



Millcroft Golf Club

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2019 SPRING NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the 2019 golf season at Millcroft Golf Club!

FROM YOUR GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT & THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

I would like to welcome everyone back for what promises to be a very exciting 2019 golf season. The golf course has survived the winter months extremely well and I am pleased to report that there is no ice, rodent, or snow mold damage.

We had a very busy off season out on the course with the ongoing removal of infected & dying Ash trees. Some of the areas we removed trees were in extremely difficult locations on slopes and on the homeowner sides of creeks. All went well & we accomplished what we wanted to get done without any major mishaps. In all we removed just over 80 trees.

Due to the excessively wet fall last year we were unable to undertake certain course projects we wanted to complete and these projects will now be pushed to fall of 2019. In particular the ongoing rebuilding and releveling of tee decks. The first ones on our priority list are #1 white tee and #8 blue tee.

Last year our struggle to keep the rough consistently mown was hampered by high humidity and continual rains. Late last fall we lowered our height of cut slightly and this should help us to maintain the roughs to a more golfer friendly level in the upcoming season.

First thing this spring when the ground frost has completely come out we will be installing all brand new Tee signs and posts over the entire 18 holes. Last year we installed some sample signs on holes #11 and #12 and the feedback was extremely positive.

There will be many new faces on the maintenance staff this year as well as our core group of dedicated returnees. We will continue to work hard in providing you with great course conditioning and provide you with the top quality greens you have been accustomed to.

As opening day is just around the corner I am confident the 2019 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 rounds myself this year. I am always available, so please feel free to contact me directly should you have any questions or concerns regarding golf course maintenance issues.

In closing go out and enjoy the golf course, play with etiquette and most of all "hit em straight"!

Yours Truly,
Martin Kastrau
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FROM THE PRO SHOP

I would like to welcome everyone back for another great season of golfing. It's been a long cold winter, but spring has sprung and we are ready to open and get you back out there enjoying the game in better temperatures. I would like to thank everyone for their support, well wishes, cards, emails and gifts, for my wedding, it was a wonderful day and look forward to showing you the photos.

Here are some reminders to utilize your membership and make your time at Millcroft an enjoyable experience:

Club Championship: Wednesday Aug 7th will be the first round for the men playing from the white tees based on net in the morning and in the afternoon the men playing from the blue tees based on gross in flights. Day 2 will be on Sat Aug 10th starting at 8:00 with the above groups participating as well as day 1 for the ladies flights. The final day will be on Sun Aug 11th starting at 8:00, the order of final day will be determined by the scores from the combined two days for men and for the ladies day 1.

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 and 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. **Each person must have their own card, stamps are per person not per couple, 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 will not ask for a card to be presented.** If you choose to use your loyalty card and pay for the green fees instead of using your membership, please note that no extra games left over on your membership at year end are rolled over, so pick and choose wisely when you would like to use your membership rounds and when you might opt to purchase a discounted round and use your loyalty card, especially at the start of the season.

Club Storage: All members have an option of club storage for an extra fee. This includes having your clubs cleaned after every round and having your bag ready when you arrive for the next round when a tee time is booked. For the safety of the golfer and staff there are a few rules to be followed when having club storage. **When you finish playing please place your clubs in the drop off rack, bags are not to be left on carts. Ensure all zippers are closed and all clubs are in your bag with head covers on. All bags must be able to stand up on their own and have a maximum of a dozen golf balls in your bag. Golf bags need to be carried up and down stairs and lifted into slots so please be aware of the items in the bag and be mindful of our staff who are carrying them.**

Power cart and pull cart privileges: All members are entitled to a free pull cart for the day with their membership. Power carts are at a discounted rate for members of \$18.00 for 18 holes or \$9.00 for 9 holes, 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 following season, no cash refunds will be given.

Booking Tee Times: All members are able to book tee times 14 days in advance, this can be done through our online booking system via our website or directly through the pro shop. With the advantage of 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 hours in advance if you know you will be unable to make your scheduled tee time.

League Play Bookings: you will find your sign-up sheets on the assigned boards well in advance to be able to check off if you are able to play on specific dates. If you are scheduled in league play and your games captain has already submitted the time sheet to the pro shop please call directly to cancel. **Do not remove you name online as this will result in an open spot on the tee sheet and will enable an outside player of the league to book.** The committees work extremely hard and volunteer their time to assign groups, sometimes based on handicaps or mixing up the league into trying to play with different people. If you know in advance of the tee times being made that you have signed up but are unable to make if please email your games captain as soon as you know so they can make the adjustments prior to game sheets being completed, sheets are made up into to foursomes approximately 8- 10 days in advance.

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Member guest rates: Millcroft appreciates the loyalty of you the member and the guests you bring out to our club. Guests will receive a \$ 5.00 discount when normal rates apply and \$ 2.50 discount off the green fee during twilight, spring and fall rates.

Pro shop Discount: a 10% discount on clothing, club, bags and shoes is given to all Millcroft membership as a thank you for the customer loyalty to our club. Our pro shop is stocked with logo shirts from Antigua, golf balls from Titleist, bags, gps systems, clubs, pull carts from bag boy and many more items.

We look forward to seeing all of you in 2019 season,

Sincerely,

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FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

A warm welcome to everyone for the 2019 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, 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 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.

New for 2019, is Golf Canada's GOLD handicap membership that is already included in the price of your membership. Some of the excellent benefits will include: equipment protection up to \$2500 reimbursement for damaged, lost or stolen equipment, private identification labels with online tracking for lost equipment, broken window protection up to \$1000 towards the cost of repair or replacement (deductibles apply), golf cart incident protection, golf score entry & handicap

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tracking, travel protection up to \$2500 reimbursement towards travel related equipment & member discounts on events & apparel, and access online to the official rules of golf. Further details can be obtained by visiting Golf Canada's website at www.golfcanada.ca or by calling their membership office at: 1-800-263-0009 ext.399 or by emailing them at: members@golfcanada.ca We have also attached a flyer from Golf Canada with more information pertaining to their rules for any claims.

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, 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!
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SENIOR MEN'S SECTION

On behalf of myself and your Senior Men's Committee we welcome back all our returning Members and a warm welcome to new Members.

Again this year we will be scheduling our Monday Team Games. Sign-up sheets will be located in the locker room downstairs and if new Member's names are not on the sheet they should write in their name and they will be picked up and will be on subsequent sheets. Monday pairings will be posted 12 days in advance of each play date. After posting of tee sheet any changes must be done through the pro shop.

Wednesday we have our Cleaners and "closest to" games. Members arrange their own tee times via the Pro Shop. You can make up your own foursomes or sign up as a single and you will be placed with others to make up foursomes. Also our fastest growing and best section "The 80 years of age and over " will be continued. Additional stroke and match play competitions are also held along with Senior Club and Club Championships, Ryder Cup and Dream Team Competitions.

SENIOR MEN'S SECTION CONTINUED

Our monthly Shotgun Scrambles and Lunches are held on the last Wednesday of each month but April as a rule can be unpredictable and some Members have not made it back from warmer climates so our first Luncheon will be Wednesday, May 1 and our first official Monday will be Monday April 29. Tee sheets will be posted by April 15.

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

With many new ideas we look forward to everyone having the best year ever and with a beverage or two on the deck were our drives are 50 yards farther and we never miss a putt how can it not be.

Jerry MacDonald
Captain



LADIES SECTION

Welcome to all returning members and new members to the 2019 Ladies Golf Season!

This Ladies league plays 18 holes of golf every Tuesday morning and enjoys lunch after golfing. A very social league with lots of fun golf events to satisfy every level of golfer: Team Match Play, Volunteer Fun Days, Handicap (PIN) Days, a "Bring a Friend Day", putting contest, a Canada Day event (July 2).

Our first official golf day will be Tuesday April 23, starting at 8:33. You can set up your own foursome or signup individually. Call the Proshop to sign up.

We will be having an Opening Luncheon after golf on April 30. We have scheduled a shotgun for that day (weather permitting). Potential new members are invited to join us. Regardless of the weather, there will be a Luncheon and Information Session. It'll be a fun opportunity to catch up with your friends and meet new ones. The cost of lunch will be communicated separately.

We will have a booklet for each member with this season's events listed, some general information about Millcroft Golf Club and the Tuesday Ladies League, and a review of some of the new golf rules for 2019. There is also a bulletin board for the Tuesday Ladies League filled with information and signup sheets, located just outside the Ladies Locker Room downstairs in the Clubhouse.

We look forward to seeing our returning members and meeting new members. If you have any questions/concerns, please don't hesitate to contact any of us.

We wish you all a great golf season!

Committee Members:

Janet Farrell, Beverly Fiddian-Green, Deb Finesilver, Melanie Harman, Johanna Kendall , Margie Leslie, Muriel Maclaren, Barb Raven

MEN'S SECTION

Well the 2019 season is almost upon us and we are all looking forward to getting started. We had a big injection of members last year and it looks like we will have a good roster again this year. The Club will run along the lines of a regular Wednesday Competition and some major events interspersed along the Way. This year the Milwinds cup which is our annual challenge against Crosswinds Men's league will be held at Crosswinds golf Club. Last year we were the winners of the event so we are going to defend after a couple of losing years previously. It's a competitive but friendly challenge so keep playing.

There will be new rules introduced by the PGA this year which will impact the speed of play. Make yourself familiar with the rules by going onto the Golf Canada Website.

When playing in the league you must have a GAO Canadian Handicap. This can be achieved by downloading the Golf Canada App or going online or entering once you have paid you membership on the Club computer. New members are always welcome but you need to get 5 games into the system if you do not already have a GAO handicap. The Ontario Golf Associating is transferable as your GAO handicap.

Last year we had some great competition and several of our members did well in the Club Championship. The league is a great place to meet other members and share the stories about the drive or put that went close.

WE have a great club spirit and always welcome new members to the League. In playing we try to get people to meet as many other members of the club as possible. Whether you are playing as a group or individually the Proshop will always put you into groups so as you get to know everybody.

Brush of the cobwebs, get to the gym for that last workout or get to the nearest driving range to get yourself into the swing.

I look forward to welcoming everyone to the 2019 season.

Best Wishes
Julian Bugledich
Section Captain

SENIOR MIXED SECTION

Welcome to the 2019 Senior Mixed Section.

Our numbers have gone down but we will still be trucking on.

It is my intention to have starting times to be 9:00 AM at the beginning of the season and then earlier as the season progresses.

It is up to YOU to join our Seniors Mixed Section and I mean mixed (singles, couples, etc,). If you are joining as a single, we will converse in advance to see if we have a partner to pair you up with.

Our first get together will probably be Friday, May17th and the sign-up sheets will be placed on the board on May 3rd.

If you wish to play earlier contact Natalie in the Proshop. Have a great upcoming season.

Ernie Davis

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 10th. 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 10th Opener will be posted or call the pro shop for a tee time.

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

Your 2019 Mixed League Captains,

Rick and Denise Stefiszyn
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FROM THE DINING ROOM

After a long run of treacherous winter weather, we are ecstatic to see some signs of spring just around the corner. We welcome you all back with open arms as it almost feels like forever ago when we last saw you swinging away on the golf course or sitting on the back deck enjoying an icy cold drink. Although we had a break from the day to day golf duties, there was no time to get stir crazy this winter season. We have been super busy with special events every other weekend, getting involved in our community as a member of the Chamber of Commerce, as well as preparing for an exciting season ahead.

We've been keeping a little secret- our very own Tara Hill has not only been nominated, but is a finalist for the 'Young Entrepreneur Award' this year! We are very proud of her dedication and drive, from starting as the cart girl and now a business owner- what an accomplishment to witness and be a part of. Millcroft Golf Course received a gold in the 'Best Banquet Facility' category for the 2019 Readers Choice Awards in the Burlington Post. It was quite the feeling to be recognized by our community, and we couldn't do it without all of your support. On the family front, you can expect to see our youngest employee Miss Brinley bopping around the clubhouse this year ...it's never too early, right?

Our girls are very eager to get back in the swing of the hustle and bustle of golf season, and I'm sure I speak for all of us when I say we are always happy to see their familiar faces back! We are welcoming some new faces this season but we know that as a Millcroft family we get them acquainted quickly with "the usual" orders and routines. And yes, don't you worry...we will keep all your thirsts quenched with Millstreet beer specials on Fridays.

Mike, our Executive Chef, has been toying with the menu and we will be seeing some new items as well as some specials coming out this season that will explode your taste buds! Keep your eyes peeled for some fresh new salad options for you to test out on those scorching hot summer days. If you didn't get the chance to try our fresh perch and chips on Friday last year, no sweat because we are bringing it back by popular demand this year. Don't usually golf on Fridays? No problem! Come on by Friday night with your friends and family and join us for dinner!

FROM THE DINING ROOM CONTINUED

Event bookings are booming for the 2019 year at both Millcroft and Indian Wells...and offsite events (yes, we come to you!). We especially love doing events for our beloved members - birthday parties, anniversaries.. You name it! We also love seeing your smiling faces out at our popular buffets on Easter Sunday, Mother's Day and don't forget Fathers Day!! Reservations are required and can be made by calling 905-332-5111 ext. 34 or emailing Tara at tara@millcroftcatering.ca. Our website will also include a flyer with menu and pricing, or if you just want to check out what we've been up to there are lots of pictures from past happenings. We have entered "Food for Kids Battle of the Chefs" fundraiser for the second year in a row so please come check it out. Not only do you get to enjoy delicious food and drinks by some of the best people in the business, but all proceeds help over 500 children in Halton fight child hunger in our very own community.

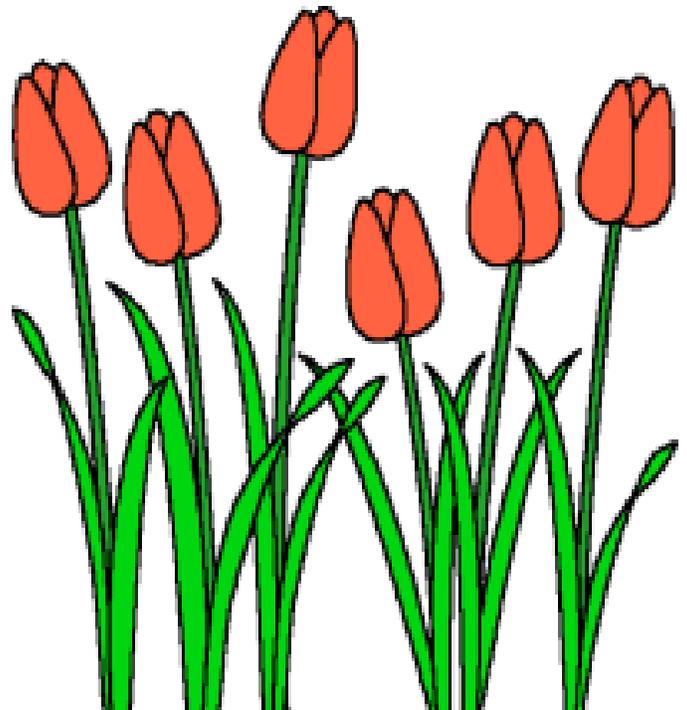
So again, welcome back and welcome to all new members, we are so happy you are here. This is our 10th year in business, and we feel this is a GREAT excuse to throw a party. Keep your eyes and ears peeled for a date in July when we will be celebrating our 10th anniversary with tasty eats and of course some yummy drinks. We can't celebrate without all of you, so we are looking forward to seeing you there.

See you soon,

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Please join us for Easter Sunday Brunch on Sunday, April 21st, 2019. Seatings available at 11am & 2pm. Reservations are required and space is limited. Please call the dining room to make your reservation at 905-332-5111 ext. 34 or email Tara Hill at tara@millcroftcatering.ca



View our Easter Menu at:

http://www.millcroftgolfclub.com/upcoming_events/