

**WESTFIELD GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB**  
**April Newsletter 2010**



## *President's Message*

*By: Noel Wittrien*

With the open winter we enjoyed this year I am sure everyone is looking forward to an early start to the golf season. Pat and his staff are busy preparing for the beginning of the season and the activities planned for the year. Hopefully the weather will continue to cooperate and we will soon be teeing up for that first round.

Your Board of Directors has been busy during the past few months with its' various committees working to enhance the golfing experience and services at Westfield Golf and Country Club. Members will see the results of these efforts over the next few months.

Members are reminded that dues are payable by March 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year. As was the case last year member booking privileges on the Jencess system will not be activated until your account is paid in full or you have enrolled in the Club's monthly payment plan. In addition to the dues payment requirement members wishing to charge purchases in the Clubhouse and Pro Shop must provide the office with a credit card and maintain their account in good standing. Our Point-Of-Sale system will advise staff if you have not met these requirements for charging privileges . If you have any concerns regarding the payment of dues or charging privileges please contact our General Manager, Pat Palmer.

The Semi-Annual Meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Club, and again this year a social period will take place following the meeting. Plan on joining us for this first event of the season. I look forward to seeing everyone.

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## NOTICE OF SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING WESTFIELD GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB INC.

Take notice that the Semi-Annual Meeting of the members of the Westfield Golf & Country Club Inc. will be held on **Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at the hour of 7:00 pm** at the Westfield Golf & Country Club.

At that time the business to come before the meeting will include:

- A) Approval of the minutes of the Annual Meeting of November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009;
- B) Business arising from the minutes;
- C) President's Report;
- D) Committee Reports;
- E) Treasurer's Report
  - a. Presentation of audited financial statements for the year-end of October 31<sup>st</sup> 2009.
- F) Approval of Policy Changes
- G) New Business
- H) Adjournment

## *General Manager's Report*

*By: Pat Palmer*

### 1.0 Golf Course

Paul Marr and staff along with some dedicated volunteers have taken the straw and top cover off the 16 greens that were covered last fall. The greens have been sprayed to help prevent snow mold. The breathable covers were put back on, which will help promote growth once the warm weather returns. The greens are being cut today.

The Club has taken delivery of a new farm tractor and it has been put to good use right away. Last year we were without a four-wheel farm tractor with a bucket from early June and this slowed up many golf course maintenance functions for the remainder of the season.

### 2.0 Food & Bar Service

Debbie Johnson has been promoted to Food Service Manager replacing long time Manager Lynn Worden who retired. Lynn has been grooming Debbie for the past

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few years. Debbie has previously served as Head Cook. We are going to miss Lynn's experience and expertise in the kitchen as well as her easygoing manner. Groups wishing to have a special menu for their meal should contact Debbie who will give them a price for their function.

Anne McGinley is returning for her 2<sup>nd</sup> season as House & Special Events Manager. Anne is responsible for the clubhouse bar and servers, bar cart and liaising with clients who are having weddings or corporate/charity banquets/receptions at the Club. Anne gained a wealth of experience at the Club last year and is looking forward to the challenges that another year brings.

When the course opens this year our Food Service Staff will be working hard to provide members and guests with good service and the continued quality that Westfield is famous for at reasonable prices.

### 3.0 Golf Services

Marshall McMahan is back for his 17<sup>th</sup> season as Head Professional and 4<sup>th</sup> year as Manager of Golf Services. Steve LeBlanc is back as Assistant Manager of Golf Services and now Associate Professional. Steve recently completed the CPGA Program and is now a Class "A" Professional. Pro Shop supplies are starting to arrive and will be set up shortly. Warren Lingley is back as Back Shop Supervisor looking after both the back shop and the daily upkeep of the 30 Electric Club Cars.

### 4.0 Reciprocal Agreements

I am pleased to announce that once again we have a reciprocal agreement with both Sussex and Hampton for the 2010 season.

The agreement with Hampton is for one round of golf per season and with Sussex for one round of golf per month. The following conditions are in effect for both of these agreements.

- ❖ Valid Monday-Thursday (Sussex)
- ❖ Valid Monday-Friday (Hampton)
- ❖ Not valid on Saturday, Sunday, holidays or for tournament play

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- ❖ Maximum number of eight (8) players (two consecutive tee times) for any group on any occasion
- ❖ Not in effect until both courses are open in the Spring
- ❖ Be prepared to show your 2010 membership card/bag tag as proof of Westfield Golf and Country Club membership

Hampton Pro Shop - 832-3411

Sussex Pro Shop - 433-4951 ext 1

### 5.0 Water Dispenser Enclosures

We currently have water dispensers at three (3) locations on the course.

(A) By #4 Tee

(B) By #5 & #8 Tees

(C) By #12 Tee & 15 Green

These three water dispensers' enclosures are made of wood and are in need of extensive repairs or replacement. Below is an example of a possible replacement water dispenser.



There is an opportunity that exists for a member, Club Committee or a business to sponsor the replacement of one or more of the dispensers.

Anyone that is interested in exploring this opportunity can contact me in the Club Office or by calling 757-2255. Thank you Pat Palmer

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### 6.0 Payment of Dues

#### By-Law 2.04

The Directors shall fix the dues for all members and green fees from time to time. Dues shall become payable on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March each year and if not paid by the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, membership privileges shall be suspended unless **the member is on a pre-authorized monthly payment plan. NSF cheques will result in immediate suspension of playing and charging privileges until the account is brought up to date.**

**IMPORTANT – PLEASE NOTE** Member accounts will not be activated in the “Jencess System” until membership dues are paid in full unless the member is on a pre-authorized monthly payment plan. Only active member accounts will be able to book on the Jencess Tee Time system – thus playing privileges will be suspended until such time a member’s account is in good standing.

***Pre-Authorized Monthly Payment Plan*** One of the many challenges faced by a seasonal operation such as Westfield’s cash flow. With expenses that continue throughout the winter months but with minimal income being generated, it is often a challenge to maintain a positive cash flow during this time of year. One of the ways we have to combat this is to encourage members to spread payment of their annual dues throughout the year. While many members have already taken advantage of our monthly payment plan, we would like to encourage those who haven’t done so, to consider this easy, convenient way to pay dues and other club services you utilize (i.e. club cleaning/storage, power cart packages, etc.).

***Signing Up Is Easy*** Please call Susan at the Office to check out the low monthly payment required when you choose to pay your dues on a year round basis. For example, the monthly payment for an adult membership (male 40-64 years) is only \$116 if paid over 12 months from Nov. 30 to Oct. 30; compared to a one-time payment of \$1,392.67 due March 31<sup>st</sup>.

You can sign up anytime and your annual dues are spread equally over the number of months remaining until Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> of the current golfing season. You can choose to have your monthly payment debited automatically from your bank account or charged to your MasterCard, Visa or American Express card.

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### By-Law 2.05 Charge Accounts

Shareholder members may have charge accounts to cover all golf/clubhouse related expenditures. Social members may have charge accounts to cover clubhouse expenditures. Statements will be mailed/e-mailed immediately after the end of each month in which the indebtedness was incurred. Any member failing to pay their account before the 30<sup>th</sup> day of that month will have the balance debited from their credit card, which **MUST** be left on file with the Office

**RTANT Please note** Members who do not have a credit card on file in the office will be required to pay at the time of purchase (using cash, debit or major credit card) in the Club House, Pro Shop and On-Course Bar Cart.

## *House Committee*

*By: Moira Adams*

With the golf season fast approaching, we have a few dates we would like you to mark on your Calendar.

Saturday - May 29<sup>th</sup>  
Opening Dinner and Fun Casino

**Friday - July 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**WESTFIELD HAS TALENT (back by popular demand)**

Saturday - September 4<sup>th</sup>  
Mixed 9 hole Fun Event.

Saturday - October 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Closing Dinner

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We have had several requests to host another Westfield Has Talent. Anyone interested in partaking in this fun filled evening contact Moira at 738-2306. We are looking for all types of talent to showcase so please join us.

We have also had requests for a Pub Quiz Night, Glow Golf in the fall and Friday Card Nights. Sign- up sheets will be placed in the clubhouse to see if there is any interest in these activities.

Lynn Worden, our Kitchen Manager, has retired and Debbie Johnson is taking over. We wish Lynn all the best in her retirement but she still will be making her famous meat pies.

### ***PRO SHOP***

*By: Marshall McMahon*

The 2010 season is almost upon us. What an unbelievable winter. We would like to congratulate Steve LeBlanc on completing his Class “A” examination, which makes him an Associate Professional. We would also like to extend congratulations to Warren Lingley and Serena on their recent marriage.

It looks like we are going to have an early start this season. Stock is just starting to trickle in to the Pro Shop. We are looking forward to seeing all our returning members.

The Royal Canadian Golf Association will be changing its name to Golf Canada as of April 15<sup>th</sup> this year in an effort to better communicate with its customer, (our members). Any member of the Westfield Golf & Country Club is a member of Golf Canada. Our members, will be able to pick up their Golf Canada membership cards in the office as soon as they arrive. You will be able to go on line to activate your card as of April 15<sup>th</sup>. The new website is [www.golfcnada.ca](http://www.golfcnada.ca). This site as well as information we have at the club will explain how the card works. Feel free to ask questions.

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## POWER CART USAGE

**Normal Day - Permanent 90 Degree Rule:** All Power Carts must travel Cart Paths until parallel to your shot. Power Carts can then enter the grass portion to play your ball. For travel to the next shot please scatter using the Cart Paths, rough and fairway. Use Cart Paths as much as possible and exit the fairway well before the green. **Golfers with a Handicap Flag** are required to use the 90 Degree Rule but are allowed to drive on par 3 holes but never closer than 30' from any green.

**Cart Path Only Day** - When the course is deemed unfit for Power Cart usage on the grass portion of the Course – All Power Carts must stay on Cart Paths including those with a **Handicap Flag**. Infractions will be dealt with by the Course Marshal and Golf Services Staff.

## *Ladies Match Committee*

*By Jane Madsen*

Although it is still very early in the golfing season, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all lady golfers back to Westfield for 2010. In particular, I would like to extend a very warm Westfield welcome to any new ladies who will be joining us this summer. As you probably know, Ladies' Day is Wednesday morning, when both the ladies who play 9 holes and those who play 18 are on the course. Tuesday from 4 – 6 pm is the Ladies' Twilight League, and Saturday morning from 11:30 – 12:30 is the Saturday Business Ladies slot.

We will be holding our Fun Brunch and Nine Hole Scramble on Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. This event is open to ALL lady golfers, whether you play with one of our organized groups or not, and whether you have a handicap or not. We'll be eating brunch together starting at about 10:30 am, and will then have a Nine Hole Scramble, playing simultaneously on both the front and back nine. The cost will be posted on the sign-up sheets when these go up on the bulletin boards in the Ladies' Locker Room. This is a really great way to get to meet some new people, and have a lot of fun on the course, so mark your calendar early. You can sign up when you attend the Opening Tea & Fashion show on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

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We are hoping that we can encourage some of the ladies who presently play 9 holes on Wednesday, but who have an 18-hole handicap, to join those of us who play 18, this season. If you would like to come out with us, just sign up on the signup sheet on the main bulletin board latest 4:00 pm the preceding Saturday, and we'll slot you into our draw. If you have an 18 hole handicap and would like to play with the Business Girls on Saturday, you can do the same thing, but sign up latest 4:00 pm the preceding Wednesday. Just be aware that the draw is done by handicap on RCGA Pin days, which are usually 3 times each month. The 4<sup>th</sup> day is for

Points, and is not quite so structured. If you don't want to take part in the competitions (which, by the way, are almost identical to those for 9 holes) you don't have to do that. However, if you are going to take part in competitions, you must decide in advance whether it will be for 9 holes or for 18.

Our **Tim Horton's Westfield Ladies' Invitational** will be held early this year, on Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is a 'Player of the Year' event, and for the first time, will also include the Rose Bowl competition. This is a new competition open to teams from all clubs in the province, and we're hoping for a big turnout.

We will be holding several other events during the summer, which are open to all lady golfers who have an 18-hole handicap. These are the Diana Brennan Memorial tournament on Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, and our Westfield Ladies Club Championship on August 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>.

The members of the Ladies Match Committee for this year are Jane Madsen, Match Captain; Sonja Taylor, Treasurer; Joan Hurst, Helen Kerr, Wendy Lourie, Judy Nice and Carol Maber. Their contact information is posted on the bulletin boards in the Ladies Locker room – along with their mug shots in case you don't know them – and they'd be really pleased to hear from members with new ideas, and/or constructive criticism.

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***Ladies Association***

*By Marilyn Evans*



Spring has arrived and the days are getting longer. We had a better winter than last year, so hopefully the golf season will start earlier. We can only hope.

The Ladies Association Executive:

President

Marilyn Evans

Vice President

Anne Mosher

Secretary

Pat Loughery

Treasurer

Jean Bastarache

Match Captain

Jane Madsen

Niners Match Captains

Judy Nice, Carol Maber

Our Annual Spring Tea and Fashion Show will be held on May 8, 2010 at 11:30a.m. Tickets will be available at \$15.00 each by calling the office at 757-2250 and reserving your ticket. Carol Frank and Shirley McLean offered to be Convenors this year. So please ladies, do not hesitate to assist them. Join us on May 8<sup>th</sup> and see our ladies modeling the new spring and summer fashions from Sandra's Fashion located on Germain Street.

Our Ladies Tuesday Luncheons will start on May 18, 2010. Come, bring a friend and enjoy a delicious meal and stay and play bridge. The cost is \$15.00 per person. Reserve by calling the Club office at 757-2250.

See you at the Spring Tea and Fashion Show.

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### *May Planner*

The following provides an overview of activities scheduled at Westfield for May 2010. Please refer to the website for potential changes to this schedule.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
					01 WEDDING 4:00 PM	02
03	04	05	06	07	08 LADIES FASHION SHOW 11:30 AM	09 MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH 11:00 & 1:00 SITTINGS
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 PRIVATE PARTY 5:00 PM	18 LADIES LUNCH 12:00 NOON	19	20 THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER 6:30 PM	21	22 LADIES BRUNCH & FUN GOLF 10:00 AM	23 JUNIORS ORIENTATION 1:00 PM
24	25	26	27 SUPER SENIORS OPENING SCRAMBLE & LUNCH 8:30 AM SHOTGUN	28 Y'S MEN TOURNEY AFTERNOON	29 OFFICIAL OPENING DINNER	30
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## *Menu's for Upcoming Events at Westfield*

<i><b>EVENT DETAILS</b></i>	<i><b>MENU</b></i>	<i><b>DESSERT</b></i>
<p><b><i>MOTHER'S DAY BUNCH</i></b>  <i>May 9<sup>th</sup></i>  <i>11:00 am &amp; 1:00 Sittings</i>  <i>\$17.99 Plus HST</i></p>	<p><i>Spring Salad</i>  <i>Sunshine Mold</i>  <i>Scrambled Eggs &amp; Pancakes</i>  <i>Sausage</i>  <i>Home Fries</i></p> <p><i>∞</i></p> <p><i>Glazed Baked Ham</i>  <i>Poached Salmon &amp; Egg Sauce</i>  <i>Mashed Potatoes</i>  <i>Baby Carrots &amp; Peas</i>  <i>Tea Biscuits</i></p>	<p><i>Assorted Parfaits</i>  <i>Chocolate Cheesecake</i>  <i>Coconut Cream Pie</i></p>

<i><b>EVENT DETAILS</b></i>	<i><b>MENU</b></i>	<i><b>DESSERT</b></i>
<p><b><i>LADIES LUNCHEON</i></b>  <i>May 18<sup>th</sup></i>  <i>12:00 Noon</i>  <i>\$15.00 Tax and Gratuity</i>  <i>Included</i></p>	<p><i>Tomato Juice</i>  <i>Stuffed Chicken Breast &amp;</i>  <i>Mushroom Gravy</i>  <i>Whipped Potatoes</i>  <i>Baby Carrots</i>  <i>Tea Biscuits</i></p>	<p><i>Butterscotch Pie</i></p>
<p><b><i>THURSDAY NIGHT</i></b>  <b><i>DINNER</i></b>  <i>May 20<sup>th</sup>, - 6:30 pm</i>  <i>\$17.99 Plus HST</i></p>	<p><i>Seven Layer Salad</i>  <i>Garden Salad</i></p> <p><i>∞</i></p> <p><i>Stuffed Roast Pork Gravy &amp;</i>  <i>Apple Sauce</i>  <i>Haddock Florentine</i>  <i>Whipped Potatoes</i>  <i>Carrots</i>  <i>Broccoli &amp; Cheese Sauce</i>  <i>Tea Biscuits</i></p>	<p><i>Carmel Brownie Cheese Cake</i>  <i>Apple Pie &amp; Ice Cream</i></p>