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Ledgeview Ladies Association

Our spring meeting this year was held April 4th and was attended by 27 of the membership. Team Play, Match Play and Tuesday play sign ups were circulated. Discussion on new Team shirts resulted in a very sharp looking design being selected. Unfortunately, that style is no longer available and other similar ones have met with the same result. As the best choices are presented in the fall, we will order our shirts at that time and continue to use the existing shirts for this season. The ladies also approved a purchase of the booklet called Easy Guide to the Rules and Etiquette of golf. Those booklets have arrived and can be purchased from Leslie anytime or on Tuesday play day for \$1.50.

Tuesday Ladies' play began April 7 this year. The sun was out and has continued to shine every Tuesday since. Do not say anything about the temperature of the winds we have been experiencing! Our first Pin Round is completed...and Team play is set to start on the 19th of May. Do not forget to check the boards for all the upcoming tournaments. There are plenty to choose from both in club as well as neighboring courses and Zone events.

We love the new computer tee times and information system. Ladies can now check their Tuesday times on their home computer.

The Ladies' Amateur is on June 20, 21st weekend and spots are filling fast! Heather Shaw is happy to take your cheque...\$100.00 for members. Details are on the club website.

Match Play signup is complete. Val Haslam is almost home and will have the flights made up by next week.

Have fun and the game is sure to follow!

Leslie Howard
Ladies' Association Captain

The following is a short resume on our new Club Captain Mike Fisher

Mike and his family (wife and 2 children) moved from North Vancouver to Abbotsford in June 2003. He played regularly (approximately 50 rounds per year) as a green fee player at Ledgeview until he joined as a member in January 2006 – He is what you might call a 'golf nut'. He has been a proud supporter of Ledgeview since the first time he played the course in 2003 and has always shown an interest in helping any way he could.

Mike considers the position of Club Captain as an honor and privilege and is thrilled to have the opportunity of building upon the solid foundations set by our former Club Captain, Tom Hall and the tireless work ethic he demonstrated in this role.

Mike feels he can utilize his strong organizational skills, creative flair and eye for detail to promote a positive experience on and off the golf course for our membership. He recognizes the diverse nature of our membership and the complexities that may arise when addressing the various concerns and needs of our members.

Mike intends to form a Match Committee comprised of fellow members who are likewise devoted to the success of Ledgeview (including Tom Hall) to ensure a thoughtful and balanced approach to this important role at Ledgeview Golf & Country Club.

Clubhouse/Restaurant: Kevin Poland Operations Mgr

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those members who have come back from hibernation, have greeted the new staff and the clubhouse with open arms, and are looking forward to a new season of golf.

Please remember to smile and say hello to your server....chances are she'll smile back and ask how your golf game went.....and will have no idea what you're talking about when you try to explain it...

Many of the servers as you no doubt have noticed are new to Ledgeview and are on a learning curve so let's be a little understanding if some glitches occur.

They are trying their best to serve you. I would ask you to be patient with them as well as the rest of the clubhouse staff. Our staff here must deal with separate bills, discount every bill 10% for members, learn everyone's names, and respond to special requests. Servers at other restaurants bill per table do not discount customer bills and have a set menu.

If you have an issue regarding the restaurant, I would urge you to come and discuss your concerns with me so that I can address them in a proper manner.

Thursday Morning Seniors by Rodger Kelly

Paul Pike gave early notice of his intentions this season, scooping both the Low Gross (78) and Low Net (67) in his Flight in the opening Competition of the Year on the 9th of April. New Member Lloyd Lemoignan and Jerry Loewen shared the High Handicap Flight Low Net with 71's. On the 16th April, Ken Hague and Rodger Kelly matched (old) Roy Kelso's Net 66, for top honours, with Rodger taking the Low Gross with a 77.

The 2-Man Best Ball Competition on April 23rd was well contested, with the Bob Forrest/Doug Murray Team sharing top spot with the Barry Loewen/Gord Stromberg Team with 59 Net.

The seniors meet every Thursday morning for competition and a little banter. All members, 55 and over are welcome to sign up in the Men's' Locker Room by the preceding Monday morning for inclusion in the Draw for partnerships.

Club Captain's Report by Michael Fisher

I would like to start by saying that I consider it an honor and privilege to be your new Club Captain. **Tom Hall**, with all his tireless work as the former Club Captain is a hard act to follow, but with Tom's expert guidance, I hope to fill those shoes!

1. 2009 Club Tournaments

It appears that spring has finally arrived! **Ken Check** said goodbye to winter with a 3 & 2 win over **Pat Hatchwell** to capture the 2nd Annual **Woolly Cup** (Men's Winter Match Play Tournament). **Ron Dunsire** and **Bob Simoes** were the other semi-finalists in this year's competition.

The 2009 club tournament schedule kicked off with the **Men's Spring Handicap** (April 11 & 12). **Bill Burdige** battled a stormy Sunday and a final round surge by **Pat Differ** to claim this year's title by a slim one-stroke margin. Congratulations to Bill and many thanks for his continued Men's and Ladies Night sponsorship through **Pemko Canada**.

A full field of 76 golfers enjoyed a gorgeous Sunday (April 26) on the links for the 2009 **Mixed Spring Steeplechase**. The shamble format for this year's event was, by all accounts well received by the participants. Here are the tournament results:

1st Place (36 under par)

Jim Pearce, Gerry Feaver, Trudy Wallace, Bev Johnston

2nd Place (31 under par, placed by retrogression)

Margaret Hong, Howard Hambly, Mike Wnuk, Karen Revane

3rd Place (31 under par, placed by retrogression)

Rick Nelson, Scott Findlay, Heather Shaw, Maureen Hambly

4th Place (31 under par, placed by retrogression)

Jerry Wallace, Faye Griffin, Jane Rempel, Lee Johnston

5th Place (31 under par, placed by retrogression)

Dan Beketa, Bob Chartier, Heather Pearce, Joan Feaver

The 2009 **Men's VIP** is fast approaching! The 2-man team auction takes place Wednesday, April 29 (Men's Night) and the Tournament will be played Saturday, May 2 and Sunday, May 3.

Finally, the ever-popular **Men's Caledonian Cup/Wooden Spoon** (Summer Match Play Tournament) is set to start in June and will run through September. Registration is open at the Pro Shop – entry fee is \$15. Will **Todd Castonguay** successfully defend? We will see....

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. Local Rules Update

Questions have arisen concerning the use of Distance Measuring Devices (DMD). For clarification, here is the Ledgeview G&CC local rule:

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.

3. Equitable Stroke Control

ESC is the downward adjustment of individual hole scores for handicap purposes in order to make Handicap Factors more representative of a player's potential scoring ability. ESC sets a maximum number that a player can post on any hole depending on the player's Course Handicap.

Note: In other countries, the system may be different. E.g. USA

<i>Course Handicap</i>	<i>Maximum Number on any Hole</i>
0 or + plus	1 over par
1 through 18	2 over par
19 through 32	3 over par
33 and over	4 over par

4. Ledgeview's Youngsters are at it again...

For those of you that missed *Kent Gilchrist's* article in *The Province* (April 22, pg 51), here it is...

"Nick Taylor is on the threshold of winning the Ben Hogan Award as the top collegiate player of the year.

Louisville senior **Adam Hadwin**, who switched to Morgan Creek, won his first college tournament Tuesday with a final-round five-under 67 to win the Big East title.

Next week, Taylor goes for his fifth NCAA win of the season when Seattle hosts the PAC-10 men's championship.

Last week, he fired a final-round 63 to take medalist honors at the U.S. Intercollegiate tournament hosted by Stanford.

Coach Matt Thurmond said: "It's amazing."

Langley's Darren Wallace also closed with a 63. Taylor's 54-hole total was 12 under par 198, a shot ahead of Wallace."

Amazing is right! Congratulations to Nick and Adam.

Tom Hall – Handicap Committee

Rules Questions test your golf knowledge.

- 1) You play in a stroke play competition and tie for first place. The rules sheet calls for a play-off. When you arrive at the tee box, a fellow competitor asks, "What is that in your bag?"
You answer: It is a training device used for alignment purposes", that you forgot to leave it at home but have not used it in your round
 - a) Are you subject to any penalty and if so what penalty?
- 2) As you walk down the first hole in a competition, you realize you have 15 clubs in your bag when the maximum allowed is 14.
 - a) What is the penalty for such an error?
 - b) If you discovered the mistake on the 4th tee box, what would the penalty be?
- 3) On the putting green, you mark your ball and pick it up to clean it. When you replace it; you roll the ball back towards the mark with your putter.
 - a) Is there a penalty for testing the surface of the green?

- 4) You hit a shot from the rough, walk to your ball on the fairway and discover you played a ball belonging to someone else.
 - a) What is the penalty?
 - b) How should you proceed?

- 5) You play a poor second shot to a hole, hear the ball rattle around in the trees and believe it is probably lost out of bounds. You state, "that one is lost" and play another ball from the same spot. You are about to putt towards the hole when a fellow competitor tending the flag finds your original in the hole.
 - a) Does the original ball count and if so, what do you score on the hole?

Answers to quiz on the following page

Grounds & Greens Report – May 2009

Ken and Chad

During the last month, work has progressed on various tasks on the course. Some of the work includes removal of the two cherry trees on #10 tee due to, among a number of reasons, invasive roots affecting both the tee boxes and the practice green (to partially fill in the gap left by the removal, There will be a cedar hedge planted to the left side of the blue tee that will join the already existing hedge on the white tee); cleanup of the fallen branches from the rough and fairways; and pruning various shrubs and bushes throughout the course.

Although temperatures are still remaining cool, the greens are steadily recovering from the harsh winter including numbers 6 and 18 that are now open. We will continue taking every possible measure to speed up their recovery and get them into their normal playing condition. The greens will be solid tined soon and this will help to open the greens up and increase oxygen to the turf.

The new tee box on #11 will be ready for play on May 1st

Summer rules will also come into effect on May 1st.

Just a reminder to the membership to use the sand and seed bottles whenever possible. Your assistance really helps with the fairway divots and recovery. There is an abnormal amount of divots on the fairways at this time and the more we fill them in with the seed bottles, the better the fairways will be during the year

The Grounds and Greens Committee will meet for the first time on April 29th to review the Hole-by-Hole Audit that was just completed this past week. Committee members include Ken Hague, Chad Burns, Heather Shaw, Mike Fisher, Merv Peters, and Jason Smith.

Rules Questions – Answers

- 1) Rule 14 Striking the Ball, in 14-3 deals with Artificial Devices, Unusual Equipment and Unusual Use of Equipment. This section states:
Except as provided in the Rules, during a stipulated round the player must not use any artificial device or unusual equipment, or use any equipment in an unusual manner: Decision 14-3/10 specifies that the use of a Training or Swing Aid during the round is prohibited. However, you are only penalized if you use the device during your round and not if you just carry it in your bag.
- 2) Rule 4 Clubs stipulates in 4-4 Maximum of 14 Clubs c) that any club or clubs carried or used in breach of rule 4-4 must be declared out of play by the player to his opponent in match play or his marker or fellow competitor in stroke play. Immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred and must not use the club(s) for the remainder of the stipulated round.
The penalty regardless of the number of excess clubs carried:
Match play – At the conclusion of the hole at which the breach is discovered, the state of the match is adjusted by deducting one hole for each hole at which a breach occurred, to a maximum of two holes.
Stroke play – 2 strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred to a maximum of 4 strokes per round.
- 3) Rule 16 Putting Green deals with this subject in Decision 16-1d/3 Player returns ball to spot from which it was lifted by rolling it with his putter. There is no penalty provided the action of rolling the ball was not for the purpose of testing the surface of the green.
- 4) The penalty is loss of hole in Match play and 2 strokes in Stroke play.
In stroke play, (15-3 Wrong Ball b Stroke Play) you must correct your mistake by playing the correct ball or proceeding under the Rules. If the mistake is not corrected before making a stroke on the next teeing ground or before you exit the green on the last hole, the penalty is disqualification.
- 5) The score on the hole is two since the hole is completed when your ball goes in the hole regardless if you know it is in the hole. Decision 1-1/2 Player Unaware he has holed out puts another ball into play. The score with the original ball counts. The play of the hole was completed when the player holed the original ball.

From Around the course



Here we go with our contest to choose a name for our resident Duck and Turtle bordering tee box #4 and green # 8.

A box will be placed in the proshop where you can drop off your choice of names for our resident Duck and Turtle. You can find entry forms on the last page, there will also be some entry forms beside the box in the pro shop

Heather Lang, Rita Murphy and Kathy Check will select the winning entries

A prize will be awarded for the winning names.

Contest close May25

Cut out entry and drop off your selections in the box at the pro shop

Name the Duck and Turtle Contest	
Duck	
Turtle	
Member Name	
Tel #	

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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
