

President's Message

By Heather Shuve

For those coping with the bitter cold and the snowy, icy conditions of the past week, you will be glad to know the golf season is just around the corner.... *100 Days to May 1* While it's still a bit early to get the Clubs out and shine them up, it's never too early to start wishing for an early Spring and a warm Summer (with just the right amount of light rain at night)!

Staff, board members and many dedicated volunteers are already hard at work planning and preparing for the upcoming golf season at Westfield (remember, it's only 100 days away). I am very pleased to announce **Peter McCarthy** has agreed to assume the role of **Greens Committee Chairman** for the 2009 golf season. Peter brings a solid understanding of turf management and the game of golf to this critical role and I'm confident the members of Westfield will benefit greatly from his expertise and involvement in this area. I am also pleased to announce that **Steve Evans** will chair a **Golf Services Committee** and **Moira Adams** will chair a **House Committee**. These two new committees will be working closely with the Board and staff to provide policy direction and member input to these key areas of our operation. Other key committee roles you may be aware of include **Mike Graham** as **Men's Match Captain** and **Elaine Elkin** as **Women's Match Captain**. I would like to extend my personal thanks and support to these people and all the tireless volunteers who will be dedicating many hours to Westfield throughout the coming golf season. I would encourage you to take a minute when you see these people at the golf course to say...

"Thanks - job well done" (cause you know....the pay's not all that great)

Please see my note on the following page as well for an important update on Club Management. This interim step will allow the Board to take the time required to fully consider the Club's organizational structure and identify the necessary skills and resources required before seeking any long-term permanent solutions.



Westfield's New Power Cart Storage Shed

I thought you might enjoy a peek at the new equipment/storage shed constructed late this Fall in the area adjacent to the Club's upper parking lot. This facility is capable of storing up to 36 power carts and will be used to protect the Club's investment in a new fleet of 30 electric power carts. The building has access doors on both ends to allow easy drive-thru of the carts for "in and out" and will be used to store and charge the batteries of the new golf carts, both in and out of season.

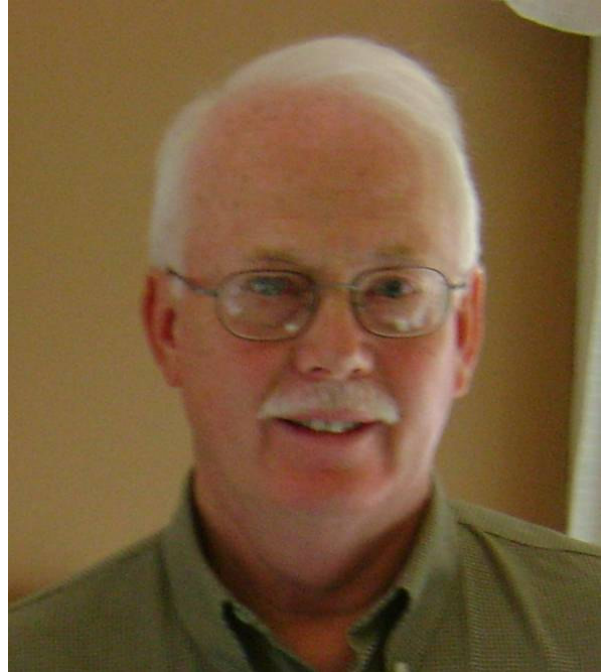
Thanks are extended to Joe Flynn and his hard-working committee of Dave Kean, Harvey Miller, Brian Biggins and Reg Gionet. ***Job Well Done!***

Club Notes

Pat Palmer - Interim General Manager

The Board of Directors are committed to taking the time required to complete an in-depth assessment of the current organizational structure at Westfield as a critical first step in understanding the Club's needs and requirements in the area of overall management. As a result, the Board determined it was in the Club's best interest to consider our immediate management needs to ensure strong leadership for our staff and overall operations in the interim period.

The Board of Directors approached Pat Palmer as Past President of the Club and an individual with both education and work experience in recreation and leisure services, specifically within the Golf industry, to determine his interest and willingness in assuming the role of General Manager, on an interim basis. Recently retired, Pat willingly agreed to step down from his Board position and accept this challenge. Pat is looking forward with energy and enthusiasm to the opportunity of working with both the Board of Directors and Staff to ensure members enjoy a great golf experience at Westfield this season.



Pat has a Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Francis Xavier University and also completed Post-Graduate courses in Physical Education and Recreation at St. Francis Xavier. He also completed a Masters Degree in Recreation, Parks and Administration at Springfield College in Massachusetts. Pat worked for many years with the City of Saint John in the Recreation and Parks Department as a Superintendent/Manager and also was the Manager of the Rockwood Park Golf Course and Aquatic Driving Range. Pat is involved in a number of volunteer activities in the sports and recreation area and has sat on the National Board for the Canadian Parks & Recreation Association, the Royal Life Saving Society of Canada, Red Cross Water Safety Program and Saint John YMCA Board of Directors among other things. Pat and his wife Jane will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary in June of this year. They have two children (Erin and Mark) and six grandchildren as well as a special needs foster daughter (Tammy) they have cared for over the past 22 years.

I trust you will join the Board of Directors in welcoming Pat to his new role at the Club. Pat will assume his duties on a full-time basis beginning on February 2nd, 2009.

A Tremendous Thank you to Susan Smith! The Board of Directors would like to thank Susan for agreeing to step up and serve as the Club's Acting General Manager over the past few months. Susan is an invaluable asset to the Club and we want to thank and recognize her for the "above and beyond" efforts she demonstrates everyday.

Winter Golf Clinics

Still A Few Spaces There are still a few spaces remaining in the Winter Golf Clinics conducted by Marshall McMahon, CPGA Head Professional at Westfield (inside in the Clubhouse) starting on February 14th, 2009 and running for 5-weeks. The cost is \$130 (plus HST) and includes a Green Fee pass for Westfield. New members can apply the cost of their clinic to their membership if join as a full-time member for the first time in 2009.

Call Susan at the Club Office (757-2250) to reserve your spot in the Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evening (6 pm) clinic or the “early bird” 9:00 am clinic on Saturday mornings.



Membership Dues

Sign Up Now for Pre-Authorized Monthly Payment Plan Please call Susan at the Office (757-2250) to check out the low monthly payment required when you choose to pay your dues on a year round basis. You can sign up anytime and your annual dues are spread equally over the number of months remaining until Oct. 30 of the current golfing season. You can choose to have your monthly payment debited automatically from your bank account or charged to a major credit card of your choice.

Member Charge Accounts

Charging Privileges in 2009 As discussed in the December newsletter, we have determined it is necessary to improve compliance among members with our current By-Law regarding Charge Accounts.

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 30th day of that month will have the balance debited from their credit card, which MUST be left on file with the Office Manager.** Credit cards declined for payment will result in suspension of playing and charging privileges until the account balance is paid in full.

If you wish to have the privilege of charging your food, beverage or Pro Shop purchases at Westfield Golf & Country Club in 2009 on your member account, please ensure you have a valid credit card on file in the office. You must provide the Business Office with your card number and expiry date before your membership number will be activated with “charging privileges”. You can call Susan with this information anytime.

IMPORTANT Please note that 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.