



BIG CEDAR NEWS – JUNE 2018

"The only sure rule in golf is he who has the fastest cart never has to play the bad lie." – Mickey Mantle

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PRESIDENT, OFFICE MANAGER AND DIRECTORS

With Doug Warrington stepping away from the President's position after six years of outstanding service, the job now falls to Jeff Mackie. A board member since 2012, Jeff has always been a force for innovation and improvement. We look forward to Jeff's ongoing leadership as we continue to look for ways to make our club stronger.

Our other big change is the addition of Mike Dane to our staff.



With Mike Jackson moving on to pursue other opportunities, we had a big hole to fill. We created the new role of Office Manager and carefully evaluated prospective candidates. Mike was the clear choice of the Board.

Mike knows our club well, having spent many hours here as a junior player. He later attended Lenoir-Rhyne University on a golf scholarship and received a BA in Sports Management. His enthusiasm, friendly disposition and knowledge of the game combine to make him a very welcome addition to our club.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At the Annual General Meeting held on February 25, shareholders determined the composition of our Board of Directors. Darryl Lynch, Terry Haviland, and Don Bathgate had completed their two-year terms. They offered to stand for re-election and were confirmed by the shareholders. With Don Gillespie opting not to stand again, Michael Gallagher was elected to the vacant position.

After Doug Warrington decided to step away as President, the Board appointed Rod Chapman to complete Doug's term. Doug remains on the Board as Past President, an ex officio position.

With these changes in place, your current Board is as follows:

Jeff Mackie – President
Terry Haviland – Vice President
Shelley McKee – Treasurer
Darryl Lynch – Secretary
Bill Docherty – Outside Chair
Rod Chapman – Chair, Social Events
Don Bathgate – Co-Chair Membership
Michael Gallagher – Co-Chair Membership
Doug Warrington – Past President

Shelley McKee and Rod Chapman will also serve as Ladies' and Men's captains respectively.

SPRING SHOOTOUT HELD ON MAY 12

The annual spring shootout took place on May 12. For those not familiar with the shootout, it is an elimination event that is open to all members and is suitable for all skill levels.

Players are grouped by gender and according to their handicap. Each group starts off with up to ten players who proceed to an assigned starting tee box.

The person with the highest score for that hole is eliminated from the competition and the remaining nine players proceed to the next hole. If two or more players are tied for the highest score, a chip-off determines the outcome. This process is completed until only two golfers are left to playoff on the final hole.

In the Men's A category A.J. Johnson and Mike Dane ended up in the final pairing with A.J. coming out on top. On the Ladies' side, there was a single category with Laura Lee Moffat and Mary Moncrief finishing one-two.

Other results on the Men's side were as follows:

B Winner – Ken Gionette
B Runner Up – Tom Mills
C Winner – Brian Sametz
C Runner Up – Darren Lynch

HELP WITH MEMBERSHIP – INVITE A FRIEND FOR A ROUND

Whether you talk about course conditions, club atmosphere, or pricing, most of us agree that you will have to look long and hard to find better value than Big Cedar.

That being said, we really do need to boost our membership and green fee revenues to keep our club operating to the standards that we want to maintain.

You can do a number of things to help out. First and foremost, please do your best to promote the club among your friends and neighbours. With our clubhouse a bit off the beaten track, not everyone in the community even knows where we are located.

When you talk to people who are interested, please consider inviting them down for a round. We can help out by offering complementary passes - just call the club and ask to speak with Mike. We just ask that you keep to the spirit of the offer and limit requests to people who you feel are potential new members or customers.

We also know that we need to find ways to make our club better known in the community. Better road signage will help and Tim Conroy has stepped up to work with the Town to move this initiative forward.

BIG CEDAR WEB SITE

Thanks to a federal government job grant, we have been able to add three additional staff this summer. Two of these people will be helping out with clubhouse maintenance tasks and a third - Jasmine Armstrong – is a media intern who was brought on to help with marketing initiatives.

Jasmine has focused to date on reworking our web site, improving inside signage and upgrading our presence on social media (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram). If you have accounts on any of these platforms, you can help promote the club by looking for opportunities to share, re-tweet, etc.

WASHROOM DOORS

Everyone seems to appreciate our bright, new outside washrooms.

We have one little problem though – people sometimes forget to close the doors firmly and this has led to damage during windy days.

To avoid problems in the future, please make sure that the doors are firmly closed when you exit the building.

PRESIDENT'S CUP SIGNUP

The President's Cup is a match-play event that dates back to 1937! It is open to all members. Scoring in match play scoring consists of individual holes won, halved or lost.

The captains create brackets with comparable handicaps. You are matched with another golfer and negotiate a time to complete a match-play game prior to a set date.

Winners move on to the next bracket. If you lose your first game, you go to a consolation round. After that point however, only winners progress further.

It generally takes four games to progress through to a winner and the process extends through the summer.

Sign up closes on June 24. Be sure to get your name on the list that is posted on the bulletin board.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July will be a busy month for club events.

On July 7, we will hold our second "Ryder Cup" of the season. In this fun event, we divide the field into two fairly matched teams – Team Red and Team Blue. Eight players play together at each hole – a Red Team foursome and a Blue Team foursome.

The teams face off in scramble format using match play rules. There is always lots of razzing and friendly competition. Because

teams are matched against teams with similar skill levels, this event works great for everyone. It is always a lot of fun. Keep an eye open for the sign up sheet and get your name up early.

The following weekend – July 13 and 14 – we have the Couple's Championship (Friday evening) and the Parent-Child Tournament (Saturday).

Don't read too much into the titles though. For the Couple's tournament, you can either find a partner of the opposite gender or put your name on the sign up sheet as a single indicating that you are interested in playing.

Ditto for the Parent-Child. We have lots of retired members who are playing on the child side of the pairing! If you wish to bring your grandchild, a niece or a friend's son as your partner, that's fine as well.

On July 21-22, we have the Big Cedar Classic. The Big Cedar Classic is a long-standing tradition dating back over seventy years. Players of all skill levels participate and have a chance to take home that coveted net winner title!

This is a two-day event. We have a shotgun start so that you know your time commitment at sign-up.

The club supplies lunch on Saturday. On Sunday, the club supplies the meat but we ask the ladies to bring a salad or desert. Men are asked to bring a prize on Sunday.