



BIG CEDAR NEWS – MAY 2016

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Our very popular membership special continues to bring new faces to our club. A strong membership base is the key to keeping our club healthy. Please make every effort to make our new members feel welcome and encourage them to participate in club activities.

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEER CLEAN-UP CREW

That ice storm that hit us in late March left quite a mess behind. Luckily, a great group of volunteers got together over a two-day period to clean things up. Other members helped get the clubhouse spick and span for the wine and cheese and looked after some other pre-opening tasks.

Our thanks go to Theo Griffin, Gary Monette, Rod Chapman, Bruce Spiers, Don Bathgate, Jeff Wood, Bob Therault, and Bill Docherty.

BIG CEDAR AT SUMMERFEST

For the first time, Big Cedar will have a booth at the Innisfil Summerfest, which will run June 10-12 at Innisfil Beach Park.

We will use this event to help promote our club and continue to build our membership base – something that is essential to our financial health.

Your club does need volunteers however to work the booth – answering questions, giving out prizes, helping to run contests, etc. The

booth will operate during the following hours: Friday - 5 PM until dusk, Saturday – 10 AM until dusk, and Sunday – 10 AM until 5 PM.

Please have a look at your schedules and see if you can spare a couple of hours during any of those periods. You can of course stick around to see the sights, enjoy the music and take the kids to the rides.

Jeff Mackie is leading this initiative. If you can help out, please either speak to Jeff directly or pass it on to Mike and any of the Board members.

CAPTAIN'S CORNER – BOB THERAULT

Welcome to the 2016 season! No doubt when you read this, you will have played a number of rounds. Roberta and I are honoured to be re-appointed as your club captains! Together, we will do our best to keep the tournaments running smoothly and to promote the game of golf at Big Cedar.

Big Cedar operates several tournaments that are open only to club members. We have many members who are new to the club and may not be fully aware of how these tournaments operate and how they can participate.

Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board. All of the events use handicap ratings and everyone can participate and have a chance to win.

Here is a brief description of the events:

Spring /Fall Shootout

These are elimination events grouped by handicap. Up to ten players tee off the on the first hole and one player is eliminated on each hole. When they get to the final tee box, two players remain standing to compete for the title. The entry fee is \$10 and the resulting pot goes to the winner.

Our 2016 spring shootout was held on May 7. In the men's competition, Wayne Crawford, Tom Mills and John Stam took the A, B, and C groups respectively while Lauralee Moffat prevailed among the ladies.

Our fall shootout is slated for October 8 – be sure to mark it down on your schedule!

President's Cup

The President's Cup is a match-play event that dates all the way back to 1937!

Members who sign up for this competition are grouped according to their handicaps. The captains create brackets that match you with another golfer. The two people then negotiate a time to complete their match-play game prior to a set date.

The winner moves 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 for the event closes on June 1.

Big Cedar Classic

The Big Cedar Classic is a long-standing tradition. This two-day event dates back over seventy years and will run this year on July 2-3. Players of all skill levels participate and have a chance to take home that coveted net winner title!

Both days use a shotgun start so that you will know your time commitment at sign-up. The

cost is only \$10 and if you enjoy playing for skins, you can throw in an additional \$5.

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.

Be sure to keep an eye open on the bulletin board to sign up for this fun event!

Big Cedar Club Championship

Like the Classic, the Club Championship also has a long tradition at Big Cedar. It is a one-day event that will take place on July 23.

One difference from the Classic is that there are separate categories for seniors and juniors.

Team Match Play

This is a very popular team event that only started a few years ago. We often refer to it as our "Ryder Cup"! It originally was a challenge between Big Cedar and Harbourview. It went over so well that we decided to make it an in-house tournament that we hold twice per year.

The captains will assign you to either the blue team or the red team – and you are expected to wear matching shirts! They will then set you up with another foursome for match play. For the first six holes, you play alternate shot, the middle six is best ball, and the final six is scramble.

Our first match-play event will be on July 9 and the second one will be August 13. We call the August one our Steak and Beans tournament. The name comes from the prizes – winners get a steak supper while the runner-ups get beans!

These events are a lot of fun and very popular. It fills up fast - be sure to get your name down early on the sign-up sheet. The cost is only \$10!

Two Person Scramble

This handicapped tournament generally runs in the fall although we have not yet set a date for

this year. You also have the option to play for skins.

Big Cedar is eighty-five years old this year and we have a great history. The late Gord Mitchell put together an interesting overview. Please ask myself, Mike or Darryl if you are interested in getting a copy (we will also put one on our website further down the road).

Thanks to Roy Bridge for helping me to get the ages for a couple of tournaments, and to Mary Saint for providing her insight.

Have a great year on the links. I look forward to seeing you out there. Welcome to our newer members. If you have any questions, just ask any staff member and they will point you in the right direction!

RIP Gord.

DONATIONS FROM LEAGUES

Our Thursday Senior's and Wednesday Men's leagues once again provided generous donations to the club in 2015.

How did we use those funds? You have likely noticed that we replaced those clunky old towel dispensers in our washrooms with modern hot-air dryers.

These high-end units effectively dry your hands in about twelve seconds. In addition to saving about \$500 per year in paper towels, they help keep the washrooms tidy and avoid the nuisance of jammed dispensers. Thanks to Jeff Mackie and Don Gillespie for their work in installing them.

Thanks again to the league organizers and the league membership for their support.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Big Cedar held its annual general meeting of shareholders on February 21. Thirty-three shareholders attended.

Current Board members are now Doug Warrington (President), Jeff Mackie (Vice-President), Terry Haviland (Treasurer), Darryl Lynch (Secretary), Bill Docherty (Outside Chair), Don Gillespie (Inside Chair), Shelley McKee, and Don Bathgate.

Roberta Anderson and Bob Therault were also re-appointed as club captains.

NEW WEBSITE

Have a look at our new website. It has the same address as the old one but uses a design that makes it much easier for us to post up-to-date information.

It will remain a work-in-progress for a little while but if you have any suggestions, please pass them on to Mike or any of the directors.

LADIES JUNE DAYS

During June, a group of our ladies represent Big Cedar in the Huronia District Golf Association June Days. These will take place on consecutive Thursdays (June 2, 9, 16, and 23) at four different courses - Horseshoe, Marlwood, Shelbourne, and Hawkridge.

The \$65 - \$75 cost includes a cart and lunch. If you are interested, please approach Shelley McKee for more information.

REMEMBER TO FIX THOSE BALL MARKS

Sometimes it's not a bad idea to repeat a message - please remember to fix those ball marks so that our greens stay playable and attractive.

Using a proper ball mark repair tool, insert the prongs at the edge of the depression and gently push the edge of the ball mark toward the center. Please don't insert the tool beneath the center of the crater and use it as a lever to push the bottom of the ball mark back up even with the surface. This upward action only tears the roots and kills the grass.