

# WINTER NEWSLETTER

## Calabogie Highlands Golf Resort

### General Manager Chris Fleming

With the golfing season over and the Holiday Season arriving, the management and staff of the Highlands wish to thank each of our members for choosing the Highlands as their place to golf, and we thank you for your trust and belief in us.

To improve our services, I am pleased to announce that new changes are taking place both on and off the course. Tracey Fredericks is our new clubhouse manager. Tracey has a strong organizational background in kitchen operations that will provide a fresh, unique dining experience. More on our clubhouse changes in the spring newsletter.

On the course, site preparation work has started for the new service building located behind the new 7th green. Progress follow up on the project will be in the spring newsletter.

To all the executives, committees, volunteers and members and families, we wish you peace, joy and abundance this Holiday Season.



Behind The 7th Green





**Member's Association President  
Anne Hutchinson**

The role of Member's Association President has passed from Dave Luce to me, and it rests heavily upon my shoulders. With this position, I promise to do my best to represent you, the members of the Highlands, to the best of my ability. That sounds like an oath of office, doesn't it?

I wish to thank Dave for his tenure and, as our new season begins, I plan to carry on and expand the excellent work his committee started.

I look forward to the 2020 season with the confidence that we, the Executive and you the Members, will work together to make this new golfing year a success. There is much to be excited about; the new/old course layout will be opening, the Clubhouse has fresh new management in place to provide us with good food and a beverage or two, and there is more news to come, but I will leave that for our General Manager to share!

A couple of important dates to mark in your 2020 calendar:

The Annual General Meeting is Tuesday, April 28th at 6:30 p.m. Planning includes dinner before the meeting. More details to follow in the spring.

For Saturday, May 2nd, plans are moving ahead for a "Spring Fling" event to kick off the new season.

This social event of fun is open to members and guests. The Spring newsletter will announce the theme.

To all the Snowbirds basking in the sunshine down south, and to we die-hards who survive the winter in Calabogie, I wish you all good health and the very best of the season!

**Member's Association Past  
President Dave Luce**

By all reports, we had a good golf season this year. The weather caused a slow start but we still managed to play quite a bit of golf.

I wish to extend my thanks to the many volunteers who have helped to make Calabogie Highlands a fun and social place to play golf and enjoy friends.

Kudos to the Men's and Women's Leagues, the Monday Night Women's League, the Tuesday Nine and Dine, the Slugs and the Club 55+ for encouraging golf with a fun and social atmosphere. As well we enjoyed much success with the Mixed League events and the Club Championships. There were also a handful of other ad hoc playing groups that provided additional organized playing times.

Unfortunately, the reopening of the original 18-hole layout was delayed until next season, but we all believe that was for the best to allow for conditions to be 100% for the eventual opening next spring. We also want to be able to continue with our nine and dine functions that have been established over the past few years and with the continuation of the current front nine, that should be achievable.

We were unable to get the August

Social off the ground, but I think it was just bad timing, too much else going on. We hope to be able to host one or two social evenings in 2020. Feel free to speak with any League volunteers regarding your thoughts on these events.

At the time this newsletter goes to print, Anne Hutchinson will have assumed the mantle of President of the Members Association for the 2020 golf season, I wish her well and will undoubtedly provide whatever support and help that may be required.

Safe travels to the "snowbirds" among us, for everyone else, have a great winter wherever you are enjoying it.

**Club Captain  
Susan Veale**

Well, it's official...here in Canada the 2019 golf season has now ended... so any games you play in Canada from now until April 15th, don't have to be entered for your Handicap. However, if you are playing in the sunny south where the season is still active, you should be entering your scores when playing under the Rules of Golf. All courses and clubs worldwide will be required to have their course ratings up to date under the new guidelines. So, if you are playing a golf course in which you are unsure about the course rating, please ask the Pro.

In the world of golf, we have and continue to see many changes so that the game and spirit of golf continues to thrive not only here at our club level but also globally.





Last year we experienced the implementing of the New Rules of Golf, which I believe went quite smoothly. Effective January 1st, 2020, we will be under the World Handicap System. With this, there will be many changes that will affect how and when we post scores. More to come!

Our Women's Regular Intersectional Team did quite well finishing second at Mont Ste. Marie. This means we will be hosting this tournament next year. Our Senior team played at the Morrisburg Golf course in August and will be travelling next year.

Although we did not see the opening of the new course layout this past season, I believe we will reap the benefits of solid greens and challenging fairways when the time is right. Our current course conditions were spectacular for late summer and fall golf, which was great to be able to extend the season without hats and winter coats.

Speaking of hats, "hats off" to all the volunteers who help to make the golf season fun and challenging and to all the successes from holes in one to champions to lowering handicaps over the season!

### **Men's President**

**Dave Luce**

We had a very successful season and have grown our membership to 67. Thanks to all for making our new members feel welcome.

Changing of the Guard – On behalf of the Executive, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to Tom Coates, who has served as our deuce

pot coordinator and Vice President during the past four years. Tom was instrumental in developing the weekly sponsorship we have enjoyed for the past two seasons and growing the Men's Member/Guest event to 100 participants. We much appreciate his contribution over the years and thank him for his service to the Men's League and the golf club.

I want to welcome Lou Lanthier to the position of Vice President, it was a hotly contested election, but Lou prevailed in the end, congratulations! Also I and the rest of the Executive will be returning for another term, thank you for your confidence and support.

Intersectional Play – Many thanks to the men who played on both the Regular and Senior Intersectional teams and thanks to Larry Beaton and Bob Lomas for helping to coordinate these teams. Many thanks to Urban Ford for sponsoring the Intersectional golf shirts.

Pro Shop – Thank you very much to Grieg, Zach and Wesley; everyone was accommodating and always approachable with requests for help. The ladies managing the beverage cart for Men's Day were excellent and did their job with a great attitude.

Clubhouse – Thanks to Joanne and Chef Don and the staff for providing our game-day snacks and meals at fair prices. We did have some challenges along the way, but it was not for lack of trying on their part.

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 August. The weather was perfect in September. All in all, the entire course was in very good condition this year, considering how the season started. We are looking forward to the launch of Calabogie Highlands 2.0 next year!

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

### **Men's Captain**

**Bob Lomas**

The Men's League had a great season. Participation was up over last year by 10-15 golfers per week. We managed to go the whole year without getting rained out. We had two hole-in-ones during our Wednesday play: congratulations to Des Bradley on Hole #12 and Greig Johnston on Hole #14. We reintroduced the Ryder Cup match play event which was well received.

Due to a late cancellation by one golf club, we did not participate in the Men's Regular Intersectional tournament. Still we did have a team for the Senior Intersectional competition at Stonebridge. With some pretty stiff competition, thanks to Andy Lapointe and Bill Donnelly we managed to get on the scoreboard.

Congratulations to the 2019 Men's Club Champions: Des Bradley (A Division); Dave Abraham (B Division); Don Swift (C Division); and Ron Coulas (D Division).





## **Women's League President Anne Hutchinson**

With the snow soon to cover the course, the first year under our official new title as CHTWL was a resounding success.

There were forty-six registered members, including four new ones. It is a sure sign that the new members enjoyed their first year when two of them have volunteered to join the WL Executive next year!

Sue Lanthier navigated the occasionally bumpy road as our new Captain with spirit, diplomacy and humour. She introduced some new games to the weekly play, which were well received, with the possible exception of "Aussie Golf." The jury is still out on that one.

Leslie Coates and her team put together an outstanding day for the annual Member-Guest Tournament on July 11. The "Country Western" theme was embraced with enthusiasm as evidenced by some creative costumes and cart décor. Thirty-two members and fifty-one guests took part.

The Invitational Tournament benefiting Bernadette McCann House, raised a record-high \$11,300 despite a lower number of participants than last year. Joyce Hatt and Chrissy Kennedy will be back as co-chairs next year when the tournament moves to Monday, August 20th.

The WL Executive worked hard this year to finalize a Handbook which will serve as an operating guide for the league. After several drafts, it received approval from the member-

ship at the closing meeting on September 26th and can be viewed on the Highlands website.

There will be some changes to the WL Executive for 2020. After six years at the Executive Table, two as VP, two as President and two as Past President, we have set Val Trotter free. Also leaving after two terms and four years as Treasurer is Peggy Keaney. We all thank them for their time and valuable contributions to the League. We will move into 2020 without a Past President but are thrilled to announce that Gill Wilson will take over Peggy's calculator as the new Treasurer and Barb Provost has volunteered to take on the position of Assistant Captain.

Returning to the Executive are Leslie Coates as Vice President, Susan Lomas as Secretary and myself Anne Hutchinson, as President.

With these ladies at the helm, 2020 promises to be another successful year for the CHTWL. We wish you all a healthy, happy offseason and look forward to everyone bringing their best game to the tee next spring. However, whoever said "practice makes perfect", obviously never played golf!

## **Women's League Captain Sue Lanthier**

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the members of this amazing women's league for their incredible support throughout this 2019 golf season. Your help was much appreciated. The beginning of the season was really hit and miss weather-wise, but once our summer arrived,

we were really on a roll as the weeks flew by with all the different events/games planned- some very successful and others to be re-visited.

Events such as Ryder Cup, won once again by the Black Team, Match Play with Joan Wallace prevailing over Leslie Coates in the final and our Championships with Joan Wallace winning the Super Senior and Diane Moynihan capturing the Senior Division were all close competitions (well maybe not the Ryder Cup) Congratulations to our Club Champion Joyce Hatt and all those who won in their respective divisions. (see picture)

I am thrilled to announce that Barb Provost has agreed to be an Assistant to the Captain for next year. I am really looking forward to working with her and I think we are going to make a great team!

I hope you had lots of fun, made new friends and I look forward to seeing you again next season. Enjoy your winter!

## **Ho Ho Ho...**

A married couple is putting on the ninth green when the wife screams in agony and collapses, having a heart attack. The wife implores, "find a doctor." The husband runs off as fast as he can to find a doctor. He returns quickly and picks up his putter. His wife says. "I'm dying over here, and you're putting!?" "Don't worry dear," says the husband. "I found a doctor on the second hole, and he's coming to help you." "Well, how long will it take for him to get here?" the wife asks. "No time at all," her husband answers. "Everybody's already agreed to let him play through."





**Women's Monday Nine Hole League**  
**Heather Morlan**

Thanks to glorious autumn weather, the Women's Monday Golf group was able to play later in the season than usual, with the last game on October 7th, followed by a closing dinner. This year, 21 ladies registered to golf, and as the season progressed, other unregistered ladies joined us whenever their schedules permitted. All in all, it was a great season, with almost no days lost to rain or extreme heat, and judging from the remarks made at the closing dinner, everyone enjoyed playing and making new social contacts.

**Mixed League President**  
**Dennis Fodor**

There were four mixed tournaments this year with formats including 6-6-6 scramble, Battle of the Sexes

match play and finally team stroke play. The emphasis this year was on the inclusion of all skill level participation with the focus on having fun. Event attendance was great and feedback positive.

Of particular note was the Battle of the Sexes, which saw 14 matches with the Men winning 7, Women 6 wins and one tie. Therefore, the trophy was accepted by Dave Luce on behalf of the Men.

I am looking forward to next year.

**Highlights**  
**Club Championship**

Again, this year, the Club Championship was held mid-week Wed/Thurs, 28/29 Aug with 52 golfers signed up. This event, which is open to all members of Calabogie Highlands, consists of four Divisions in both the Women's and Men's sec-

tions. Although the weather forecast had initially been sketchy, both days were ideal.

On Thursday evening an awards dinner was held with Club General Manager Chris Fleming presenting trophies to the following:

**Women:**

- Div. A Joyce Hatt
- Div. B Susan Veale
- Div. C Joan Wallace
- Div. D Jane Benoit

**Men:**

- Div. A Des Bradley
- Div. B Dave Abraham
- Div. C Don Swift
- Div. D Ron Coula.

Overall Club Champions are Joyce Hatt, Women, and Des Bradley for the Men.

Thanks to all participants and congratulations to all winners!

