

Westfield Golf & Country Club

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2009 OFFICIAL CLUB OPENING

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to invite you to attend the 2009 Official Club Opening of the Westfield Golf & Country Club on May 23rd, 2009 at 6:30 pm.



Westfield is celebrating in 2009...our Club is 90 years old! Please plan to attend the Club Opening celebration and enjoy golf fashions from the past 90 years and test your Westfield "trivia" knowledge!

Opening Dinner Menu

Cocktails at 6:30, Dinner at 7:30

Salad

Choice of Chicken (\$24.95) or Lobster (\$34.95)

Dessert, Coffee & Tea

Reservations - Call Office at 757-2250

Specify your choice of chicken/lobster when you reserve
(Reserve early as this club event is not to be missed)

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President's Message by Heather Shuve

The golf season is now officially underway for 2009! We are pleased to have been able to open the course to members and guests on April 30th this year with all greens in play. While general opinion among many members is the golf course is in relatively good condition for the time of year, every golfing member can contribute to maintaining the condition of the golf course, now and throughout the season. I had the pleasure of playing a few rounds under warm, sunny skies this weekend and while happy to be back in the game after a long winter, I was disappointed to see “cart tracks” in some of the wet spots on the course and large divots not being replaced. Please remember, this is your golf course and you share in the responsibility to maintain the condition of your course. Please use cart paths as much as possible, stay off the wet spots and remember to replace your divots!



This past week was a busy one at Westfield with the opening of the course on Thursday and the Semi-Annual Meeting Friday evening. We were pleased to have about 50 members attend the informative meeting and enjoy a social time re-connecting over refreshments upon adjournment at 8:30. Information presented at the meeting will be available to all members on the Club's website later this week. While there were a number of interesting presentations by Committee Chairs outlining key 2009 initiatives, there was also some lively discussion on the topic of on-course drinking water stations. After hearing the pros and cons from a number of members and the rationale by staff for the recommendation to reduce the number of water stations from five to two (re-allocation of labour to course maintenance/grooming), on a very close vote, the motion to reduce water stations on the course was passed. Drinking water will be available on the tees of 5&8 as well as 12&16. However, due to the closeness of the vote, Pat Palmer believes we may be able to add one additional water station at a location to be determined. We will be monitoring the water situation over the next month or two so if you encounter empty water coolers, please let the Office know so they can take appropriate action.

I am always amazed by the generosity and spirit of Westfield members and this past Friday evening was no exception. In celebration of the Club's 90th Birthday, Bob Whipple announced at the conclusion of the Semi-Annual Meeting that his company (R.W. Whipple) would like to sponsor a club-wide competition - \$90 Pro Shop Gift Certificate to be awarded to the Westfield member who records the most 18-hole scores of 90 from the course opening date until September 6th, 2009. This competition is open to every member and further details will be posted on the website and throughout the Club. To be eligible, just record your score on the handicap computer as usual – the score that counts in this competition is your “adjusted score”. Thank you Bob for your creative thinking and generous support to recognize the Club's 90th Birthday Celebration!

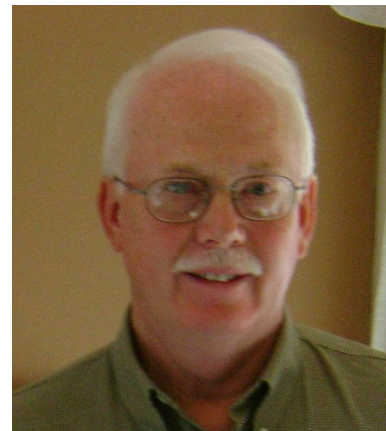
I'd like to thank all the members who showed up for the Clean Up Day on April 25 and helped to get the club and course ready for the season. Thanks as well to Pat Palmer, Marshall McMahan, Paul Marr and Lynn Worden - who along with their teams of employees put in some long hours to prepare for Opening Day. I ask for patience as staff work hard to get the inevitable wrinkles ironed out over the first few weeks of the season. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new members and welcome back to all past members!



General Manager's Report by Pat Palmer

Welcome back to Westfield for the 2009 season. You will see a number of physical changes to the Club House, Maintenance Buildings as well as a new building by the Club House. Let me give you the details.

The work on the two Maintenance Buildings was completed last fall. Both buildings were determined to be structurally sound and just needed to be renovated. As well, a major cleanup of the entire maintenance yard and surrounding area took place. Thirty years worth of junk was removed. The five (5) containers, which were stored off of the upper parking lot, were re-located to the maintenance area for storage. We are now not only able to store all of our maintenance equipment inside for the winter months, but we also were able to rent space to members for the storage of their private Power Carts.



A new Power Cart Storage Building has been built off of the upper parking lot to protect and store the 30 new Electric Club Cars that arrived two weeks ago from Augusta, Georgia. The Power Carts each have windshields and bag covers. The new building has been wired and power is now flowing to each Power Cart.

Your Clubhouse has received a thorough cleaning over the winter as well as some painting and lighting improvements. The PA System has been upgraded. Work was done on the Air Circulation System and it now works. The kitchen's Fire Suppression System needed to be brought up to code and this was done. Forty new dining room chairs were purchased to better serve members and guests. The ladies shower stalls were badly in need of repair and were renovated. All of this work was overseen by Chairman Joe Flynn and his committee of Dave Kean, Harvey Miller, Reg Gionet and Brian Biggins.

New reels were purchased for the older Greensmaster mower. This will greatly help staff provide a uniform cut on both the front and back nine greens. Two new greens covers were purchased. We now cover 16 greens each fall.

A special "Thank You" to all those that helped out last Saturday with raking, picking up leaves, branches and straw out on the golf course. A large number of juniors volunteered their time and are to be commended for getting involved in helping to make their course the best that it can be. Great Job!

UPPER PARKING LOT

The upper or back parking lot behind the Club House will serve as the Staff parking area this year. As well, there will be a couple of spots designated for club drop off and a few spaces for handicap parking. Member parking will be in the lower parking lots, facing the club, weekdays and on weekends. Members with private power carts will park in the member parking lots as well unless they have a handicap-parking sticker. With the new power cart building located off of the upper parking lot there will be much more power cart activity in this area so car access needs to be reduced for safety reasons. I would ask for your cooperation in this regard.



PACE OF PLAY

The course has hired two of our senior members to work with our Manager of Golf Services, Marshall McMahon and his assistant Steve LeBlanc to manage “Pace of Play” out on the course. The course Marshall will have full authority to keep the pace flowing in a desirable amount of time. Maintaining a proper pace of play benefits all golfers. It is important for members and green fee players to cooperate with the course Marshall.

Here are some basic pace of play guidelines for all golfers to abide by:

When there is a full hole open in front of you or the group behind is playing faster than your group, you should allow the group following to play through. If you find that you are over 5 minutes off pace but less than 10 minutes, this should be an indication you need to pick up the pace. If you are more than 10 minutes off the pace of play, the Marshall can ask you to pick up your ball and move play forward to a designated area to begin play again.

If a Course Marshall is not on the course and you encounter a “pace of play” situation during your round, call the Pro Shop at 757-2907 and someone will come out as soon as they are able to help deal with the issue.

OPENING DINNER

The Clubs’ opening dinner will take place on Saturday, May 23rd, . Board member and house chairperson, Moira Adams promises a great night. This years’ theme is “90 and Still Swinging.” Reservations can be made by calling Susan at 757-2250. Bring a Guest to Westfield

2009 Westfield Department Manager’s/Supervisors

Susan Smith	Office Manager	757-2250
Marshall McMahon	Golf Services Manager	757-2907
Steve LeBlanc	Golf Services Assistant Manager	757-2907
Warren Lingley	Back shop Supervisor	757-2907
Lynn Worden	Food Services Manager	757-2250
Debbie Johnson	Head Cook	757-2250
Anne McGinley	House and Special Event Manager	757-2250

WESTFIELD BAR SERVICE/ N.B. LIQUOR ACT

Westfield Bar Staff dispense alcoholic beverages both in the clubhouse and on the course for consumption by both members and guests. For the most part this has been seamless with very few problems. Staff have been careful to not serve someone that, in their opinion, has had too much to drink. We live in an age where there have been lawsuits brought against licensed establishments for serving liquor to individuals involved in car accidents after they have left a drinking establishment. Further, liquor licenses can be suspended and in some cases taken away and the establishment and staff person charged under the Liquor Act for failure to comply.

We have instructed all Westfield staff that alcoholic beverage service to both members and guests must be closely monitored by them and that service can be denied by a server. Please respect their decision. This protects not only the person looking for service but the server and the club. Your understanding and cooperation would be appreciated.

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BRING A GUEST TO WESTFIELD

Members may bring a guest to Westfield under the following two discount programs:

1. One free guest pass for full members valid Sundays after 2:00 p.m.
2. Two 50% off guest passes for full members valid anytime Monday to Friday, and after 2:00 p.m. on weekends and holidays.

Restricted members (Tuesday Night Ladies, Wednesday Niners, Students, Monday to Friday) receive one 50% off guest pass.

All of these passes will be handled electronically online or at the Pro-Shop. No printed passes will be issued. When booking the tee time, insert the words “50% off Guest” in place of the person’s name. During registration in the Pro Shop, the guest’s name will be recorded. The member’s name will also be recorded to confirm they have used their one opportunity to bring a complimentary guest.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE

After a very careful review of menu items from 2008 along with the income and expenses from last year it was clear that changes had to be made. Included in the review was a look at other restaurant menu’s and pricing. We have also been fortunate to now be able to use a software program that calculates food product costs that go into each food item. With this background, the 2009 daily menu still offers a great selection of breakfast, lunch and dinner selections. We will continue to offer a good variety of daily specials. Prices for 2009 have actually been reduced for some of the food and drink items. Our goal this year is to provide members and guests with “Good Value for Money” as well as quick and friendly service. We do need your business to make this work.

RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS

In addition to the reciprocal agreement with Sussex (details outlined in the membership booklet) I am pleased to announce that we have reached a reciprocal agreement with the Hampton Golf and Country Club for the 2009 season. Members from each club will be able to play each others course once during the 2009 season with the following restrictions:

- Valid only Monday – Thursday
- Not valid on Saturday’s, Sunday’s, Holidays or for Tournament Play
- Maximum number of eight players (two consecutive tee times) for any group on any occasion.
- Not in effect until both courses are open in the Spring.

Please call the Hampton Pro Shop at 832-3411 for tee times and be prepared to show your 2009 Westfield Membership card/bag tag as proof of WGCC Membership.

COURSE MAINTENANCE WORKERS

Please be aware of staff that are working out on the course while you are playing. Whenever staff are working on or around the green complexes, please wait until they have exited the green complex before you play your shot. Likewise, whenever staff are cutting grass please wait until staff are clear of your line of flight before you play a shot. Staff will make every effort to complete their work as quickly as possible so as to not impede your play. Westfield maintenance staff need to be able to work in a safe environment. Thank you for your cooperation.

FOOD & BEVERAGE CART

The Bar Cart will begin food and beverage service on Friday, May 8th on a reduced hourly schedule.

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| ➤ May 8 – 14 | Monday – Friday | 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. |
| | Saturday – Sunday | 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. |
| ➤ May 15 on | Monday – Friday | 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. |
| | Saturday – Sunday | 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. |



Ladies Association by Marilyn Evans

Spring has officially arrived and our opening Tea and Fashion Show will be May 16th at 11:30am reserve your tickets by calling the office at 757-2250.

Our Annual Spring Brunch and Fun day will be Saturday, May 23rd. The fee is \$8.00 per person. Brunch will be at 10a.m. All lady golfers welcome. Sign up sheets are in ladies locker room.

As the course is open, there will be practice sessions on Wednesday mornings, May 6th and May 13th for all lady members.

A reminder that the first Ladies Luncheon will be May 26th.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the course May 6th!

Ladies Luncheon

Tuesday, May 26th at 12:00 noon

\$12.00 (tax incl.)

**Lemon Chicken with Stuffing
Creamy Cheese & Ranch
Whipped Potatoes, Baby Carrots**

Dessert: Butterscotch Pie

Reservations: Call Office at 757-2250

Men's Match Committee by Mike Graham

Our golf season is fast approaching and your match committee is preparing for it. All of the club events have been scheduled and can be viewed on the web page.

Peter McCarthy will be chairing our MEN'S NIGHT on Wednesdays and plans are under way.

Your match committee has serious concerns about our Moosehead and Alpine match play events. Last year our matches were not all completed and this is unacceptable.

The committee has established the following rules for all match play including the club championship;

1. All matches MUST be completed by the DATES PROVIDED on the grids.
2. If a team or player is having problems arranging a match with another team or player they MUST contact the match captain for resolution of the problem.
3. A committee of three [captain and two committee members] will impose sanctions on teams or players who fail to complete matches on time. Disqualification of one or both of the teams or players involved is the most obvious sanction.

Deadline for registration for Match Play is June 1st.

No one wishes to impose penalties on others. However, I learned a long time ago that once an individual or group pays a price for failure to comply, the learning curve kicks in nicely. Golf requires availability of time. If your free time is minimal, match play may not be for you I look forward to seeing you all soon and listening to your concerns .

Check the May/June Event Calendar for golfing event



Ladies Match Committee by *Elaine Elkin*

Hurray, Hurray for the Month of May! The beginning of golf will start any day!!

On this note, Hello Ladies!! We have a few up and coming events this month and I look forward to seeing you all at our Club. The winter was long and it will be great to catch up with what everyone has been doing.

Pace of Play is our big issue this year and you will be seeing Course Marshalls. Please pay attention to them, as they are there to keep the pace and help you along the way. A couple of tips-be thinking about your next shot as you approach your ball and have your club ready. Wait until you get to the next tee before marking scores. Always try to keep pace with the group ahead of you. There should not be an open hole between you and the group ahead of you.

Sheets are posted in the Ladies locker Room. Please sign up for doubles and singles on separate sign-up sheets over and above the scheduled golf qualifying day as soon as possible. This allows us to make up the draws.

Please check the May/June Event Calendar later in the newsletter for upcoming Ladies Events.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me after 9:00am-9:00pm, if I am not at home please leave a message.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Club!!

Pro Shop Notes by *Marshall McMahon*

By the time you read this, the golf course should be open. Considering the winter, the course is in great shape. This is only the 4th time in the last 16 years that we have opened in April; let's hope the weather behaves. The pro shop is stocked and ready to go for the most part and we are still receiving new items daily.

Steve Leblanc is back as our Assistant Professional this season, while Geordie Holden has moved on to work at Nissan and will be missed, we wish him well. The smiling face of Warren Lingley is back as the senior man in the backshop while Neil Roberts will be helping out in both the proshop and backshop. The rest of our all-star lineup is Keven Steeves, Ryan Downing, and Jamie Logan along with a few yet to be determined. We are very pleased to have Meaghan Higgins back as our junior co-coordinator this season.

The club would really like to see the pace of play remain strong this year. You will notice the presence of a course marshal early and often, so be on your best behaviour. Remember it is the responsibility of all our members to maintain our standard pace of play of four hours. We would also ask power cart users to stick to the cart path whenever possible. On par 3 holes, power carts **shall** stay on the cart path at all times.

Balance is considered to be one of the fundamentals of the golf swing. If you swing as hard as you can you will not stay in balance. Make yourself hold your finish position (belly button pointing to the target). Think 80% of your power when you swing. These two things will help you swing in balance and give you more consistency. You will also expend less energy, so you will not tire as easily. Form follows function.



May-June Planner

The following provides an overview of all golf and social activities scheduled at Westfield for May and June 2009. Please refer to the website for potential changes or updates to this schedule.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
GOLF & SOCIAL EVENTS				MAY 1 SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING 7:00 PM	2	3
				4	5	6
11	12	13	14 THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER 6:30 PM	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 LADIES SPRING BRUNCH & GOLF FUN DAY 10:00 AM	24 JUNIOR ORIENTATION 1:00 PM
25	26 LADIES LUNCHEON 12:00 NOON	27	28 SUPER SENIORS OPENING SCRAMBLE & LUNCH 8:30 SHOTGUN	29	30 OFFICIAL CLUB OPENING (6:30 PM)	31 COORS LIGHT GET ACQUAINTED SCRAMBLE 8:00 AM SHOTGUN (BOTH MEN & LADIES)
JUNE 1	2	3 MEN'S TWILIGHT LEAGUE BEGINS (EVERY WED. FOR 12 WEEKS)	4	5	6 PETER MURRAY FIELD DAY (BOTH MEN & LADIES)	7
8	9 LADIES LUNCHEON 12:00 NOON	10	11 MEN'S SUPER SENIORS TRI-CLUB 8:30 SHOTGUN	12	13 HALL & FAIRWEATHER/PEPSI SAT MORNING SHOOT-OUT BEGINS (RUNS TO OCT. 10)	14
15	16	17	18 THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER 6:30 PM	19	20 MEN'S WESTFIELD CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING ROUND 1	21 MEN'S WESTFIELD CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING ROUND 2
22	23 LADIES LUNCHEON 12:00 NOON	24	25	26	27	28



90 And Still Swinging

Opening Banquet

Menu

Hors d'oeuvres

Caesar Salad

Stuffed Chicken Breast in Mushroom Wine Gravy

OR

1 ¼ lb to 1 ½ lb Lobster

Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Broccoli & cheese Sauce

Carrots

Carmel Brownie Cheesecake

Lemon Meringue Pie

Homemade Biscuits

Tea or Coffee





Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday, May 10th
Two Sitzings (11:00 am & 1:00 pm)
\$17.99 plus tax

Appetizers:

- Festive Salad
- Cucumber Salad

Main Course:

- Poached Salmon (with White Wine Egg Sauce)
- Glazed Baked Ham
- Oven Roasted Potatoes, Baby Carrots
- Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, Sausages
- Homemade Tea Biscuits

Dessert:

- Lemon Cake
- Butterscotch & Strawberry Parfaits
- Aloha Cheesecake

For Reservations call Office at 757-2250

Thursday Night Dinner

Thursday, May 14th
6:30 pm
\$17.99 (plus HST)

Appetizers:

- Caesar Salad
- Pasta Salad

Main Course:

- Prime Rib Roast Beef & Gravy
- Scallop & Garden Blend Casserole
- Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans
- Corn & Red Pepper
- Homemade Tea Biscuits

Dessert:

- Brownies a la Mode
- Apple Crisp

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