



Millcroft Golf Club

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2019 FALL / 2020 WINTER NEWSLETTER

Thank you everyone for a much-enjoyed golf season!



FROM YOUR GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT & THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Thank you everyone for a great 2019 golf season. The cold fall winds & snow are upon us & we are diligently working to put the course to bed for the winter months.

After an extremely wet spring where golf carts did not leave the paths until early June, the golf course flourished & was in extremely good shape the entire season.

The 2019 Club Championship was once again a huge success. Many players commented that the green speeds on final round Sunday were the quickest they have ever experienced here at Millcroft. The weather conditions had a bearing on the speeds however there is a great deal of hard work and extra hours for myself & the staff to provide you with close to PGA conditions.

Fall projects we are currently working on include tee deck releveling, tree plantings & irrigation repairs. In preparing the golf course for the winter months & for next spring we are also aerating, verti-cutting, topdressing and applying dormant fungicides and fertilizers. Over the cold, frozen, winter months we also plan to remove an additional 50 dead Ash trees.

This past season was my 20th year as Golf Course Superintendent here at Millcroft & I must say it was also one of my most enjoyable ones. I also had an excellent staff this year & I commend them for all their hard work, dedication & positive attitude. Well done guys!

Thank you again to all the staff & members for such an enjoyable year. The positive feedback on course conditions was tremendous & gives us incentive to continue to work hard & excel even further. I look forward to seeing everyone again for the 2020 golf season & would like to extend the warmest of wishes for a safe & happy holiday season.

Yours Truly,
Martin Kastrau
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FROM THE PRO SHOP

Thank you to all of our golfers and staff for making 2019 such an enjoyable season. We had a rough start with the rainy Spring, however Martin & his crew did a fantastic job getting the course back to the best conditions we have ever had.

Thank you to all of our employees in the pro shop, back shop, eti-kids, starters & marshalls, for doing an outstanding job.

We have some of the best golf leagues throughout the GTA, that's why people travel here from, Mississauga, Hamilton, Milton and of course Burlington. This is a testament to all of the committees, captains and co-captains who work so diligently to organize games and prizes every week.

Special congratulations to Mark Raven for retaining his title of the Men's Club Champion, MarySusan Snow for becoming our Ladies Club Champion and Joe Bedard for being our Sr Mens' Club Champion.

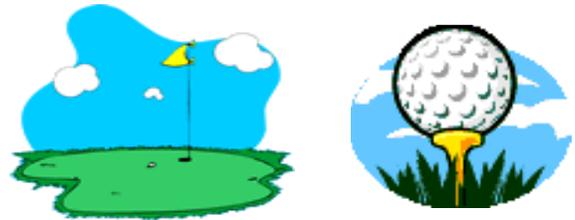
A couple of changes for the 2020 season. Pull carts will no longer be available free of charge as part of your membership. They have been now for many years, but the long of the short of it is that are replacement expense at some point has to be met. With respect to our loyalty cards, we will be stopping the cards in the 2020 season. We will accept any free rounds remaining on your loyalty card until June 1st, however no further new stamps will be issued during the 2020 season. Sorry! Don't shoot the messenger!!!

Throughout the winter months we will be working on a new computer system to be implemented for the 2020 season. We will update you in the Spring on how to login, book & view tee times with the new program. Stay tuned!!!

Have a wonderful winter and stay safe through the winter months.

See you in the Spring,

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FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

As our 2020 season comes to a close, we would like to thank all of our members & public golfers for another great year! We are lucky to have such a wonderful group of Members and staff here at Millcroft and we hope to see many familiar faces next season. For any new members coming on board, we look forward to welcoming you into our Millcroft family and the camaraderie we all share. To all of our extremely hard-working staff, it takes a little village to run the course each year and we are so happy you were a part of it with us, great team effort all around, thank you! Our annual staff golf tournament was well attended by 50+ staff this year and a big thank you to the members who were able to donate towards our prize table this year, your thoughtfulness was appreciated.

Additionally, a big thank you to all of our league captains and all of their volunteer committees for without them, our leagues would not operate. You work so hard all year long to ensure your leagues run smoothly and we appreciate all of your efforts and much valued assistance. Congratulations to all of our winners of various events throughout the season, many who are noted throughout this newsletter! In particular, our Club Champions for the year, Mark Raven & Mary-Susan Snow & Joe Bedard. Well done!!!

With respect to our 2020 membership offerings. You will find options for both unlimited play golf memberships, along with specific golf game packages. Our membership applications, league sign-up forms and our newsletter can additionally be found on our website. If you have any questions regarding membership for 2020, please do not hesitate to contact the administration office or pro shop. For those considering game packages that may have used them in conjunction with our Loyalty stamp card, please note that we will be discontinuing this card starting in the 2020 season

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should that factor into your decision on what membership to choose. Our pull carts will no longer be free of charge beginning next season as well as we need to build an expense account to begin the replacement process of older carts.

For any new members joining our golf club in 2020, if you already have a Golf Canada account for your score entry/handicap, please let us know that on your membership application. Upon entering your membership for Millcroft, we would then contact Golf Canada and ask them to add Millcroft Golf Club as your "home" golf club. For some members, they may be members at Millcroft and another golf course, so if you would like your other golf club to be your "home course" and Millcroft to be your secondary course on your account, please also note this on your membership application or send us an email.

As Natalie has mentioned, we will be moving onto a new golf software to operate the golf club during the 2020 season. Our goal is to hopefully remain with our same membership #s and the login process for you to book tee times and view upcoming tee times will be relatively the same and easy to use. We will use the winter months to familiarize ourselves with the program and when the membership accounts are set-up and ready to go, we will provide you with email instruction on how to use the program. Your Golf Canada accounts online will remain as always and accessed through www.golfcanada.ca.

During the winter months the administration office will generally be open Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm (weather/vacation pending). Please give us a call if you are thinking of driving over to ensure we are here. If you have questions regarding membership or otherwise, please call or email us and we will get back to you at our earliest convenience. If you are mailing your membership application and/or league sign-up form in the mail, please note that the club's mail is delivered to a secure lock and keyed mailbox. Alternatively, your application can be scanned and emailed to: jenniphero@bellnet.ca.

Have a wonderful winter season, a happy & healthy holiday and a Happy New Year! See you in 2020!

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THE SENIOR MEN

We had a great year thanks to Martin & your staff, Tara & Mike & your staff, Natalie & Jennipher & all the clubhouse staff. Without all of you we wouldn't be.

Congratulations go out our Sr. Club Champions, Ernie Davis, Kerry Habberfield, Herb Massey, Charles Alcock & our Club Champion Joe Bedard.

On a sad note our Committee is losing two important long-standing members, they are retiring but will still be available, Peter Niggemann, our accountant/treasurer for the past 100 years and someone named Kirby. But we have found capable replacements in Terry Blimkie and Jim Guild. On a happier note my tenure is over and am being replaced by your new Captain, Bryan Muldoon.

I want to thank all Committee Members for making my 2 years easy, especially you Kirby & thanks to all our Members! You are the best & I'm looking forward to seeing everyone back next year to an even bigger, better season.

Have a good and safe winter.

Jerry MacDonald – 2019 Captain

THE TUESDAY LADIES

We got off to a rough start weather-wise this year, but it finally stopped raining on Tuesdays and warmed up. We went on to enjoy our Tuesday Ladies League throughout the season with fun games as well as serious play to satisfy players of all levels.

Thank you to all the committee members & volunteers for taking care of our games each week.

The success of our league is not possible without the help of Natalie and her team, Martin and his team, Tara and Mike and their staff, and Jennipher Orr. All are so important in the success of the leagues and for our wonderful golf club!



Congratulations to the following 2019 Winners!

Club Champion – MarySusan Snow

Club Champion Flight Winners:

A Flight Arlene Real **Runner-up:** Deb Knowles

B Flight Marie Kenyon **Runner-up:** Barb Raven

And more awards:

Hole-In-One: Sue Woodland **Most Birdies:** Deb Knowles **Most Chip-Ins:** Mabel Bates

A Flight Ringer Board: MarySusan Snow

B Flight Ringer Board: Diana Lundy

C Flight Ringer Board: Anita Press

Flight Net Winners (Best Low Net Scoring of 4 Events)

A Flight Winner- Mabel Bates **B Flight Winner** – Betty Cushing **C Flight Winner** – Janet Farrell

Team Match Play Winners: Helen Schiza and Denise Stefiszyn

Putting Pool Winner: Helen Schiza

Our Christmas Lunch will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2019. As in previous years, we will be collecting non-perishable food items.

Some of our current committee members, Janet Farrell and Johanna Kendall, will not be returning to the committee next season. We thank you for your hard work and dedication.

Have a great winter. Keep well. See you next spring!

Tuesday Ladies League Committee

THE MENS LEAGUE

Although the season got off to a slow start with an extended period of wet spring weather and soggy ground conditions, the Men's Section eventually hit its stride with many fine Wednesday afternoons and evenings of enjoyable league competition with a roster of 67 members signed up. As our year came to a successful conclusion in late September with our annual season-ending Ryder Cup tournament, we were able to look back and highlight several notable events, prizes and awards.

First, our Men's Club Champion for 2019 is Mark Raven – he has been our league's premier player for many years and continues to prove it in the Club Championships each year. Joining along with Mark, we congratulate the winners in each of the other flights - Kevin Murphy (A Flight), John Gray (B Flight), Rob Sluban (C Flight), and Bill Reck (D Flight).

The Men's Section held five other tournament events throughout the season and the titles were taken as follows:

- Opening Scramble in April – Team of Lemoine, Matta, Trebble and Bell required a bit of retro scoring to break a 3-way tie for the victory
- Modified Stableford in May – Brad Swift takes it by a large winning margin
- Tombstone in June – Team of Kevin Murphy & John Gray walk off as champs as the only team that did not have to plant their tombstone (one stroke to spare)
- Martin's Revenge in July – Brad Swift had a much tougher fight this time, needing a full 9 holes of retro scoring to take the title
- Two Man Better Ball in August – Dan Labanich and Doug Smiley were both solid and won it with some impressive team play

In our season long competitions – Ron Drennan did not give an inch, and with some consistently strong rounds took the Singles Match Play title. He didn't stop there as he scored top spot in the Best 10 Net Scoring competition as well. Our Ringer Board champions for each flight were as follows: Terry Youngs made a strong late season charge to take the Champ Flight; a very competitive A Flight was won by Ross Bamford with his score of one on hole 15 proving to be a difference maker; Bob Feather and Sean Bell tied for the B Flight title with several other players hot on their heels; and Doug Smiley could not be caught as the victor in C Flight. The efforts of Brad Swift in organizing the Match Play event and Mike Lothian in tracking the Ringer Board scores throughout this past season were greatly appreciated and so helpful.

We celebrated two holes-in-one for the 2019 season – as mentioned Ross Bamford did the trick on hole 15 and he was followed a couple of weeks later with John Kavanagh's impressive tee shot on hole 8. They received their trophies and certificates during our Ryder Cup wrap up gathering on September 28.

On the downside for 2019, against our rivals in the Crosswinds Sunday Men's League, we battled hard this past July, but could not defend our Millwinds Cup title and had to relinquish the trophy to the other side. We consider this a rare anomaly, so we expect next year the trophy will make



THE MENS LEAGUE CONTINUED.....

its way back home to Millcroft again, where it belongs!! Every year we like to express our gratitude to those that make our golfing season in the Men's Section so enjoyable. Martin and his grounds crews do amazing work to keep the course in tip top shape.

Tara and her food & beverage team always make our post-game social time such a pleasant experience, and Natalie and her golf shop staff who provide us with such great support, cooperation and assistance all season long. Also, a big shout out to Ted Kindos of Gator Teds, as well as Natalie and Tara for their weekly sponsorship of our skills (Closest to the Pin) prizes. We feel very fortunate to have all these folks looking after all aspects of our golfing experience.

On a sad note, we recently lost one of our long time Men's League members as Mike Slocki passed away suddenly at the very end of the 2019 season. His struggle to live and play through all that physical pain is now over. But we are heartened to hear our Section Captain, Julian Bugledich is nicely on the mend after he spent his 2019 golf season recuperating from cancer surgery and a hip replacement – we look forward to his return to excellent form in 2020.

We are working to put a strong committee of players in place to plan and lead the Men's Section into another fine season of golf for 2020. We hope everyone winters well, rests up and eagerly returns to join in our league play again next year.

Dave Bloomer,

Acting Section Captain

SENIOR MIXED COUPLES

As I write this in my 30th year at Millcroft Golf Club it is with great sadness in my heart that our Senior Mixed Friday AM may be put to rest for the time being in the 2020 season. Many of our players decided to play strictly in just the Senior Men's or Ladies leagues, others may not have a partner or spouse to play with. This said, our # drop the last year or two to not always justify having a fully organized league. But for the few of us that still wished to play the odd Friday, that didn't stop us from still booking our tee times on Friday mornings ourselves and meeting in the clubhouse for lunch.

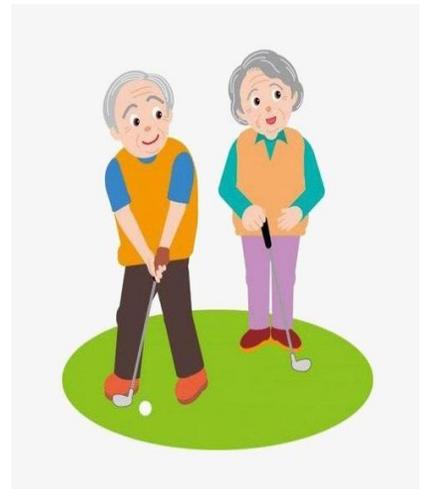
Going down memory land for the Senior Mixed section started in 2005 when we had members totalling as high as 56 golfers to low of 14 golfers. There were holes-in-ones by Maysie Beechey and John Dillane in 2008 and Dave Pope and Joe Pusztai in 2012, and there were banquets with music and games.

To make this happen we had CONVENORS: there were: Terri & Dennis Grogan, Majorie & Stan Sykes, Nancy & Bruce Sykes, Teresa & Andrew Hallet, Maysie & Cye Beechey, Joan & Ed Davies, Janet & John Dillane & ourselves, Heather Coles & Ernie Davis.

Heather and I joined the section in 2010 and we have had the pleasure of convening the section for the last five years. It is time now to say so long, goodbye, Auf Wiedersehen, and so forth. If anyone still has interest in trying to still golf & gather Friday mornings, please inquire and let Jennipher know in the administration office and perhaps we can still assemble a group of us to play together.

Yours truly,

Heather Coles & Ernie Davis



THE MIXED LEAGUE

Well we had a great season again this year! Even though we had a wet start to the season, we still enjoyed many Friday nights of golf, fun and socializing! Once again, we had many returning couples to the league this year, as well as some new faces. Thanks to everyone for hosting a Friday night and providing the game for all to enjoy.

Congratulations to the winners of the season long putting contest....John Kavanagh and Deb Finesilver.

Fun was had by all at our two tournaments held this year. The first was a "Western" themed event mid season and then our closing tournament in Sept. had a "Caribbean" theme, complete with a Steel Drum player/singer. Needless to say the group danced the night away!

Thanks to everyone...from the Pro Shop, the Dining Room, the Admin. Office, and the Course Maintenance Crew for all they do to make our golfing season a huge success!

Hope to see everyone back in 2020! Enjoy your Winter! Keep Well!

Regards,

Rick & Denise Stefiszyn



FROM THE DINING ROOM

Well, well, well....I think we can all say the 2019 golf season was short and sweet!

We started off on a gloomy and rainy foot, but finally summer did arrive with some sunshine and super hot days. We hope you all enjoyed a few months of golf, tasty food and cold drinks on our patio. We want to thank you for another great season and continuing to support us in the dining room each week. Another thank you, goes out to our league heads - we appreciate how easy and flexible you were to work with when planning tournaments etc. Lastly, a BIG thank you to those of you who attend our brunches, pop over for dinner, or come enjoy some weekend breakfast with your family and friends - we notice, and we thank you!!

I think we can all say, our team of serving staff were on point this year! I don't know how many times we saw your beer waiting for you, or your usual order rung in with just a quick smile... our girls had you covered. It was a sad goodbye, but they are already talking about the upcoming 2020 season. If that's not dedication, I don't know what is! To our members, we thank you for making this an environment where our staff are happy and excited to come to work each day - because yes, you spoil them!

We will all be keeping busy this winter; you may see our Millcroft Catering van cruising through the streets as we take on more offsite events. Or you might hear some holiday tunes from the dining room as we prepare for a busy Christmas party season! As always, we are reflecting, receiving feedback and making changes to better serve our customers. We want to hear from you! We'd like to invite all league heads to email Kirstie in March and set up a meeting to discuss the upcoming golf season and how we can make next year the best one yet. She can be contacted at kirstie@millcrofctatering.ca

For those of you taking off to sunnier skies, safe travels! And to those sticking around here ... the countdown begins! Enjoy your winter holidays, we can't wait to see you next year.

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Your feedback is important to us!

Your time to complete and return this comment card is appreciated, thank you. You may include this with your Membership application, or submit separately.

1. OFF COURSE

	<u>Satisfaction</u>					<u>Comments</u>
	Poor	Avg			Excellent	
Ability to book tee-times	1	2	3	4	5	_____
Appearance of Entrance	1	2	3	4	5	_____
Appearance of Gardens/Grounds	1	2	3	4	5	_____
Friendliness of Staff	1	2	3	4	5	_____
Handicap Computers	1	2	3	4	5	_____
Locker Room Cleanliness	1	2	3	4	5	_____
On-line Booking & Game Viewing	1	2	3	4	5	_____
Pro Shop Service & Merchandise	1	2	3	4	5	_____
Value of Membership	1	2	3	4	5	_____

2. ON-COURSE

Ball Washers Filled	1	2	3	4	5	_____
Beverage Cart Availability	1	2	3	4	5	_____
Bunkers Raked	1	2	3	4	5	_____
Distance Markers Visible	1	2	3	4	5	_____
Fairways Well Groomed	1	2	3	4	5	_____
Greens Consistent	1	2	3	4	5	_____
Pace of Play	1	2	3	4	5	_____
Rest Areas	1	2	3	4	5	_____
Tees Well Marked	1	2	3	4	5	_____

3. FOOD & BEVERAGE

Quality	1	2	3	4	5	_____
Presentation	1	2	3	4	5	_____
Value for the price	1	2	3	4	5	_____
Menu variety	1	2	3	4	5	_____
Food prepared as ordered	1	2	3	4	5	_____

SERVICE

Greeting upon arrival	1	2	3	4	5	_____
Server knowledge	1	2	3	4	5	_____
Server friendliness	1	2	3	4	5	_____
Server attentiveness	1	2	3	4	5	_____
Timeliness of service	1	2	3	4	5	_____

AMBIENCE

Cleanliness of dining area	1	2	3	4	5	_____
Cleanliness of restrooms	1	2	3	4	5	_____
Lighting	1	2	3	4	5	_____
Music	1	2	3	4	5	_____
Décor	1	2	3	4	5	_____

Additional Comments:

Feel free to submit this form anonymously, or if you wish, complete the information below. Thank you for your time.

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