

September 1, 2017

Hello Everyone!

Where has the summer gone? I know the calendar still says it's summer, but Thursday and today's weather was a shock to the system. Looking back on August, we finally had what could be considered an average month weather-wise, except for the two massive storms on the 10th and the 22nd. But as usual, Dave and his team had our golf course looking great within 12 hours of the storms.

Speaking of Dave Wilson, RGC is very happy to announce that Dave has agreed to a four-year contract extension that will keep him here until at least 2021. Great news for our club and great news for both Dave and Brigette...and Jesse too.

And congratulations to our Senior Ladies Intersectional team who won the event here at RGC last Monday. Our team of Mary Jo Wertwyn, Mary Ann Abrams, Anne MacNeil, Marg Agnew, Barb Desilets, Cheryl Campbell, Marsha Hale and Anne Windle were tied with Greensmere after the event and were still tied after the first tie breaker method, overall team head-to-head. Using the second tie breaker, head-to-head starting with the lowest handicaps, our RGC ladies were victorious. It was a great year for both our Ladies and Senior Ladies Intersectional teams as both will be moving up a flight after winning their flights here at RGC.

In keeping with our ladies, RGC's version of the Solheim Cup will be played on Sunday September 10th. It will be Team Latraverse vs Team Sharpe in our inaugural event. If you haven't signed up yet, you should! It is going to be a great day of golf and fun. Team Captains for the event are Faye Warren and Colleen Sheehan.

If you didn't see the huge headlines in last week's paper, Bev and Greg Savicky and Cathy & Bob O'Donnell were our big Friday Frolics winners. Our next Friday Frolics is scheduled for September 15th and the meal is going to be Ukrainian. Borsht, Cabbage Rolls and Perogies (all made by Ukrainians in Espanola) is the menu for the night.

A reminder that our 2017 President's Cup is Friday September 22nd. Invitations have been sent out to our partners, sponsors, suppliers, tournament organizers, volunteers and a few other friends of RGC with RSVP by Friday September 15th. Once we know how many people have committed, we will open up the day to our members.

We have now opened up our Overnight road trip to both men and women as we have only had 2 men sign up as of Sept 1. Yes, we have had some of our female members inquire so this is now a coed trip! We still need 24 people signed up prior to Thursday September 14th though. The reason we have such an early sign up date (the road trip is Oct 4 & 5) is we have committed to a motor coach, a block of rooms and a block of tee times on both Black Bear Ridge and Trillium Wood. Cost for the trip is \$350 for members and \$400 for guests and includes round-trip transportation, one round of golf with cart at each course, shared overnight accommodations, dinner and breakfast.

Another reason to think seriously about the road trip is RGC will be aerating its greens October 2 & 3. This will include pulling cores from the green surfaces and a heavy top dressing of sand on October 4 & 5.

Ladies, for those of you not able to make the overnight trip, we do have a Ladies Day Trip scheduled to Homestead at Wolf Ridge for Tuesday Oct 3. The day includes golf and after golf dinner and Blues Jam at the Wilno Tavern. Harmonicas, steel and lap guitars are welcome!

For all of you that play in our Monday Men's Rec League and Wednesday Ladies Rec League, closing tournament days are Saturday Sept 30 for the men and Sunday Sept 24 for the ladies. Details can be found on our website, under Leagues.

Our Senior Men wrap up Tuesday Sept 19, Men have their season-ending event Sept 28 and Ladies on Oct 1. We have also added Dave's Revenge to the calendar as our Season-Closing event for everyone on Oct 22. Expect the hardest RGC course you have ever played!

A reminder that our 2018 Membership rates, which have not increased from 2017 and in some age categories decreased from 2017, are on our website www.renfrewgolf.com/become-a-member-2/ As of today, anyone who becomes a new member for 2018, they can play the rest of 2017 once their 2018 membership is paid in full. So please, keep talking to your friends about becoming an RGC member in 2018 because if a 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 in 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. And if you bring in more than one member, you can receive a credit back up to the entire cost of your membership for the year.

Thank you to those who are using up all of their gift certificates, RGC bucks, green fee passes, etc., from whatever year they were given out. 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.

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

Finally, many of you have inquired on why our flag has been at half-mast this week. Dave Powell, who many of you know as our Club Pro from a few years ago, passed away on Tuesday. Family and friends are invited to gather at the Pinecrest Visitation Centre – 2500 Baseline Rd., Ottawa, on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. and after 6:00 p.m. Words of Remembrance to take place at 7:00 p.m.

Thank You for Reading.