

June 15, 2017

Hello Everyone!

What a great first two weeks we had here at RGC. Even though the first weekend's weather wasn't great, we have almost made up for it over the past ten days or so. Thank you to Jim Lemenchick and Haley Industries for bringing a group out to dinner here at RGC, to Dorothy Allemang who hosted an Art Gala in support of Renfrew and Area Doctor Recruitment, Kathryn Bossy who held a Mosaic Night with proceeds to Renfrew Hospice and the Ottawa Valley Corvette Club, the Valley Vettes who were here for dinner on Tuesday.

And thank you to Renfrew Collegiate Institute who held their graduation with us this year. And last, but certainly not least a big Thank You to Barb Desilets and her team who held their 19th annual RVH Golf Tournament with us. The tournament was a huge success, if we do say so ourselves, with 160 golfers and the event raised \$62,400 for the Renfrew Victoria Hospital Foundation.

Just a reminder, if you have any special occasions coming up, or if you know of anyone who may be celebrating an anniversary, or family reunion or any other event, keep RGC in mind. One of the benefits of being a member here is will not charge you a room rental fee. That could be a savings of up to \$250.

We still have lots of events coming up in the last two weeks of June. We have a Sunshine Coach Charity Golf Tournament in memory of Lee Sharpe on Saturday June 17. All proceeds go to Lee's Ride the Bus campaign. It's a 9-hole shotgun starting at 2:00 pm with dinner after the event. We have registration forms in the Golf Shop.

We also have Father's Day Brunch this Sunday. Seatings are 11:30 am, 12:00 pm and 12:30 pm. You can play in the Haley Classic Qualifier and then meet the family for brunch or have brunch and play in the afternoon wave of players. Cost is the same as Mother's Day, \$23.95 for adults, \$16.95 for juniors 13-18, \$10.95 for children 6-12 and kids under 6 are free!

New this year is a home and home series with Smiths Falls, with the first leg on Friday June 23rd. Men are in Smiths Falls and the ladies are here. Smiths Falls has about 12 ladies signed up so we need more of our female members to sign up please! On the same night, we have our second Friday Frolics of the season (it was moved from the 16th as we booked a nine-hole golf and dinner group that night). 9 holes of fun golf in a relaxed format followed by great dinner and conversation. Your hosts, after winning last month, are Elle and Ray Vidler and Bev and John Rook. Sign-up sheets for this all RGC club events are inside the Clubhouse on the bulletin board.

Welcome back to the 49th Annual Links of Friendship, here on Saturday the 24th. There will be a lot of practice rounds for this group on Friday, with the event a 1:00 pm shotgun start on Saturday. Sunday June 25th is our Mixed 2-Ball Championship, sponsored by J.S. Wilson. This event was on the calendar for a lot of years and we are bringing it back in 2017, complete with an old/new trophy. And our ladies have their second Shotgun Social on the 27th. It's a nine-hole shotgun start at 5:30 followed by dinner and prizes.

A big Shout Out to everyone who is volunteering their time here at RGC! Whether it is our Busy Bees who keep cutting back brush (look back from 18 or 13 fairway back to the tee) or taking down trees (bye-bye sumacs behind 12 green) they are hard at work every Wednesday and can always use a few more hands. And to Brian Hewitt who is cutting down all of the undergrowth between hole 10 and Golf Course Road. Soon we're going to have a great view of #10 and the clubhouse on our drive into RGC.

Or our fabulous Flower Girls who are making our golf course flower beds look fantastic. Starting today, June 15th, we are running a contest for the best looking flower bed on our golf course. The winning Flower Girls will receive lunch here at RGC. Ballots and ballot box is located in our restaurant.

And to Kevin Brown and Mike Comeau who have repainted all of our tee signs holders and the RGC sign at the bottom of the hill by #10 tee. We'll have all of our sponsor signs back out this week. If you have a business and would like a sponsor sign on our golf course, please see Kevin Sebulski. Cost for the year is \$250 and we had over 26,000 rounds in 2016.

Now Kevin and Mike have a new project that they are looking for volunteers for. During the week of June 26-30, they are going to paint the brown exterior of our clubhouse. As a volunteer, all you need to bring is a paint brush and a ladder. If you're not interested in climbing up a ladder, there is a lot of wood around the lower exterior of the building that needs paint. Work starts at 10:00 am each day. For more details, send Mike a note at mikesel@hotmail.com

As our way of saying "Thank You!!" to all of our volunteers, RGC will host a reception on Friday June 30th to celebrate. The fun starts at 2:00 pm on the patio. All Busy Bees, Flower Girls, Painters and Volunteers are invited. RGC will supply the beverages and snacks. We'll also count the ballots and announce our winning Flower Girls.

On the course this past week Dave and his team vented all 18 of our greens, top dressed and fertilized them. This is all part of Dave's maintenance plan of having great greens all throughout the season. Mower heights were lowered earlier this week and will be lowered again on Monday. The top dressing smooths out the bumps on the greens creating a flatter putting surface. A flatter putting surface means we can lower the mower height (without scalping the grass) which leads to faster green speeds. Dave mentioned with all the rain we had last month, he's 2 weeks behind where he would like to be with course conditions, but he and his team are catching up quickly.

A reminder of our Golf Shop June Sale, just in time for Father's Day, Buy One Polo or Bottom at Regular Price and Get a Second Polo or Bottom for 50% off. Members who purchase polos or bottoms with this offer will not receive an additional 15% clothing discount, but they will receive either a sleeve of TaylorMade golf balls or a TaylorMade glove or hat.

For those who have a house/charge account with us, a reminder that accounts should be paid in full by the 15th of the following month. Chronogolf is having issues with their credit card module so RGC members do not have the ability to pay on-line at this time. But if you have your credit card on file through the link we sent out last week, we will settle your account on the 16th of June.

Finally, a reminder about our Local RBC PGA of Canada Scramble on Friday July 7th. The RBC PGA Scramble is free to RGC members (there is a registration cost though, green fees here are free) and the grand prize (for the team who makes it through local and regional qualifying) is an all-expense paid trip to Cabot Links on October 12-14. Regional winners receive round-trip airfare to Halifax, transportation to Cabot Links, 3 rounds of golf at Cabot Links (twice) and Cabot Cliffs (once), four nights' accommodation at Cabot Links, breakfasts, lunches, Welcome Dinner and Awards Gala Dinner. Package is valued at approximately \$3,000 per player. And recently added, RBC has announced the winning team from this year's national final will receive an all-expenses-paid VIP trip to the 2018 RBC Canadian Open. Get your four person teams organized and visit <https://rbcpgascramble.com/local-events/> to register your team. See the site for more details. With the Local Qualifier right here at RGC, how can you not enter?

Remember our Website Calendar (Members Zone) is a great resource for all of our internal and external RGC events. Just pick a month, pick an event and hover over the event to see the details. www.renfrewgolf.com

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