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President Message: Larry Tokarchuk

The weather continues to be un-cooperative and April has finished as one of the coldest in history. Fortunately we were very conservative in our revenue projections in our budget so we have not been hit too hard. We thank the members for being prompt with their dues payments and this has been helpful with our cash position with the bank. It appears though that at this stage we have considerably fewer proxy members and some down grading in the general memberships. We are currently looking at this to determine what actions we need to take. The board will be holding a planning session around marketing of Ledgeview.

At the annual meeting we were not successful in filling our vacancy on the board. The board has discussed this issue along with looking at what type of board member could add strength to the board. As mentioned above, marketing and promotion is becoming a critical factor at all golf courses, including Ledgeview. If there is a member that has this type of background and is prepared to step up to the plate to assist our club, we would welcome you to the board. If you have an interest in serving on the board, please contact myself or any of the board members.

From time to time issues and concerns are brought to the board that requires changes in policy and in a lot of cases the development of new policy and direction for the club. Most recently, concern has been expressed about some of our staff participating in Men's Night. The board is clear on the fact that the management staff are required to work on average 40 hours per week. We recognize that due to the nature of the golf operation flexibility is provided in work schedules. The management staff is committed to the job coming first. The board requires that the staff document their time and as such we do not have any concern in this area.

Last month the issue of restricted tee time start on the back 9 was referred to the Greens and Grounds Committee. The committee has considered this item and responds in another section of this newsletter with the approach that we would like to take.

Hopefully the weather will be better in May!
Enjoy Ledgeview,
Larry Tokarchuk, President

Information;

The hole- in- one bar -tab (credit \$100.00) has been discontinued as of April 2008; this practice has been discontinued at other clubs including Chilliwack and the practice of people buying a drink for the person scoring the hole- in-one will be encouraged.

Notwithstanding the above we will continue to acknowledge golfers in the newsletter who achieve a hole-in- one.

Would members please ensure that their bill is paid prior to leaving the clubhouse whether it is to play golf or to go home? This would ensure that no undue sums would be charged to your account without your knowledge.

It is the member's responsibility to ensure that his bill is paid prior to leaving the clubhouse.

In additions some old charge accounts remain unpaid if your account is overdue would you please come to the office and settle your account as soon as possible.

Memberships that have not been paid as of April 15th have been suspended and the members in question have lost their playing privileges until their 2008 dues are paid.

The complimentary 2008 Roster Book is now available. You can pick up a copy either in the pro-shop or from the office. Special thanks to Pauline Clairoux and to Lee Holmberg for all the work they did to make the Roster Book available to the members. And a special mention to Lee Holmberg who was able to sell enough ads to cover the costs of the Roster book.

(Once again Kudos to Pauline and Lee)

The Abbotsford's Rotary Club Million Dollar Hole-in-One is back at Fraserglen Golf Course Driving Range!

Try your luck at \$1,000,000. The contest will take place from May 24 to the 31st with finals on Sunday, June 1st when about 100 finalists and "wild cards" will play off for a chance to win \$1,000,000.

Twelve prizes will be awarded every day to 7 qualifiers and 5 randomly chosen golfers, including power washers, barbecues, TVS, etc. This year, there are more and better prizes.

100% of the proceeds will support Rotary charities including \$200,000 to the children's ward at the new Abbotsford Regional Hospital and Cancer Centre.

We encourage our members to continue to support this event and to get others to participate. See you there.

Gary Fribance

Captain's Report: Tom Hall

Chairmen 2008

The Ledgeview Golf Club would like to thank the following people for their generous donation of time and organization in chairing their respective events in 2008.

We are certain that volunteers will be readily available to help these chairmen accomplish their desired goals.

Ledgeview Ladies Amateur

Co-chairs this year are Heather Lang, Heather Shaw, and Val Haslam.

Ledgeview Men's Open
Jason Smith

Mixed Invitational Tournament 2008
George Sigaty

Handicap Committee
Peter Dobson

Men's Spring Handicap Results 2008

An active field of 40 golfers enjoyed spring weather, a golf course in excellent shape. Thanks to the Grounds Crew and fine organization by the Pro Shop staff

Results

1st Overall - Todd Castonguay won with rounds of 68 and 71 for an outstanding gross total of 139. With 4 strokes deducted each day, his net total was 131. Todd is a new member to the club and his 68 is a personal record for him at Ledgeview, despite his 3 putt on #18! Congratulations Todd and welcome to the club.

Flight A

1st Jerry Johnson – 135
2nd Dan Beketa – 135
3rd Pat Hatchwell – 138
4th Barclay Neilson – 139

Flight B

1st Wally Klatt-- 140
2nd Gerry Rustulka-- 142
3rd Graham Baggaley-- 144
4th Art Konishi-- 145

Competition Results

The Spring Steeplechase Scramble was an exciting event with 4 teams finishing within point 2 of a stroke of each other after handicap allowances had been deducted. The winners Robert Simpson, Bella Black, Len Shaw and Mel Roadhouse scored 50.4 and defeated Jim Pearce, Jerry Rustulka, Joan Feaver and Maureen Hambly in retrogression. Congratulations to all participants.

VIP Men's 2 Ball

3 teams tied for first place and it needed retrogression to separate winners Mike Howard and Bill McCulloch from the teams of Dave Garrett and Paul Kerbrat and Rick Hamilton and Hans Weirich.

The Husband/Wife/Mixed Couples Tournament takes place Sunday May 25th and the **Ledgeview Men's Member Guest, Member/Member 2 Ball** takes place Saturday May 16th and Sunday May 17th. Enter now in the Pro Shop computer area.

Junior Golf

Head Professional Jason Smith and Club Captain Tom Hall will commence a series of Junior Golf sessions on Saturdays in late May and June. These sessions will include golf instruction, golf course etiquette, rules, handicap computer instruction and caddie skills. Juniors are encouraged to show their interest by signing up in the Pro Shop on the Junior Notice Board across from the computer. Hopefully we will have enough interest to continue other junior activities throughout the season. Details and a Junior Program Guide will be available in the Pro Shop.

Local Rule

Distance Measuring Devices:

For all play at Ledgeview, a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures *distance only*. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.) the player is in breach of Rule 14-3 for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.

Yardage Markers

Club Captain Tom Hall and members Bill Lumby, Bill Burdge of Pemko Canada, Paul Teillet of Benjamin Moore Paints and Bill McCullouch are working to replace the aging distance markers on fairway sprinkler heads. Current experiments involve painted aluminum replacements for the plastic markers which are fading after years of wear and tear. If the new markers are successful, eventually old markers will be replaced with hopefully more visible signs.

Distance Blocks

Another initiative involves doubling up and stenciling the existing blue, white and red concrete tee markers with their respective distances and adding new markers on the opposite sides of tee boxes. Thanks to a generous donation by Abbotsford Concrete Products acquired by Bob Forrest, this project is underway.

The grounds crew have moved the Tee Sign on hole number 8 back to the white tee box to avoid confusion. Distances will be stenciled on the number 8 hole “forgotten tee” which lies between the red and white tee boxes.

Rules Decisions

Here are two rules decisions made at the Spring Handicap. They are offered not to embarrass anyone but for your information.

The names of the innocent are deleted for their protection.

- 1) A score card was signed and attested and handed into the tournament committee. The players marker inadvertently failed to enter a score for his fellow competitor on hole number 18. 41, the total score for holes 10 through 17, were written in the vacant square. When the back nine holes were added up they totaled 82. Added to the 43 for the front nine for a score of 125. Since the scorecard was signed and attested, the score had to stand. Needless to say, the players were very disappointed.
Check your scorecard before handing it in.

- 2) The tournament rules sheet stated:
Local Rule in effect:
Lift, Clean and Place within **6** inches, no closer to the hole, *through the green*.
A golfer found his ball plugged within the lateral water hazard to the right of the 16th green. Without comment, he lifted and cleaned the ball, placing it on grass in the hazard within 6 inches of the plug. When challenged and believing he had proceeded correctly, he chose to invoke rule 3-3, playing two balls and electing to score his second ball if so allowed.
He placed his original ball back in the plug mark and holed out with it, taking 7 strokes in total. He placed a second ball as described beside the plug and within the hazard. He took 4 strokes in total with that ball. The committee decided that he should have played his first ball and that was the ball to count. A penalty of one stroke was assessed under rule 18-2. He signed for a score of 8 on the hole. (The BCGA confirmed the decision.)
The term *through the green* means “the whole area of the course except the teeing ground and putting green of the hole being played and all hazards on the course.”

It is the player’s responsibility to know the rules of golf and to read the rule sheet prior to starting each tournament.

Making a Draw for a Tournament

Please read this information and take it into consideration before withdrawing from a tournament at the last minute.

Once all members are signed up for a tournament such as the Mixed Spring Scramble, the following steps are followed.

- 1) All player handicaps are retrieved from the handicap computer.
- 2) Players are listed from lowest handicap to highest handicap.
- 3) All players' handicaps are added up and divided by 4. This gives the average team handicap total. (ATHT) e.g. 74.3
- 4) Ideally Scramble Teams are made up of 4 players but the number of players dictates the number of teams. If an odd number exists, a decision needs to be made about how many teams will consist of only 3 players.
- 5) Again, the ideal configuration is 2 Men and 2 Women but the number of men and women must be added and a calculation of how teams will be constructed needs to be made. E.g. 65 players = 17 teams made up of 14 teams of 4 and 3 teams of 3
Then, the number of women and men decides how teams are made up. 2 men and 2 women **or** 1 man and 3 women **or** 3 men and 1 woman.
- 6) Once this point is reached, Captains are selected from the low handicap group.
- 7) An equal number of high handicaps are assigned at random to the captains.
- 8) The medium handicaps are then assigned at random bearing in mind that the teams need to conform to RCGA guidelines which stipulate that teams should not differ more than 4 points in total in either direction of the average team handicap total. E.g. ATHT is 74.3. Team totals cannot exceed 78.3 or be lower than 70.3
- 9) Then the draw is constructed bearing in mind the requests by some golfers for an early or later start.
- 10) Finally, consideration is given to ensuring spouse or partners finish their rounds at a time reasonably close to each other.

This process may not sound like much but it takes up to 6 hours to construct a **fair draw** and when 1 player withdraws, the process needs to be redone to ensure **fairness** still exists.

Jason Smith Club Professional:

Hello all.

Finally it looks like the winter is gone and golfing season is upon us. Ladies night is now in full swing thanks to the efforts of Pauline Clairoux and Carol Clarke as the numbers are already double what they were last year!!! Men's night is off to a great start as well, as our opening night attracted over 100 golfers.

As you all know, there is no longer membership charging in the Pro-shop, so any winnings from Ladies night, Men's night, and/or member tournaments go directly to your existing pro-shop gift card. Amber will update these totals weekly and produce receipts for anyone that would like a copy.

The roster books have arrived in the shop and are ready for pick up -- we will gladly retrieve a copy for you.

Have a great month,

Jason

Ledgeview Ladies Association by Pauline Clairoux

Thursday Night Ladies golf started April 17th with a great turnout. We had 53 ladies attend the first night and then 46 braved the elements on April 24th. Everyone had a great time despite the cool, wet weather.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our sponsors and the participants. For those ladies who have not been able to attend yet I look forward to seeing you out there real soon so that you can join us for a great evening of golf, dinner and socializing.

2) We had a total of 51 ladies join us this week May 1st and the weather co-operated. The meal was fantastic and everyone had a good time. **“See you all next week”**

Ledgeview Thursday Morning Seniors

After a slow start to the season, the first seniors' Competition being cancelled due to adverse weather, the Thursday Seniors finally got under way on the 10th April.

Thomas Kim (22) took the High Flight Low Net with a 70, and Jake Goetz (12) took the Low Flight Low Net with a 65. Jake also took the Low Gross Pool with a 77.

On the 17th April, Bob Forrest (10) cleaned up both the Low Net with a 67, and the Low Gross Pool with a 77.

The 2-Man Best Ball on April 24th ended in a tie for first place, with the team of Russ Parker (26) and Gord Stromberg (14) matching the team of Joe Pate (19) and Barry Loewen (23) at Net 58.

On May 1st, Chuck Gibson (29) and Bill McCullough (13) both came in with a Net 65 to share First Place, and Jim Anderson (13) took the Low Gross Pool with an 82. The highlight of the day however went to Jack Baskin who recorded the first Hole-in-One of the season at the 14th.

The Hidden Hole Pool remains unclaimed after three attempts and is growing nicely.

Fancy your chances? Come on out, but beware! The competition among the old-timers is fierce this year!

Rodger Kelly

Ledgeview Club House & Restaurant:

Greetings once again from the clubhouse,

Summer is in full swing at the club and just a reminder that the month of May is packed with events on the course and in the clubhouse. Please check the calendar of events located on the website www.ledgeviewgolf.com in the members section. If you are unsure about an event listed, please call ahead before coming up as most of the events will take up the entire facility.

Please welcome my new staff when you see them. They are an experienced crew that would love to get to know your names. I am still looking for an experienced cook to help us get through the busy season.

If you have used up your F&B assessment already,...congratulations and thank-you from the staff. Bring in your card as they can be re-cycled again for further use by someone else or we can always load up the card again with more money for yourself.

If there is anyone interested in helping out to fix some items around the clubhouse please let me know.

Don't forget about Prime Rib Sunday Nights every Sunday this summer. \$13.99 gets you a starter salad and a nice cut of Prime Rib, twice baked potato and vegetables.

See you then.

Kevin Poland Ledgeview Golf & Country Club - Clubhouse Manager

Hole- in- One:



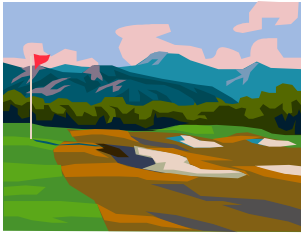
Here we see Jack Baskin retrieving his ball on the 14th hole after achieving a hole-in- one. The feat was accomplished Thursday morning while playing in the weekly senior's day competition.

**The feat was witnessed by Len Exley, Dave Hull and Stan Lamontagne
Jack has been a member of Ledgeview for the past 22 years and it is his first hole-in-one.**

Sorry Bob, (Bob Finch), no picture available nevertheless congratulations on your hole -in-one 11th hole on April 30th.

Jack must have had a premonition as he had a camera in his bag.

From Around the Course



Welcome to our newest member;

Mark Seymour

1) Last year Ledgeview introduced a policy of keeping push carts OUTSIDE greenside bunkers. This practice helps preserve the green fringes and first cut of rough in these areas and prevent wear and tear on high traffic sites. For example, the strip to the left of the first and tenth greens looks much better as few of us take our carts through between the bunker and green. Whilst most golfers now adhere to this practice some are still forgetful and keep walking and pushing through the same areas each round.

Please be diligent in pointing out to others in your group that they need to push carts **outside bunkers around greens** even if it does add a couple of seconds to their rounds.

Thank you

2) Back Nine Golf

The Grounds Crew completes the front nine holes first before moving to the back nine. When darkness prevents starting maintenance till later, golfers who start on the back nine encounter workers who are attempting to finish their work. This has led to some unfortunate situations where **safety issues** and **undue delays** have occurred. Golfers need to be aware that the crew is concentrating on their work wearing ear protection and sometimes cannot hear or see golfers approaching. Obviously safety of our staff is of paramount importance and **golfers must see a physical acknowledgement** such as a wave or moving to stop beside the green or fairway, from workers, before golfers hit towards them. Golfers may need to wait till a crew member finishes a green before they are allowed to hit. The Pro Shop will issue a written handout to golfers who go out early on the back nine, outlining these concerns of safety and potential time wasting for our grounds crew.

3) Rakes in Bunkers

The Grounds Superintendent has informed the club that the preference is for rakes to be left in rather than outside bunkers. When doing so, please attempt to lay the rakes on flat places at the bottom of the bunker. Should your ball come to rest against a rake, the rules allow moving the rake and require replacing the ball should it move during this process.

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 Around the Course in the upcoming newsletter. s_lamont@telus.ne