



# Millcroft Golf Club

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## 2018 SPRING NEWSLETTER

# Welcome to the 2018 golf season at Millcroft Golf Club!

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& "Best Banquet Facilities"*

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### FROM YOUR GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT & THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Welcome back everyone for what promises to be a very exciting 2018 golf season. An early opening this spring is currently being delayed by a very cold month of March. The golf course has survived the winter months extremely well and I am pleased to report that there is no ice damage and very minor snow mold and rodent damage.

Late last fall we were able to re-level and re-sod white tee decks on holes #14, #15 and #17. The project went very well and the new tees should be ready for play by early May. Over the winter months the emphasis of our work was once again put on tree removal and trimming. Over 100 infected and dying Ash trees were removed. We were also able to cut down all the over growth that runs along the creek on hole #11 and in front of #12 tees. This will now allow a better sight line to the green especially from the blue and white tee decks.

Certain on course projects we anticipate for the upcoming season include extensive tree plantings, continued tee deck re-leveling (#8 blue tee & #1 white tee), tee sign replacement, and the ongoing improvements to the sand traps. There will be a few new faces on the maintenance staff this year however we will once again strive to provide you with great playing conditions and offer you the top quality greens that you have all been accustomed to.

As opening day is quickly approaching, I am confident that the 2018 golf season will be a very successful and highly enjoyable one. I look forward to seeing everyone out on the golf course and hopefully getting in a few more rounds myself this year. I am always available, so please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or concerns regarding golf course maintenance issues.

Yours Truly,  
Martin Kastrau  
Golf Course Superintendent  
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ENJOY  
WATCHING THE  
MASTERS THIS  
WEEKEND!  
THURS. APRIL  
5<sup>TH</sup> TO SUN.  
APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2018.

## FROM THE PRO SHOP

I would like to welcome everyone back for another great season of golf with another interesting winter season filled with lots of snowy cold weather and rain to finish it off. We look forward to working with all the leagues committees and members to continue to make 2018 another successful year of golf. **A new edition for the 2018 golf season is our entirely new fleet of power carts. We hope those that ride will enjoy them!**

Here are some reminders to utilize your memberships help make your time at Millcroft even better.

**Club Championship:** We had a great turn out & great feedback with the new structure & dates of Club Championship that we are going to continue that for 2018. The men playing from the white tees will have their first round on Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> in the morning. The men playing from the blue tees will have their first round in the afternoon on the same day. The final two rounds will be played on Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup> for all men's flights playing from the blue tees & white tees, and for the ladies from the red tees.

**Club Storage:** All members have an option of club storage for an extra fee. This includes having your clubs cleaned after every round & having your bag ready when you arrive for the next round. We have purchased a new club cleaning machine for 2018 so this will help in making your clubs clean both on the front and back side, we do ask that you limit the amount of head covers to woods only. **For the safety of the golfer & staff there are a few rules to be followed when having club storage. When you finish playing & you place your clubs in the drop off area, please ensure that all zippers are closed, all head covers are on & all clubs are in your bag, including your putter, even if you have a putter holder on the outside of your bag. All bags must be able to stand up on their own & can only have a maximum of a dozen balls stored in the bag. Golf bags need to be carried up & down stairs & be lifted into the slots of the club storage facility & some bags can be quite heavy so please be aware of the items in the bag and be mindful of our staff who are carrying them.**

**Loyalty Cards:** For members with game packages. If you run out of games with your membership you are entitled to receive a loyalty card issued by the pro shop to keep on your person & every time you play you will receive stamps towards money off and free rounds. (1) stamp will be given for 9 holes, twilight, sr. rate, spring and fall rates and associate membership rates. Please present your card at check in, we will not back date stamps or join cards together. It is up to the member to present and hold onto the loyalty card, staff may not always ask for a card. If you choose to use your loyalty card & pay for green fees instead of using your membership, please note that no extra games leftover on your membership at year end are rolled over, so pick and choose wisely when you would like to use your membership rounds & when you might opt to purchase a discounted round & use your loyalty card, especially at the start of the season.

**Power Cart and Pull Cart Privileges:** All members are entitled to a free pull cart for the day and any guests you bring are subject to a rental fee of \$ 5.65 (HST Included). Power cart pricing for members has increased to \$ 15.00 plus HST for 18 holes and \$ 7.50 plus HST for 9 holes per person. We encourage members who ride the majority of the time to purchase bulk packages that you can find on the membership or be asking the pro shop for a copy of the pricing. These packages are designed to save you money, expedite check-in and provide convenience for not having to pay on the spot every time. Any remaining carts left on your package will be valid for the 2019 season, no cash refund will be given.

**Handicap Flags for Carts:** If you require a handicap flag they are available at the pro shop, no flags will be issued on cart path only days. Flags enable golfers to drive closer to their ball where normally carts are not permitted, however etiquette rules of golf are still to be followed. Please keep carts approximately 3 yards from tees and greens. Carts may not pass between the green and the green side bunkers.

**Booking Tee Times:** All members are able to book tee times 14 days in advance, this can be done through our online booking system or directly through the pro shop. With an advantage booking this early we are aware that schedules change and things come up, all we ask is that you do your best to cancel 24 hrs in advance if you know you will be unable to make your scheduled tee time.

**Pace of Play:** As mentioned in our winter newsletter we are going to be monitoring pace of play. We are aware that

### **Pace of Play Continued:**

some difficulties may occur on the course and sometimes you get into trouble in the rough or lose a ball in the water however, this should never result in a longer round. You may fall behind a hole or so but it is expected to make that time up when a group becomes aware they are behind. Always pay attention to the group in front of you not behind.

There are exceptions if the group in front is a twosome on a cart and you are a foursome walking, we understand that however if you do fall behind please play ready golf. Expected time of play should take no more than 4 hr 15 mins to play, if you are a continuing culprit of slow play and have been warned two times a third approach may result in a week's penalty of being unable to play at the club. Slow play will be monitored for both members and public.

**League Play Bookings:** If you are scheduled in league play and your games captain has already submitted the time sheet to the pro shop please call the pro shop directly, **do not pull your name off online, this will leave your spot open and anyone including public can book in that spot. The pro shop employees will block the time you have pulled your name out of to ensure this doesn't happen when speaking with you directly.** Once a member has checked their name off on the sign up boards located in the change rooms the games captain and or committees who are in charge of that week of play work really hard to ensure everyone signed up will get a game. Depending on the game, most weeks may be organized in handicaps, or by who hasn't played with other members of the league. Please do your best in signing up a head of time, showing up and trying to move up to play earlier once games are arranged in handicaps isn't fair to team play or other golfers and may or may not be accommodated by the league or pro shop. If you have special accommodations and need to play early or late please talk to your league committee.

**Member Guest Rate:** Millcroft appreciates the loyalty of you the member and the guests you bring out to our club. Since it works so well we are continuing with our "guest rates". Each guest in a member's group will receive a discount upon paying for the green fee. Your guest will receive \$ 5.00 off the full green fee, and if it is twilight, spring or fall rates they will receive \$ 2.50 off whatever the green fee is.

**Pro Shop Discount:** A 10% discount on clothing, clubs, bags and shoes is given to all Millcroft membership as a thank you for customer loyalty to our club. We will have a fully stocked pro shop with new logo shirts for Antigua, golf balls from Titleist, bags and clubs from bagboy and may more items. If you can't find what you are looking for please ask me and I will do my best to find it for you.

Sincerely,

Natalie Grieve

Director of Golf



### **FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE**

A warm welcome to everyone for the 2018 golf season at Millcroft Golf Club! We look forward to seeing returning members and meeting new members coming on board this year and share in our Millcroft camaraderie!

Tee times may be booked by directly speaking with the pro shop by phone or in person. When the shop is closed, for your convenience, Millcroft also offers 24 hrs. a day, 7 days a week, on-line booking via our website. Using on-line booking via our website allows you to book tee times & view your currently booked golf game times/players up to 10 days in advance. Visit our website at [www.millcroftgolfclub.com](http://www.millcroftgolfclub.com), and then choose "MEMBER LOGIN" on the left side of our home page. For the on-line booking/viewing program you will need your membership # & password. For new Members, we kindly ask that you speak with the pro shop or myself to retrieve this # should you wish to use the online system. Your password will be the same # as your membership #; however, we encourage you to change your password on-line under the Membership Profile option so your account can remain secure to your exclusive use.

Occasionally, the on-line system will go down if our golf course experiences an outage from our Internet provider or if the software company themselves, Jencess, experiences issues with their servers. Please be patient and try back again in a little while, some things regarding the Internet are simply out of our hands. Additionally, it's sometimes a good idea to "refresh" your page by clicking on your "refresh" button (you'll find this button along the top of your menu bar. The button

## FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE CONTINUED

is generally a box that has two green arrows circling each other; just give it a click.) But by all means, if you are ever experiencing any problems or have questions with the on-line system please feel free to contact either the pro shop or the administration office and let us know.

The Club also has (2) handicap entry computers located on the lower level of the Clubhouse where you can enter your scores & view your scores via Golf Canada's website. Your user name for Golf Canada is the same as your membership # for Millcroft with an "mc" in front of your #. For new members who have never had a Golf Canada account before, your password to start with is 123456, however we urge you to change this to something more private that only you would know. If you already have a Golf Canada account and you are a new member to the club, please let us know through your membership application or speak to us in person, and we will ask Golf Canada to move you over to Millcroft as your home golf club. Rest assured that after you try a couple of times, you'll be in a pro in no time, and when in doubt, please by all means do not hesitate to speak with the pro shop or myself in the administration office.

With respect to the dining room and your Food & Beverage accounts. Please note that the Food & Beverage minimum is an annual fee and these funds are to be used during the year you have signed up for. Any unused funds at season end will expire and will not transfer/roll-over to the following year. However, those members who choose to "add" or "top-up" additional funds up and over their initial f&b funds, included with their membership, will be allowed to carry forward these "additional topped-up funds" over to the following year. If you do not choose to "top-up" your account, then once your initial funds are depleted, you would simply then "pay as you go" in the dining room. Credit card numbers that were provided for your membership payments will not be stored on file any longer, so if you wish to "top-up" additional funds in the dining room or add funds to your "pro shop account", please see the dining room or pro shop directly with your form of payment in hand and they would be happy to process your transaction for you.

Last but not least, I would just like to touch base on golf etiquette on the course. As you are all aware, homeowners border the majority of our fairways. This said, we kindly ask that you respect their safety, privacy & property when playing out on the course by shouting "FORE" when errant shots are in the direction of homes. Should your ball enter their property, bear in mind that the ball would then become the ownership of the homeowner and attempting to access their property would be considered trespassing. Additionally, golfers are responsible for any damage to houses caused by their errant golf balls. Should you damage a homeowners' house, then by practicing proper, respectful golfer's etiquette, you would kindly ask to speak directly with the homeowners themselves if present and/or report the damage directly to the pro shop. Doing so will ensure that the Golf Club and it's patrons along with the homeowners continue to work together in a harmonious manner.

Should you have any questions regarding the Club's operations, please do not hesitate to speak with us. The main goal is to ensure that your experience at Millcroft Golf Club is the very best it can be. Thanks kindly everyone! Have a great golfing season!

Jennipher Orr  
Manager of Administration  
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## SENIOR MEN'S SECTION

On behalf of myself and your Senior Men's Executive Committee we welcome back all of our returning members for the 2018 season and a warm welcome to new members.

As in previous years we will continue our Monday morning team games and Wednesday morning individual "cleaners", skin games and closest to the pin competitions. Monday sign-up sheets will be posted on the Senior Men's bulletin board in the Men's locker room 3 weeks in advance of each play date (new members names may not be on the sheet right away so just print your name on the bottom of the sheet and it will be picked up). The sheets will be removed 2 weeks prior to each play date. The Monday foursomes will then be posted 12 days in advance of each play date. Our first Monday game is scheduled for Monday April 16 depending on the weather.

Wednesday morning games, members must arrange tee times with the pro shop either as a single or as a foursomes well in advance of game day.

A shotgun scramble and lunch will be generally held on the last Wednesday of each month were we will try to entertain your golf game and palate with different games (maybe less scrambles) and different lunches.

## SENIOR MEN'S SECTION CONTINUED

Throughout the season we still will have the Club Championship and Senior Club Championship as well as match play, Ryder Cup, Ringer board and Dream Team competitions. We will also have the over 80 year of age section which seems to grow every year(funny how that works) and other games that we can think up.

As in previous years our objective is to provide an environment where you can have a good time whether it is a golf game or the fellowship of your fellow members during or after a golf game.

So welcome back and I and your Committee wish you all a great season !

Jerry MacDonald  
Captain



## BUSINESS LADIES

There's no reason Mondays have to be the worse day of the week when there's the Business Ladies League to look forward to!

The Business Ladies League is a small, friendly, welcoming section of avid golfers. Despite the name, about half of our league members are retired, so don't think you have to be working to join. It's really the timing of our league that denotes the Business part. We offer the option to play either 18 holes, teeing off about 3:00pm or 9 holes, teeing off about 4:45. This means we all finish about the same time, so we can meet up in the club house for a drink, a meal and great camaraderie as we celebrate or lament our latest golfing efforts.

While we all enjoy the fellowship of our league, there is a bit of competition thrown in as well. Throughout the season we track low hole scores for The Ringer Board, we 'charge' a quarter for any 3+ putts and every other week we have a fun side game to keep things interesting. At the end of the season we have a closing dinner and prizes are awarded to players of all levels.

If you're interested in joining the Business Ladies League, please feel free to join us for our Meet & Greet, Monday, April 30th at 7:00pm. This is a great chance for all returning business ladies to share stories on their winter shenanigans and for prospective new league members to get a feeling for the vibe of our little league and get to know some friendly faces. We'll also go over protocol, etiquette & procedures for our league.

Now we just have to watch the calendar and wait for Mother Nature to do her thing! Looking forward to seeing all of you in a few weeks!

Vivian Ludlow

### Dates to Note:

Opening Meet 'n Greet is April 30

Monday night league starts May 7

Last league night is September 17

Closing Dinner - TBA



## TUESDAY LADIES SECTION

Welcome to all returning members and new members to the 2018 Ladies Golf Season!

Our first official golf day will be Tuesday, April 24th starting at 8:33am. You can set up your own foursome or sign up individually. Call the Proshop to sign-up.

As mentioned at our closing dinner we are going to change things up a bit this year. Instead of an opening breakfast, we will be having a luncheon on May 1st after golf. We have scheduled a shotgun for that day (weather permitting) and potential new members are invited to join us. Regardless there will be a luncheon and information session. We promise a fun time and you will have the opportunity to catch up with your friends and meet new ones. Cost of lunch will be communicated separately.

Six of our 2017 committee members will be returning this year, however, for some this will be their final year and we will be looking for some new members for 2019. In addition we have several new committee members who will be learning the "ropes" this year. All have previous experience organizing events at Millcroft and we are confident they will be a great asset to our committee.

The calendar is full of various types of events. Again, we will have our Handicap (PIN) Days, Team Match Play and of course some fun events. There will be a variety of events to satisfy every level of golfer.

Results from our survey last year for the most was very positive. However there are a couple of items that we will be focusing on. Mixing foursomes to enable everyone a chance to play with different ladies and more team competitions.

Wendy Ross will be providing information and updates throughout the season via email. However, if you have any issues or concerns do not hesitate to contact any of us at any time.

We wish you all a great golf season!

Committee Members:

Wendy Ross  
Brenda Blew

Betty Cushing  
Melanie Harman

Janet Farrell  
Margie Leslie

Marie Kenyon  
Bev Fiddian-Green

MarySusan Snow  
Johanna Kendell



## WEDNESDAY MEN'S LEAGUE

Spring has sprung!!! Well in some ways I think I detect warmth in the air and some of the golf courses I drive past on a regular basis have shown a twinge of green along the fairways. Light as it may be it's a start.

This year we hope to capitalize on a great year's competition and some great golf by members of league. The PGA season has started and for those who have not returned from their visit down south across the border for the winter are probably putting on their caret or starting to think about golf. So go to you cupboards shake of the dust or ice if it's the case and check that you clubs are ready for the season.

**Opening Scramble for this year has been set for the 21st April** so get your diary ready and pencil it in. The Scramble is a good way to meet new members and shake of the dust in earnest before the real competition.

The Wednesday league welcomes all members of Millcroft Golf Club and new members are always welcome. WE ask that you have a Golf Canada Handicap. If you do not then you will need to get the 3 rounds in ASAP before the season.

## WEDNESDAY MEN'S LEAGUE CONTINUED

Millcroft has a history of opening early or as soon as the weather is stable (12 degrees is my starting point)

This year again we will run a Back and Front Nine competition as well as the regular 18 Hole competition. If competition is anything like last year then I hope to see an improvement.

Tee off is usually from 3.00 pm but some members have started 30 minutes earlier at times. There is plenty of time to get the 18 holes in and for those who are coming from work the Nine Hole competition gives you a chance to match you skills against the other members. AS well as the competitions there are also the usually skills challenges for nearest the Pin and an active cleaners games to see who is the best on a hole on the day. There is also a best 10 score cumulative for the season and last year we paid out to the top 20. It's another incentive to keep your game sharp for the full season.

The objective of the Club if to foster a great group of people who enjoy competitive golf, and a round of comparisons at the end of the day, and to see who had the most unusual story. We love a great sense of humour and a fun and competitive attitude. (some Tall stories abound)

The joining fee for the league will stay at \$50 and if we get more members then we will be able to hold the price into next year.

For those that are interested there will also be a Sunday league this year league this year run by some of our Wednesday League members. For more information you can visit the Men's bulletin board in the locker room and/or contact Russ Drennan at: [cawauto@rogers.com](mailto:cawauto@rogers.com)

So get you applications in for the category of membership you want, get to the driving range (some are open) and lets have a great year of golf. Welcome to returning League Members and also any new members who are considering joining the league.

Julian Bugledich

Section Captain

Wednesday Men's League



## SENIOR MIXED SECTION

Welcome to new comers & all the returning members for the 2018 season.

Opening day will be Friday, May 4th. A sign up sheet will be posted the week of Apr. 16<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup>. If the weather is cooperating and there are enough of us who would like to play a week earlier together, by all means, please speak with the pro shop and they will book your tee off time.

The teams will be posted Mon. Apr. 30th for opening day. If you miss the sign-up sheets before being pulled down, no problem, just speak directly with the pro shop and they will schedule a tee time for you.

We shall make every effort to have couples play with a different couple each week and will try to accommodate special requests regarding tee times. After our morning of golf, please stay for lunch and relax.

After the tee times have been posted, should you wish to sign up or cancel, [please contact the Pro Shop.](#)

Hope for good weather & a great golf season. Enjoy your season.

Sincerely,  
Ernie Davis  
Senior Mixed Captain

## FRIDAY NIGHT MIXED LEAGUE

Hello everyone, and welcome to the Friday Night Mixed League. Hopefully we have good numbers of returning couples this season and many new couples joining the league.

The Friday Night Mixed League is a fun filled afternoon/evening of golf and camaraderie for an initial \$40.00 membership fee per person.

All skill levels are welcome, as each Friday a different game is played, hosted by one of our couples. Every Friday night we also record our putts on the front nine. You can choose to play 18 holes (tee times begin after 2:30 pm) or 9 holes (tee times begin after 4:45 pm) depending on your schedule. An entry fee of \$5 per couple is collected each Friday night for prizes. After your game we all gather in the dining room for dinner, prizes and most importantly to socialize. Sign-up sheets with the tee times are posted on our Mixed League board downstairs by the handicap computers, and they are also circulated as well each Friday night.

This year we will have two fun filled, themed tournaments, end June and end September (dates TBD).

Our opening night will be Friday May 11th. If because of inclement weather we are unable to play golf, we will still meet in the dining room at 6:30 pm to meet for drinks and share a meal. The sign-up sheet for the May 11th Opener will be posted on the bulletin board or call the pro shop for a tee time.

Looking forward to another great season of friendship with some fun golf thrown in!

Your 2018 Mixed League Captains,

Rick and Denise Stefiszyn  
rstefiszyn@hotmail.com



## FROM THE DINING ROOM

Welcome to another fabulous year at Millcroft. This year will see many of the die-hard staff we've all come to love returning from their "careers" to continue serving up deliciousness from the kitchen as well as entertaining all of us as we soak up some sun and a few drinks after a hard-played round of golf. We will also be seeing some new faces at the club this year. Danielle, has joined Millcroft Catering and will be organizing the servers and be the "man" on the floor this season.

My two sisters, Teisha & Tamarin, we will still be seeing from time to time this season. As many of you know, Teisha has taken on the role of motherhood, but she too will probably be popping in for events and such.

Mike, our Executive Chef, has been tinkering with the menu and we will be seeing some new items as well as some fun specials coming out this season. This year we are featuring our fresh perch and chips on Friday nights along with our Millstreet beer special. A perfect match if I do say so!

Event bookings are solid for the coming year at both Millcroft & Indian Wells! We've been busy over the winter getting out into the community and building a solid business base. The Rotary Club of North Burlington visit us weekly and The Burlington Chamber of Commerce has become a new repeat client of ours. We've seen a great snowball effect take place.

We were quite excited to have received the Burlington Post's Reader's Choice Platinum Award for "Best Banquet Facility"....Yay!!

## FROM THE DINING ROOM CONTINUED

This year we have entered the Food for Kids Battle of the Chefs fundraiser, which, we are very excited about and would love to see everyone out for such a great cause...not to mention great food by some of the best chefs in town... and a few drinks!! Should be a fun night. The event takes place on the evening of Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at the Oakville Conference Centre and tickets are already on sale at [www.food4kidshalton.ca](http://www.food4kidshalton.ca)

If you are looking for an excellent upcoming Sunday Brunch, please join us at our ever popular Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 905-332-5111 ext. 34 or emailing Tara at [tara@millcroftcatering.ca](mailto:tara@millcroftcatering.ca). Our website will also include a flyer with menu and pricing.

We are looking forward to a great year! Might be a cool spring start but once we shake off the chill its looking to be a nice hot summer...great for golf, beer and friends. Can't wait to see everyone back from their winter retreats and enjoying what Millcroft has to offer!!!

Tara Hill  
Food & Beverage Manager  
Millcroft Catering

Mike Breadner  
Executive Chef  
Millcroft Catering

## Some Winter Reno Updates!

Our Dining Room received a nice update & facelift this winter! We painted both rooms from the very top of the ceiling (it's pretty high up there!) all the way down. It's really refreshed the space! We also carpeted the large main dining room, and the stairway leading down to the locker rooms. Our bar area also received a new paint colour and we are in the final stages of having the bar top/counter redone.

### **Before.....**



During.....



After.....

