

BONNYVILLE GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

TEE-TIMES

As our golf season is quickly approaching, we want to take this opportunity to update our members on what is happening at the Club.

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday February 28, 2018. This was one of our better turnouts, and we would like to thank the members in attendance for their valuable input.

The Junior program will continue to run, with Junior golfers being mentored by our members. If you are interested in becoming a mentor, please contact Randy or Denis Fagnan.

The budget was passed at the AGM and the new membership fee structure is attached. Memberships can be paid on a prearranged payment plan, which must be completed by June 15, 2018. The first phase of the irrigation system has been upgraded. This was financed through generous donations from the MD of Bonnyville, the Town of Bonnyville, and the CFEP grant.

Sprinkler heads are still for sale at \$250 each to help finance the irrigation system upgrade. We would like to thank all the members who have purchased sprinkler heads to date.

Superintendent's Message:

Volunteer labour is greatly appreciated. Watch for Work Bee dates posted in the clubhouse.

SPONSORS

Thanks to the following sponsors:
B & R Eckel's Transport
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*We also still have hole sponsorship available. For \$15,000 you get 2 golf passes/day for 5 years plus signage on the hole! A 2 year payment plan is available.

2018 EXECUTIVE

President: Maurice Mercier
Vice Pres: Kevin Bushore
Secretary: Margaret Borders
Treasurer: Dean Anderson
Directors: Dave Addie
Claudette Roy
Chad Colbourne
Geri Thibeault
Denis Fagnan
Heather Rymut
Paul Penney
Melanie Best

EARLY BIRD DRAW

Once again the Executive is offering an early bird draw for:

1. *Single Membership*
Sponsored by B.G. & C.C.
2. *Driving Range Pass*
Sponsored by Randy Gallop
3. *Locker Rental*
Sponsored by B.G. & C.C.

To be eligible for this draw your membership must be paid in full by March 31, 2018

This promotion helps to get operating cash. YOUR SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED. Please fill out the enclosed form and return to B.G. & C.C.

DATES TO REMINDER:

Senior Open – June 13, 2018
Men's & Ladies Open –
July 7 & 8, 2018
Ladies Charity Open-Aug 11, 2018
Junior Open – Aug 9, 2018
Moose Lake Scramble –
Sept 8 & 9, 2018

HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON

Randy Gallop

PRE-SEASON CLUBHOUSE HOURS:

Remember: Early-Bird membership sale on until **March 31, 2018**. Clubhouse will be open March 31, 2018 from Noon to 5:00 pm.

Or: make arrangements with Randy at (780)812-9566

2018 Membership Form

Bonnyville Golf & Country Club Box 6885 Bonnyville, AB T9N-2H3

“TO ALL MEMBERS – PLEASE PROVIDE ALL INFORMATION –TO BETTER SERVE YOU”

NAME: _____

ADDRESS _____

POSTAL CODE _____ **PHONE NUMBER** _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ **BIRTHDATE** _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	2018 FEES & SERVICES	GST	TOTAL
INDIVIDUAL	\$1197.00	\$59.85	\$1256.85
INDIVIDUAL & SPOUSE	\$1890.00	\$94.50	\$1984.50
RESTRICTED SENIOR (INDIVIDUAL)	\$903.00	\$45.15	\$940.15
RESTRICTED SENIOR (INDIVIDUAL & SPOUSE)	\$1375.50	68.78	\$1444.28
UNIVERSITY STUDENT (TO AGE 25)	\$510.00	\$25.50	\$535.50
FULL JUNIOR (TO AGE 18)	\$400.00	\$20.00	\$420.00
RESTRICTED JR. (TO AGE 18)	\$250.00	\$12.50	\$262.50
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP – (2 ADULTS & UP TO 3 Juniors – 18 & under)	\$2,150.00	\$107.50	\$2,257.50
ADDITIONAL FAMILY JUNIOR (TO AGE 18)	\$175.00	\$8.75	\$183.75
CAR PATH FEE	\$395.00	\$19.75	\$414.75
SHED SPOT RENTAL	\$255.00	\$10.00	\$267.75
GOLF CANADA GOLD MEMBERSHIP	\$32.00	\$1.60	\$33.60
Locker Rental (Full)	45.00	2.25	47.25
Locker Rental (1/2)	25.00	1.25	26.25
	TOTAL		
	PAID		

A restricted membership restricts seniors and juniors from golfing until after 3:00 pm on Saturdays, Sundays and Statutory Holidays

Seniors must be 65 years of age on or before April 30, 2018

Golf Canada Fees are now optional, a Golf Canada Gold Membership is required if you would like to keep an official handicap – if you purchase your Membership through our club the cost is \$32.00 plus GST – if you pay Golf Canada directly the cost is \$49.95 – Golf Canada does offer a free Bronze Membership which allows golfers to enter scores to keep track of their past games played, but does not produce a handicap (Our Pro Shop has more information)

Private Golf Carts on BGCC

Yearly sticker must be obtained from the Pro Shop and place either on the left bumper of the cart or hung over the dash in the middle (can laminate) Staff need to be able to verify all carts on the golf course.

If more than one family is sharing the use of a private golf car there is an additional charge of \$95.00 Double the shed spot rental fee if you have a double shed

To qualify for early bird draw full payment must be received prior to April 1, 2018

Benefits of Being a BGCC Member

- Reduced Cost of Unlimited Play
 - Voting privileges
- Advanced booking privileges – 7 days versus 4 days
 - Reduced rates for tournaments
 - Access to Members only tournament
- Automatic participation to Men's, Ladies, and Junior Clubs (no green fees)
- Early Bird benefits including discounted range passes, club storage and cart rental contracts

You support your local golf club that strives to promote and encourage the game of golf in your community and also continuously improves the course and its facilities

PS – please pick up your membership tag and your golf cart sticker (if you are a private owner) at the pro shop – staff will have them ready for you

PRO SHOP SPECIALS

Pay prior to April 1, 2018 and get a 20% discount as follows:

CLUB STORAGE:

\$120.00 - \$24.00 = \$96.00 + \$4.80 GST = **\$100.80** per bag.

RANGE PASS:

INDIVIDUAL

\$200.00 - \$40.00 = \$160.00 + \$8.00 GST = **\$168.00**

INDIVIDUAL & SPOUSE

\$300.00 - \$60.00 = \$240.00 + \$12.00 GST = **\$252.00**

JUNIOR

\$150.00 - \$30.00 = \$120.00 + \$6.00 GST = **\$126.00**

POWER CART CONTRACT:

Prior to April 1, 2017 \$512.00 + \$25.60 GST = **\$537.60**

After March 31, 2017 \$640.00 + \$32.00 GST = **\$672.00**

Power cart contract consists of 20 rounds of 18 holes,
or 40 rounds of 9 holes.

Make cheques for Pro Shop specials payable to:

Randy Gallop Golf Enterprises

Box 6919

Bonnyville, Alberta

T9N 2H3

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February 28, 2018

To All Members

Presidents Report

In 2017 we were able to complete the first phase of our irrigation system replacement which included replacing the pump station and controllers. We were able to do this without borrowing any additional money due to receiving some generous grants from the MD and Town of Bonnyville as well as a CFEP Grant. We don't anticipate doing any work on our irrigation system this year but will be working on an execution plan for next year as well as how we can fund the next phase.

As I was drafting this letter, I considered all of the challenges facing us today in the current economic climate. Not only do we have to continue with our irrigation system replacement, we need to plan a path forward on the management of our club once Randy retires. Both of these require funding and in addition, we need to be constantly replacing grounds equipment.

I decided to look back at our history to see what the previous 10 or so years looked like. I have attached some graphs that tell the story. You can see that our revenue grew fairly consistently except for the last 2 years. Both revenue and cost peaked in 2015 and we have managed to reduce our costs (mostly wages) as our revenue dropped. It is also notable that our other operating costs have remained relatively flat over that same time period. We also spent \$1.85M on capital costs yet our debt load has remained pretty much the same.

I believe this shows good management and I credit the Board members and our management team for that. I must say that I get a little disheartened over some of the criticisms I have heard over the last couple of years, considering all of the volunteer time that I and others have contributed to the success of our course. As we look ahead, a similar amount of capital will be required over the next 5 – 10 years and I am confident that we can accomplish this without burdening future members with unsustainable debt.

All of this being said, there are many important decisions to be made that need input from our membership. I'll take this opportunity to remind everyone that we are all just caretakers of this facility. It is owned by a registered nonprofit society whose stated purpose is "To promote and encourage the game of golf; to develop and improve the course and facilities associated with the game of golf."

One of the key issues regarding the club management and the course taking over the Pro Shop, Driving Range, and Cart Rentals is the fact that we have 84 private carts.

- What should we do with this situation?
- Is there a reasonable number of carts that should be private?
- If we do not allow private carts, is that going to discourage people from playing?
- How much revenue are we sacrificing (cart path fees vs. cart rentals)?

I would like all members, but particularly private cart owners, to think about this. We will call a meeting sometime this summer to discuss and get input.

Another issue that seems to get very controversial is Food & Beverage service:

- What is an appropriate menu for this facility?
- What should our hours of service be?
- When should a beverage cart be on the course?

Somehow, lost in all this noise and criticism I hear, is the fact that we have a golf course that is second to none and is very reasonably priced. I will refer you back to the stated purpose of our society.

I would like to thank Randy, Wade, and all of their staff for their continued good work. I would also like to thank our executive members who continue to make good decisions on your behalf.

Yours truly,
Bonnyville Golf & Country Club

Maurice Mercier

Maurice Mercier, President