

October 1, 2017

Hello Everyone!

What a fantastic September we just had! The last 30 days almost makes up for the summer we didn't have. Not only were the temperatures warm (maybe even a bit too warm a couple of days) but our golf course was in, as many members have commented, the best shape it has ever been in. And on top of great weather and a great golf course, revenues were also great for September. Not only did we beat budgeted revenues for September, our September revenues were about 30% higher than they were in 2016 and 20% higher than 2015. The final September numbers aren't in yet, but it appears we have already surpassed 2016 total revenue with a month to go and have almost reached our revenue budget for 2017 as well. And YES!, we are still on track to come in at less than a \$1 million in expenses for 2017.

The plan for October is to keep the golf course open as long as we can. Dave and his team are aerating all of our greens this week and with the warm weather and possible fertilizer application and rain in the forecast for later this week, they should heal up by the middle of the month.

Many of you have noticed we moved all of our operations into the Clubhouse for the remainder of the season. The move really won't save us much labour, but with our service team being essentially Larry, Cheryl and Mel, it allows us to help each other during the day. Speaking of Cheryl, her last day this year is Tuesday October 10<sup>th</sup> and then she's heading back down south to Mexico. The rest of the golf ops team, Mel, Larry, Corey and Diane will be here until October 19. After that, it's just Kevin until we have snow.

On Dave's team, we still have Tyson, Dillon, Brigette, Junior and Len still up there, but their season is winding down as well. If you see any of them on the course, take a moment to let them know how much you appreciate all of their hard work this summer. I believe all of the team, except for Dave, drink beer as well!

Since we are in October, we are reminding all members that RGC requires your charge account to be clear by the end of our fiscal year, October 31. If you're not sure how much you owe, or if you can't remember if you paid for club storage or had it charged to your account, please see us in the clubhouse and we can print off a statement for you.

RGC is undergoing a small renovation project in the middle of October as our men's locker room is going to be gutted, re-painted and re-carpeted. To facilitate this project, we are asking that all mens lockers be cleaned out by October 15<sup>th</sup> with all locks removed. A big THANK YOU goes out to Mike Moore who spearheaded the fundraising for this project and thank you to Merv Wren, Peter Vice, Gerry O'Neil, Bill McGahern, Larry Armitage and Mike Moore who covered the cost of the painting and flooring. If any members would like to help our own Brian Hewitt renovate the locker room, work starts Tuesday October 17<sup>th</sup>, with the removal of half of our lockers and ripping up all of the old carpet.

You may have also noticed a new LED light at the bottom of the stairs from the front entrance (where the water jug is placed in the mornings) to the hallway between the men's locker room and the washrooms. We tested the light this past two weeks and had great feedback on how bright it is. As a result, we will be switching out the majority of our old fluorescent lights in the clubhouse with this LED light over the next month. Len Dombrowskie is heading up this project but if you have an electrical background and want to volunteer a few hours, please visit Len up in the maintenance shop. This project can be started at any time as we have all the new LED lights on site.

A couple of events to keep you up-to-date on. We still have a Friday Frolics scheduled for October. With the weather looking favourable for Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>, we are moving up one week and going ahead with the event! Scare up some friends and join us for a great night of golf, dinner and fun. Your hosts for the night are Faye and Rob Warren and Eliana and Rory McKay.

On Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup>, Larry is organizing a 2-Man Scramble with Calcutta. Cost is \$50 per non-member and \$40 per member, with \$40 per person going to prizing. If you require a golf cart, it's only an additional \$10 per person. Teams must have a minimum combined 15 handicap and registration is just inside the clubhouse entrance.

Also on the 14th, one of our Corporate Partners, the Renfrew Curling Rink, is holding their annual Sweep & Putt here at RGC. Cost is \$60 per person. 6 ends of curling start at 10:00 am and golf is a 1:30 pm shotgun start.

And, if the weather holds, the last RGC event of the year will be Dave's Revenge on Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup>. Dave is tired of new course records being set every year so he is going to create the toughest RGC course imaginable. 4-man and 4-woman teams will be selected at random, with double par and three putts as a maximum on any hole. We'll start play with an 11:00 am shotgun and no play will be allowed before the event to give Dave time to get the golf course ready.

Thank you to everyone who redeemed over \$11,000 in Renfrew Bucks in September! This has made a huge difference in the amount of remaining merchandise in our golf shop. And for anyone who still has a few Renfrew Bucks remaining, or wants to get a head start on Christmas shopping, all October we have our Year-End Sale where all remaining apparel, shoes and accessories are 30% off!

Please help us welcome Lino DiSipio as a new member to Renfrew Golf Club. Lino was brought out to the golf course by Chris Graham and liked it so much he became a member today. Thank you Chris as well for bringing Lino to RGC! Just a reminder that if an RGC member brings in a new member, the existing member will receive a 25% rebate on the new membership cost. Please see Kevin for more details or clarification.

And last, but certainly not least, Mary Ann Abrams last official duty as Ladies Club Captain was holding our Ladies Section Closing Golf and Dinner this past Sunday. Mary Ann was instrumental in creating an energetic, enthusiastic and engaged Ladies Section that supports overnight trips, Member-Guest events, created Renfrew's own version of the Solheim Cup and encouraged ladies to mix up their regular golf groups to meet and play golf with other RC members. Thank you Mary Ann for a fantastic two years as Ladies Club Captain and please help us welcome Kim McDonald as our new Ladies Club Captain.

Thank You for Reading.