Hildebrandt got to the 19th fairway and Aki Graber won for the ladies. We held 50/50 draws at both these events and will do so at all next year's mixed tournaments.

I would like to thank my committee for helping me out with a number of decisions we made this year. Also, thanks to everyone who helped with scoring, putting out and collecting KPs, etc. Everyone helped make my job so much easier. Thanks also to everyone who came out and supported these tournaments. I hope you all had a fun time.

Respectfully submitted
Wendy Swonnell
Mixed Tournaments Chair.

SENIOR MEN

2015 has seen Cedar Hill's Senior Men membership grow to about 100, with more on the horizon; that's good news. Approximately 40 of them participated in the BCGA Zone 5 Interclub, and Lawrie Kerr (re-named from 'Open Button') competitions. The format for the Interclubs changed this year with larger teams (6, up from 4) playing fewer matches (a total of 12 instead of 22) over a 3 month period instead of 6. 'Away' courses played were: Arbutus Ridge, Cordova Bay, Olympic View, Royal Colwood, Uplands and Cowichan. The Lawrie Kerr competitors competed at home as well as Arbutus Ridge, Cordova Bay, Gorge Vale, and Olympic View from mid-May to mid-July. Our seniors met with varying degrees of success, but hopefully everyone enjoyed these friendly competitions, and the chance to play at some other courses on the lower island.

A Stableford format tournament was held for the senior men July 22. We had 37 entrants with yours truly playing my best round ever (!) resulting in 57 points and the win. Paul Convey and John Pearson rounded out the top 3 positions. The Clubhouse kitchen was able to provide a discounted rate for a burger & fries so we offered a tasty food option, which just over half of the entrants took advantage of. We were hoping to hold a second Stableford event at the end of October, but unfortunately didn't receive enough entries, so the event had to be cancelled.

The Senior Men's Club Championship took place September 9, 10, and 17 (the final round unfortunately had to be re-scheduled from September 16 because of a conflict with a corporate event, which would have necessitated a shotgun start; not something desirable for the final round of a club championship). New senior Gary Doherty was overall Low Gross champion with a total of 195 after rounds of 69, 63, & 63! A total of 188 gave Dave Blower the overall Low Net Championship. 'Super' Senior (70 + years old) Low Gross was won by Charlie Restino with a 3 round total of 210, and the 'Super' Senior Low Net champion was Chuck Wilson with 195.

I hope everyone has a great winter (playing lots of golf!) and gets ready for a fun, successful 2016!

Respectfully submitted,
Scott MacDougall
Senior Chair

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As another great golf season comes to a close I am pleased to let you know we welcomed almost 30 new members to the club. With these numbers as well as last years, Cedar Hill Golf Club is growing again. Several people have also shown interest in joining in October, since our assessment for the year begins at this time. With the membership brochures at the front desk and pro shop prospective members can see what the club has to offer. As well, we all can help our club grow by word of mouth.

Tell everyone how great our club is and how inexpensive it is to join. Happy golfing!

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Mooney,
Membership Chair