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## Swinging into Summer

The cooler days of May and June are hopefully behind us now.

Both the Mens and Ladies Leagues are underway so be sure to join in with either group. See the Pro Shop for details. July looks like it is going to be a busy month with many scheduled events.

## An Update from Course Superintendent Tony Gascho

A popular trend in golf course renovation and new design is the inclusion of fine **fescue turf grass** in hazard areas such as roughs and bunker surrounds. Fescue turf grass has several advantages, the key ones being its ability to thrive under very low maintenance conditions and the option of leaving it uncut if desired. From an environmental standpoint, fescue is also beneficial as it is highly adaptable to well-drained, infertile soils and requires very little fertilization. The grasses are also endophyte-enhanced to give them great insect resistance. These attributes contribute to its growing popularity as golf courses continue to adopt more environmentally-friendly maintenance practices.

In applying turf grass artistry to a course, fescue defines roughs and hazard areas when left to grow long. With mid summer's high temperatures fescue will go into summer dormancy, turning a golden brown or reddish colour. This added visual effect is complemented by the fact that the golf ball remains playable when in this hazard area. When used effectively, fescue can enhance the "links style" course design on any hole.

Fescue turf grass sod is a valuable tool to both enhance the environment and at the same time get back to the historic roots of golf.

For a first hand look at the introduction of fescue turf grass at Sturgeon take a look along the edges of Holes #2, #5 and #8.

Experience the beauty from afar and the challenge from within!

*Tony Gascho*



A view from the 2<sup>nd</sup> hole looking back over the fescue onto the 1<sup>st</sup> green.



# The Ladies League

Update from Jacquie Graham

## Member / Guest Day

This year, under the coordination of **Ida Beech** and **Carol Handley**, the ladies' league will be running a Member/Guest day on **Wed. July 8th**.

This event will not only bring new guests to our club, but will also help raise funds for a donation to the **Ross Memorial Hospital Cancer Fund**.

Many thanks to Ida and Carol and their committee as well as Mary, Tony and staff for their ongoing efforts to make this another super success.



## Ladies Invitational

This year's Ladies' Invitational will be held on **Wed. July 22<sup>nd</sup>**. The cost is \$26 and includes a great BBQ lunch. There is still time to sign up – details are in the Pro Shop.

The theme for the invitation is **Western**. Marg Ward and her committee are leading the charge for decorations!

# Memorial Trees

Various trees have been planted throughout the course in memory of friends and family members.

- An Autumn Blaze Maple trees have been dedicated to **Bruce Simpson**.
- Two Silver Maple trees have been dedicated to **Don Drewell**.
- A Silver Maple tree has been dedicated to **Bud Bennett**.

Continued thanks to by **Christie Broad** and **Janet Oliver** for their ongoing work with course beautification.

NOTE: Christie is still accepting course beautification donations.



## Club Championship

This year the event will be followed by prize giving immediately after the golf which will include refreshments and a cash bar. This new post-game format will give players an opportunity to celebrate the triumphs of the day with their fellow competitors.

When: Saturday, August 15th

Who can enter? Any member!

Prizes are awarded for various categories including low gross and low net scores. Handicaps will be obtained from the Course computer.



## Nominations for Sturgeon Point Golf Club Board of Directors

Nominations for Director for the Sturgeon Point Golf Club must be submitted in writing to the Pro Shop by **July 7, 2009**.

Elections for the 2009/2010 Director positions will be held at the Sturgeon Point Golf Club Annual Meeting at the clubhouse on Saturday, September 5, 2009 at 10am.

## Mens League

Update from Greg Mercer

Men's League is in high gear and the men are out every Friday morning.

### Senior's Tour

A reminder that there is still time to participate in the Senior's Tour. Notices are posted at the club and details are available in the Pro Shop.

Up-coming Senior Tour Locations and Dates:

- Crestwood – July 17<sup>th</sup>
- Tamarac – TBD
- Sturgeon Point - Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Lindsay – TBD

All games are a 9am shotgun start.

The cost is \$35 and that includes golf and dinner.



## Waste Bunker Upheld

Last month the question was posed...

*As a result of improved quality of sand to the right of the green on Hole #1, should the area be considered a sand trap or a waste bunker?*

Members had an opportunity to have their say by casting a vote in the Pro Shop last month.

After a consideration of the votes, thoughtful comments from the members and a discussion at the last Board meeting, the Board of Directors has made a decision to uphold the area as **a waste bunker**.

Remember, the rules concerning sand bunkers do not apply to waste bunkers, because they are not considered hazards.

- You *MAY* ground your club in a waste bunker.
- You *MAY* remove loose impediments in a waste bunker.
- You *MAY* take practice swings in a waste bunker, hitting the ground as you do so.

The sand in the waste bunker will continue to be maintained on a daily basis by the greens keeping staff.



## Kids golf free JULY 6-12, 2009



A reminder that Take A Kid to the Course Week program is taking place **July 6 -12, 2009**.

**Sturgeon Point Golf Course** is once again pleased to be participating in this worthwhile event.

Speak to the Pro Shop for further details.

So bring your daughter, son, granddaughter, grandson, niece, nephew or any youngster to the course that week and they will golf for free.

There is also a great contest where you can win a trip to Disney World or even Taylor Made clubs (Burner Junior Set for the child and an R9 Driver for the Adult).

Enter online at:

[www.kidsgolffree.ca](http://www.kidsgolffree.ca)

The code word for the contest is **DRIVER**

The deadline to enter the contest is **July 12, 2009** at midnight.



## Important Dates



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

- Wed. July 1st - Match play
- Wed. July 8th – Ladies League Member / Guest Day
- Sat. July 11th at 9am - Fun Day
- Wed. July 22nd – Ladies Invitational
- Sat. Aug. 15th - Club Championship
- Sat. Sept 5th at 10am - Annual Meeting



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