

May 15, 2017

I hope we've finally put the bad weather behind us. Way too much rain, cold temperatures and even snow have put a damper on the 2017 golf season so far. However, RGC is very fortunate to have been built on sand and no matter how bad we think we have it, there are a lot of golf courses who still cannot allow carts onto all 18 of their golf holes. Wednesday through Sunday we had a lot of golfers from other courses visit us and are amazed at how dry we are and how great of shape we are in.

As we just mentioned...RGC is in great shape! Please come out and enjoy your golf course. 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 for some of our great food and beverage offerings. Rates move to our high-season rates this Friday May 19th. Green Fees become \$30 weekdays and \$36 weekends. After 11am green fees are \$23 weekdays and \$30 weekends. Carts are extra and are \$20 for 18 holes and \$13 for 9 holes for your guests. For members wishing to take a cart for the back nine, cart price is only \$10. We do not have a special member cart rate for 18 holes, but our yearly cart rate of \$525 means you don't even have to play 30 rounds to get your money's worth.

And from what hopefully will become a newsletter feature, here is a note from our super Super, Dave Wilson.

Well I must say this has been the wettest month of May I have experienced since becoming Superintendent at RGC. Currently we have had 138mm of rain and 4cms of snow fall on the course since May 1st. This weather has really put us behind in scheduling such maintenance practices as top-dressing, fertilizing, verti-cutting and some regular mowing procedures. The disease pressures from this stretch of weather has forced me to baby the greens somewhat to protect them from added stress. I have kept the heights of the greens slightly higher than normal during this stretch to assist in keeping them healthy. Along with some chemical assistance, they have come through this stretch just fine.

With the upcoming positive turn in the weather, you will see us working hard to whip the course back into shape. This will include many of the above mentioned practices as well as speeding up the greens over the next few weeks. Your patience and understanding has been, and will continue to be appreciated as we work to get caught up.

Thank you, Dave Wilson

Lots of events, both past and future, to cover. First of all, Thank You! to the nearly 100 members and guests who came out for Mother's Day brunch. Corey, Diane, Mel and Cheryl did a fantastic job with the menu and the room! If you want to know what you missed, check out our Facebook page. Yes, we will have a Father's Day brunch on Sunday June 18th. Make your reservations in the restaurant.

And Thank You! To the 23 ladies who went to Bluff Point on our Ladies Golf Trip. A great time was had by all and there is talk of having another ladies trip this fall. We will have to talk with Canada Customs before booking the trip to ensure none of the 23 ladies who went with us are now on any type of "Flagged List." Nothing too major, just an extra hour at Canada Customs...and we didn't even go shopping!

Our men's trip is scheduled for October 5 & 6 (right after aeration) to Malone, N.Y. 2 rounds of golf, overnight accommodations, luxury motor coach transportation and dinner all for only \$250 for members and \$300 for guests. Please let Kevin know you are interested or if you have any questions. Just as with the ladies, we need at least 24 people on the trip.

Friday Frolics is this Friday May 19th. With last month's event rained/frozen out, Kevin and Cheryl will still be your hosts for a Mexican Fiesta! 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. 5:00 pm shotgun (9 holes) followed by a Mexican buffet dinner @ 7:30 pm. Cost is \$15 for members and \$30 for guests. Menus and sign-up sheets are posted at the clubhouse entrance.

RGC's 4 Man Shotgun Scramble Saturday, sponsored by Publican House Brewery, is now May 20th. 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 former 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.

The Lee and Larry Sharpe Memorial Tournaments are Sunday May 28th. 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.

Tuesday May 30 is our first Ladies Shotgun Social of the Season, sponsored by J.S. Wilson. Members are encouraged to bring guests out for 9 holes of golf (5:30 pm) and dinner. Cost is \$15 for members (cart, dinner and prizes included) and \$30 for guests (green fees, cart, dinner and prizes included)

Sunday June 4th is the date for the Renfrew Metro-sponsored 1st Qualifier of the year. Both men and ladies will be competing to earn spots on our various interclub teams. There are both early morning and early afternoon draws, so if you are an early riser or if you go to church on Sunday, you can play. Sign-up sheets will be up two weeks before the event just inside the clubhouse.

And on Saturday June 10th is our F.H. Rowat Mens Intersectional Qualifier. Tee times will be early Saturday morning as we have a busy day on the tee sheet. For those of you interested, our Mens Intersectional team travels to Canada's oldest golf club, Perth Golf Course, on July 9th. Our Senior Men travel to Ottawa Hunt on Tuesday September 5th. Our women travel to Algonquin for the second year in a row on Sunday July 16th and RGC hosts a Senior Women's Intersectional on August 28th! Sign-up sheets will be up two weeks before the event just inside the clubhouse.

Our TaylorMade Demo day was rained out, but don't worry, we have rescheduled it for Tuesday May 23rd from 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Come on out and swing the latest in TaylorMade golf 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 to book an appointment.

We also have a Ping Demo Day scheduled for Tuesday June 6th from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. If you like Ping, or think you might like Ping or just want to try Ping clubs, come on out! Again, we are taking appointment times for those who want to be professionally fitted for new golf equipment.

Our golf shop is fully stocked and looks better than ever. 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.

A reminder to everyone we will be switching to Chronogolf to keep track of everyone's handicaps on Sunday May 28th. If you are a casual player who wants to keep track of your scores, please see us in the golf shop and we will show you how to switch over. If you are a golfer who will be qualifying for our intersectional teams, you will need to continue to enter your scores on Golf Canada. Only those with a Golf Canada handicap will be able to play in any interclub or PGA of Ottawa events. RGC will continue to pay for those needing a Golf Canada handicap. For the few of you who pre-purchased an RGC membership for 2017, we will refund your purchase.

Great news...Renfrew Golf Club has been chosen to host a Local RBC PGA of Canada Scramble on Friday July 7th. The RBC PGA Scramble is free to RGC members 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 you have the home-course advantage in the Local Qualifier. Get your four person teams organized and visit <https://rbcpgascramble.com/local-events/> to register your team. See the site for more details.

Finally, 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. 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

Thank You for Reading.