

2009 GOLF REPORT

The 2009 golf season will be remembered for its unsettled weather patterns which effected play. Despite the inconsistency, 31,618 tee offs were recorded. This number of rounds has not been reached since 2004 when the Club had 677 active adult members. Green fee revenue was up 3.5%, however power cart revenue fell short of last year due to the weather issue. Rob Weiss and his staff are to be commended for their efforts in selling product, controlling play, assisting in tournament operations and meeting the needs of the membership on a daily basis.

During the winter months, our Reciprocal Tee Time Program was expanded from 2 to 5 Clubs. Dates for Base Borden, Midland, Owen Sound, Shelburne and Tangle Creek went quickly when posted through the season. In April, the Committee promoted a "Basic Rules at Blue Workshop" as well as a "Match Play Rules Workshop" which were extremely well attended. Many thanks to Pat Newman who has his Level III certification in the Rules of Golf for conducting the well attended workshops.

New for 2009 was the introduction of the Hole In One Insurance program. Congratulations to Evlyn Stants, Michele Keith, Debra McCrea, Elaine Petroff, Elaine Hillman, Al Reeve, Ryan Sly, Peter Kemp, Ron Timpson, Wayne Butters, Jim Eberhardt, Rick Fowlston and David Finbow who all received 20 drink tickets to be used through the season for their accomplishment. In addition, the Committee would like to acknowledge Junior members, Stephen Griggs, Tyler Willette and Curtis Rideout on their hole in one achievement.

In June, our new scorecard was introduced which featured the revised handicap holes for men. Scoring information obtained during 2009 will be used to establish changes to the ladies handicap holes for the next issue of the scorecard. In July, the Member Guest Days were very successful thanks to the efforts of the Section Executives and the Marketing Committee.

During 2009, the Committee worked with the Pro Shop staff to maximize the tee time booking process. The Golf Committee fully endorsed the introduction of the MeritSoft WebRez online booking system. A representative from MeritSoft was on hand at the General Meeting for the Annual Election of Directors in October to explain the process. As recommended by the Golf Committee, WebRez was implemented in the Pro Shop for the last few weeks of the golf season to give the membership an opportunity to become familiar with the system. Demo tee sheets are also on the Website in March to enable members to practice. With the addition of WebRez, the Golf Committee addressed required changes to our Tee Time Reservations Policy. The revised policy is now posted on our website.

The Committee recognized how the popularity of the Match Play programs in 2009 effected tee time availability. To ensure the success of the match play programs while minimizing their effect on play, the Committee established a 2010 policy that single match play events will be restricted to 32 players and team matches will be limited to 64 players in size.

The *2010 Calendar of Events* has now been established and is posted on our website. Minor changes and additions will be posted as required. As Chair of the Golf Committee, it was a pleasure to work with management and representatives from the Men's and Ladies' Sections, Men's Senior League and Junior Section this past season as we addressed important golf issues at the Club. Their input and efforts were greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
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Golf Committee -Chair