

August 15, 2017

Hello Everyone!

Last weekend RGC's held its 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Club Championship and what a great weekend it was, both for weather and for suspense! Thank you to Patrick Cayen and our friends at [Ottawa Valley Physiotherapy and Sports Medicine](#) for being our Presenting Sponsor of the event! We had a new course record set on the Ladies side, we now have someone who has won our Men's Club Championship in a record five different decades and neither of these people shot the low round of the day!

Congratulations to Rob Warren, our 2017 Men's Club Champion, who won his 11th Men's Club Championship and to Mary Jo Wertwyn who not only captured her 3rd consecutive Ladies Club Championship (and fourth overall) but set a new Ladies course record while doing it with a fantastic 74! And to Ryan Boudreau won his first Junior Club Championship on Friday and was given an exemption into the club championship where he finished third. And, to Dave Hall who shot the low round of the championship on Sunday, a 71, to come from behind to win B flight by a single stroke.

Winners of the Friday Night Putting Contest were Mary Ann Abrams on the ladies side and Rob Warren on the Men's Side. Finally, thank you also to Susan McLeod and R&D Insurance for sponsoring Saturday's Hole-In-One on Hole 14. Unfortunately, no-one is \$10,000 richer. All of the weekend results can be viewed on our website, [renfrewgolf.com](#)

Thank you to Renfrew Hospice who held their 11<sup>th</sup> annual Aikenhead's Hospice Classic with us last Friday. Even with the monsoon we received Thursday afternoon (4cm of rain in 30 mins resulting in rivers coming down our 18<sup>th</sup> fairway and almost all of our cart paths being washed away) Dave Wilson and his team had our golf course looking fantastic for the event. And...the event raised over \$35,000 for Renfrew Hospice! Thank you to the event's great organizing committee, including Jo-Anne Brown and Barb Westgarth and to Sheila Kemp for a great day.

And, Happy Anniversary to Sue and Bill Ringrose who celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with us on Saturday. It was great to see 85 people here celebrating a fantastic commitment between two fantastic people.

Congratulations to our Blakely Cup winning Junior team who won their third consecutive (and fifth in six years) trophy. This is the last year for a bunch of our juniors so it was great to see them go out on top. Thank you to both Josh Barnes and Carson Barber for looking after our junior teams this year. And speaking of juniors, on Sunday Ryan Boudreau made it three wins in 2017 by capturing our Left-Handers event with a score of 79.

Continuing with congratulating members, congratulations to Anne MacNeil who has reached the finals of Ladies Match play. Anne will play the winner of the Mary Ann Abram/Anne Windle match. On the Men's side, it appears there are two quarter-final matches holding up our semi-final pairings so, gentlemen, please make every effort to play these quarter-final matches this week.

This Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, is our next Friday Frolics, with hosts Mike and Sue Comeau, Peter Barnes and Robbie Deschamps. The event is going to be a 3-club event so start thinking about the best three golf clubs in your bag and make plans to play this Friday. Sign-up sheet is located just inside the clubhouse entrance.

Coming up in the next couple of weeks are the remainder of our 2017 UVGA interclub events. On Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup>, our Ladies travel to Sand Point to compete for the O'Brien Cup, while our men with indexes of 10.0 or more travel to Deep River to compete in the Les Fraser Memorial. On Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup>, RGC hosts the Longpre, which consists of men with indexes of 17.0 or higher while men with indexes of 7.0 or higher travel to Sand Point to represent RGC in the Murray Quattrocchi Sr. Memorial. And finally, on Sept 2 and 3, our lowest handicap men travel to Pembroke to represent RGC in the Gordon Cup.

And we still have two more intersectional matches left to play. On Mon Aug 28, our Senior Ladies welcome three other clubs to RGC for Senior Ladies intersectionals. And finally, our Senior Men travel to Ottawa Hunt Club for their matches on Sept 5<sup>th</sup>.

For anyone who has qualified for the first time for any of our interclub or intersectional events, RGC has team shirts that must be worn by our golfers. These shirts are available in our golf shop at a discounted price.

A reminder to all members RGC will be hosting their second MyFM day on Friday September 1<sup>st</sup>. We expect to be packed all day with area golfers, many of whom may be making their only visit to RGC this year.

Dates for Men's Member-Guest (September 8 & 9) are coming up fast. Please invite a guest and show them what a great golf course and club we have. Sign-up and information sheets are located just inside the clubhouse.

Our 2017 President's Cup is Friday September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Once we send out and receive responses from our partners, sponsors, suppliers, tournament organizers, volunteers and a few other friends of RGC, we will open up the day to our members. All proceeds from the day go to our RGC Course Enhancement Fund. This fund has been used in 2017 to add sand to our bunkers and will be used this fall to resurface and complete the renovation of some of our tee boxes.

Our Men's Overnight road trip is set for October 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> to Black Bear Ridge and Trillium Woods. Cost is \$360 for members and \$400 for guests. Includes a round of golf with cart at both courses, overnight accommodation at (2 per room), Wednesday night dinner and hot hotel breakfast. Please mark the dates on your calendar and just like the ladies, we will be travelling in style on our own private motorcoach, but without the boarder crossing.

Ladies, we do have a Ladies Day Trip scheduled for Tuesday Oct 3. Plans are still being worked on, but we know you'll be excited when you hear the details.

Big news, our 2018 Membership rates, which have not increased from 2017 and in some age categories decreased from 2017, are set and on our website [www.renfrewgolf.com/become-a-member-2/](http://www.renfrewgolf.com/become-a-member-2/) As of today, anyone who becomes a new member for 2018, they can play the rest of 2017 once their 2018 membership is paid in full. So please, keep talking to your friends about becoming an RGC member in 2018 because if a 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. And if you bring in more than one member, you can receive a credit back up to the entire cost of your membership for the 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](http://www.renfrewgolf.com)

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