
KENOGAMISIS GOLF CLUB NEWS

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Welcome back spring and the beginning of another golf season!

The Course is waking up. Our course staff has removed the snow from the greens and on first inspection, it looks like we have made it through the winter reasonably well. The greens on #4, 7, 8, and 16 are in somewhat tough shape. Our Superintendent thinks we will need to play on a temporary green on #4, and we will have some extra work to do on the other three.

The Course and Driving Range are CLOSED and will be until around the first of May. PLEASE STAY OFF the course, and let our staff and Mother Nature do their work to get the course in playing order.

The club budget has been completed, submitted to the Municipality of Greenstone, and they have agreed to continue to support our efforts as in the past. There are no changes to the membership rates and bar prices, except for beer which was adjusted to reflect increased pricing from the Beer Store.

Despite the club's membership slipping to only 146 members last season, we had success implementing revenue generating efforts and exercising diligent control over expenses, so that the club finished 2016 with a better financial picture than anticipated. We have no credit line at the bank! However we still have not been able to build any capital reserve for the replacement of our aging equipment fleet. So let's hope we can keep our machinery running without any major expenses.

This season we welcome some new staff – Glenn Kennedy has been hired as our new manager, and Vicki Taphorn will join JP Houle and Joann Nelson in the proshop. All our course staff is returning – Superintendent Jay Bailey, along with Mike Gillis, Adam Rodak, Les Kristjanson and Victor Marszowski. We are in discussions with a part-time mechanic to service our equipment fleet.

The canteen will be operated by Derek Curiston of TNT Catering and he has a great menu coming our way.

We would like to thank Wanda Brown for all of her work as our manager over the past few seasons, and also for her guidance and assistance as we transition over to our new manager.

The 4th Annual Kenogamisis Dinner/Auction is in the planning stages and will be held on Saturday, May 13th at the Geraldton Curling Club. Tickets are now on sale in both Longlac and Geraldton. Please contact Elaine Mannisto if you have items to donate or want to help out in some way. We encourage you and your friends to come out and enjoy a great evening, in support of the Club in order to help keep it operating.

We would also like to thank Sam Drajanoff for his work on the Board last year, and Tony Petty for his many years of service ultimately as Board Chair these past years. Al Luomala and Tim Griffin have joined Karen Saarimaki, Andrew Hackner, Bill Assad and myself on the Board this year.

On the subject of Greenstone Gold and the possibility of losing part of the golf course, there is very little new. Greenstone Gold has or will submit their Environmental Assessment to the Government this spring and even with a quick response, we anticipate that we will be able to play on all 18 holes this year and next.

Once again, PLEASE HAVE PATIENCE – stay off the course and driving range until the signs have been removed, and notice has been sent out that the driving range and/or course is officially open.

Hope to see you all on the course this summer! Don't forget about the Fundraiser on May 13th! Bring your friends to the course and the dinner/auction!

*Dick Mannisto
Management Board Chair*