

May 1, 2017

It's wonderful to hear our members tell us that RGC has never been in better April condition. And everyone who has visited RGC these past two weeks can't say enough about how good our golf course is. Please take a moment to thank Dave and his team when you see them on the course or around the clubhouse. Our 1st tee will continue to open at 9:00 am for the next couple of weeks to allow Dave and his team the extra time needed to cut grass and work on projects we started in the fall.

And with RGC in such great shape, please remember your guests can play with you for only a \$20 green fee (plus tax) all season long. And after your round, make sure you come into our lounge to try a Publican House draft or one of our new menu items like Irish Nachos or our classic homemade burger with fresh-cut fries or everyone's favourite, fish & chips.

RGC would like to welcome Rick Hamilton as a new member to our golf course. Rick lives in Shawville and has already gotten in a few rounds. And RGC would like to welcome back Gary Smith. You will see a lot of Gary in the morning playing with our senior men. If you see either of these gentlemen, please make a point to welcome them to RGC.

Our golf shop is almost fully stocked and looks better than ever. Come in and be the one if the first to wear a new RGC outfit in 2017. For women we have Greg Norman, Dexim, Antigua, Adidas, Puma, Footjoy and Sketchers and for men we feature Greg Norman, Antigua, Adidas, Puma, Footjoy, Sketchers, Cutter & Buck and Sunice.

Interested in trying out new clubs? We have demo clubs from TaylorMade, Titleist and Ping for you to try on the course or on the practice range. Members receive a 15% on all regular-priced soft goods (apparel, hats, gloves, shoes, etc.) and 10% off all regular-priced hard goods (clubs, golf bags & balls). Right now, receive an extra \$20 when you start your season off on the right foot by bringing us your old golf shoes when you buy a new pair!

Speaking of Demo Clubs, Sunday May 7th is TaylorMade demo day. Come out and swing the latest in TaylorMade equipment. If you are contemplating getting new irons, or a new fairway club or even a new driver, we have set aside appointment times for you to book. Please see us in the golf shop. Demo Day is 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.

RGC is hosting a 4 Man Shotgun Scramble Saturday May 6th. Maximum two members per group, with the event starting at 12 noon. With our golf course being in such fantastic shape, we know this is a great opportunity for our members to bring out their friends or to give a previous member a call. Cost is \$80 per Guest and \$50 per Member. This includes golf, cart, cash and gift certificate prizes. Minimum group handicap is 36. The event is a scramble from the Yellow Tees.

We have 22 ladies confirmed and more are pending for the May 11 & 12 golf trip to Bluff Point Golf Club, on the shores of Lake Champlain in Plattsburgh, NY. Overnight accommodation, two rounds of golf, dinner and

luxury motor coach transportation are included for the great price of \$220 (CDN) for members and \$250 for guests. Please see Kevin to sign up or for more details.

This week, all of our member leagues start up. Senior men start their season on Monday May 1 @ 9:30 am. Our ladies section follow right after the men on Tuesday and our Men start Thursday. For the latest results, go to our website and look under "Leagues".

A reminder that RGC hosts a MyFM Day on Friday May 5th. For those of you not familiar with MyFM Day, golfers from across the region have the ability to play golf courses that they may not usually play. For any of our members that might want to play another golf course on Friday, please see our website and look at our Reciprocal Access rates at area golf courses. All you need to do is call to the course, let them know you are a member of RGC and you will receive the reciprocal rate when checking in.

We also host the season opening Upper Ottawa Valley Senior Golf Association event on Monday May 15, with a scheduled 10:00 am tee time start. The UOVSGA usually has 80 players so our tee sheet will be blocked from 10:00 am to about 1:30 pm that day.

We have had a few members who remember how good last year's Mother's Day brunch was inquiring if we are planning on holding it again this year. The answer is YES! We will once again have two sittings, 10:30 am and 12:30 pm. Please reserve your table in advance so you (and especially MOM) are not disappointed as we expect to be sold out again this year.

Keep an eye out for our Friday Frolics which takes place Friday May 19th at 5:00 pm. This event is a fun, social evening with nine holes of golf followed by a buffet dinner. Last month's event was rained/frozen out so Cheryl and Kevin will host a Mexican Fiesta Night complete with Mexican food and drinks. You can sign up as couples or individually and we will pair you up. This is another great way to bring friends who are not Renfrew members out for an evening. Member cost is \$15 for cart and dinner and Guest cost is \$30 which includes golf, cart and dinner.

And last but not least, mark Sunday May 28 on your calendars and plan to participate in the Lee and Larry Sharpe Memorial Tournaments. There will both be a Ladies and Men's division with one lady from A, B and C flight put together to make a team and one man from A, B, C and Senior flight put together to make a team. Our golf shop will set the teams so the team handicaps are as fair as possible. Fun begins at 12 noon with registration and Calcutta followed by a shotgun start at 1:00 pm. Half of the betting proceeds go to Lee's favourite, Ride The Bus.

We have received great feedback from our members on our new website and tee time booking system. If you have not logged on and set up your account, all you need to do is click on the "Member's Login" button on the front page of our website and use the e-mail address you have on file with us. For password, make up any password you like. If you get a message saying you already are a member and have been set up, just click on re-send message and follow the instructions. If you have any issues, please come in the golf shop and see us.

And “Thank You!” to our members who like us, comment on our postings and give us five stars or great reviews on various social media platforms. In today’s day and age, social media is the best and most cost-effective way for RGC to stay in touch with golfers not only at our club but everywhere and RGC is concentrating on putting all of our marketing and advertising messages on our social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Google + and our website. The more likes and tweets and retweets we receive, the more our messages spread.

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. It lists Section Meetings and Opening Days, Rec Night Meetings and Opening Days, Qualifying Days, big events like RVH and AHC and our Club Championship. It’s still the same address, www.renfrewgolf.com

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