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Cedar Hill Golf Club 2016 Season

Presidents Report

It has been an incredible year at Cedar Hill, the golf course has never been in finer shape, and our membership has grown to almost 300 members with 30 new members this season alone. Overall there has been a general sense of well being and harmony.

The first big event was a successful Cedar Hill Open with a full field and a welcome appearance of Jim Rutledge who won in a play-off over another CHGC home boy, Gordy Scutt. Can it get better than that?

The biggest event in Cedar Hill Ladies' year is the Field Day, which, this year, raised a record \$20,000 for Victoria Hospice. We had a full field and a wait list for this popular event.

The Awards Banquet held on October 22, 2016 was a resounding success, thanks to Carol Thompson and her

committee. Carol outdid herself with the table décor featuring 'hot shoes' ... well done Carol for your outstanding 'production' and you deserve a big thank you for the countless hours bringing it all together.

I would like to make special mention of Wendy Swonnell, the mixed tournament chair for the last four years. Wendy spent hours, organizing, orchestrating and managing the events. She was there for the start and stayed to the end of every tournament. She decorated, contrived and managed every eventuality for each event. She added new events, the Cedar Cup and the Survivor Tournament to be all inclusive for all pass holders. We owe an enormous pat on the back to Wendy. She leaves big shoes to fill.

Thanks to Craig Rencher and his pro shop staff, the Lyle Crawford Tournament happened this year. We had 14 juniors entered and they all had a great time. Finally, hats off to Ian Smith and his crew for a wonderful job on the course. The course has never been in better shape... thank you!

There is a plan to re-design the website this winter as it is nearly 7 years old. A survey is coming out to find out what you want us focus on in regards to this re-design. Watch the website or via an email from the Club Secretary.

Doreen Hall, Acting President

Match and Handicap Report

The Match and Handicap committee ensures that proper scoring and handicapping takes place throughout the year. Measures are taken to make sure proper scores are entered whether in regular play or in tournaments. This lets us all play the game fairly and on equal terms with golfers of different abilities.

Earlier this year in June, Mel Rutledge, Jean Frame and myself were all certified in Golf Canada's Handicap System and are good for two years with these qualifications.

We will be switching to off season scoring on November 15th. Scores can still be entered and will only be used for off season purposes. Except for our Snow-birds who golf in the

USA with no off-season, you are responsible for entering those rounds. In the spring when we revert back to seasonal scoring your handicap will return to last year's seasonal handicap.

Paul Mooney, Match and Handicap Chair



Scott Davis, 2016
Men's Club
Champion
(first title)

Anne Hartlen
2016 Ladies Club
Champion
(19 time champ)



Captain's Report

Once again our summer season has come to an end and what a great year it was. The golf course was in fabulous condition and our greens were fast and true, thanks to the new greens roller purchased by Saanich.

The first men's tournament was the **Frank Gavin Memorial** and for the second consecutive year it was won by Chris Haines. This is also part of the qualifying for the Harry Young interclub which only saw 17 players try out. I hope next year will see greater numbers attempting to qualify. I would like to thank Ian McColl for captaining the Harry Young team.

The next tournament was the **Ray Harrington Foursomes** and this year Graham Browne and Steve Farrell were champions.

The **Cedar Hill Open** was next on the rotation and this year's event went very well with only a few bumps in the road. This year produced the following winners: Jim Rutledge, pro flight; Brent Wilson, low amateur; and Daniel Lusted, John Merriman winner (low Cedar Hill player). Once again, I would like to thank ALL volunteers that make this event the success it always is.

Next came the **Grant Rutledge Memorial**. This year's champion was Graham Browne with Brian Mikkelsen winning the low gross trophy.

Rounding out the year for the men is our **Men's Club Championship**. This takes place over three rounds and is a true test for a Champion. This year we have a new Champion, winning

in his first tournament as a Cedar Hill member. Scott Davis is this year's Men's Club Champion and Dale Aune Jr. was the low net winner.

As this golfing year comes to an end I would like to thank all members on the board for their excellent work that keep our Club running smoothly and keeping your golf competitive and entertaining. I also want to thank those Board Members that are leaving their positions this year for their dedication and time spent for our club. I also look forward to working with their replacements in the coming year.

I wish you all a wonderful off season and look forward to next year's golf.

Paul Mooney, Club Captain

Ladies' Captain Report

The Cedar Hill ladies who play on Tuesdays have had a fun filled busy season.

Our season started with our Spring Opening which has a nine-hole tournament followed by lunch with a short meeting. At this meeting the executive are introduced to the ladies. The following week we were into full action with 3 rounds of the Spring Cup. Next year it will be called the Daffodil Cup.

The month of May starts our season of various interclub matches with other south island clubs. June brings us one of our favourite events, our Ladies Field Day. The event draws a full field of ladies from up island and local clubs. It is a full day of golf, lunch and prizes

with all proceeds going to Victoria Hospice. Come July we played the Memorial Cup which is an alternate shot tournament. We also played the Kate McRae on a Sunday which was enjoyed by the Business Ladies and Tuesday Ladies.

August brings us to our Club Championships. The Business Ladies have a 2 day tournament as do the Tuesday Ladies. Each crowns its own winner. The Business Ladies champ this year is Teresa Wong and the Club Champion is Anne Hartlen. September was the start of a 3 round Low Gross/Autumn Cup played the last week of September and the first two weeks of October. Our last event of

the season was our Wind-Up Tournament which is a 9 hole tournament followed by lunch which took place the end of October.

Our Business ladies also have a full slate of events during their season. They play most of their events on Saturdays and Sundays but join in with the Tuesday ladies when their schedules allow for it.

It is a busy season with lots of events going on and for most of us we are saddened when the cold rainy days of fall take over and we put our clubs away for the winter. Bring on spring!

Nancy Taylor, Ladies Captain

Saanich Report—Pro Shop & Clubhouse

2016 has been a very successful year at the golf course! We were up approximately 4300 rounds over 2015. Lesson programs were near capacity including the popular Golf for Gals, Junior Snag and summer golf/racquet camps.

An increase in demand for golf carts allowed for an increase in the power cart fleet, with plans in 2017 to add up to another 10 carts.

Mixed Tournament Report

We had 12 Mixed tournaments with a variety of formats.

Last year's **Tombstone Tournament** was held on Nov 1, 2015 played with one club and a putter. There were 75 entries and the Overall Winners were **Chris Hildebrandt** and **Aki Graber**.

2015 **Survivor Tournament** was held on Thursday, Oct. 29. We had 50 golfers branding only 3 clubs and the overall winners were **Ray Rae, Moyra Graham** and **Wendy Swonnell**.

The first official mixed tournament of the new year was the **Bob Gillespie Memorial Tournament** held on April 10th. It was a stableford format with 56 golfers. The winners were **Stan Chojnacki** and **Maureen Moore**.

The **Spring Fling**, mixed tournament, was held on Friday April 22th. We had 33 golfers join us for 9 holes of golf and dinner. The winners were **Carol Thompson** and **Darrel Aune**.

The **Frank Dutton Memorial**

In Food & Beverage, tournaments and banquets functions have increased due to improved services and value. We were pleased to provide service to many club social events and have appreciated the positive feedback.

We value club members supporting our daily operations and will continue to try and offer a small variety of pub style options on the weekends.

was held on April 24th. 48 golfers entered the Ryder Cup format 2 person teams. The winners were **Ian Thain** with **Len Kelly** and **Carol Thompson** with **Alison Farquhar**

The **Captain vs President** was held on May 8th as a match play individual event. There were 39 golfers. The trophy goes to the **Captain's team**.

The **Cedar Hill Golf Club Memorial Tournament** was held on May 12th. This was a Texas Scramble and 60 people golfed. The winners were: **Mike Sikora, Rose Lambert, Elfie Gamble** and **Anne Wong**.

The **Bill Pepper Memorial** was held on June 26th. There were 44 golfers. It was a Vegas Scramble 4 person mixed gender teams. With the dice as your handicap there is no net prize. The winners were **Mick Goodger, Ray Rae, Sheila Allen**, and **Angela Wintersgill**

The **His and Hers Tournament** was held July 10th. This was 18 hole stroke play mixed gender teams. Among the 60 golfers,

The clubhouse with food & beverage services will be closed from Saturday December 24th and we will open for regular business on Monday January 9th. Our current fall & winter hours are Monday to Friday 10:30am to 3:30pm and Saturday & Sunday 9am to 4pm.

We are looking forward to working with you in 2017.

Craig Rencher and
Geoff Parker

the winners were **Doreen Hall** and **Dale Aune**.

The **Cedar Cup** was held on August 11th. This weekday tournament had 70 people. This was a Ryder Cup format. The winners were **Len** and **Shirley Anderson**.

The **Lorrie Genn** was held on August 28th. It is a cross-over scramble format and we had 52 golfers. The winners were **Ken Andrews, Miranda Jones, Donna White**, and **Art Antrobus**.

The final tournament of the year is the **Charlie Gibb**. It was held on Sept. 18th It is a new member appreciation day Texas Scramble style. We had 40 entries. The winners were **Dave Blower, Ray Rae, Colleen Letilley** and **Christine McQuarrie**.

I have been chair for 4 years, and have thoroughly enjoyed it. Thanks to everyone for their help and understanding.

Wendy Swonnell,
Mixed Tournament Chair.



4300 more
rounds on the
Cedar Hill golf
course in 2016

than 2015

27,000 hits on
the Cedar Hill
Golf Club
website



Junior Report— *From small beginnings come great things.*

Many years ago Cedar Hill Golf Club had a thriving junior program which spawned the careers of many local pros. Dedicated juniors, after being dropped off at the course, spent hours honing their skills and enjoying Cedar Hill Golf Course. Golfers such as, Rick Gibson, Jim Rutledge, Lance McCullough and Gordy Scutt cut their golfing teeth at our course. Recently, the club has gone through some lean years as far as junior golf but, this is about to change.

Cedar Hill Golf Club was fortunate to receive a bequest of approximately \$575,000.00 for the development of junior golf. The bequest came from the Estate of William Everett Leutwyler who was a long time member of Cedar Hill Golf Club. **The funds are entirely separate from the Cedar Hill Golf Club funds and can only be used for Junior Golf.**

This year, for the first time in a long time, we hosted the Lyle Crawford Junior Tournament. As the Junior Chair on the Board, I promised Craig Rencher that the Board would support anything he did for juniors. The event saw 14 juniors taking part, accompanied by walking scorers with great success. The juniors had a great time and so did our member scorers.

Craig Rencher, with Board approval, has developed a plan for year one of a new Junior Program at Cedar Hill Golf Club in 2017. The plan involves golf at six local schools, an annual program which includes group and private lessons, club storage, and membership in Cedar Hill Golf Club along with a series of tournaments. The series includes the Claude Barlow, the Jake Logie and the Lyle Crawford tournaments at our course. Also we will be working with Saanich Recreation and their Marketing Specialist Ron Proskow, to promote the subsidized programs through a totally different marketing campaign in 2017.

This summer with Craig's leadership, Cedar Hill had 16 kids in Cedar Hill financed programs, which is the seed of things to come. Our junior program is off to a good start. We are hopeful that with this generous bequest, the next generation of golfers will be enjoying the game we all love and clamoring to become members of Cedar Hill Golf Club.

Doreen Hall, Junior Chair

Thanks Moyra

Thank you to our new Club Secretary who survived her first season at Cedar Hill Golf Club.

Moyra Graham brought her friendly face to the office this past March and we are very lucky to have her.

Her enthusiasm and continuity helped us survive when Gregg McKinnon our President resigned early this summer.

Drop by the office or send an email to thank Moyra. for her help with the club.



Greens Report

This probably was one of the best years seen for the overall condition of the golf course. It reflects highly on the expertise of the grounds crew led by Ian and Mark, and they should take a lot of pride in their efforts. A variety of people that I talked to, were very happy to experience the course and its natural beauty.

Several projects were accomplished this year which was a significant factor in faster play:

- Irrigation on several holes was completed.
- New drainage was added by the old clubhouse next to the 18th green.
- Several trees by the 18th green were removed and the landscaping completed with very little interruption to play.
- More brush removal and general cleaning of large areas was accomplished to make it more open and accessible.
- Shoe cleaning brushes were installed on a few more holes as well as a new compressor and longer hose to facilitate shoe and cart cleaning off 18.
- The out of bounds markers alongside #3, behind #10 and right side of #14 will be removed.
- Finally new equipment was purchased by Saanich which gave extra time in their day for other areas. This new equipment was a huge factor in Cedar Hill having arguably, the best greens in the city.

In closing, as this my last year as Greens Chair, I would also like to thank the membership for putting forward their suggestions and comments and for taking the time to thank the Crew for a job well done. It has been my pleasure to have served the past 2 years as Chair. I had a very enjoyable and rewarding experience and again thanks to all who had a hand in this.

Len Kelly, Greens Chair