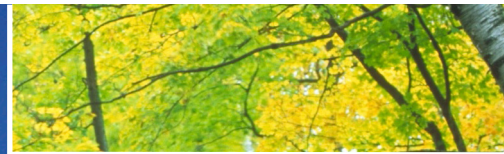


Gabriola Golf & Country Club



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WELCOME TO CHRIS JANS

Managers report

My first month has been one of steep learning curves and troubleshooting.

Currently we are seeing increasing numbers of members paying their dues, although it will not become clear how many are renewing their membership until after April 1.

Deane Farley has done a great job of staying on top of things membership-wise. We do know this: we have four new members already this year. Regan Lall, Sylvie Gendreau, Duncan Kennedy and Grant Goodfellow all have come on board this year. As testimony to the board's excellent marketing strategy, each of our new members took advantage of our 9-hole coupon books last year, opting to now become members THIS year!!

The POS system is working more and more efficiently as we continue to learn its many nuances. Many thanks go to Jordan Sorrenti for all of his help implementing the system.

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President's Note

Dear Golfers,

We had some changes over the winter months. The most notable being Joyanne Baake resigning as manager after almost 3 years of dedicated service; and, Andre Lemieux resigning as Treasurer, director of golf and director of technology.

No one knows how long Andre was on the board--written records don't go back that far. We think he probably held every position at one time or another, except maybe Secretary, for fear something might have got lost in translation. He took with him a wealth of knowledge about the club and the appreciation of the entire membership for his efforts over the years. Thanks Andre, it's time for you to enjoy some stress-free golf.

Go to **Page 4** and see my full report, thanks.



Matt Richards
President

Fun with Golf...

Friends

Nick and Lou head out for a quick round of golf. Since they are short on time, they decide to play only 9 holes.

Nick says to Lou, "Let's say we make the time worth the while, at least for one of us, and spot \$5 on the lowest score for the day."

Lou agrees and they enjoy a great game. After the 8th hole, Lou is ahead by 1 stroke, but cuts his ball into the rough on the 9th.

"Help me find my ball; you look over there," he says to Nick.

After 5 minutes, neither has had any luck, and since a lost ball carries a two-stroke penalty, Lou pulls a ball from his pocket and tosses it to the ground.

"I've found my ball!" he announces triumphantly.

Nick looks at him forlornly, "After all the years we've been friends, you'd cheat me on golf for a measly five bucks?"

"What do you mean cheat? I found my ball sitting right here!"

"And a liar, too!" Nick says with amazement.

"I'll have you know I've been standing on your ball for the last five minutes!" ■

Gabriola Southern Open
"Putting Practice"



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ing called late at night when Price's Alarms can't reach me.

The water system is still testing properly, but needed some attention earlier this month due to parts failure. VIHA has reports that concern how they would like to see testing done on the future, but our system is the most thorough and safe one that we can have at this time. Ken Gurr of Withey's water treatment has inspected the system recently and I will continue to consult with him on a regular basis. Thanks also go out to John Proudfoot who maintained the system for years previously and has continued to help with parts and expertise.

The new menu ideas are being tweaked and when we are ready, we'll have a solid line-up of lunch and snack items that we hope will bring in some increased traffic at lunch-time. The beer lines have been repaired and cleaned and are ready to go. Thanks to Matt Richards for helping get that repair straightened out.

St. Paddy's day was a relative success, a number of people came for golf, but even more just for the clubhouse fun. It was a big day for revenue for the club, as well, because a number of people also paid their dues that day.

A GRANDE muchas gracias must go to Craig Touhy and John Doak for their efforts at beautifying the clubhouse and grounds last week (March 16). The deck is now power-washed and the areas around the clubhouse are raked and looking good.

Finally, we are now on that new-fangled "social media" thing, so if you are on Face Book, you can "like" our page and be privy to all the inside scoop at The Club. ■

IN THE CLUBHOUSE

Coming Up & Coming Soon

Mark this date on your calendar - Saturday, April 28th, 2012!!!

This is the date of the Season Opening Dinner this year at the Golf Club. As usual, your Social Committee has a delicious dinner planned, to be followed by live entertainment. It's been a long winter, so please reserve this evening to come out to the Golf Club and reconnect with all your golfing friends - it's time to get back to the fun of golfing. Stay tuned . . . posters will be going up with more details and tickets will soon be available at the Clubhouse, which is now open until 6 pm daily.

Thanks for your continued support.

Ev Simpson, Social Director

Sunday Breakfasts

Many thanks to the Sunday morning breakfast gals of Lois Caldwell, Carrol Craig, Barb Gillen, Margaret-Ann Gendreau, Molly Henney, Michelle Marks and Donna Robertson. These gals volunteer their time each Sunday morning to serve breakfast to the members and public. If you would like to see a nice cheery face on Sunday morning and enjoy a delicious breakfast, come out and be served by one of our lovelies. ■

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Golf got its name
because all of the
other four letter words
were taken.

Memo

**DISTRICT 6
LADIES SCHEDULE**

Eaglecrest at Gabriola

May 3rd at 9:30am

Alberni at Gabriola

June 1st at 9:30 am

Gabriola at Qualicum

June 22nd at 9:30 am

Gabriola at Pheasant Glen

August 20th at 9:30 am



Functions

Our goal this year is to fill these tables! Your club does a great job in the kitchen and can be very creative with menus and food service. We can accommodate groups up to 80 people for lunch, hors d'oeuvres or a full dinner.

On our website, under the Clubhouse page you will note that menus are available to print for a variety of different occasions.

Be sure to let your friends and family know that the Club is a great spot to entertain or be entertained.

You'll also note your new manager, Chris Jans has put together a very tasty daily menu available at the Club. Reasonably priced and very well prepared. Make the club your destination spot for entertaining at Lunch. Also, don't forget the great breakfasts prepared every Sunday! ■

SIGN UP FOR A FUN DAY

Mens Day Golf

Our men's day started on Wed. March 21st at 9:00 a.m.

Hi Everyone! Because of our membership shortages the last couple of years we are now in the process of coming up with a start time and format that will attract the most players.

Thanks to the e-mail and phone communications this winter we have an indication of what is most wanted. So far those indications are to keep men's day as a one start time event in the morning. I will be asking on the 21st if we want a 9:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. start. I will also contact as many persons as I can who will not present on March 21st and ask them the same questions.

We will have a shotgun start as long as there are more than 12 players. Our competitions daily cost and prizes will be similar to last year. There will be a sign up sheet posted in the clubhouse a week ahead of Wednesday with a spot on it to in-

EASY TO GET INVOLVED!

Ladies Day Golf

Nine holes of golf and a great lunch

The first day for Ladies Golf is Tuesday April 3rd - with a start time of 10AM.

We will be playing 9 holes of golf and will then meet for our Spring luncheon/meeting - starting at approximately 12 noon.

All gals who will be attending opening day for either golf and/or the luncheon/meeting are asked to sign-up on the sign-up sheet posted at the Club. ■

dicate if the player wishes to have a lunch. Our men's day rules will have a few minor changes in them caused by the new handicap scoring rules. A weekly results write up will be put into the Sounder newspaper. Looking forward to a season of fun men's day golf. George ■

SATURDAY AUGUST 25TH

Gabriola Ladies Amateur

The first Gabriola Ladies Amateur will be held on Saturday, August 25, 2012.

The format for the tournament will be a two-ball best ball. Each player of the two person team will play their own ball according to the rules of golf. The score, however, for each team and hole will be the best net score of the two players. Although the maximum handicap for the tournament is 40, any players exceeding that handicap are more than welcome to play however will have to play to a 40 handicap. There will be 2-3 flights in the tournament. You may enter as a two-person team or singularly.

This is a one day event which includes breakfast, lunch and dinner, prizes of \$1500, Hole-in-One, electric power cart - all for the minimal cost of \$60 per person.

The tournament committee is comprised of co-chairs & funding

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President's Report

So we had some pretty deep holes to fill (and not just those on #3 fairway). But we got lucky!

Chris Jans resigned as vice-president to replace Joyanne as Manager; Al Tanner stepped in as Vice-president and will continue as chair of the Greens Committee; Jordan Sorrenti took on Treasurer and Technology in addition to Advertising and Promotion; Bob Tolmie rejoined the board after a ten year absence as Director of Golf; Carol Hoffman replaced the writer as Secretary (my personal favourite); Carolyn Pickett joined the board as director (we have yet to decide where to unleash her); John Doak continues as House and Grounds chair; Gerry Ellins is Management and Personnel chair; Harold Jenner remains Past President; Deane Farley is Membership Secretary; and, I am your President.

So, we have a full complement of dedicated people eager to indulge your every whim...okay, not quite. What we do have is an energetic group who want to see the Gabriola Golf and Country Club thrive.

I'll let others tell you about the success of our winter initiatives. Suffice to say revenues are up significantly

from last year during the same period with respect to both green fees and clubhouse sales. That just means we've made a good start, there's still a long way to go. We're still losing members through attrition, it can't be helped. We're getting some new members, and some old members have returned, because of the policies the membership

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approved at our last AGM. But to remain viable we have to continue to generate revenue elsewhere. Remember that every thousand bucks the clubhouse nets as a result of a special event is the equivalent of one new member. There's more than one way to skin a cat! (My apologies to Cats Alive for the metaphor...of course we're not going to skin any cats.)

Stay tuned for suggestions on some golf course innovations that may be popular with the higher handicaps. Thanks so much for your continued support.

Be kind to one another, Matt.

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& sponsorship, Jackie O'Hara & Bev Bickerton; Reg. & Scoring, Ev Whitney; Outside Volunteers, Carrol Craig; Food & Inside Volunteers, Ev Simpson; Outside Beautification, Olga Korinek; Advertising & Publicity, Miranda Garret; Rules & Prize Acquisition, Robin Arndt.

Tournament registration forms are available at the golf club and will be on-line at www.gabriolagolf.com within the next few months.

In the months to come, the male members of the club will be called upon to volunteer for this tournament so be prepared to help out the gals.

We have some great prizes, so gals please come out and have a great time and support this tournament.

Submitted by Bev Bickerton & Jackie O'Hara ■



The winning team from the Gabriola Southern Open

In the Sounder

Gabriola Golf & Country Club
FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST on EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 8th

Enjoy a complimentary Pancake Breakfast
 Bring your family or friends and play a round of golf

Join us from 9:00 am until 11:00 am (rain or shine) for pancakes and sausages on us! Our course special for Easter Sunday only; a family or group of 4 can golf a round of 9 holes for only \$30.00 or a single for \$10.00. Call us to book your tee times or just come out and join us for a fun breakfast. Loads of Parking.



New Menu Starting Friday April 6th at the CLUB

Our Clubhouse is fully licensed and open daily to our members and the public. Experience our new menu from lunch through the afternoon. Families are welcome! Don't want to play a round? Enjoy our Driving Range or come into the club and enjoy our big screen TV.

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We're famous for our "Golf and BBQ" specials in the summer but have you ever joined us for lunch or an afternoon snack?

You'll enjoy our new menu, its on the *back of this flyer*. You can't beat the value of our Soup & Sandwich special or any of our House made sandwiches.

Don't forget our regular Sunday breakfast, served all year round from 9:00 am until Noon.

Ask about our special coupon booklets for 9 or 18 holes of golf. Summer season passes are available. Remember that membership has rewards, memberships are available.

"Who knew you could have so much fun at a golf club?"

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- Opening day this year is on the Easter long weekend. A special pancake breakfast is planned (rain or shine). Please come join us and bring your neighbours!
- Watch for the flyer coming out in the Sounder on Monday April 2nd, you'll learn all about our new menu starting on Friday April 6th.
- Don't forget we are still promoting a "membership drive", with a gift certificate to Golf West for the member who recommends the most new members by April 30th!

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**NEW MENU
SNEAK PEAK**

Bring your friends and family to the Club for lunch. We've planned a great menu with our small kitchen and hope you can join us!

**STARTING
FRIDAY
APRIL 6TH**

Gabriola Golf and Country Club

the CLUB

GRILLED SANDWICHES 7.90

Chicken Panini, grilled breast of chicken, tomato, lettuce medley with salsa verde.

Veggie Panini, Marinated artichoke hearts, fresh spinach, roasted red peppers, mozzarella cheese.

Turkey, smoked turkey, red onion, lettuce medley, tomato with salsa mayo.

Paninis are served on Italian Ciabatta bread with our favourite peppered corn slaw.

QUESADILLA 6.50

Chicken, spicy chicken, banana peppers & cheeses.

Veggie, bell peppers, onion, artichoke heart & tomato with cheeses.

Quesadillas are served with sour cream, salsa and peppered corn slaw.

CLASSIC GRIDDLE

Club Burger deluxe, with cheese, bacon, leaf lettuce, tomato & pickle. 7.90

Grilled Cheese sandwich with tomato on multigrain bread. 4.50

Classic Griddles Served with potato chips, tossed greens or corn slaw.

SNACKS

Ask your server for today's snack suggestion.

SALADS

Thai Chicken Salad with oriental vegetables, noodles, a Thai style dressing and sliced Chicken. 7.90

California mixed greens, a tasty salad mix with a Balsamic vinaigrette dressing. 5.90

SANDWICHES 4.90

Choice of Egg Salad, Tuna Salad, Smoked Turkey or Roast Beef

Served with potato chips, tossed greens or corn slaw.

SOUP & SANDWICH SPECIAL 5.90

Your choice of sandwich (above) served with a cup of our daily soup.

SOUP 2.90

Our daily soup selection with multigrain toast.

BEVERAGES

Coffee, regular & decaf, Tea, Bottled fruit juices, Soft drinks, Bottled Spring Water, Sparkling Water

(HST will be added to all prices.)

