

July 15, 2017

Hello Everyone!

I wanted to get this newsletter out today (Friday) for those of you who may not have internet access on the weekend as we have a lot going on over the next few days.

First off, we have a City and District Champion at RGC. Congratulations to Carter Jarrett who won the Boys Under 13 age category at the Ottawa City & District Championships July 10 & 11. Carter represented and did RGC proud! If you see Carter, he's the junior that's always practicing, give him a high five!

A reminder that this Monday is the second leg of our Home and Home with Smiths Falls. Presently, Smiths Falls has 21 men coming here and we have 7. We know there are more guys who play an extra nine holes prior to Rec Night than that, so please sign up and show our friends from Smiths Falls a great day of golf. We also have only 9 ladies signed up at the time of this writing. Cost to play is only \$20 and that includes green fees, cart and prizes. Tee times are between 10:30 and 12:00 at each course.

Also on Monday, Mike Comeau is asking anyone who has a couple hours to spare to help finish the exterior clubhouse painting. We're almost there and all we need are a few more bodies to finish the job. Thank you Mike and everyone else for all the work you have put in freshening up our clubhouse.

Our annual Beef & Greens summer member meeting takes place Tuesday July 18th @ 6:30 pm here at RGC. Kevin will go through our June financial statements and we give our members an update on everything happening at RGC over the next few months. If you remember back to the January AGM, a committee was created to look into the short and long-term future of RGC and this committee will have a report as well.

This Sunday our ladies host intersectionals against Algonquin, Larrimac and Kingsway. I'm sure our ladies will be great hosts, but not too great. Our men's intersectional team played in Perth this past Sunday and finished third, which keeps us in E Flight. Congrats to Cooper Brown who picked up all six points and to Larry Vice who scored five points.

Friday July 21st is our next Friday Frolics, hosted by Barb and Mike Asselin, Kelly Coughlin and Gilles Ladouceur. The menu theme is French Canadian cuisine and the sign-up sheet is located just inside our clubhouse entrance.

A reminder that our Ladies are hosting a Member-Guest event Saturday July 29 & Sunday July 30. \$40 for member and \$80 for guests which includes one round of golf and one practice par-3 round (both with cart), three meals and prizes. It's a great deal for both members and guests and a great opportunity to show off our fantastic golf course.

Two points to let you know about from our Board meeting on Tuesday. First, there was a discussion on how to increase our membership numbers for 2018 and beyond and one of the points brought up was our current members not always agreeing with new members receiving a discount while members who have supported the club for years continue to pay a higher membership rate. For 2018, we are giving the savings back to our members. 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 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.

Our board believes this will not only give our existing members an incentive to go out and bring back members or find new ones, but this will also give our members a vested interest in our new members as there is a bonus for the new member coming back for a second season. And, some members may have friends who they may want to share this discount with, which would decrease the cost of both memberships.

The second initiative that we have put into place is all gift certificates, RGC bucks, green fee passes, etc., from whatever year they were given out, will only be accepted at face value until October 31, 2017, 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.

Finally a reminder that our Club Championship is August 4, 5 &6. Yes, we know it is a long weekend, but it is the only weekend on our late summer/early fall calendar that has either both Saturday and Sunday available or there is not an interclub event.

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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