

The Lakes Golf Club at Ben Eoin Cape Breton Island

A Welcome Addition to the NS Golf Community



If you superimpose a compass rose over the island of Cape Breton, there are superb golf courses at the southern, western, and northern points of the compass, as well as in the centre. When The Lakes Golf Club, located in East Bay (a convenient 15 minutes from Sydney), opens in May 2010, there will be an exciting new, five star course located on the Island's eastern compass point.

Extreme weather in late 2008 and early 2009 put plans to open the course behind schedule but, like a fine wine, the course needed some time to mature and, when it opens next spring, golfers will appreciate the time the developers took to allow this to happen.

"It has been a blessing in disguise," The Lakes' Pro/Manager Jason Sweeney says. "We

would not compromise the end product by opening too soon and the extra time has allowed the turf to mature and our staff to put the finishing touches on the project. We are planning to have an October open house as

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well as a shareholder's day before the season ends but no daily fee play until spring 2010."

When it opens, golfers will find a course designed by Graham Cooke, featuring his traditional minimalist approach, shaping the course to fit its spectacular surroundings. As Nova Scotia golfer's know, Cooke's genius has been at play in the design of Fox Harb'r and Glen Arbour, and in the redesign of Highlands Links. His latest masterpiece boasts tranquility with a variety of golf holes that will take your breath away. The magnificence of the Bras D'or Lakes, the harmony of eagles soaring above, calmness of the meandering brooks, and the bold rock outcroppings will deliver

an outstanding golf experience. And if some of the golf shots quicken your pulse, the serenity of the surroundings should help to calm you down.

The views from the upper plateaus will be

particularly spectacular. On a clear day, the Bras D'Or Lakes, all the way to West Bay, will form the vista. When it comes to the course's signature holes, Sweeney points to holes #5, #6, #17, and #18 to be particularly memorable especially when it comes to their views.

"Hole #6 will become one of The Lakes' signature holes. With a panoramic view of the lake and surrounding area and the tees 100+ feet above the fairway and green, it will be a highlight of many golfer's rounds. It is the first of two driveable Par 4's on the course and we think that will add some excitement to our daily play as well as our corporate events."

"Number five is another of our best holes.

It has a number of rock outcroppings, a brook intersecting the fairway, and significant elevation change between tee & fairway and fairway to green"

When you look at an aerial photo of the course, you can see how it exists in harmony with the Ski Ben Eoin facility. Sweeney is pleased with the way the ski hill and the golf course have partnered to provide a truly unique facility.

"We're very excited to see the project come to fruition." Sweeney says, "I have only been involved for a short time but many of the people that have been instrumental in this course build have worked tirelessly for many years to see this day. I am proud to say that day has come! We invite everyone to join us in the celebration of our first year in 2010."

| Tees | Yardage | Par |
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| Black | 6,973 | 72 |
| Blue | 6,605 | 72 |
| White | 6,187 | 72 |
| Green | 5,784 | 72 |
| Red | 4,969 | 72 |

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