

Mountainview Golf Course Newsletter

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Course Report



Mick Nychka, Course Superintendent

Mick Nychka reports that, due to cool cloudy weather, course preparation is at least a week to ten days behind schedule.

Frost in the mornings prevents Mick and his crew of three from getting out on the course where they are busy packing and leveling greens 4 and 6 in preparation to lay sod.

Furthermore, the sod farm is also behind schedule and there may be delays in delivery.

Classes of Members

Founding Members were divided into two groups. Class A members paid \$500.00 and Class B members paid \$250.00 to provide start up capital for the Annie Lake Golf and Country Club Society. Class A members receive a 20% discount on annual fees. Class B members receive a 10% discount on annual fees. Both Class A and Class B members can book tee times 48 hours in advance of any other tee times.

Class 'C' Memberships were introduced and supported by the membership in 2003, and were established to help raise capital to pay down the debt of Mountain View Golf Course. Class C members paid \$350.00 and receive a 10% discount off annual fees. They can book tee times seven days in advance.

Season Pass holders pay a sliding fee schedule depending upon their age and status. They can book tee times five days in advance

Problems with Email

When I sent out notification of the April newsletter, I received a total of **52 rejected email addresses**. While some of these could be legitimate errors, I am sure many of the rejections were due to spam filters.

When you receive this notification, please check with your golf friends and acquaintances to see if they received it as well. If not, they can contact Reg Steers to insure that they will receive the next one.

Front & Back Nines Switched

A motion was put forward and passed at the AGM to start play on #10 and finish on #9.

For those golfers playing only 9 holes, this will avoid having two temporary greens on the front 9.

Also, it will allow closer monitoring of people teeing off.

Message from Jeff Wiggins



Jeff Wiggins

Golf became a passion of mine when I was 13 years old. That was the summer I received my first job at a golf club. I was a spare picker for the driving range. I loved it. I was always hoping for the phone call, "Wiggins we need you". I moved into a Pro Shop position when I was 17. I became a pro when I was 19. I have a 3 year Business Administration Diploma with a certificate in Professional Golf Management. I also took 2 years of culinary school in southern BC in my off seasons.

As a player, I have to date 17 professional wins. I have been nominated as the BC PGA Junior Promoter of the Year twice, and BC PGA Assistant Golf Professional of the year once.

I believe in building strong relationships with members and guests. Service is a priority to me and my staff. If there is something we do not know, we will find the answer for you.

I look forward to meeting everyone. If there is anything I can do for anyone, please just give me a shout.

Welcome to the 2008 Golf Season. Let's all try to make 2008 the season to remember.

Desperate Need for Volunteers

Mick and his crew are devoting every spare moment on preparing greens 4 & 6, and therefore cannot get to the more mundane chores such as picking up debris.

If you can spare some time and energy to volunteer around the grounds, please contact either John Spicer or Jeff Wiggins to specify when you are available and what chores you are willing to perform.

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Course Open!!!

As of May 8, 2008,. The course is open for golf using temporary greens.

The Driving Range is also ready for you to work out the kinks in your swing.

Drop by the Pro Shop to purchase some new golf duds, or upgrade your equipment.

Food Services

The club received five expressions of interest in taking over food services. Of these, only one proponent actually followed through.

Jeff Thistle of Red Seal Distributors, Ltd. proposes to operate out of his own kitchen facilities. He will supply sandwiches for sale through the Pro Shop as well as cater to tournaments and functions.

Mr. Thistle has a firm requirement for a 3-day notice of the number of plates required. This means that we will no longer be able to accept last minute entries to tournaments.

Further, Mr. Thistle is not interested in providing bar services. The club will have to hire someone.

The board will have beverage cart services as soon as possible. This may be operated out of the pro-shop for the short term until full staffing (and a bar coordinator) can be put in place. As well we hope to operate bar services for tournaments and events.

Perhaps the Men's League could volunteer to provide bar service for the Women's League, and vice versa to save on overtime.

Golf Tip of the Month by Jeff Wiggins

Welcome to the 2008 Golf Season. It seems as though Mother Nature has had an extended holiday this year at our expense. I know everyone is eager to get going so here are a few tips for the opening month. Check your basic fundamentals. The 4 key fundamentals to any good golf swing are as follows;

- GRIP
- POSTURE
- STANCE
- ALIGNMENT

Since we are going to be playing on temporary greens for the first few weeks now is a great time to really focus on the basics. I want to remind all you avid golfers that starting your lessons earlier than later gives you an advantage on grasping concepts and retaining skills learned. Most of you will see me "Walk the Line" on the driving range from time to time. Don't hesitate to ask me to have a quick look at your golf swing. It would be my pleasure.

Work Hard and Play Hard!

Jeff Wiggins

Golf Humour

In the 16th century, most everything was transported by ship and it was also before the invention of commercial fertilizer, so large shipments of manure were common.

It was shipped dry, because it weighed less but once water hit it, fermentation began which produced methane gas as a by-product.

The manure was stored in bundles below deck and once wet with sea water, methane began to build up.

The first time someone came below at night with a lantern.... BOOOOM!

Several ships were destroyed in this manner before it was determined just what had happened. Afterwards, the bundles of manure were stamped with the term "Ship High In Transit" which directed the crew to stow it in the upper decks so that any water that came into the hold would not reach this volatile cargo and produce the explosive gas.

Thus evolved the term "S.H.I.T " (Ship High In Transit) which has come down through the centuries and is still in use today. You probably did not know the true history of this word.

Neither did I. I always thought it was a golf term

If you have any suggestions for newsletter topics you would like to see, or have questions or comments about anything in this issue, please contact me at
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