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President's message

It has been several months since my last President's Message to the membership. I have been working on a contract out of town and only back on weekends. As of the end of July, I anticipate that I will be back to my regular job of being retired and spending considerable time out on the golf course. After a terrible spring, we have certainly had a great summer so things have really picked up at the course. As at the end of July, we are running close to a balanced budget. We do have concerns however as we have once again seen a drop in our membership and the base revenue that comes with the membership dues. Fortunately, the program that we had instituted last year has generated additional green fee revenue to offset our membership losses. The board will be holding a special meeting in August to discuss the direction that we want to take with respect to increasing our membership. We will be reviewing our budget and doing projections to the end of the year in order that we can take appropriate remedial action as needed.

Each year we attend the annual meeting of Ledgeview Properties Ltd. The directors of Ledgeview Properties are made up of the Mayor and City Council. I along with four of our directors met with this group on July 22, 2009 and had the opportunity to present a report on behalf of our Society. We were extremely well received and got an encouraging response from the group.

I hope that the weather continues and that we have little or no interruption in play at the course. I will be reporting on a regular basis now that I am back in town.

Enjoy Ledgeview
Larry Tokarchuk, President

Ledgeview on Twitter

Ledgeview is now on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/LedgeviewGolf>

Mike Fisher

Marketing News by Bob Simoes

Many of you have noticed that we are running some golf specials. We have two running on Mondays and Tuesdays in hopes of attracting more green fee players those days. The first is for before Twilight, and it includes the players round, half a power cart and a burger and beer, for \$65. The second one is for Twilight play for two, includes a power cart, hotdog and beer for \$80. So if you have friends wanting to come out and play, please tell them about the great specials we have on.

Did you know that our Pro-Shop **is competitively priced** with places like, Riverside and Golftown on items we carry such as shirts, balls, hats, and clubs? Did you realize that the staff in our Pro-Shop can re-grip your clubs for the same price as Riverside or Golftown, and you get an additional 10% members discount? Next time you are in, check out what we have in stock, we are competitive.

This is a reminder to everyone to help us keep our records straight. If you move, change phone numbers or email address, could you be so kind as to let the office know so we can keep proper records of our members. This way we can keep you better informed as to events, social activities, meetings and newsletters.

Clubhouse/Restaurant:

From the Clubhouse:

Tell one...Tell all!

Over the last few weeks, we have been running a couple of specials that have been well received throughout the city and we need your help in promoting it as well.

On Monday and Tuesday's before 2pm one can golf with ½ power cart, enjoy a burger and a beer after their round for only \$65. As well, we have a twilight special for two with golf, ½-power cart, a hot dog and a drink at the turn for only \$80. This special will be continuing for the month of August.

Please come up and enjoy our new menu featuring five (5) exciting entrees available after 4pm as well as our brunch menu available from 11am until 2pm on weekends and holidays.

We are hosting a couple of important charitable golf tournaments in August including the Hospice Society on the 14th and the popular Big Brothers Big Sisters tournament on the 21st. If you are interested in participating in either of these tournaments please let me know via e-mail and I can put you in touch with the conveners to set you up.

Thanks to the City of Abbotsford, once again for their upgrades to the air conditioning they made last year. We can now enjoy a hot summer outdoors and not indoors as well.

Please be respectful to our staff when they tell you that we cannot hand out bags of ice during a hot spell. Our ice machines are very old and cannot keep up with the demand we place on them during very hot weather. They can only handle enough to get us by during normal service.

Lastly, when you come into the clubhouse and you wish to sit and have a meal or a drink, just give a little heads up to the staff to let them know where you are sitting. We have 265 seats in the clubhouse and sometimes the staff may not see you come in or pass by as they may be running food or ringing items into the computer.

Thanks for your support.

Kevin Poland
Ledgview Golf & Country Club – Operations Manager

Club Captain's Report by Michael Fisher

1. 2009 Club Tournaments

Ryder/Solheim Cup; (July 18 & 19).

Once again, the weather was exceptional for what many members (including myself) consider the most exciting and enjoyable weekend of golf on our calendar. This year's event was no exception. On the **Solheim Cup** side, the white Ladies team captained by **Jason Smith** was victorious with a decisive 44-31 margin. The margin of victory was just as decisive on the **Ryder Cup** side, however it was the blue Men's team captained by yours truly that prevailed with the 61.5 -40.5 win. Thanks to all who came out to round out the field (24 Ladies / 36 Men). Hope to see you (and more) back for next year.

Men's Club Championship (July 25 & 26)

Congratulations to our newly crowned Men's Club Champion, **Paul Teillet**. Paul started the Sunday round 3 strokes back of day 1 leader **Jim Pearce** (70) but managed to overcome the deficit with his 73-73 performance. **Bob Simoes** played inspired golf all weekend and his net 134 was tops on the net side. Thanks to all who made up the 39-player field.

Caledonian Cup/Wooden Spoon (Men's Summer Match Play)

With the 2nd round matches completed, we are now down to the Quarter Final Stage. Congratulations to those golfers who have made it through thus far. These next matches are to be played on or before August 14. Match results and pairings can be found in the Pro Shop.

Calling All Juniors!

This year's **Junior Club Championship** is scheduled for August 19 & 20. Sign up in the Pro Shop. Entry fee for the 2-day tournament will be \$25. Junior members (18 & under) are eligible to enter.

Other Upcoming Tournaments:

- August 8 & 9 – Ladies Club Championship
- August 15 & 16 – Senior Men's Club Championship
- August 23 - Summer Steeplechase
- September 5 & 6 – Mixed Invitational

Congratulations to our Tournament winners thus far, **and a reminder that the full slate of 2009 Club Tournaments (Men's, Ladies, Mixed and Senior's) is posted in the Pro Shop. Sign up early if you can.**

2. Ledgeview Club Mates Qualify for U.S. Amateur

Nick Taylor and **Lucas Bogdan** will be heading to *Southern Hills (Tulsa, OK)* for this year's prestigious U.S. Amateur (Aug 24-30). Nick qualified by virtue of his U.S. Open qualification and Lucas tied for first at his Sectional Qualifier on July 27 at *Illaha Hills Country Club (Salem Oregon)*. Good luck Nick and Lucas!

Thursday Morning Seniors by Rodger Kelly

Barry Loewen's luck continued into July with a second hidden hole win in as many weeks, this time with a Net 3 on No. 12 on July 2nd. Bob Scobie was the only challenger to Ron Carlton for the optional low gross prize, and Ron won easily. Net prizes were picked up by Bob Forrest, Dave Johnson and John Kang, each in their Handicap Flight. On July 9th, Merv Peters took both the Low Gross and Low Net honours with a 74, net 66. Paul Pike's team of Wally Klatt, Paul Anderson and Al Elliot edged a closely contested Texas Scramble on July 16th. Paul Pike again finished top of the heap on July 23rd with a net 61, while David Hull's net 63 was good enough on July 30th. Ron Carlton has done nothing to encourage competition in the optional low gross category, winning both days with scores of 78 and 73 respectively.

Ledgeview was no match for Chilliwack, losing both legs of their Interclub Match with Chilliwack, the final score being 20.5 to 27.5. The team will be out to redeem themselves in its final Interclub match against Mission later this month.

Member Scorecard

We are happy to inform you that the new member scorecards are now available in the pro shop. The handicap committee has attempted to produce a practical card for members, free of advertising and with increased, usable space to write up games played. Another objective has been to revise and update the Rules of Golf as they apply to our course. This was a particularly difficult task in view of the many anomalies at Ledgeview.

Please keep in mind that what was done has taken into account consultation from the BCGA, the history of the golf course and how it plays.

Any feedback from members in the use and practicality of these cards would be welcomed. This is considered an ongoing project and improvements can be made for the next edition.

Eric Grant, a club member for many years and an Investment Advisor and Financial Planner with RBC Dominion Securities, was the first person approached to sponsor these cards. He readily agreed and will pay 5/8th of the total cost.

We would like to thank several people for their input to this new and revised card, especially Val Haslam, Michael Fisher and Rita Murphy. Thanks too to Ron Carlton and Skip's Signs for supplying the Member Scorecard presentation box on the Pro Shop counter.

The Committee hopes you agree that this is a first class, practical scorecard for member use, produced at little cost to the club.

Tom Hall
Handicap Committee

From Around the course



Congratulations: Pat Differ Hole in one June 12 on hole # 17

Grounds & Greens Report by Ken Hague

From all the positive feedback we have received from members and guests about the current state of the golf course, we owe a huge vote of thanks to Chad and his grounds team for their hard work in getting our course back into first class playing condition. Our objective now must be to maintain it at this level, both in the short and long term.

In the short term, we need to continue the great work done by the volunteers last month who came out for the work day to fill divots and repair ball marks. To achieve this goal, we are proposing an "Adopt a Hole" Program for the members. As you will see below, we have alphabetically assigned holes to members and are asking you to make a conscientious effort while you are playing that hole to fill in divots using the sand/grass bottles, and repair ball marks on the greens. Here are the assigned holes:

#1 – Family names starting with A & B (to Baker)

#2 – Family names starting with B (rest of Bs)

#3 – Family names starting with C (to Chung)

#4 – Family names starting with C (rest of Cs)

#5 – Family names starting with D

#6 – Family names starting with E & F

#7 – Family names starting with G

#8 – Family names starting with H

#9 – Family names starting with I & J

#10 – Family names starting with K

#11 – Family names starting with L

#12 – Family names starting with M

#13 – Family names starting with N

#14 – Family names starting with O & P

#15 – Family names starting with Q & R

#16 – Family names starting with S

#17 – Family names starting with T

#18 – Family names starting with U to Z

We thank you in advance for considering this proposal and hopefully taking it to heart each time, you play.

To address long-term objectives, the Grounds and Greens Committee presented a Hole-by-Hole Audit to the Board at their July meeting that outlines work that needs to be completed on the course over the next three years. The Audit includes six Work Plans (T Boxes, Grounds, Bunkers, Tree Planting, Asphalt, and

Operations), a timetable for work completion, and an estimate of the capital costs involved by year. The Board approved the non-monetary aspects of the Audit. In addition, the Board will consider the financial implications during the 2010 budgeting process.

The Committee welcomes any comments members have regarding the Adopt a Hole Plan. In addition, if members wish to read the Hole-by-Hole Audit in detail, it is available from Kevin in the administration office.

The Grounds & Greens Committee

New member of the Ledgeview Family:



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