
KENOGAMISIS GOLF CLUB NEWS



MAY 2020

With the anticipation of the course opening up May 30th, we can finally look forward to dusting off the clubs and heading out to the links...however, under Covid-19 expectations.

The clubhouse power, heat and water have been turned on. The Clubhouse staff will be in this week doing training and getting the clubhouse ready. Mari Mannisto has been hired as the Clubhouse Supervisor. Vicki Taphorn, Irene Marszowski and Markus Luomala will be staffing the pro shop. We are still looking for one additional halftime worker to fill out our staffing complement.

Currently, we have no one operating the Canteen/Kitchen to supply food services for the season. We are arranging for sandwiches and other food products to be available as "Grab and Go" for now. Covid-19 protocols restrict any sit down services in the Clubhouse at this time..

The course has had some challenges over the winter season in addition to the late start by our course staff due to Covid-19 restrictions. Number 4 green continues to be an issue for us. Jay Bailey and Mike Gillis have been working for a couple of weeks preparing equipment and the course for use this season. Adam Rodak has also returned as part of our initial skeleton crew. Les Kristjanson and Clutch Copetti began work Monday May 25th and Les Barrett will continue to help out with the mechanical repairs. Katrina Cormier is expected to return in early June under the Metis Nation of Ontario work program. We are waiting to hear about possible wage subsidies for some other possible employees. Overall, our course workers are doing their best to get the course in playing shape despite all the delays and restrictions.

Greenstone Gold will not be doing any work on the course this year. As you may be aware, the two primary stakeholders are currently in a legal battle in the courts. The Furber 9 will be open for now but the Board will review the feasibility of keeping it open under the current financial restraints associated with Covid-19. The Board had discussed options of putting some work into the Furber 9 fairways, as well as additional work on the Thompson 9. However, all dollars are tight with basic maintenance being the priority for this season.

Currently, the status of all remaining tournaments and league play is uncertain. Golf 4 Gold and the Senior Invitational have been postponed/cancelled for now, with decisions on future tournaments to be made in the near future. Large group gatherings are still restricted making it difficult to host these events. We are willing to work with the Men's and Ladies Leagues in devising plans on how the leagues could possibly operate under the current Covid-19 restrictions. At present no one who has volunteered to be the Chair of the Men's club. Hector Vincent looked after men's nights last season however he and Agnes are making the move to Southern Ontario – we wish them all the best and thank them for the work they put in over the years at the club.

This will be a challenging year for all of us as we try to work our way through all the Covid-19 expectations and restrictions in regards to golf. More information will be forwarded to you soon. The fact that we can golf is a positive thing for all of us. We must all do our best to adhere to the expected guidelines that allow us to be open this season. It would be unfortunate to have to close down because the policies and expectations were not adhered to.

See you hopefully at the club in the near future....from a distance!

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