

# GRAND GOLF GAZETTE

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

## From the desk of the Manager:

Spring is now officially over and summer has begun! As mentioned previously, the greens suffered a little during this past winter, but things are coming around well now, so come on out and enjoy a round or two with family or friends. What the course needs is water and sun. Our irrigation system is up and running since last Thursday and we re-seed on a regular basis. Our *verticut* machine is also in full use to help de-thatch and smooth out the greens. So we're doing our part; now *Mother Nature* needs to step up to the plate and provide us with some sunshine! ☺

How can YOU help our course to be "the best of the best of the best?" Well, we all know about replacing divots on the fairways, raking the sand traps and repairing ball marks on the greens (yours and one or two others). One thing we seem to forget from time to time, however, is the need to keep power carts away from tee-boxes, bunkers and greens. Recently, this has become especially problematic in front of the green on Hole #2, and near the greens at Holes #3, #4, #6, and #14. Taking a shortcut to the left of the Ladies' tee on #9 is also an issue. Driving close to these areas packs the earth down which results in weird bounces and unfair playing conditions. So, *please* help yourself and all other golfers by staying on the cart paths wherever possible.



YES, the driving range is open for business! See Joe in the clubhouse for balls/tokens (\$5 per basket or six baskets for \$25). Remember what “they” say (whoever “they” are), **practise makes perfect!**

The clubhouse concession is also open for business. Have you tried out the new menu yet? **Nanda & Vanesha** of **Trésor & Délices** offer a splendid array of old favourites, as well as some exciting new treats!

### **Leagues & Events:**

- **Junior Golf Clinics:** for ages 5-14 will be held each Tuesday from 08:00–9:00 a.m., from **July 3 to August 21** (8 clinics). Each clinic will include basic instruction, games, and other activities. Cost is \$50.00 per junior, tax included (free to junior members of the club). Register at the clubhouse this week!
- **Monday Men’s Twilight League:** this competitive league started on **June 25**. The roster is now full with twelve teams in two divisions for this season
- **Tuesday Senior Men’s Scrambles:** the turnout for this friendly league which started on **June 12** was positive and a good time was had by all players. No need to register, just show up and join the fun!
- **Tuesday Ladies’ Night:** approximately 30 ladies jump-started this league on **June 12** and **June 19** and the numbers will no doubt grow as the word spreads about the fun and friendship enjoyed by one and all. This league appreciates its many sponsors; such as: **June 12 (Greco Donair); June 19 (Sticker Master);** and tonight, **June 26 (Linda Toner)**. Format is a 9-hole scramble with a 5:45 p.m. shotgun start, followed by a light supper. Cost is \$10 for members and \$20 for future-members. Call the clubhouse to register. This activity is coordinated by **Rita Levesque** (475-5527).
- **Thursday Senior Mixed Scrambles:** Unfortunately, the opening day of **June 14** was rained-out ☹️. However, turnout on **June 21** was impressive. No need to register, just show up before 9:00 am and join the fun!
- **Friday Night Fever:** this popular event will commence this year on **July 13**. Come on out for a nine-hole scramble followed by a light supper. “The Fever” is open to one and all and will continue every Friday – weather permitting. Pick your own foursome or we’ll pick one for you. Enjoy a 5:45 p.m. shotgun start at \$10.00 for members and \$20.00 for future-members. Please register by noon each Friday at the clubhouse (473-4494).
- **Saint John Valley Senior Men League:** this friendly international league held their first tournament this year on **June 13** at our club. To apply or obtain details, please contact **Jacques Bossé** (473-4815) or **Earl Toner** (473-6038 or 475-5190).
- **Saint John Valley Senior Ladies League:** this friendly international league fielded 70 players for their first tournament this year in Hartland on **June 20**. They’ll be playing at our club on **July 25**. To apply or obtain details, please contact **Lucy McLaughlin** at 473-6645 or 475-8677.
- **Ladies gOlf League "LOL":** this league uses the Stableford format with all scores entered on the Golf Canada Score Centre. The “LOL” offers some friendly

competition played according to a flexible schedule. Although the roster has already been set; there may be room for one or two more players – if applications are received by the end of this week only! To register, please contact **Lucy McLaughlin** (473-6645 or 475-8677) or **Laurette McLaughlin** (473-5042).

### Reciprocals with neighbouring golf courses;

Take advantage of reduced or even FREE green fees at the following courses:

- **Aroostook Valley Country Club:** five free rounds per summer with the rental of a power cart. Obtain your personal punch-card at our clubhouse. Call 1 (800) 980-8747 to book tee-times.
- **Club de Golf de la Vallée du Témiscouata:** free green fees with the rental of a power cart. Call (418) 854-0539 to book tee-times.
- **Fraser Edmundston:** five free rounds per summer with the rental of a power cart. Obtain your personal punch-card at our clubhouse. Call (506) 739-6190 (48 hours in advance) to book tee-times.
- **Club de Golf de Rivière du Loup:** \$30 green fees including cart rental. Call (418) 862-7745 (48 hours in advance) to book tee-times.

### Completed Tournaments/Events:

**JUNE 16 – TOURNOI DE L'ÉCLOSION** – 80 players enjoyed a great 18-hole scramble for a worthy cause! Everyone enjoyed the half-BBQ chicken dinner and, of course, the various prizes!

**JUNE 13 – SAINT JOHN VALLEY SENIOR MEN** – 136 gentlemen enjoyed 18 holes, followed by a delicious dinner served by *Trésor & Délices*. Grand Golf members **Gerald Toner** and **Jacques Bossé** took top honours in their divisions, with **Gilles Picard** placing second in his division. This league's coordinators very much appreciated the assistance of four ladies who volunteered their time for this tournament: **Rita Levesque, Lucy McLaughlin, Micheline Ouellette** and **Diane Cormier**.

### Upcoming Tournaments/Events:

**JULY 9 – GRAND FALLS SENIOR MEN INVITATIONAL** – This is a *NEW BRUNSWICK PLAYER OF THE YEAR* event which is open to all senior gentlemen with a valid *Golf Canada* handicap factor. The cost of registration is \$35 for members (includes golf, sandwich and meal by *Trésor et Délices*) and \$60 for non-members (includes golf, cart,



sandwich and meal by **Trésor et Délices**). There will be two divisions with both gross and net prizes. A shotgun start at 11:00 am will get the ball(s) rolling! Call the clubhouse to register.

**JULY 21 – LE TOURNOI DES DRAVEURS:** C'est une levée de fonds pour l'équipe de hockey senior «Draveurs de St. Léonard». Le coût est de 240 \$ par équipe de quatre personnes, ce qui comprend le golf, la voiturette, le souper et un prix de présence. Le « shotgun » aura lieu à midi. Pour vous inscrire, veuillez communiquer avec Marc Cloutier au 423-2869 ou Eric Roy au 580-8244.

**JULY 25 – SAINT JOHN VALLEY SENIOR LADIES':** This cross-border league will enjoy 18 holes at our course, followed by supper.

**JULY 28 – ROTARY GOLF DAY –** please call the clubhouse for details.

**AUGUST 8 – LADIES' TWO-PERSON SCRAMBLE:** stay tuned for details to follow.

Also, check out the club's bulletin board for tournaments at various neighbouring courses. For example:

- Limestone's 4-person scramble on **June 30**;
- Aroostook Valley's Senior-Men's Field Day on **July 2**; and,
- Aroostook Valley's Potato Blossom 3-man Scramble on **July 21**.

If you play at a neighbouring club, be sure to encourage those you meet to try out our course sometime this summer!

### **Hole-in-One Club:**

Congratulations are in order for the following players:

- **Denise Tardif**, who scored an ace on Hole #11 on **June 9**. Way to go, Denise; this is one more ace to add to your collection!
- **Doritha Lapointe** – who sunk her tee-shot on Hole #16 this year on **June 12**. You're early this year, Doritha! We remember your ace on Hole #11 on June 15, 2017 – keep up the good playing!
- **Murray Beardsley** – who challenged the *Gods of Golf* on Hole #11 on **June 23** – and won!



Wow! The season has only just begun and we have three holes-in-one already! Did you know that for every hole in one you score on our course, the Club awards a souvenir take-home trophy! Keep trying folks, one day you may get to display one or more of these trophies in *your* home!

### **Gazette Golf Tips and other stuff:**

Golf is a game to be savoured. Okay, you hear a few off-colour remarks from time to time, maybe even from yourself after a bad shot. However, for maximum enjoyment, it's helpful to *remember* "The Spirit of the Game" (reproduced from *Golf News*, Vol. 29, Issue 2, May 2018):

"Unlike many sports, golf is played, for the most part, without the supervision of a referee or umpire. The game relies on the integrity of the individual to show consideration for other players and to abide by the rules. All players should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times, irrespective of how competitive they may be. This is the spirit of the game of golf."

The remainder of this article offers advice on such topics as safety, consideration for other players, pace of play, care of the course, etc. Complimentary copies of *Golf News*, *Atlantic Canada's Golf Publication*, are available in the clubhouse.

How to play Hole #1 (a new tip-feature in the Grand Golf Gazette): Hole #1 is rated the hardest hole at our course. This will come as no surprise to those who play here regularly. Both men and ladies need a long drive down the centre to reach the green in two. Watch out for the large fairway trap on the left, and the tendency for balls hit to the right to drift off towards the adjacent highway ditch. For gentlemen, laying up and playing this hole as a Par 5 (the Ladies' par), is not a bad option. A lay-up close to the water offers an easier shot close to the pin for a one-putt par. Reaching the green in three is better than four after a one-stroke penalty out of the water. The rough on both

sides of the green is pretty thick and can be tricky; so reaching the green or at least the run-up area in front of the green is a must. If you score a birdie on this hole, pat yourself on the back and take a crack at a hole-in-one on Hole #2. 😊

### **Until next time....**

Within the next couple of weeks you'll see new promotional signs at most tee-boxes. These signs have been sponsored by local businesses, so please stop and take a look so you know who to patronize when "out and about" around the greater Grand Falls area.

You really don't know what you're missing if you haven't tried one of our fun tournaments. No one worries about the final score in fun scrambles and the friendship and camaraderie are worth their weight in gold!

I hope to see you soon at the clubhouse or on the course! Best wishes for a great summer!