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Fall Newsletter



2020 executive wrapup

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MEMBERS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT ~ Anne Hutchinson

The 2020 golf season will go down in the history books as one to remember. Little did we know in March, as our Snowbirds hustled home from warmer climates and we locals began hunkering down in our homes, that this new Corona Virus, soon to be called COVID-19, would continue to rule our entire season. Now, as that season draws to a close, we have learned to adapt, accept, and carry on with our lives within the guidelines set out for us by health professionals and government officials. We have proven that even with the restrictions, we could enjoy a successful golf experience.

As my term as Member's Association President ends, I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to the other members of the executive, the countless volunteers who gave of their time to organize various events throughout the season, and to you, the members, for rallying to support the Highlands through this challenging time.

Though several events, including the April AGM, had to be cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions, others continued uninterrupted.

Both the Men's and Women's Leagues had a regular weekly play, under the expert leadership of their respective Captains, Bob Lomas and Sue Lanthier.

The Mixed League held four popular events, each followed by delicious dinners on the patio. Thanks to President Marilynn Luce and her committee for their efforts.

The Club Championship took place on August 26 and 27, with fewer participants than usual, possibly due to Covid-19. The first day of the two-day event dawned with beautiful sunny skies, but the heavens opened on day two and play was completed in persistent rain and chilly temperatures. Susan Veale (our new Women's Club Champion) and her committee must be commended for a job well done.

Despite a late start and some questionable weather, the Tuesday Evening Nine and Dine events saw an excellent attendance rate. Both members and non-members played relaxed golf and enjoyed tasty food. Thanks to Sue and Larry Beaton for organizing this group.

The Monday Evening Ladies Group underwent a rebirth in 2020 under the new leadership of Diane Postma. The "evening" group became an "afternoon" group due to the staggered start times and the substantial number of new golfers. The Highlands has needed a time and place for brand new golfers to feel comfortable to learn and play without pressure, and Diane provided that in spades. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and next year promises to be even bigger and better. Thank you, Diane!

On behalf of all who enjoyed terrific meals on the patio this season, I want to express our sincere thanks to Tracy Fredericks, Brian Jenkinson and the rest of the team who worked so hard to keep us fed. The food was consistently excellent. What a pleasure to have this available every day!

During this most unusual season, the highlight for most of us was the opening of the new/old course. The General's 18 opened to the public on July 4. The members were first to play the course on Friday, July 3. It was a sweltering day, but there were huge smiles all around as people had been waiting a long time for a chance to play these refurbished holes, and it did not disappoint! The Bunker Bistro is a welcome addition to the landscape with clean, modern washrooms and the opportunity to pick up a cold beverage or snack. We congratulate Chris and the entire Fleming family for their vision and the realization of this project.

While we all hope that 2021 will bring a return to more normal times, we should be grateful that we could play in the 2020 golf season and that we have come out the other side unscathed. Until next season, stay healthy, stay safe, and I may see some of you on the ski hill!





MEN'S LEAGUE PRESIDENT ~ Dave Luce

Well, 2020 was certainly an interesting year! March lasted until early May, and we were all going stir crazy and then along came golf! What a great way to break out of isolation and start to feel normal again. We had to adjust the way we played and couldn't socialize at first, but everyone was still very keen to play. The Executive wishes to thank you all for your commitment to our league and great attitude during these difficult times. We also welcomed many new members, John Humphries, Tim Gordon, Bob Howard, Ian Pragnall, Jayrd Lapointe, Ben Wright, Wesley Matthews, Brett Clouthier; we hope to see you back next year!

This year we had another hole in one during Men's day play, Peter Provost on hole 12, the last hole in one ever to be recorded on that hole. (it no longer exists).

Thanks go to Larry Beaton for organizing the Men's Match Play this year. Congrats to Don Swift - A winner, and Marcel Benoit - B winner.

Changing of the Guard - I would like to extend our sincere thanks to the retiring Men's Executive members from this

year. Peter Winkler has done an excellent job as treasurer for the past two years with added complications this year managing the deuce pot online. (We might be onto something here.)

John Watts, who retired from the recorder role this year, a position he has done very well for the past many years, we missed you on the course this year John and hope to see you back in 2021. Bill Donnelly managed the deuce pot last year but found himself out of a job this year due to COVID, so we are looking for another career for Bill. Our esteemed Captain Bob Lomas is also at the end of his first 2-year term. Bob has done an outstanding job for the past two years and deserves our thanks.

The 2021 executive will include Lou Lanthier - VP, Bob Lomas - Captain, Terry Dort - Treasurer, Peter Provost - Assistant Captain, John Cere - Secretary. It looks like an outstanding team!

2020 Club Championship was very successful. Thanks to Susan Veale and the committee for pulling this together. Congratulations to our winners: Club Champion and A Division - Jayrd Lapointe, B - Tom Coates, C - Joel Ouellet, D - Dennis Fodor.

Pro Shop - thank you very much to Joanne and the staff at the Pro Shop this year. Everyone was accommodating and always approachable with requests for help. The ladies managing the Bunker Bistro's beverage service were excellent and did their job with a great attitude.

Clubhouse- special thanks to Tracy and chef Brian and the staff, Debbie and Joli, and the others for providing great food and service. It was the best it has been in years!

Calabogie Highlands - Thanks to Chris and Rick. Mother Nature created a slow start with rain, and cool temps in May and June, then went hot and dry in July and early August. The weather was perfect in September. Overall, the entire course was in good condition this year, considering how the season started. Thank you for your investments in the golf course. The Bunker Bistro is a great addition.

Finally, thank you to the Men's League Executive for a job well done. Lou Lanthier - VP, Bob Lomas - Captain, Peter Winkler - Treasurer, Bill Donnelly - Assistant Captain, John Watts - Secretary.





WOMEN'S LEAGUE PRESIDENT ~ Anne Hutchinson

We have successfully navigated this most unprecedented golf season. COVID-19 indeed presented us with some challenges. To abide by public health recommendations and guidelines, we made some alterations to our regular operating procedures by cancelling some events and offering staggered tee times to allow for physical distancing. To counteract these changes, we did not ask for any membership fees. There was some grumbling about missing some popular aspects of our league, such as Ryder Cup, Pin Rounds, and the Member-Guest Tournament, but on the whole, most felt we still managed to put together an enjoyable season.

One of the most significant changes to our routine was the absence of the shotgun start. While this made it more challenging to meet socially after the round, it did mean that every golfer was able to begin on hole number one, something appreciated by all.

This year the new World Handicap System's came into effect, which proved to be much simpler than anticipated.

One event that did take place was the Women's Match Play under the supervision of Leslie Coates. Congratulations to Sue Beaton, who emerged victorious on the A-side and Carole Mundy, the B-side winner.

With our home course reserved for a tournament, many of our members enjoyed an "Away Day" at Pakenham on September 17. Pakenham provided us with a warm welcome, beautiful weather, and tasty lunch.

The last event of the 2020 season took place on October 1 as we played the annual Cross-Country event. Thanks to Susan Veale for designing a new course for us utilizing the original holes. Christine Jarrett and friends' foursome had the low team score and received lovely gifts of necklaces handcrafted and donated by our own talented Carole Mundy.

As my term as WL President draws to a

close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our members for their support and encouragement throughout the year. There have certainly been some challenges, but none have been insurmountable thanks to such a fantastic group of ladies. Special thanks to the other members of this year's executive for their wisdom and guidance along the way; Leslie Coates, Sue Lanthier, Gill Wilson, Sue Lomas, and Barb Provost; I could not have done it without you!

I know the WL members will offer equal support to next year's executive; President Leslie Coates, Vice President Joyce Hatt, Captain Barb Provost, Treasurer Gill Wilson, and Secretary Susan Lomas. I will be available to help as needed as Past President.

Stay safe, stay healthy and see you next year!

MONDAY NIGHT LADIES CONVENOR ~ Diane Postma

I am pleased to share that we had over 50 girls who joined our group over the summer.

Many were beginner golfers who wanted to learn golf & make new friends while having fun.

I want to give a special thank you to Christine Jarrett, who came to provide us with some golf tips every week.

We met our goals, even dealing with the COVID rules.

"GIRLS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN"





**MEN'S LEAGUE
CAPTAIN ~ Bob Lomas**

After only a couple of weeks' delay, we managed to get our program underway on May 27. The weatherman then cooperated, and we got 18 Men's League days in, only missing one week for the Club Championship. We averaged about 50 golfers per week and twice hit a high of 62. Several new members joined this

year, including "younger" players who reminded me how I used to hit a golf ball!

We gave out 76 prizes following the weekly competitions with a value of about \$2000. Not only did we have great participation, but we also had the best playing conditions I can recall in years. Thanks to Chris Fleming and his staff for their work, maintaining and improving the course. The Bunker Bistro is a hit!

I also want to thank Joanne and the pro-shop staff, as we adjusted through the first few weeks of play to ensure golfers' safety while keeping our Men's day as normal as possible. The earlier start may be something we want to consider going forward. Finally, a big thanks go to Tracy and her staff for the great food and drink following golf. Overall, a great year!

**SUNDAY MIXED LEAGUE
PRESIDENT ~ Marilyn Luce**

Despite the challenges this year presented, we were able to enjoy three Mixed League events. All the events were well attended, and the weather cooperated. Outdoor dining per COVID protocols was very much appreciated. Tracy and her team were excellent to work with, and they provided delicious meal choices.

- Sunday, May 24th - Mixed League Opening - cancelled
- Sunday, June 28th - Battle of the Sexes — Won by the women this year. 
- Sunday, July 26th - Team Scramble
- Sunday, September 20th - Mixed League Closing, COVID Bingo.

Thanks go to team members Sharon Pearce and Peter Winkler for helping to organize the events and to all attending members, spouses and guests who made these events fun.



**BATTLE OF THE SEXES
WON BY THE WOMEN**





WOMEN'S LEAGUE CAPTAIN ~ Sue Lanthier

What a different kind of season it has been! First of all, I would truly love to thank all the women who participated in the Thursday ladies league this year. You were all so very mindful of all the protocols put in place not only by the Highlands golf course but your Thursday ladies league executive committee. We proceeded with caution throughout the season to put our member's health and safety at the forefront. As part of our program, we did away with shotgun starts to limit the number of people gathering in front of the clubhouse and parking lot. We all started on Hole #1 at staggered times, with the first tee time being 9:30 am. Many of you expressed appreciation towards the early start time and playing the eighteen holes in the original design order of play.

As a result of COVID-19, we had to cancel many of our regular events and waive our membership fees. Games substituted included a weekly rotation of "play your own game," organized game events and the Cross Country. Also available for those who chose to participate were weekly free golf clinics with

Christine Jarrett who covered tips on using every club in our bag from putter to driver. Christine did a fantastic job, and everyone had great words of praise and appreciation. We were very fortunate to have her donate so much of her time to improve our golf game.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate many of the winners from some of our organized Events:

- Super Senior Club Champion: Arlene Bleeks (gross), Joan Wallace (net)
- Senior Club Champion: Arlene Bleeks (gross), Anne Hutchinson (net)
- Club Champion A Division: Susan Veale (gross), Susan Veale (net)
- Club Champion B Division: Joan Wallace (gross), Joan Wallace (net)
- Club Champion C Division: Sue Beaton (gross), Sue Beaton (net)
- Club Champion D Division: Elizabeth Fodor (gross), Carole Mundy (net)

Winners of the Women's Match Play:

- Organized by Leslie Coates
- A Division: Sue Beaton
 - B Division: Carole Mundy

This writing is my last official duty as your Captain, and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Barb Provost as your new Captain of the Thursday Ladies League for next season. It is a comfort to know that I am leaving you in her very capable hands, and appreciate that she has stepped up to organize this wonderful group of ladies.

I have appreciated working with many of you over the past two years. I feel very fortunate to be surrounded by such a wonderful community of women who not only inspire me but have been so kind and supportive during my term.

I look forward to playing with you again but until then, stay safe and healthy!





CLUB CAPTAIN

~ Susan Veale

It was quite a season for Calabogie Highlands as well as golf everywhere. While dealing with COVID restrictions, we found fresh air, exercise, friends, some amazing golf shots, and maybe a few balls along with our course play. We were able to have our organized groups for Monday's Girls Fun, Tuesday's Nine and Dine, Wednesday's Men and Thursday's Women with accommodations but still lots of fun!

For our Membership, we celebrated the opening of the new layout for the General's 18 on July 3rd, with over 80 players enjoying the opportunity to play the course for the first time. This layout plays a little longer than the previous design, the rating is slightly more difficult, but I believe our players stepped up to the challenge turning in some impressive

scores over the season.

With the new World Handicap System now in place, I must congratulate you on posting scores...75% of our Membership posted to the Golf Canada World Handicap System. If you have not looked at your profile, there is some good feedback about your games. Have a look at your stats from the beginning of the season to the end. See your handicap calculations and how many pars, birdies, and bogies you had; you might be pleasantly surprised, or not, that's golf!

Although we had to cancel many tournaments, we managed to play some club events that mustered up some friendly competition. Throughout the season, the Mixed Match Play had some close matches, but, in the end, it was Bev Brodmann and Jayrd Lapointe who earned the trophy for the "A" side. "B" side winners were Susan Veale and Dave Abraham.

The hot days of the summer turned cool and wet for the Club Championships. Twenty-eight men and twenty-eight women played their hearts out for the trophies. The 2020 Men's Club Champion is Jayrd Lapointe, and the 2020 Women's Club Champion is Susan Veale.

For those who posted on the Birdie/Bogie Boards throughout the season, we played our first Stableford Playoff Tournament on September 27th. Sixteen played in this fun "points" tourney. The winners were Dave Abraham with 35 points for the men and Joyce Hatt with 23 points for the women.

Let's hope next year brings a season where we can relax and play golf, with no New Rules, no New Handicap System and no COVID-19!!

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Kudos to all Executives and Highlands Staff for managing through a difficult season ~ *The Membership*

