



## E-Newsletter Volume 1

This is the first of many communications that the Board of Directors and the staff of The Lakes Golf Club will be providing to its members and guests as a means of providing information that will make your visit to the course more enjoyable. Graham Cooke has designed a golf course that is already being compared to the best not only in the region but also in the country. Whether you are a shareholder, an annual player or a daily guest it is the intention of everyone at The Lakes at Ben Eoin to make your visit memorable. It is with this in mind that we are using this medium to provide you with a series of hints and suggestions that will make each visit both easier and more enjoyable.

### *Booking Tee Times*

Many of you have already created your profile electronically in order to book times via our website. If you haven't and wish to just connect to our site at [www.thelakesgolfclub.ca](http://www.thelakesgolfclub.ca) and follow the easy instructions. For those who prefer to book by telephone we are presently investigating ways to make that process more efficient.

When you do book times please be aware that our staff will need to know how many will be in your group so that tee times can be utilized more effectively. For this reason it is important that golfers check in at the Pro Shop before teeing off.

If for any reason you are unable to use the time that you booked it is essential that you notify the Pro Shop as early as possible so that the time can be made available to other members or guests.

### *Golf Carts*

A new feature that will make your visit safer for both you and the golf course has just been added to our fleet of new golf carts. All of our carts have been loaded with a GPS feature that controls not only the speed of the cart on some of our steeper surfaces but also prevents the cart from accidentally driving over or into fragile areas such as wetlands or greens.

As you approach these areas the cart will automatically slow down and will actually stop before you reach the 'no-drive' zone. You can put the cart in reverse and move out of this zone or, if you have already gotten too close to

the area you may have to contact the Pro Shop to have your cart restarted.

As we are sure you can appreciate The Lakes is still new and fragile and care must be taken to ensure that no unnecessary damage occurs to your golf course.

#### *Pin Placements*

In following the lead of most championship golf courses The Lakes will provide information on the pin placements for each green on its scorecard. Each morning the maintenance staff will place a number from one to three on the sign next to Number One Tee. This number will indicate the pin placement for each hole that appears on your scorecard. The starter will be instructed to advise each group as they tee off.

#### *Driving Range*

For the benefit of its members and guests The Lakes maintains a practice and warm-up range just beyond the Service Building that presently houses the Pro Shop. A yearly membership and a range pass are available as well as small and large baskets of balls for the nominal price of \$4.00 and \$6.00. For the first part of the year those using the range are asked to hit off the hi-tech mat that has been installed. When the rest of the teeing area has grown in members and guests will alternate surfaces.

#### *Food Services*

The Lakes has been very fortunate in attracting Sara Salter as our Food and Beverage

Manager. Sara comes to us with an exceptional background in providing a top quality product to discerning diners. The new menu is limited but varied and offers a choice of items sure to please the hungry golfer.

#### *Maintenance Highlights*

- All greens have been top-dressed twice
- Front Nine bluegrass and fescue has been sprayed for weeds
- Complete course has been fertilized with slow release fertilizer
- Greens have been cut to 0.150"
- This week the Back Nine will be sprayed for weeds
- Greens will be verticut and rolled

#### *Upcoming Events*

4-Person Scramble scheduled for Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. **Sold Out**

Ladies Evening starts Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>

Men's Invitational – June 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>

Junior Invitational – June 30<sup>th</sup>

Member/Guest Theme Night – July 2<sup>nd</sup>

Ladies Invitational – July 7<sup>th</sup>

Grand Opening Event – July 14<sup>th</sup>