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Stormy Start!

August started off with some wild and windy weather. Fortunately the course did not sustain any major damage as a result of the storm that rolled through at the beginning of August.

An Update from Course Superintendent Tony Gascho

Moss is often difficult to manage on golf course putting greens. In severe infestations, it can completely infest an entire putting surface within 1 to 2 months. It has been anecdotally reported that moss problems have increased on golf courses in the past few decades. Several researchers and turf professionals have suggested that the increased prevalence of moss is due to an increased demand for "fast" putting surfaces (those that allow for the farthest ball-rolling distances), leading to overstressed turf that is vulnerable to pest invasion and pathogen infection. It is also possible that moss may be appearing more frequently due to the elimination of mercury and other heavy metal-bearing pesticides. Mercury has been proven highly toxic to mosses, and its absence in the environment is likely a contributing factor to many moss epidemics. Whatever the reason for moss' resurgence, the turf industry is still anxiously awaiting solutions.

Diligent cultural management techniques are essential to prevent moss problems but it is unlikely that turf managers will significantly raise heights of cut or change current management practices designed to increase ball-rolling distance unless the current golfing culture changes dramatically.



Why then does moss grow on putting greens?

Putting greens provide moisture, adequate (and even excessive) nutrient levels, and are frequently noncompetitive, especially if the resident turf grass stand is stressed by intense management practices. Additionally, because of the low cutting heights of putting green turf, mosses have access to considerably more light than in many other locations. The biology and life cycle of these plants are truly unique and they can provide some understanding as to why moss grows on putting greens.

After club championship you might notice the moss **turning black**. Don't be alarmed this is going to be the first sign of the end of the moss on the greens. The following two weeks the moss will be eradicated and the putting surface will be back to normal.

Tony Gascho



Fun Day – July 11th

A great time was had by all Saturday, July 11th at the club's annual Fun Day.

The weather cooperated nicely for the event. Thanks to the volunteers that made the day a great success.

Congratulations to all of the winners!



Getting ready for a fun day!



Low Gross Winning Team



Closest to the line (actually *ON* the line).



Three cheers for the volunteers!



The team with the **least putts** – 7 for the day!



Men's Closest to the Pin



What a great meal.



One happy 50/50 draw winner!



Junior Golf

The junior club program is once again a huge success this year.



Many of the young golfers are getting the swing of things through the expert instruction of CPGA Pro **Mike Gascho**.



CPGA Pro Mike Gascho on the left, young golfer Tao Verlint-Slykhuis in the middle and assistant Shane on the right.

Junior Fun Day

A reminder that the Junior Fun Day is taking place on Thursday, August 6th at 2pm.

Kind and patient volunteers are needed!



Important Dates

Consult the bulletin board at the Club for additional up-coming events.

Thurs.Aug.6th – Junior Fun Day

Sat.Aug.15th - Club Championship

Mon.Aug.24th – Men's Committee event

Thurs.Sept.3rd – Senior's Tour
(course closed until 3pm)

Sat. Sept 5th - Annual Meeting 10am

Wed.Sept.9th – Rotary Club event

Club Championship

When: Saturday, August 15th

How to enter: Sign up sheets are at the Pro Shop

This year prizes will be handed out immediately at the conclusion of the golf. Lunch will be provided, a cash bar and pizza will be served during the trophy ceremony!

Rotary Club Event

The Rotary Club tournament will held at Sturgeon on Wed. Sept. 9th at 12 noon. The course will be open that day and members are welcome to join this event.

Lunch will be served at noon, there is a steak dinner as well as cash bar and great prizes!

The Ladies League

Update from Jacquie Graham

Ladies Invitational

This year's Ladies Invitational was held on **Wed. July 22.**

A great time was had by all members and golfers from other clubs who attended.

The Western theme was represented well by music, clothing, decorations and a great BBQ and salad lunch. Many thanks to **Marg Ward** and her committee for their great work. Other thanks go to **Mary, Tony** and **Staff** as well as some members of the men's league whose efforts were greatly appreciated.



Once again donations of prizes came from **Home Hardware** Fenelon Falls, **Century 21 Pinnacle Realty Ltd.** Fenelon Falls and many merchants from Fenelon Falls, Bobcaygeon, Lindsay and Barrie. The day was a great success.



The winner of the Minnie Stewart Low Gross A trophy was **Hillary Bennett.**



Any ladies interested in purchasing a copy of their fabulous team photo can speak to **Nellie Austin.**

Men's League

Update courtesy of Mary Gascho

The men's committee are having their get together on Monday, August 24th--the tee will be closed from 8:30A.M. until 9:30 A.M.

Senior's Tour

The course will be closed Thursday, September 3rd until 3 pm for the Senior's Tour.

Sturgeon Golf on SPA

Thanks goes to the Sturgeon Point Association (SPA) website for dedicating a section on their site to the golf course.



Visit www.sturgeonpoint.com for details.



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