

September 15, 2017

Hello Everyone!

Two weeks ago we were asking "Where has summer gone?" Turns out we were just asking the question too early in the year. What a great week of weather we have experienced and it looks like it will continue for at least another week. If you've been away or haven't had the chance to play RGC in the past few weeks, you're missing a fantastic golf course. Bring out your friends, family or colleagues at work, they won't be disappointed!

Let's start off with some financial news. At the end of August, we are still on track to reach our revenue budget and our net income target as well. We know we still have two months to go before the end of our fiscal year, but we are very happy with our financial position year-to-date. In September, we still have two weddings, two rec league closings, three section closings, two tournaments (the 24<sup>th</sup> annual Laurel Rafuse and OPG) and of course our President's Cup on Friday September 22<sup>nd</sup>, so we'll keep our fingers crossed that the great weather continues and our tee sheet remains full.

Speaking of President's Cup on Friday September 22<sup>nd</sup>, the sign-up sheet for members is up just inside the clubhouse. For anyone new to RGC, President's Cup is a fundraiser with all proceeds going to our course enhancement fund. There is no cost to participate, but donations are more than welcome. Last year the suggested donation was \$40 per golfer as everything (lunch, dinner, carts and guest green fees) is included. This year we are asking for \$50 per golfer as the donation.

And here's more great news...for all of you who know our very own Polish Prince Jim Senack, 82 year-old Jim did one better than his age by firing an 81 on Wednesday. Jim's round was witnessed by Bill Butson, who shot 82. Congratulate Jim if you see him this week.

Our Ladies Section held their first annual Solheim Cup on Sunday and it was a resounding success! The 24 ladies were divided into two teams, Team Doreen Latraverse and Team Lee Sharpe. In true Solheim Cup fashion, team captains met over breakfast to pair their six two-lady teams against one another. The matches were played as six holes own ball, six holes alternate shot and the final six holes as a scramble. At the end of the matches both teams were tied with three wins apiece. A Playoff took place on Hole 18 with Team Sharpe's captains picks of Lisa Smith and Marg Agnew taking on Team Latraverse's captains picks of Mary Ann Abrams and Anne MacNeil. With a patio full of golfers, Team Sharpe's Lisa Smith hit her approach shot within three feet for an easy birdie and the win. Congratulations to all 24 ladies who participated and to our Ladies Section for organizing this great event.

RGC once again held Friday Frolics on Sept 15 with the night hosted by Greg and Bev Savicky & Bob and Cathy O'Donnell we were all treated to a fantastic Ukrainian meal of Borscht, Cabbage Rolls, Perogies and Kielbasa (all made by Ukrainians in Espanola). Congratulations to our September winners Faye and Rob Warren and Eliana and Rory McKay who now get to host our next event, either October 20 or early next year, weather dependant.

Unfortunately, our Men's overnight road trip to Belleville has been cancelled due to lack of registrants. But we are going forward with our Ladies Day Trip to Homestead at Wolf Ridge for Tuesday Oct 3. The day includes golf and after golf dinner and Blues Jam at the Wilno Tavern. Sign-up sheet is just inside the clubhouse entrance.

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 RGC is going to aerate all 18 of our greens on October 2-4. This will include pulling cores from all of our greens and top dressing with a heavy layer of sand. We are committed to these days, unless it rains, as we want to give our greens enough time to heal and for all the holes to fill in prior to frost getting into the ground. If the holes do not fill in prior to frost, we will start 2018 with greens that still look like they were just aerated, which we do not want. If you have any questions at all, please see either Dave Wilson or Kevin Sebulski.

We would like to welcome new members Andrew McKay, Al MacDonald, Brendan Rousselle and Natalie Walters to RGC. And we would also like to welcome back to RGC Jeff Russell and Steve Eckford as members once again. All of these new members have come to us through referrals from existing members. 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.

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](http://www.renfrewgolf.com)

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