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# KENOGAMISIS GOLF CLUB NEWS

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## JULY 2020

With the golf season now in full swing, we felt it was a good time to provide an update to our members as well as holders of 7 for 6 green fee packages, since we were unable to convene our Semi Annual Meeting due to Covid19 restrictions.

To date the weather has cooperated for the most part and the course has been coming along fine despite a few setbacks along the way. The late start by the course workers due to Covid19 restrictions resulted in some early challenges with Thompson greens; however, through the hard work of our course staff the greens have shown noticeable improvement. We have experienced course equipment challenges involving the rough mower and the electric greens mower, as well as losing some ordered products in the Manitoulin Garage Fire (i.e. fertilizer, seed, equipment parts) that has made the job of our course workers that much more challenging with added delays of now having to reorder these items. Despite these setbacks, we feel the course is coming along well. Our hope is to open up the driving range sometime in the near future once we feel that our course management priorities have been addressed adequately.

The Clubhouse staff has been working hard to ensure we are adhering to all of the Covid19 policies set forth by the government for us to be in operation. We welcome Julianne Slattery as our other Pro Shop worker that was hired to fill the other half time position. The Pro Shop Staff have many challenges daily to ensure that these policies and rules are being administered as per the direction of the Board. While we understand the frustrations that our golfers feel around this whole matter, it cannot be stated any more clearly that our ability to remain open and the overall health of our club relies on everyone adhering to these policies. The added [appendix](#) to this newsletter again serves as a reminder of the expected rules to be adhered to during this time. **Any golfer that breaches these rules can have their golfing privileges revoked!** If it is a choice between the golf course remaining open for all golfers OR revoking the golfing privileges of golfers that breach these rules, the decision of the Board is fairly obvious.

Financially the club is holding its own. Our membership numbers are down from 2019 (currently 97 members) however we have sold over 100 7 for 6 green fee packages to date which is well above the 76 sold in 2019. The club was successful in obtaining the CEBA loan from the Canadian Government (\$40000 to be paid back by December 2022 with \$10000 forgivable) and also funds from the Canadian Emergency Wage Subsidy for one month (around \$10000) which was dependent on club revenue this year as compared to last year. We are hoping once the rules are announced we may be eligible for further funds from CEWS over the next couple of months. The club also will be receiving some subsidies from More Than Words as well as Metis Nation of Ontario to cover partial wages of some staff.

The Ladies League has been under way for a number of weeks now following Covid19 policies. All indication is that things are going well. We have yet to have anyone come forward expressing interest in running a Men's League or any Men's tournaments for this season. Our first attempt at hosting a tournament under these policies will take place on Saturday July 18 with the Mixed Tournament. We hope to use this as a template for further local tournaments this season providing there is interest from our golfers and individuals willing to run these events under Covid19 guidelines.

With Phase 3 opening of the province being recently announced by the government, we are taking our time to see how this impacts our current and ongoing operations. Further details will be sent out to our members once we obtain further clarification on how Phase 3 impacts golf courses. What is still apparent from our initial review of Phase 3 expectations is that social distancing is still a requirement both on and off the golf course. We are hoping to be able to open up the clubhouse in some capacity in the near future.

This continues to be a challenging year for all of us as we try to work our way through all the Covid-19 expectations and restrictions in regards to golf. We continue to request that all golfers do their best to adhere to the expected guidelines that allow us to be open this season, and not to take out their frustrations on Pro Shop Staff.

Until our next update....

Kenogamisis Management Board

Chair/Course Management Chair – Al Luomala Vice-Chair – Dick Mannisto Municipal Liaison – Elaine Mannisto  
Secretary/Finance Chair – Karen Saarimaki Director/Clubhouse Chair – Dorothy Friske Director – Pina Luomala

## **CLUB RULES/PROTOCOLS THAT MUST BE FOLLOWED by ALL PLAYERS**

### **– NO EXCEPTIONS!**

1. Tee times required – no walk ons. Either book online or call the club. If you have to cancel, please do so online or call the club and let staff know.
  2. FIRST tee time is 8 a.m. – no starting early! Last nine hole tee time is 7 p.m., last eighteen hole tee time is 6 p.m.
  3. Arrive at club at least 15-20 minutes before your tee time in order to start at the time you booked. Otherwise you may have to wait or may lose your tee time altogether.
  4. One person from each tee time group MUST check in at the proshop to confirm who is in the group.
  5. Start on the proper hole. E.g. If you booked to start on Thompson then start on #1, NOT 10. NO cutting in on other holes.
  6. Maximum FOUR Players per group – NO FIVESOMES or SIXSOMES.
  7. Power carts (personal and club rental) – only SINGLE riders unless both persons are from the same household OR an appropriate divider is being used. The Club is not allowing people from the same social circle to ride on the same cart without a divider being used at this time.
  8. Power cart rules must be followed – no driving on Par 3s – stay on the cart paths. No driving on tee decks. Pay attention to the signs on holes such as 7, 8, 18 that say “cart path only from this point”
- There are power cart rules in the holder at the front of all of the rental carts – read and follow them!
9. Do not throw garbage on the ground or in the bush. Either take your garbage with you or place it in the bins on the north side of the clubhouse. Place beer, wine, cooler, and caesar cans ONLY in the garbage can by the power cart charging station.
  10. Bunkers – there are no rakes in the bunkers and we are trying to do bunker maintenance once a week. We ask that you have the courtesy to smooth out footprints and holes that you make in the bunker with your foot and/or club, in order to leave it in reasonable shape for the next person.
  11. Take a few seconds to replace your divots, and repair your ball marks on the green.
  12. Depart immediately after your round – no congregating around the clubhouse or parking lot.

***Our proshop staff is aware of all of the rules so when they remind you of them please don't give them a hard time – they are only doing what they have been asked to do, in order to help keep our Club open!***