

HURONSAUGA GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

June 2021



COVID AND GOLFING

We were set to have our first scheduled game on June 3rd as per lockdown rules and then excited when the golf courses actually opened earlier than expected. Our first game of the 2021 season was played at Centennial golf course on May 26th, followed by Granite Ridge on the 28th and the following week at Peel Village June 1st. Centennial and Granite Ridge had a low number of participants, maybe due to hesitation with the lockdown; we're hoping that as more people are vaccinated and the health officials give the go-ahead, we see more members out enjoying the game together.

RAIN / HEAT POLICY

Rules of the club state that play will go on rain or shine. Keep in mind that it could be raining at your home but dry and sunny at the golf course. This was the case in point with two recent games: Oakville 18 on June 3rd and Derrydale June 8th. On both days the weather was not looking great but quite a few of us were able to play the whole game without getting rained on.

In previous years the expectation was that every member who had a tee off booked should show up on that day. Showing up ensured that the game would be counted towards the 12-game minimum expected of each member throughout the season. Due to covid restrictions this rule is not being enforced; however, as a club, we make a commitment to each course we sign a contract with for how many players will sign up. There is usually a minimum of 24 players. If we do not fill those spots or show up on the day the club has lost revenue. If this continues to be the case, we may not be able to have block bookings with courses in the future.

- **The expectation is that members who sign up are expected to show up on game day. The game will be played unless the course calls it.**
- **If high temperatures and humidity are forecasted and a heat alert is announced, please notify the coordinator 48 hours in advance if you cannot play.**
- **Members should not call the golf course to cancel.**
- **If, for any reason other than the weather, a member needs to cancel, they should inform the coordinator as soon as possible, but within 24 hours of game day.**

NEW MEMBERS

We now have 102 members, with 9 new members since our last newsletter. Please welcome our new members:

Carol and Sandy Chu

Indra and Robert McNair

Joan and Robert Nicholson

Maureen Paolozzi

Joan and Doug Stroud

SIGNING UP TO PLAY

A reminder for signing up to play. Members can send an email to the course coordinator beginning two weeks prior to the date to reserve a tee-off. If you have other members you wish to be part of your foursome (or twosome) then provide these names in the email. Each member is required to send an email to the coordinator. The course coordinator will email final tee times approximately 4 days prior to the date to all players.

Also, **don't forget to include in the request whether you intend to walk, ride solo or share a cart.**

PACE OF PLAY

It is very important to keep play moving. Please follow the guidelines below:

- ✓ Pick up your ball after double par and proceed to the next hole (Check the Par rating on the golf course's official scorecard)
- ✓ Play "Ready Golf" at all times, even on the greens.
- ✓ After hitting, each player should return to their clubs and be ready to proceed to their ball.
- ✓ Try to anticipate which club will be used as you approach the ball (plan your shot and select your club)
- ✓ Limit yourself to one practise swing.
- ✓ Do not spend more than 2 minutes per group per hole looking for a lost ball.
- ✓ Leave the green as quickly as possible to avoid delaying the players waiting to approach
- ✓ Compute your score and mark up your scorecard on the next tee (not on the green you have just played)
- ✓ If the club is dissatisfied with our pace of play, we run the risk of them not booking us next year.



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SOCIAL ACTIVITIES/TOURNAMENTS

Covid restrictions currently will not allow for fun / social days. This may be updated if/when situations change.

With the very latest move to Step one of the road map, we are hoping that soon we will be able to socialize on the patio after a game. Wouldn't that be nice?!

- We have a tournament planned for Tuesday, September 21st at Oakville Executive.
- Our year-end banquet is reserved for October 15th at Noble Hall in Oakville. More details will be shared closer to the date.

Who would ever have thought we'd have a 2nd summer with Covid but yet, here we are? We just need to make the best of the current situation and get through this together... and we will!!! Forget all our troubles on the golf course!

If you have any additional questions, please send an email to huronsaugagc@gmail.com