

August 1, 2017

Hello Everyone!

We held off sending our August 1st newsletter until the results of the Ontario U13 Junior Boys were made available. As many of you know, RGC's Carter Jarrett won the Ottawa City and District U13 Boys title last month and travelled to Toronto to compete in the Ontario Championship. Today the Kitchener-Waterloo/Guelph area experienced a lot of rain and the last two groups of juniors, including Carter, had to wait a couple extra hours before completing their round.

And just in, Carter has placed 3rd in Ontario at the U13 Junior Boys Championship. After firing a 1st round 75, Carter came back today with a fantastic -1, 71 to finish all alone in 3rd Place. Carter made birdies on his first and 17th holes today along with only one bogey on the 16th. Congratulations Carter!

And congratulations once again to Cooper Brown, who on Friday broke his own course record, set on Mother's Day this year, by one stroke. Cooper shot 63 Friday afternoon, going 4-under 31 on the front and 4-under 32 on the back. Cooper finished the round in style by birdieing the last four holes on the back to set the new mark.

July was a great month here at RGC. We had pretty good weather for the majority of the month, except for a couple of days last week, we hosted some really fun events like our Ladies Member-Guest, Ladies Intersectionals, Senior Mens' Scramble, Friday Frolics, RBC PGA Scramble Local Qualifier, Home and Home with Smiths Falls and a few outside events as well like Finnigan's Tee Up The Tunes Charity Event. I think when the July financial numbers roll in we will see a continuance of the good start we have had to 2017, so thank you to all of our RGC members for participating in all the events we offer.

Speaking of events, our Ladies did just host their first in many years' Member-Guest event. The event was held over two-days with a Par-3 contest on Saturday with a reception after the round. On Sunday the ladies enjoyed a great hot breakfast, followed by 18 more holes of golf and a fantastic lunch. While 23 ladies may seem like a small number, we knew that we had to hold the event this year and we'll continue to grow it over the next bunch of years. All of the RGC ladies who attended, and all of their guests, have indicated they are in for 2018 because the event was a lot of fun.

Coming up next here at RGC is our Club Championship, August 4, 5 & 6. Did you know our Club Championship dates back to our opening in 1929 with J.R. Steele our first-ever Men's winner and Grace Carswell winning the Ladies title in 1930. This year, all three ladies defending champions (Champion Mary Jo Wertwyn, B Flight's Vi Rossy and C Flight's Lesley Murray) are back to defend their titles but on the men's side only C Flight winner Clem Simard and Super Senior champ Bill Butson are returning so we will see new a new B Flight winner and a new Club Champion this year. Will last year's runner-up Richard Barr finally hoist the trophy, will the ageless Rob Warren win his 11th Championship, will someone like Bud Lance or Rick Desilets find the fountain of youth and get their name engraved on our Championship trophy once again or will one of our intermediate players like Kip Mulvihill or Tim O'Connor have a breakthrough weekend? We'll find out Sunday afternoon.

Our Club Championship weekend starts Friday morning with our Junior Club Championship. Defending Champion Josh Barnes won the championship in his last year of eligibility so we will have a new Champion in 2017. Our Junior Club Champion now also receives an invite into our Club Championship on Saturday and Sunday.

Later on Friday at 4:30 pm is our very popular Par-3 contest. The contest will be followed by our Pairings Party where Saturday's Draw will be unveiled. Our restaurant opens at 7:00 am both Saturday and Sunday for breakfast. Tee times begin both days at 8:00 am until approximately 10:00 am and we will have a crossover (both nines at the same time) from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm. After the round on Saturday, we will once again serve a burger & a beer to all participants while we create Sunday's draw. And after Sunday's round, we will have our Championship dinner and awards ceremony. Sign-up sheet is just inside our clubhouse entrance.

And very big “Thank You!” to Patrick Cayen and Ottawa Valley Physiotherapy and Sports Medicine for being the Title Sponsor of our Club Championship. And again this year, thank you to Susan McLeod and R&D Insurance for sponsoring the Hole-In-One Contest, Saturday on Hole 14. And back by popular demand, our very own Super, super Dave Wilson will be on the 14th tee all day Saturday offering encouragement to all golfers.

The Sunday after our Club Championship, August 13th, is National Left-Handers Day. And what better way to celebrate this great day than by bringing back RGC’s first Left Handers Tournament since 1996. Only stipulation to play in this event is you must play left-handed. Overall winner will be the lowest gross score, but we will have net prizes as well, you just won’t get your name on the trophy, which is upstairs in the clubhouse. You can play at any time on Sunday, but you must play with at least one other RGC member, who doesn’t have to be left-handed, but probably wishes they were.

Our past Friday Frolics was won by the team of Mike and Sue Comeau, Robbie Deschamps and Peter Barnes. As their “prize” for winning, they now will host our next Friday Frolics on August 18th. And based on requests, it looks like we may have upwards of 80 golfers for the August 18th Friday Frolics! We’ve grown this event from a small table of 24 golfers back in May to a full nine-hole shotgun in just 3 months! And we have room for more! If needed, we’ll divide the number of golfers in half and send half out on the front nine and half out on the back. In my 18 months here, I’ve always said we’re inclusive, not exclusive, so sign up and enjoy a fantastic evening!

A reminder to start talking to your friends about becoming an RGC member in 2018. If any member brings in a new member, the existing member will receive a 25% rebate on the new membership cost. For example, if a new membership is purchased for \$2,000, the member who brought in the new members in would receive \$500 back on their membership, for up to two years, if the new member continues to be an RGC member for the second year.

As well, thank you to those who are starting to use up all of their gift certificates, RGC bucks, green fee passes, etc., from whatever year they were given out. As of November 1, 2017 (our new fiscal year) any 2017 gift certificate/RGC bucks/green fee pass will be worth 70% of face value. Anything prior to 2017 will only be worth 50% of face value. If there is no face value (like a ten year old complimentary green fee pass) they will not be accepted. This initiative will help us keep our balance sheet clean and will also help us move golf shop merchandise during the year the gift certificates are given out.

Remember our Website is a great resource for all of our internal and external RGC events. You can go to our Calendar (Members Zone) pick a month, pick an event and hover over the event to see the details. Or, you can click on Members Zone to see results and draws from all of our internal events. www.renfrewgolf.com

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