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President Message Larry Tokarchuk: March 2009

After a brief interlude of good weather for golfing we have again moved back to winter. I hope that this time it is only for a brief period of time and we can get back to the course. The Annual Meeting will take place on March 7 and marks the end of my term on the board and two years as President of the club. Although it has been a hectic two years I believe that we have been able to turn the fortunes of Ledgeview back to a more positive note. Our finances are in good shape and we are up to date in all aspects of the day to day management of the club.

I would take this opportunity in my last message to thank the board for their hard work in getting the job done. Several of our board members will be leaving as of the annual meeting. Fred Thiessen's term on the board expires as of the Annual Meeting. Similarly Tom Hall's term expires and Steve Black will be leaving the board due to business pressures. My thanks go to them for their hard work and commitment to the club. A thank you also goes out to the Managers and staff for their continued efforts to serve the members of the club.

There are six people that have put their name forward to run for the board for 2009/10. There are five vacancies to be filled – four for a two year term and 1 to fill the second year of the vacancy created by Steve Black leaving. More information is forthcoming from the club office in this regard. I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting on March 7, 2009 at the Club House.

Enjoy Ledgeview and thank you to the membership for their support.

Enjoy Ledgeview

The following are candidates profile for the board of directors

1) Larry Tokarchuk

I have been a member of the board for the past two years and served as your President for that time. My background is management as well as finance. I retired from health care after a career lasting forty years. I continue to work and offer management and consulting services to the health care industry. I am putting my name forward for a second term as I believe that we need to consolidate our gains that have been made in the past two years and look to creating a strategic direction for the club that will sustain us well in to the future. Your support is appreciated.

2) John Russell

I am a 35-year member of Ledgeview currently serving as the Secretary-Treasurer in my second stint on the board of Directors. I was previously on the Board in the same capacity in the seventies and eighties and was involved in the formation of the Society and subsequent major reconstruction of the course. My desire is to assist in furthering the recent improvement in the Society's financial health and in the enjoyment level of Ledgeview members. Thank you for your consideration

3) Ken Hague

I have been a golf fanatic for as long as I can remember. My Dad put a club in my hand at age 5 in Thunder Bay, Ontario, and that started a love affair with the game that has continued for 55 years. My constant dream throughout my life has been to live on or near a golf course, become a member, and get involved with the club in some capacity, either marshalling, as a starter, or on the Board. I have fulfilled parts one and two of this dream, and becoming a Board member would complete it.

Since my wife, Wendy, and I only moved to Abbotsford in May 2008, many members would not know my background, so here are the highlights.

Both of us were born and raised in Thunder Bay. I left the city in 1967 to join the Canadian Forces and retired 33 years later. As a soldier serving our great country, I had a wonderful career. I graduated from the Royal Military College (RMC) in Kingston in 1972 with an Honours BA in Economics and Commerce, had operational assignments in the Artillery at all rank levels including Commanding Officer of an Artillery Regiment in Petawawa, ON, served with the UN in the Former Republic of Yugoslavia in 1993, and retired from the military in 2000 at the rank of Brigadier-General as Commandant of RMC.

Retirement was short lived when I volunteered full time with United Way of the Lower Mainland for the 2000 Campaign. I was hired on staff by UWLM in April 2001 as a fundraiser. I retired from United Way in 2008 as Vice President Resource Development.

I have served on, or worked with, several Boards including the Board of Directors of UWLM and the RMC Board of Governors. I am currently a Board Member of the RMC Foundation, and have volunteered to serve on the 2009 Cabinet of UW of the Fraser Valley. While in the military, I was President of the Golf Committee at CFB Petawawa for two years.

As a Board member, I would be committed to making golf as enjoyable as possible for members and guests, while at the same time ensuring we remain profitable and progressive. I would attend all meetings and be an active member. There are a number of issues that I would like addressed by the Board including ensuring the pace of play meets Club guidelines, the dress standard, pro-shop procedures, and future plans relating to our clubhouse.

4) **Robert K. Simoes**

I am seeking nomination to the Board of Directors. I have put my name in for a position on the board because I feel that my skills in finance and marketing could be of benefit to the continual operations and success of Ledgeview, now and in the future.

Ledgeview was my first experience in playing golf, having been a junior member back in the mid 70's. I joined Ledgeview last spring, coming from Chilliwack Golf and Country after 9 years as a member because of the superior playing conditions and challenges Ledgeview provides.

I live in Abbotsford with my wife, Colleen and three children.

5) **Doug Charles**

I have just retired from a 38-year flying career, which included Canadian Pacific Airlines, Canadian Airlines and Air Canada.

In 1984, I became a Captain embracing the responsibility for equipment, crew and passenger safety.

I spent many years, (1983-1993) as assistant director, Flying Events, Abbotsford International Air show and became a Member of the Board, in 1995 as Director Flying Events, coordinating hiring of acts, setting of budgets, organizing show schedules, and creating and developing relationships with performers that still serve the event today.

In concert with the 1995 Air show, I also chaired the Snowbird Charity Golf Classic with community leaders, pilots, and crew of the Snowbirds, which was a fundraiser for Super Dave Holmberg's favourite charity, The Fraser Valley Child Development Society.

I am currently serving a term as Director of the Viva Homeowners Association, San Jose' del Cabo.

In my spare time, I challenge myself and my friends with my ongoing love hate dance with the game of golf! I have a collector Jaguar that needs lots of love and a Bellanca Citabria to fly aerobatics over the Valley.

I have three children and three grandchildren, and reside in Abbotsford with my wife Mrs. Gerri Charles who apparently I am the husband of.

I can offer the Club my experience as a Board Member of other organizations.

I am receptive to new experiences, however I will not take on any project that I believe is beyond my capabilities.

As stated before I am retired, so I do have a very flexible schedule.

6) Merv Peters

I apologize for being unable to attend tonight.

For those of you who do not know me, I was born and raised in southern Manitoba. Freshly out of school, I joined the Navy in 1970, serving our country for the next 35 plus years, the last 16 years as a Petty Chief Officer. I retired in 2005. Because of three tours of duty at Aldergrove Naval radio station, we decided that Abbotsford is where we would put down roots in preparation for retirement so we moved here permanently in 1991. I became a member of Ledgeview in 1992.

As a senior Chief in my trade as a Naval Communicator, I was employed in every conceivable position within my occupation. As a result, I gained a tremendous amount of experience and a vast knowledge of most aspects of the military. Consequently, I found myself appointed to various boards and committees. These included policy, trade and performance evaluation boards and a member of a major establishment reorganization committee.

Having served 16 + years on seven different warships, I held several appointments and positions of responsibility including Vice President of the Chief and PO's mess committee on my last ship. Throughout my career, being a team player and contributing were always important however, it became critical during our major 6-month deployment to the Persian Gulf where we were under a constant threat and continuously on high alert.

Some of my general concerns related to Ledgeview are the pace of play, the standardized enforcement of our dress code policy and ensuring Ledgeview is maintained in its pristine condition.

If you think I would be an asset to the board, please vote for me

Thank you

Ledgeview Ladies' Association

Spring Meeting and Social scheduled for Thursday April 9th at 7:00 pm.

LADIES NIGHT IS BACK!

Ladies night is just around the corner with our opening night slated for Thursday, April 16th, 2009, with a 5:00 pm. shotgun. Spread the word to your friends and neighbors we are back and with your participation we are going for another successful season.

For those of us who had to spend the cold harsh winter in Abbotsford, it's time to dust off those clubs and stretch those limbs. For others who have been fortunate enough to get away to warmer climes it's time to get back here. We miss you!

Last year we more than doubled the previous year's attendance and we want to do it again. In addition to our regular sponsors, we've picked up a couple of new ones so look for more prizes. We also have a new "*product*" coming out that is sure to please everyone so be sure to come out and check it out for yourself.

On behalf of the Thursday Ladies Night Committee
Pauline Clairoux Carol Clarke
Co – Chair Co - Chair

Ledgeview Thursday Morning Seniors

The Thursday Seniors will start their season with their traditional Opening Breakfast on Thursday, March 26th, at 8:00am. Registration is from 7:30am until 8:00am, followed by a short meeting to explain the 2009 Schedule of Events. Kevin's always-excellent buffet-style breakfast will be served at approximately 8:45am at a nominal cost. Competition proper starts on Thursday, April 2nd with starting times between 8:00am and 9:15am. A sign-up sheet will be available at the entrance to the Men's' Locker Room until Monday, March 30th for that week, and every Monday thereafter. Membership is open to all over 55's, including non-members, so if you know someone in the community who would like some good fellowship through golf, bring him on out for an enjoyable game at a great price!

Rodger Kelly

Hello all by Jason Smith

We are very excited in the Proshop for our new IGolf online booking system, which is now in full swing! You can access IGolf through the website Ledgeviewgolf.com and can log in with your username and password. You hopefully have been emailed with these or you can call the proshop. You can still book 7 days in advance with the weekends switching to a lottery system. You can call the proshop for details or with any questions.

We have posted all signup sheets for all members' tournaments for the year in the Proshop. You can now sign up for them all and know the details in advance. The first tournament of the year is the Men's spring handicap on April 11 & 12th with starting tee times of 8:08. The cost will be \$25 with a lunch included on Sunday.

Men's night this year will be changing to a 1:00 pm shotgun every Wednesday. You will be able to create an entry into the men's night draw on IGolf. The first Men's Night will be April 8 and there will not be any points assigned to your totals for this draw.

The first ladies night will be April 9 with the same format as last year.

We are currently having a clothing and shoe sale with all clothing being marked down to 50% off and all shoes being marked down to 40% off.

Looking forward to seeing everybody out on the golf course with a beautiful spring in order.

Club Captains Report by Tom Hall

Rules Refresher (Quiz) Answers on page 9

[1] After hitting his first ball towards the edge of the pond on number 8, Jack announces he will play a provisional ball, tees another ball and hits it onto the putting green.

As they walk to the green, Todd points out Jack's original ball just inside the red hazard stakes and easily playable. How may Jack proceed?

- a) Jack must abandon the second ball and continue play with the original ball.
- b) Jack may either play the original ball without penalty or continue with the second ball, incurring a one-stroke penalty.
- c) Jack must continue with the second ball under penalty of one stroke.
- d) Jack must abandon both balls and return to the tee, playing his 5th stroke.

[2] Before teeing off on number 11, Wayne uses his wedge to create a mound of turf on which to place the ball. He then steps directly behind the ball to press down some grass and sand.

What is the ruling?

- a) There is no penalty
- b) Wayne incurs a two-stroke penalty for improving his line of play by stepping on the grass behind the ball.
- c) Wayne is disqualified for using a non-conforming tee.
- d) Wayne incurs a total penalty of 4 strokes.

[3] Lois chips her ball from the rough onto the putting green and into the hole. Her ball, however, does not fall below the level of the putting green but gets stopped by the flagstick that was not replaced correctly by the previous group. Her fellow competitor, Pauline, removes the flagstick before Lois has a chance to get to it and her ball pops out of the hole. What is the ruling?

- a) Lois's ball is considered holed.
- b) Lois must play her ball from where it came to rest after Pauline removed the flagstick.
- c) Lois must replace her ball against the flagstick. She may then move or remove the flagstick and if the ball falls into the hole, it is holed, otherwise she must place her ball on the lip of the hole and hole out.
- d) Lois must lift her ball and place it on the lip of the hole without penalty.

[4] Len's ball comes to rest in a tree overhanging the putting green. He can easily reach the ball and tells Carol he is deeming it unplayable. He then knocks the ball out of the tree, cleans it and drops it on the putting green within two club-lengths and not nearer the hole than the spot on the green directly below where it was in the tree. What is the ruling?

- a) No penalty.
- b) Len incurs a one stroke penalty for deeming his ball unplayable and has proceeded correctly.
- c) Len incurs a one stroke penalty for deeming his ball unplayable and has dropped in the wrong place. He must correct his error by dropping off the putting green or incur an additional penalty of two strokes.
- d) Len incurs a one stroke penalty for deeming his ball unplayable and has dropped in the wrong place. He must correct his error by dropping off the putting green or be disqualified for a serious breach.

[5] In stroke play, Carol's approach shot to the green lands on a hill just in front of the putting green and rolls back into a water hazard marked with yellow stakes. In taking relief, Carol drops a ball within two club-lengths of where the ball last crossed the margin of the hazard, not nearer the hole. She chips onto the green and holes her putt. What is the ruling?

- a) Carol incurs a one stroke penalty for taking relief from the water hazard.
- b) Carol incurs a two stroke penalty for playing from a wrong place.
- c) Carol incurs a one stroke penalty for taking relief from the water hazard, plus an additional two stroke penalty for playing from a wrong place.
- d) Carol incurs a one stroke penalty for taking relief from the water hazard, plus an additional two stroke penalty for playing from a wrong place. She must correct her error before playing from the next teeing ground or she is disqualified.

Answers to Quiz on page 9

Clubhouse/Restaurant: Kevin Poland Operations Mgr

From the Office:

Office hours Monday through Friday 9am – 5pm

Special Payment Date of Saturday March 28 from 9:00am to 5:00pm

Special Payment Date of Tuesday March 31 from 9:00am to 7:00pm

Invoices have been sent out a few weeks ago. In order to process payments on a timely basis, please try to come in early (before April 1) and bring your invoice with you. Food & Beverage cards from 2008 CAN be recycled...please do not throw them out. We can re-load your 2009 assessment onto these cards.

Please do not wait to come up on the weekends to pay before or after your tee time, as I may be involved in other matters and not available.

The clubhouse has been quite quiet over the last month with the poor weather we have been having. Here are the hours of operation for the month of March if you wish to come up and use up your 2008 food & beverage assessment.

March 1^s through 13th.

Monday – Friday 11am – 6pm

Saturday – Sunday 9am – 6pm

March 14th through 31st

Monday – Friday 9am – 7pm

Saturday Sunday Holiday 8am – 7pm

Here are some items to look forward to this coming season:

- Breakfast served until noon with two items available all day
- Tapas menu available after noon – small portions for small prices
- Condensed clubhouse menu for the staple items with an emphasis this year on lunch and dinner specials
- Looking into doing a roasted spit on Saturday's...available after 2pm. Beef, Lamb, suckling pig
- Concession food to include pizza, and nachos to go! As well as fresh daily sandwiches and two types of hot dogs, no glass bottles on the course.
- Drink cart out on the course from 11am to 7pm...some food available
- 10% off the **CLUBHOUSE MENU**
- Phone in your take out order from the 18th tee pick it up to go when you come in...10% off will still apply.
- We are encouraging people to drop their bottles and cans in the recycling shed at the west side of the building...please do not throw recycling in the garbage cans

Looking forward to a new season.

From Around the Course



Green and Grounds Committee Report

1) The work to the north of the 2nd greenside bunker has been completed. The sod is growing and should be ready for the new season. GUR signs will be displayed and golfers need to honor those signs. The path/road access adjacent to the 3rd tee has been covered in bark mulch as it is a high traffic area and is difficult to maintain in grass. Some balls will end up on the mulch and possibly near the tee box wall.

Under the rules, golfers may:

- a) play the ball where it lies or
- b) Drop the ball at the nearest point of relief, no closer the hole than the point where the original ball lay.

As we do not encourage balls to be played from tee box surfaces, this may entail taking the ball all the way across the cart path in the direction of the fairway bunker on #2?

Accordingly, a Drop Area will be established within the cart path loop and a local rule developed to cover such outcomes.

2) The work on the #11 tee has not been successful and surface water is not draining away. The supplier of materials has agreed the problem is his and will supply free suitable replacement.

The grounds crew will do some minor drainage work and recover the tee with a further six inches of sand based soil. Once the sod is laid, the tee should be ready for play in May.

Meanwhile two old tee areas will be utilized until the new tee is ready.

3) Winter clean up is extensive and the grounds crew will be endeavoring to finish the work ASAP.

4) We anticipate being able to remove the winter tee mats as early as mid March but this will depend on weather.

At that time, we can revert to summer handicaps. The Pro Shop will alert golfers in the event the change is made.

5) Chad Burns, the Course Superintendent, and Tom Hall, Club Captain, have been developing a Hole Audit.

Each of the front nine holes has been walked assessed and audited to evaluate and plan for work to be done to improve playability and reduce maintenance.

The back nine will be done shortly and the Green and Grounds committee will then establish priority for work to be completed.

Minutes of the committee can be read in a Green and Grounds binder stored in the office.

6) Chad is attending the BC and Canadian association of Course Superintendent's meeting and seminar's in March.

Answers to Quiz on pages 5 and 6

[1]-c) Even though Jack announced his second ball to be a provisional ball, he is not entitled to play a provisional ball. A provisional ball may only be played for **a ball that may be out of bounds or lost outside a water hazard.** His second ball became his ball in play under penalty of stroke and distance and he must continue to play with it.

[2]-a) The teeing ground is a special place and **Rule 11 permits the player to create or eliminate irregularities on the surface,** whether to tee the ball or to improve the area of the intended swing.

[3]-c) **A ball is not holed until all of it comes to rest within the circumference of the hole below the surface of the putting green.** In this case, Lois is permitted to move or remove the flagstick and let the ball fall into the hole even though this is causing the ball to move. If the ball pops out, however, she must place it on the lip of the hole without penalty and hole out.

[4]-b) **Rule 28, Ball Unplayable is one of the rare situations when a player may drop a ball on the putting green when exercising one of the options**

[5]-d) **Yellow stakes indicate a regular water hazard and dropping a ball within two club-lengths of where it last crossed in not an option.** When taking relief, Carol must either drop a ball behind the water hazard, keeping the point where it last crossed the margin between the hole and the spot on which it is dropped, or play a ball from the place the original ball was last played. Dropping greenside is a serious breach and must be corrected.

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.n