

Redwood Meadows Members Club

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



President Nan Stevenson

Dear Fellow Members

Welcome to the start of another year of what we all hope will be great golf at Redwood Meadows. We

THE PRO SHOP

Welcome to Redwood Meadows G&CC for the 2015 season. My name is Kevin Black and I am excited to return to Alberta and especially



Kevin Black

pleased to be at Redwood. I have spent the last four years as the General Manager/Head Professional at Seven Hills G&CC on Vancouver Island. Before that I spent fifteen years as an assistant professional at Millwoods GC, Glendale GC, and

have had a much earlier opening than usual and with any help from Mother Nature we hope that will continue. Kudos to Ryan Whitney, the Course Superintendent, for the great shape the course is in and also to the Pro Shop and the Restaurant for coping so well with the mid-April opening.

The 2015 Executive is comprised of the following members:

Nan Stevenson	President
Bob Dealy	Vice-President
Gerry Hemsley	Tournament Chair
Don Ireland	Roster Book/Communications
Erik Bundgaard	Treasurer/Secretary
Terry Pawliuk	Club Captain
Gerald Jackman	Long Range Planning

The Executive has met over the winter to discuss ways that we could improve each member's experience at the Club in 2015 and in the future. We sincerely hope that you will all see the benefits of those discussions and initiatives.

The most exciting news of course, is the hiring of our new Head Golf Professional, Kevin Black, our new food and beverage operators, Brett Beninger and Greg Birrell and our new Course Superintendent, Ryan Whitney.

Kevin comes to us most recently from Port Hardy, British Columbia where he operated his own pro shop at Seven Hills Golf and Country Club. In addition Kevin is a former member of the Nationwide Tour and played at Redwood when we hosted that tournament in 2003 and 2004. We welcome Kevin's calm and accommodating manner and wish him every success. The Pro Shop looks fantastic and we are looking forward to great things from the Pro Shop this year and for many years to come.

Brett and Greg have teamed up to provide food and beverage service to Redwood. Brett has operated and continues to operate the restaurant at Lakeside Greens in Chestermere. I have heard great things about the food and the service at Lakeside and if the beginning of the season is any example we will be enjoying superb food and wines from them this year. Their staff is extremely pleasant and anxious to serve us all well.

With new service providers, there are always changes, and mostly for the better. This year there will be three ways to pay for your food and beverages at the Club. The first is to sign up for the pre-loaded card, the second is by credit or debit card

E.P.G.C.C. in Edmonton. I have always been a competitor and have spent time on various tours in including the Canadian Tour, and Gateway Tour. I had the good fortune to qualify for the 2004 Nationwide Tour event at Redwood Meadows which is where I fell in love with the course. I look forward to offering you an interesting pro shop selection with competitive prices and excellent service. Standard member discount off of already competitive prices will include the following:

15% off Clothing
10% off Shoes and Bags
5% off Club

I look forward to getting to know everyone and have confidence that our Pro Shop team will be able to help everyone enjoy their experience at Redwood Meadows.

I am proud to introduce two very experienced Associate Professionals to our team; Murray Walter and Gary Slatter. Murray has been in the golf business in Alberta for the last 20 years working as a professional at the Glendale G&CC, CC of the Hampton's, Royal Mayfair and Canyon Meadows. Murray has always been competitive in Provincial and National events and is excited to represent Redwood Meadows this season. A self-proclaimed golf pig, Murray loves to travel courses around the world with some of his favorites being Bandon Dunes and Royal Dornoch. Murray will be available to help all members with their games and reminisce about the great golf tournaments and travel.

Gary Slatter has a wealth of golf experience at private clubs and resorts around the world. He started as a Head Professional in Greece before returning to Canada to run Bayview Golf Club in Toronto after which he joined Fairmont Resorts operating numerous properties including the Bahamas and St. Andrews Scotland. Gary is a proud member of the PGA of Canada and has volunteered on numerous national and provincial boards. Always a competitor, Gary has a variety of stories from matches with and against Moe Norman. He competed in five Canadian Opens and narrowly missed earning his European Tour card with a runner up finish in the Danish Open as a Club Professional. Gary is proud to

and the third and always welcome way is by cash. There will be no charging to a Redwood account in the restaurant, the kiosk or on the course. Please do not give the servers a bad time, this is the Club policy.

Ryan Whitney comes to us from Buffalo Run where he was the course superintendent until that course was closed. So Ryan has done a great job in getting Redwood ready for this season of play and I am confident that the course will continue to improve under his supervision.

As of mid-April 8 shares have changed hands with several more possibilities in the works. We have attracted an additional 6 people to play as associates for the 2015 season. Needless to say the associate members are our potential members and we should all make sure that these people feel welcome and understand the huge benefits of being a member of such an exceptional golf course.

For those of you that do not plan to golf in the 2015 season, we remind you that you are required to make a payment of \$600.00 to the Band to ensure your share remains in good standing. Members who are delinquent in this obligation, both this year and in past years, will be subject to the delinquent balance being deducted from the proceeds of any future share sale.

Various members of the Executive have been identified on the website as responsible for specific portfolios. If you have a suggestion or complaint please check to determine which Executive member you should direct your comments to and collectively the Executive will do its best to address your comments and concerns.

For this year we will continue to use the IvNet system for booking and you can expect to receive up- dates on Club activities from Don Ireland through Constant Contact or by clicking the Members button on the website. Constant Contact was a system that was implemented a couple of years ago and allows the Members Club, the Pro Shop and the Restaurant to all have the same member information.

Since so much of our communication is by email, it is essential that you ensure that we have your correct email address. If you have changes to your email address please forward to membersclub@redwoodmeadows.com Alternatively you can change it yourself if you follow the instructions on your Constant Contact emails.

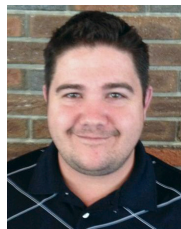
If you have questions, ideas or would like to volunteer some of your time to one of any of our golfing events, please feel free to contact us. I look forward to seeing you all on our great golf course during this season.

Nan Stevenson

join us at Redwood and excited to help and play with all of the members.

Kevin Black
Head Professional

THE POINT - RESTAURANT



Greg Birrell

We have really enjoyed getting to know all the great members of the club over the past few weeks. Thank you to everyone that took the time to fill out their 2015 account form and have come in to pick up their charge cards. So far the new system is working great and overall the feedback has been the same. We have spent the past few weeks learning some of the trends of the club and what the members like as well as what they're looking for.

-Weekly Specials-

Monday - \$21.99 Steak sandwich and 20 oz draft beer

Tuesday - \$1 off wine and \$13.99 Ladies night special

Wednesday - \$4.99 20oz draft beer and \$14.99 Men's night special

Thursday - \$3.50 12oz draft beer and \$2.99 coconut Prawn Tacos

2015 President
Redwood Meadows Members Club

New Access to Member's Website

www.redwoodmembers.ca

ID: GolfRedwood

Password: golf2015

Access is also available from
Redwood Meadows website.

Quick Links

www.redwoodmeadows.ca
(Members Club Website).

www.redwoodmeadows.com
(Redwood Meadows Golf & CC website)

Email:
membersclub@redwoodmeadows.com

[Join Our Mailing List!](#)

Kevin Black
Head Pro
Pro Shop: 403-949-3663
kevin@redwoodmeadows.com

Friday - \$49.99 butchers blocks and
2-4-1 kid's meals

Saturday & Sunday - 2-5pm Happy
hours:

\$4.99 Caesars	\$9.99 Wings
\$4.99 Highballs	\$9.99 Coconut Prawns
\$4.99 5oz glasses of wine	
\$9.99 Dry Ribs	
\$9.99 Chili Chicken	

Ladies Night Special

May 5 Cajun Chicken
Tacos

May 12 Garlic Prawn Kale
Caesar

May 19 Maple Glazed
Salmon

Men's Night Special

May 6 Naan Bread Butter
Chicken Pizza
w/Fries

May 13 Lasagna w/ Caesar
Salad

May 20 Fried Chicken

We are also working with both our Sleeman and Mill Street reps to get them out for a Wednesday over the next 3 weeks and give away a bunch of beers and prizes as well as our mission hill wine rep to stop by on a Tuesday and give away a few glasses of wine and some prizes.

We plan to have our patio set-up and rolling as soon as the weather gets a bit more consistent, but have set up a few tables in the meantime for the sunny days here and there.

Greg our GM has been working very hard trying to get the restaurant on track so that everyone can get what they're looking for an although the opening was rushed by a few weeks has been doing an amazing job. His door is always open and he loves to meet members and would probably even love to join you for a quick 9 if invited.

Let's all have a positive season in

Greg Birrell
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greg@thepointrestaurant.ca

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Paddy Big Plume:
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HOLE IN ONE CLUB 2015

MIKE MUIR - # 12 Hole, 22 April 2015
153 yds - 7 iron
His 3rd Hole in One.

MIKE SOARE - # 4 Hole, 28 April 2015
196 yds - 3 hybrid
His 1st Hole in One

CONGRATULATIONS !

MEN'S NIGHT NEWS

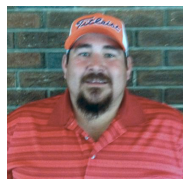
Three members of the Board, the Pro Shop, Restaurant and several members met to discuss men's night. The results will be published soon with the first men's night scheduled for May 13th. Look for a "Feature Event" men's night once per month.

Sponsorship's are being pursued so if you know anyone or a business who would like to sponsor a men's night please contact the Pro Shop.

TURF DEPARTMENT

Hello Members,
 We are well under way to a new golf season I hope winter was kind to all of you.

First off, as your new Superintendent I'd like to introduce myself. I'm Ryan Whitney, 34 years of age, married and a father to 3 boys and 1 girl. I am a dedicated family man and I enjoy spending as much time as possible with them as



Ryan Whitney

2015 and make this a long partnership of us providing Redwood Meadows with a high quality product and great service.

We are planning a Mother's Day Brunch on May 10th so be sure to book your reservation early.

Look forward to meeting all of you soon.

The Point Team

TOURNAMENT CHAIR

Well...the course is in GREAT shape (for this time of year) and I'm sure we're all itching to go !



Gerry Hemsley

The Pro Shop and Food & Beverage also appear to be well organized and set. (Woohoo !)

Just want to bring you all up to date on what is in store "tournament wise" for 2015. In keeping with my own mandate (based on your input) of giving the members what they ask for...here you go!

"MEMORIAL OPENING" Tournament - Sat. May 23 (Afternoon Shotgun)

As per last year, we will be running this as a "Pick your Partner" (2 man team event). It will be a FULL handicap event (for prizes). If you have NO friends, you can enter as a single and we will pair you up. (NOTE: You can pick your "partner" but NOT your "foursome". We've added a couple of FUN "twists" and there will be a mother-lode of skill AND draw prizes. You don't want to miss this "kick-off" !

Next up....
MATCH PLAY" - Sat. June 6 (AM Tee Times)

they grow up.

I'll start off by saying how happy and excited I am to be back here at Redwood Meadows. It has been a career goal of mine to one day be back here as the Superintendent.

Education/Experience

I received my Turf Grass Management Diploma in 2006 at Fairview collage; I started my golf career at Redwood 15 years ago when we installed the Irrigation System.

I have 15 years experience in the golf course industry. At the beginning of my golf career I worked my way up at Redwood and started off as the Irrigation Foreman in 2004. I moved into the Assistant Superintendent role in 2005. I then moved on to be the Superintendent at Buffalo Run in 2007. I was the Superintendent for 7 Years at Buffalo Run, until it's closing last year.

Course news

The golf course came out of winter in the best shape it has in years. It has given us the opportunity to focus on the rest of the course and its needs; like sand traps, dead tree removal/pruning and overall course clean up.

Course Projects

1. I have lined up a tree spade we will be transplanting a few trees around #17 green also a few tee boxes #18,17,12.
2. Range facelift re-sod the back range tee and the big target green in the middle of the range, fill in trench lines.
3. Upgrading Fuel tanks at the maintenance yard.
4. Constructing a pad for our topdressing sand & Bunker sand (removing it from clubhouse parking lot)

Thank you and I hope we have a fantastic golf season ahead of us.

**Ryan Whitney
Superintendent
Redwood Meadows G&CC**

COMMUNICATIONS

Everyone loves match play, but 99 % agree it is a "pain in the butt" to schedule matches and drags on incessantly. So... we have "tweaked" last year's successful format which will continue to condense everything into 2 weekends and no need for ANYONE to have to "schedule" any matches.

Saturday, June 6 will be the "Qualification Round" (medal/stroke play based on NET scores). The top 24 finishers will then be divided into 3 Flights (according to index / handicap) and proceed on to the Match Play portion in a single knock-out event. Semi -Final matches will occur Sunday, June 7 followed by the Quarter- Finals on Sat. June 20 and then the Championship Finals on Sunday, June 21.

OTHER INTERESTING / IMPORTANT INFO:

Over the off-season we did an exhaustive study and analysis (over the last 5 years) of the (MENS) yearly membership AND actual tournament entries. In every single year (and tournament), the results were virtually identical. Both our overall membership AND tournament entries fall into the following 4 categories: (ACTUAL results vary +/- 1 %)

Handicap	Membership	Tourney Entries
0-8	23%	26%
9-12	24%	23%
13-16	27%	28%
17 & Over	26%	23%

Thus we will be running most tournaments with 4 "Flights" (based on the above results) in order to make things as fair & equitable as possible for all participants. We will also be designating 4 "appropriate" tee boxes in order to maintain a good "pace of play".

In closing...I would like to say "THANKS" to everyone who agreed to help this year as "Tournament Organizers and Assistants". Hope to see you all soon... at the "Memorial Opening ". (Registration is now open on the website !)

If you have any questions or suggestions you can respond to our Board Members by sending an email to:



Don Ireland

membersclub@redwoodmeadows.com

I monitor this on a daily basis and will forward any emails to the appropriate Board Member.

The communications via email for our membership is managed through Constant Contact. This allows the sending of mass emails which in turns enables our membership to stay in touch. The system is updated annually every spring with the registrations sheets submitted to Paddy Big Plume. I am initiating a new feature this year, which will allow the member to change his/her: Email Address or Phone number within the system and instantly updated in Constant Contact. Simply click on the link at the bottom of every email sent entitled: "Update Profile / Email Address" and follow the instructions sent to you. It's quick and easy.

Another feature that was utilized for the men's club last year was the registration and payment of tournaments. This greatly reduced the amount of work required when organizing a tournament. Thank you to Eric Bundgaard for organizing this on Constant Contact.

When members submit a different email address with their tournament registration it will generate a new profile and you will then start to receive the emails twice. I monitored this last year and removed the duplicate email address when required. However, it would be much easier if each member used "one" email address for annual registration and tournament registration. If you need to change your email it can be done as described above with the link at the bottom of every email sent by Constant Contact.

PLEASE NOTE THE "NEW MEMBERS CLUB WEBSITE"

www.redwoodmembers.ca

User ID and Password are noted above.

Don Ireland

SENIOR MEN'S CLUB

Once again, we are pleased to welcome back our returning Senior Members for the 2015 Season. Also, new Senior Members and those reaching 55 this year are invited to participate in the senior men's snips and

LADIES CLUB

Welcome to the 2015 Golf Season. The one word to describe this year so far is NEW. New Golf Pro, New Restaurant, New Course Superintendent, New Members Area Website.



Verna Wallace

Amazing that we are going to start so early this year.

The purpose of the Ladies Club is to provide opportunities and venues for Redwood Ladies to golf for fun, friendly competition and tournament competition with Redwood Ladies and/or other local lady golfers. Our Ladies Club Executive, Interclub and Tournament Organizers hope that you will enjoy the events and activities that we have planned for this year.

The signups for Calgary Hospitality and Match Play Sections (CHAMPS), Country Interclub and Senior Ladies Interclub (SLIC) as well as our Match Play for Day Ladies and Business Ladies is well underway. If you did not receive an e-mail requesting your participation in these Inter-clubs please send a note to ladiesclub@redwoodmembers.ca and it will get forwarded to the correct person. They will then ensure that you get the notifications.

The Business Ladies Inter-Club (BLIC) sign up is via a Saturday Ladies binder that is located in the Ladies Locker Room. Please register for BLIC there.

The "redesigned" Members Website has a Ladies Events area. This area is divided into many sections for Ladies -General, Ladies - Executive, Ladies (Tuesday), Ladies (Business), Ladies (Special Events), and Ladies Inter-Clubs. Please check there for information on any of the above.

As well the Members Website has a Tournaments section. Ladies Tournaments will use the same signup process as the other tournaments are using. There will be a link in the Tournaments section to sign up for a

inter-club. There is a \$10.00 registration fee to cover costs.

Those wishing to also compete in senior inter-club should contact one of the organizers. The senior inter-club is a home & away series, typically on Wednesday teeing off at 8:30 am.



Gary Boucher

Participants must appreciate the effort it takes to organize matches and are expected to play both dates assigned to them. Note that there may be more seniors than matches available. The

Senior Inter-club this year will be organized by Gary Boucher and Stan McDougall.

The Tuesday snips require a \$5.00 prize fee for each day played and will be organized by Erik Bundgaard and Abe Rempel.

The opening meeting of seniors is set for May 5th at 11:00 am at the clubhouse. "Rookies" wishing to join us should forward an email address to one of those listed below; or simply attend the meeting.

Please let others know about the meeting, especially those now eligible to play with the senior group.

Seniors may request club labels with name and phone number at no additional cost. A sign up list will be available at the meeting or contact one of the committee members. An email has already been sent to the senior members advising them of this information.

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Abe Rempel	403 932 3201	ajrempe@telusplanet.net
Gary Boucher	403 249 3622	garyboucher@shaw.ca
Stan McDougall	403 246 0474	mcdougs@telusplanet.net

Gary Boucher
Senior Men's Representative

PRO SHOP STAFF

specific tournament. You may then pay via credit card, PayPal or cheque. The cheque may be dropped into locker #94 in the Ladies Locker Room. The credit card or PayPal payment will be processed through the Tournament signup online. All registration regardless of payment method must go through the on line process.

The Event Calendar (there is a link on the bottom of the Home Page of the website) replaces the Ladies Calendar and is a visual of all the tournaments and Inter-clubs that Redwood is involved in.

Verna Wallace

TREASURER

The Redwood Meadows Members Club (RMMC) has its dues included upon the golf course's annual application form. These mandatory dues



Erik Bundgaard

are collected from all Initiated Members, spouses, Intermediate and Associate Members. Juniors also pay dues; albeit, at a lesser rate.

The dues are used to defray the cost of certain services for the membership. The primary expenditures are: (i) Association fees (RCGA, AGA, CGA, CLGA) which mostly fund the handicap system; (ii) Ivrnet, the tee-time booking system; and, (iii) tournament subsidies (Men & Ladies). Other lesser items include Hole-in-One payouts, liability insurance, professional fees and administrative costs deemed appropriate by our volunteer Executive.

The RMMC also maintains a small reserve of funds which have been used to upgrade or fund projects which otherwise might be delayed or are not included in the Club's operating budget.

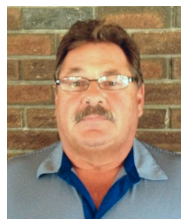


Gary Slatter



Murray Walter

CLUB CAPTAIN



Terry Pawliuk

Well it's that time of year again when the snow melts and all the golfers start heading to the golf stores to see all the new shiny equipment and wonder, will this work for me? I myself have managed to struggle through the months of Feb. and March down in Palm Springs; I know you understand how tough it was. Enough about my hardships.

First of all I would like to introduce myself, I have been a member of Redwood Meadows for 25 years and recently retired and you know what that means, it means I have been invited to be on the board of directors for the members club as club captain.

What I would really like to say is welcome back to all the members and welcome to all the new members. As

Erik Bundgaard

LONG RANGE PLANNING

The Redwood Meadows Golf and Country Club (RMGCC) Board Executive



Gerald Jackman

believe that the Club would benefit from and through facilitation of Long-Term Planning (LTP) discussions.

The nature of LTP here is the simple aspiration to influence the long-term evolution of the RMGCC as a whole.

The RMGCC is made up of three key Stakeholder groups; the Course Owners (The Nation), Business Partners (The Pro Shop and Food/Beverage) and it's Members. As you likely know already, the Board Executive represents the members, plus at times the Executive are asked to voice announcements of the Course Owners or their Business Partners.

The Board Executive's desire is to address specific areas for LTP and strike Committees for the following areas:

- Board Executive, Committee and Member Governance
- Membership Development
- Course Restoration, Enhancement/Development
- Building Structures/Asset Enhancement and Development
- Pro-Shop Enhancement/Development
- Food & Beverage Enhancement/Development
- Tournament Enhancement/Development
- Technology

we anticipate the opening of the golf course we as members need to acknowledge what it takes to have a great golf course. Welcome the new member's, support the restaurant and pro shop, acknowledge greens crews for the work they do and support the tournaments, show respect for all golf course employees, but most of all have fun. [Oh yeah, enter your scores.](#)

I expect it to be an exciting year with our new golf pro and his staff and new restaurant management and new heads greens keeper. And for that shiny stuff it might be a good idea to take a lesson first it can be far cheaper.

Terry Pawliuk

Enhancement/Development

LTP general discussions are just starting, thus it is far too early at this stage to determine timelines, makeup of committee's or outcomes.

Your point of view is important to the Stakeholder Groups; you are encouraged to express it. If you have suggestions regarding LTP then please describe your recommendations and what the value is to all three Stakeholder Groups. Email them to: gjackman11@shaw.ca

Let's collectively work towards having a vibrant, successful, world-class golf course that brings value to all Stakeholder Groups. If you have questions, please just ask.

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