
KENOGAMISIS GOLF CLUB NEWS

MARCH 2018



The groundhog recently predicted six more weeks of winter – we only wish! The Club's Management Board has been busy meeting to set the 2018 budget, advertise for staff and canteen operator, as well as plan all the details for re-opening the course this spring.

We were able to end 2017 with a few more dollars in our bank account but did not substantially enhance our financial position over 2016. The 2018 budget has been set for submission to the Municipality of Greenstone with some increased fees and some pricing changes for the proshop. The passage of the new minimum wage law of \$14/h has necessitated these increases and left our budget in a deficit position of around \$4600.

You may not be aware but we have traditionally affiliated all male members with Golf Ontario and all female members with Golf Manitoba as do many of the clubs in Northwestern Ontario. We have done this for many years. The fees that we have paid for members in the past have always been included in your membership fees (these ranged from \$20.50 to \$31.50 plus HST in 2017, depending on whether the member was an adult/junior/male/female). Golf Canada and the provincial golf associations are changing their membership model for clubs and members. Because of the late roll out of the new model, the association fees that we could pay for 2018 would remain the same for 2018 but there will be an increase in 2019.

There is an option where our Club could choose not to affiliate at all which would save us between \$4000 and \$5000 but our course would not be recognized as being an official member of Golf Canada. This means that members would not be able to input scores into the club computer and have a valid handicap, our course/slope rating would also no longer be valid. So no players (members or guests) would be able to post scores from rounds played at our club. However members that wanted to belong to Golf Canada, track their scores and keep a handicap factor could purchase their own membership from Golf Canada online at a cost of \$49.95 plus tax, as a public player and receive other benefits.

Another option would be to affiliate as a facility i.e. pay a lump sum to each association instead of an individual fee for each member (this is still being ironed out since we belong to two associations), which would be cheaper than what we are paying now (we would probably save \$2000 to \$3000). Members could then pay their own affiliation fee online by buying a Golf Canada membership (optional) at a cost of \$49.95 – players/guests would still be able to post scores from rounds played at our club as our slope/course ratings would still be valid.

After much discussion about this issue, the Management Board has decided that we will continue affiliating with both Golf Ontario and Golf Manitoba, and will continue to pay the individual fee per member at least for another season. However this year, this fee will be shown as a separate (mandatory) fee on our membership application form, in addition to the club membership fee. See the end of the newsletter for a list of fees. It is really important that ALL members then input ALL scores from rounds played, whether a casual or tournament round, using correct dates, proper equitable stroke control etc. Many of our members do not currently do this, so do NOT have accurate handicaps. Consequently if they wish to participate in men's, ladies' nights, or in club or invitational tournaments, their handicaps are not valid, which is not fair to the players themselves, or their competitors.

Our course staff are all returning in 2018. We are continuing to advertise for a manager, proshop employees and a canteen operator. If you know of anyone who could fill these roles, please have them contact Dick Mannisto at 854-8112.

A Seasonal Cart Policy was developed in 2017. A maximum of four carts will be rented seasonally. If more than four people apply (deadline to apply is May 1/18) a lottery draw will be used to determine the successful applicants.

Two weeks ago Greenstone Gold plowed the east parking lot and opened a roadway from the driving range through the marsh area to allow a drill to be taken to the area between holes 13 and 14 for six to eight weeks of drilling. They plan no other work on the course in 2018 and expect Environmental Assessment approval in the Fall of 2018. They will be applying to the Municipality of Greenstone Council to re-zone the Project Development Area to Mining Industrial in the next few weeks.

The Management Board is a voluntary board that works hard to continue to provide an excellent golf course with good staff, on a minimal budget. We ask that the members please do their part by supporting our club fundraising events, our tournaments, our canteen operator and help us to provide a warm, welcoming course venue.

If you have any suggestions for improvements, please contact any member of the Management Board.

See you hopefully May 1st!

Kenogamisis Management Board
 Chair – Dick Mannisto
 Vice-Chair – Al Luomala
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 Municipal Liaison – Matt Donovan

2018 Membership fees					Affil. Fee				
	Base fee	HST	Total		Fee	HST	Total		TOTAL
Adult Male	\$769.91	\$100.09	\$870.00		\$31.50	\$4.10	\$35.60		\$905.60
Adult Female	\$769.91	\$100.09	\$870.00		\$27.00	\$3.51	\$30.51		\$900.51
Senior Male	\$681.42	\$88.58	\$770.00		\$31.50	\$4.10	\$35.60		\$805.60
Senior Female	\$681.42	\$88.58	\$770.00		\$27.00	\$3.51	\$30.51		\$800.51
Junior Male	\$132.74	\$17.26	\$150.00		\$21.00	\$2.73	\$23.73		\$173.73
Junior Female	\$132.74	\$17.26	\$150.00		\$20.50	\$2.67	\$23.17		\$173.17
Firefighter Male	\$681.42	\$88.58	\$770.00		\$31.50	\$4.10	\$35.60		\$805.60
Firefighter Female	\$681.42	\$88.58	\$770.00		\$27.00	\$3.51	\$30.51		\$800.51
New Adult Male	\$548.67	\$71.33	\$620.00		\$31.50	\$4.10	\$35.60		\$655.59
New Adult Female	\$548.67	\$71.33	\$620.00		\$27.00	\$3.51	\$30.51		\$650.51
New Senior Male	\$460.18	\$59.82	\$520.00		\$31.50	\$4.10	\$35.60		\$555.60
New Senior Female	\$460.18	\$59.82	\$520.00		\$27.00	\$3.51	\$30.51		\$550.51
Family**	\$1,672.57	\$217.43	\$1,890.00		\$79.50	\$10.34	\$89.84		\$1,979.84

***family consists of 1 adult male, 1 adult female, 1 jr male in this table (but could be different)*