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President Message Larry Tokarchuk: April 2009

The new board held their organizing meeting on March 13th, 2009 including the election of the Executive and the appointment of Directors to various duties as follows:

President:	Larry Tokarchuk
Vice President:	Richard Oldenborger
Secretary-Treasurer:	John Russell
Greens and Grounds:	Ken Hague
Pro Shop:	Doug Charles
Membership/Marketing:	Bob Simoes
F&B/Special Events/Com:	Stan Lamontagne

The new board is ready to move forward and build on the successes from last season. We will be focusing on the strategic directions that the club must take to succeed in a very difficult economic time in the golfing industry.

Hopefully the weather will start to cooperate and we will see the golf course recover from a very difficult winter. We will be carefully monitoring the financial situation after a tough couple of months of low golfing activity.

Thanks to the outgoing board members for their hard work over the past year. We hope to be in a position to announce the appointment of the Club Captain to take over from Tom Hall.

Enjoy Ledgeview,

Newsletter Update

In discussion with Don Gibbs, we thought it would be a good idea to add the newsletter to the Ledgeview Golf & Country Club Web page. Members and non-members alike can now read the newsletter on the Web.

Don has added the newsletters to the "Members Section" of the web site at the top of the page with the "Calendar of Events" and "Member Reciprocal". There will be two links one for the current newsletter and a "second archive link" for previous newsletters thus ensuring that members and non-members alike can remain abreast of what is occurring at Ledgeview. You can now view all the 2008 newsletters on the web site. Below is the link to the web site give it a look see

<http://www.ledgeviewgolf.com/memsection.html>

Clubhouse/Restaurant: Kevin Poland Operations Mgr

Greetings, Welcome back everyone

From the Office:

Please remember to bring your invoices with you when you come up to pay for your memberships. You can still send us cheques the old-fashioned way by mail if you wish. As of April 15, those who have not paid their memberships will have their status listed as suspended until payment is received. After this time, interest charges will apply.

The hours of operation for the office as always are **9am to 5pm Monday through Friday.**

Restaurant.

New staff has been hired, renovations have been completed, new menu starts today, concession opens this weekend with a new look.....where the heck is everybody?

Don't let the rain and snow drive you away, you should be driving up here and driving balls or to help drive sales with your new food and beverage cards. The hours of the clubhouse for the month of April are the following:

Monday through Friday 9am to 9pm
Saturday, Sunday & Holidays 7am to 9pm

As mentioned the new menus starts today. This menu focuses upon our "core" items thus allowing our kitchen staff to focus more upon daily specials for lunch and dinner. The ever-popular tapas menu has been incorporated into the main menu for those with little appetites. Keep in mind that the "CLUBHOUSE MENU" for members is 10% off, not the items in the concession or daily specials.

A sign has been put on the 18th tee box to remind you that if you wish to phone in your order from your cell phone we will have it ready for you TO-GO when you arrive at the clubhouse. 10% off will apply to members.

Say hello to any new staff you see and make them feel comfortable if you please. We look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Please help us recycle by putting your cans, plastic or glass bottles in the recycling box located by the air hoses when you come of 18. We can try to be green even though the course isn't quite yet!

Hello all by Jason Smith,

April brings the official start to this golfing season with Men's night, Ladies night and member tournaments starting up again. We hope that there will be more golf than March brought.

Last month we started our new online booking system and since then it has been a great success. It helps members control their own tee times and view the tee sheet. It also has made the system of booking tee times more efficient and fair. We hope to see a continued success with this IGolf system.

We were hoping to be in the active handicap season as of March 15 but our temporary greens have set us back. As soon as those come off, we can become active on the RCGA.

This month brings the start of Men's night. The first Men's night is on April 8 and all Men's nights will be 1 PM shotguns this year. You can sign up for Men's night online on IGolf a week before. You have to sign up all players and the draw for hole assignments will be random and done Wednesday morning.

Ladies night also starts this month on April 16.

The first member tournament of the year is the Men's Spring Handicap on April 11 and 12th starting at 8:08. The tournament costs \$25 with a lunch included on Sunday. There will be an optional \$5 honey pot each day. Sign up now in the Proshop.

With a bit of luck we will see the sun again and much golfing in April!

THURSDAY LADIES NIGHT

April has finally arrived and we are all geared up and eager to get going with our Thursday Night Ladies Golf. The format will once again be a 5:00 p.m. shotgun start, followed by dinner and prizes. The pricing is the same as last year, \$ 25.00 for members and \$40.00 for non-members.

Even with the current economy, we are very fortunate to have not only the support of our faithful sponsors but we've managed to get some new ones so we are looking forward to a really great season.

Our new "*product*" is ready and it's sure to make you "*wiggle when you giggle*" or maybe it will make you "*giggle when you wiggle*". Either way, you will have to come out and judge for yourselves.

Mark your calendars for April 16, 2009 and come on out and enjoy an evening of fun and laughter with your friends. We look forward to seeing you all there.

On behalf of the Thursday Ladies Night Committee

Pauline Clairoux
Co – Chair

Carol Clarke
Co - Chair

Thursday Morning Seniors By Rodger Kelly

President Rodger Kelly welcomed 36 of the 52 members at the Seniors Opening Breakfast on March 26th. He announced a full slate of 26 Tournaments for 2009, starting with an individual low net competition on Thursday, April 2nd. Play will continue every Thursday, weather permitting, until September 24th, with the Closing Breakfast and Prize Distribution set for October 1st. The Board has approved a special deal to encourage participation of seniors in the community who are not members of Ledgeview. So if you know any old 'uns who still enjoy a good time, especially on the golf course, send them along to Jason in the Pro Shop for full information. The Optional Hidden Hole and Low Gross Prizes will be again up for grabs this season for the Lucky and the Good. So if you can't be lucky, be good! (or vice versa)

Rules Quiz by Tom Hall

- 1) You are on a green in two strokes. You putt with the flag in the cup and the ball falls into the hole without touching the flagstick.
What score should you record?
- 2) You ask a fellow competitor to tend the flagstick and he agrees. You putt toward the hole and he:
 - A) Forgets to pull the pin and the ball falls into the cup.
 - B) Attempts to pull the pin but cannot get it out of the cup and the ball falls into the cup.

Is there a penalty involved in A) and to whom?
Is there a penalty involved in B) and to whom?
Is the outcome in A) and in B) identical?
- 3) What does ESC stand for and what does it have to do with golf handicaps?
- 4) If you play 9 holes should you enter the score into the handicap computer?
- 5) You are conceded a hole by your opponent and pick up your ball. What score should you record?

Answers to quiz on page 6

From Around the Course



Ledgeview Golf Club Ladies spread the Legend of Ledgeview

A few Ledgeview members also belong to PGA West in La Quinta, California, “the western home of the PGA in the USA”

There are 6 courses in the complex and they host the PGA Qualifying Tournament and the Bob Hope Desert Classic on a regular basis.

Not only do these Ledgeview members host a multitude of Ledgeview golfers down for trips to the desert but the ladies have stamped their name in the PGA West annals.

Val Haslam, the current Ledgeview Ladies' Champion, has just ended a two-year term as President of the 550 strong PGA West Ladies' Golf Association. Rita Murphy, another Ledgeview member, was the Rules Chair for a two-year term. Rita and Val have served as Co-tournament Chairs at PGA West, the most time consuming job in the association. Needless, to say the PGA West Ladies' Association is highly structured and extremely well organized.

Val won the 2009 PGA West Ladies Invitational Gross Division with partner Heather Lang, also a Ledgeview member. In a field of 86 teams, they won by one stroke in the two day tournament played on the **Palmer Private and Tom Weiskopf courses**. Val, who is a 7 handicap shot a 71 on the Weiskopf course. Ledgeview members Margaret and David Hong with Val and Gary Haslam won the PGA West Couples' Member Guest in 2007.

Both Val and Rita have had their share of wins in the many events held at PGA West. Congratulations to everyone involved for spreading the legend of Ledgeview.

Men's Night Format to Change

The first **Men's Night** will be on **Wednesday April 8th** and as in years past will be a **1:00 p.m. shotgun** start. Choose your own 4-man team – 2 best net ball has been one of the best attended nights of all the sessions.

To address some problems the men's night committee have had about booking times for Men's Nights, we are now moving to a 1:00 p.m. shotgun start for all Men's Nights. To accommodate those who cannot play a full 18 holes, a gap will be left so that they may play 9 holes by teeing off at approximately 3:30 p.m.

The option to finish 18 holes will still exist for late starters.

Sign your team up in the Pro Shop now.

Jack Corbett, Men's Night Committee

Grounds & Greens Report – April 2009

We owe a huge vote of thanks to outgoing Board Member Tom Hall who was double hatted as both Club Captain and Chair of the Grounds & Greens Committee. Working with our Superintendent Chad Burns and the 2008 Committee Members, he started Ledgeview on a long-term program of improvement for our course, which we will continue to follow and implement.

The Grounds & Greens Committee will resume meetings in late April. Apart from the Chair, Chad and Jason as members, we will be asking to have representatives from the seniors, Ladies and Men's groups on the Committee.

We know members are concerned about the state of the greens, but unfortunately, the weather has still not cooperated, particularly the temperatures. Daily highs remain quite low for this time of the year. Even with the cool spring we are experiencing, the greens have started to show some signs of growth. However, considering the winter and its negative effect on our greens, we have decided not to punch them (called "hollow tine") this spring, as it would significantly delay the time when they would reach the normal expected summer playing condition. Instead, aeration will be conducted by a procedure called "solid tine". This process, which does not involve removing a core from the greens, will save some extra stress on the greens while they heal as well as provide oxygen to the root zone. The greens will recover much faster, which is something that is needed right now and for the next month.

Since the grounds team has not been able to spend as much time as they normally do on greens, we have been able to complete various other tasks on the course including cleanup, drainage on holes #2,#4 and #9, and completing the reconstruction of #11 tee which we will open as soon as possible. We have also completed an audit of future course improvements, hole by hole, on the front nine. The back nine audit will be finished by the end of April. This audit will provide us with a consistent short, medium and long-term plan for continuous course improvement and budget planning including projects requiring funds from the capital budget.

Thanks for your patience and understanding with the temporary greens. With a bit of good weather and the great work of the grounds team, we should be playing on all our greens in short order.

Subject: Grounds report

Ken Hague

Answers to Quiz from page 4

- 1) You should record a score of 5. This includes the 3 strokes you made plus a 2 stroke penalty for putting with the flagstick in the cup.
- 2) A two-stroke penalty is assessed to the person putting in each case. It is the golfer's responsibility to ensure the flagstick is removed.
- 3) Equitable Stroke Control dictates a maximum number of strokes a player may record on each hole for handicap purposes.
Equitable Stroke Control Limits are as follows:
0 or plus = maximum number of 1 over par on any hole
1 through 18 = max of 2 over par on any hole
19 through 32 = max of 3 over par on any hole
33 and over = max of 4 over par on any hole
- 4) Yes, you should enter scores into the computer if you play 7 or more holes. The handicap computer will save your score and match it up with other 9 hole scores you enter. Similarly if you finish 13 or more holes but fail to finish 18 holes, an 18 hole score should be entered.
Eg.
If you cannot finish #18 because it is dark, then record par plus your handicap allowance. This score should be preceded by an X.
Hole #18 is the #6 handicap hole for women and for men. Those with handicaps of 0 to 5 should enter a 5, par for the hole.
Those with handicaps of 6 to 23 should enter a score of par 5 + 1 = 6 and those with handicaps 24 and over should enter a score of par 5 + 2 = 7.
- 5) Any time a hole is incomplete a golfer should record their **most likely score** and cannot exceed their **ESC** limit.

Thank you, to all who have provided articles for this newsletter. If you have an article, a comment, a suggestion you wish to share with your fellow members send it to me and I will include it in the section Around the Course in the upcoming newsletter. s_lamont@telus.net