

## Westfield Golf & Country Club

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### *President's Message* by Heather Shuve

A little wet weather doesn't seem to dampen the spirits of Westfield golfers! While there were a few too many "damp and drizzly" days in June for most of us, rest assured it is only June and there is lots of great golf yet to come. If we can get some sun and wind to dry out the wet spots on the golf course, I am optimistic we may enjoy some really nice playing conditions for the remainder of the golfing season. Feedback to date on course conditions and the greens has been positive from members – thank you to the grounds crew who work diligently each day to prepare and groom the course for our play! Thanks as well to Pat Palmer (GM), Marshall McMahon (Pro) and Peter McCarthy (Greens Chair) who all provide expertise and counsel to our grounds crew to enhance course playing conditions when faced with difficult weather challenges.



This year, the Board of Directors and our senior staff accepted the challenge to deliver the best service possible to members while holding membership dues at 2008 levels. While we knew wages were going to go up slightly and other costs were likely going to go up, we believed that by working smarter in many areas of our operation we could achieve efficiencies that would allow us to meet this challenge. As we move into July, we feel confident we will achieve our major revenue targets this year (with a boost from our half-year memberships and upcoming outside tournaments) and are working extremely hard with our General Manager to manage the expense side of the Club and Course operation stay within budget.

While many members appreciate the fact their dues did not increase in 2009, let's not forget this benefit comes with a trade-off. Holding dues in 2009 meant we had to limit the hours allocated to "paid" on-course marshalling, limit hours worked in the back shop, and reduce overtime costs for grounds crews to name but a few of the difficult decisions involved in managing an overall "fiscally conservative" budget. I can attest to the fact that this is "easier said than done". Your Board of Directors will soon be in the midst of working with staff to develop a 2010 budget for membership approval at our Annual General Meeting (Nov. '09). As the main source of revenue to fund operations is membership dues, I would like you to consider the level of service you are willing to fund in 2010? Please take some time to write or speak with a member of the Board over the next few months to let us know what is important to you so we can work on your behalf to prepare a 2010 budget which offers a level of investment members are prepared to accept and provides you with the services you expect from a Club such as Westfield.

I would like to ask each of you to support your Club throughout the summer and help to ensure 2009 is a solid financial year by inviting a guest to play Westfield, enjoying lunch or dinner after your round of golf or purchasing golf equipment or golf accessories in the Pro Shop.

***Remember, as members, we each must do our part to contribute and support the Club – it can make a real difference!***



## *General Manager's Report* by Pat Palmer

We have 646 playing and 61 social members this year at Westfield. June has been a very busy month with a number of corporate/charity golf tournaments, junior clinics, men's club qualifying, weddings and ladies golf and social events.



### **CART PATH'S ONLY:**

We are very fortunate that we now have cart paths on all 18 holes. All five (5) of our Par 3 holes are always cart path only for all power carts. From time to time 'Cart Path Only' signs are posted on #1 and #10 tees after heavy rains. We are still able to play because we have cart paths, however, power carts must stay on these paths or risk causing serious damage to the course. Causing damage to the course costs staff time and \$ to repair and takes away from the daily maintenance of the golf course.

### **COURSE MARSHAL/PACE OF PLAY**

Our three Course Marshals are working hard to maintain the Pace of Play. For the most part the Pace of Play has been good, however this is an area that constantly has to be monitored. Course Marshals have full authority to keep the Pace of Play flowing in an acceptable amount of time. It is important that members and their guests, along with green fee players cooperate with the Course Marshal. Maintaining a proper Pace of Play benefits all golfers.

### **BACK PARKING LOT:**

The back parking lot behind the clubhouse is only used for staff parking, handicap parking, deliveries and club drop off. The two lower parking lots are exclusively for member parking. We have a lot of activity in the back parking lot with the new power cart building and a number of food deliveries to the kitchen. Your continued cooperation to keep this area safe would be appreciated.

### **CLUBHOUSE REPAIRS:**

The roof over the 3 wheel pull carts has been replaced because of leakage. As well, repairs to the roof gutters are being made along with new downspouts. The clubhouse exterior is also being freshly re-painted.

### **CLUB VOLUNTEERS:**

A special "thank you" from the staff at Westfield for all the hard work and dedication of Club volunteers. Westfield volunteers organize social events, help with the junior program and organize golf tournaments and in house competition. Westfield volunteers also serve on many club committees. This is what makes Westfield so special both for members and staff.



### **FOXY'S CREW:**

There is a button on the Club's website called **Foxy's Crew**. If you open it up it gives you an explanation of what Westfield's Hall of Fame Member, Jim Fox thought about the care members need to take with the course. In Jim's memory all members are assigned one (1) hole for the season. If everyone picks up broken tees, repairs divots and fixes ball marks on their assigned hole it will greatly help to keep the course that much more enjoyable for everyone.

### **TEE TIME CANCELLATION/NO SHOWS:**

Whenever members book a tee time and for whatever reason are not able to use this tee time it is expected, and also common courtesy to call the Pro Shop 757-2907 or go online to cancel. "No Shows" have been a problem this year. We are able to track no shows through the Jencess Tee Booking System and repeat offenders will be contacted by the Golf Services Manager if the problem persists.

### ***Ladies Association* by Marilyn Evans**

Summer has arrived and we have had a great deal of rain. Hopefully July will bring the sunshine and warmer weather. The course is in great shape and the ladies are in full swing.

We have had two luncheons in June and they were very well attended. The next luncheons are July 7<sup>th</sup> and July 21<sup>st</sup>. Call the office to reserve. Thanks to Helen Kerr and Sonya Taylor, our gardens are looking great. Thanks for now, see you on the course!!!

### ***Green's Committee Report* by Peter McCarthy**

June finally brought some sun and heat for all of us to enjoy. The course definitely needed it and it is showing. The aeration at the beginning of the month went very well, thank you to all members for your patience and a great job done by the maintenance crew. I encourage all members to send your comments, questions, and/or concerns to the committee, without your comments, we can only assume everything is perfect and nothing needs to be improved. My email address is peter.mccarthy\_greens@yahoo.ca or pass your comments onto one of the following committee members: George Boyd, Joe Flynn, Sonja Taylor, Karen Bird, Marshall McMahan, Pat Palmer, and Paul Marr.

The Club Championship Qualifying was held on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of the month and the on course conditions were excellent. It was unfortunate that Mother Nature did not cooperate, however for those who played the event, the greens were the best I have ever played at Westfield, especially on Saturday. Looking forward to the summer months, hopefully the sun will be more prominent.

***Remember: Repair ball marks on the greens and  
use the sand/seed mix on par three tees.***



## *Men's Match Committee* by Mike Graham

Congratulations to all golfers who qualified our championship matches. Well done. Our first round Alpine matches were all completed without sanctions. Great job!

Let's keep matches on time for the summer. Please check your computers for future tournament sign ups.

Our championship grids are complete and are on the web page. I sure hope our weather improves for July and August. See you on the fairways.

## *Ladies Match Committee* by Elaine Elkin

Where did June go?? Time flies!

Single and Double Match Play rounds are posted in the locker room. Please play your matches by the deadline dates. Good Luck and have fun!

Don't forget to fill in your scores on the ringer board and note those birdies, chip-ins and eagles!

May and June flew by with another very successful Fashion Show and Fun Brunch. Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who make these events such successes.

Our Rose Bowl qualifiers are:	Marilyn Evans	-	Net 68
	Joan Irvine	-	Net 75
	Sonja Taylor	-	Net 75

Good luck girls!

The Diana Brenan Memorial is scheduled for July 4th with an 11:00 am Shotgun off the front and back. All full lady members with an 18-hole handicap are welcome to participate in this event.

On July 29th, we have the Tim Horton Ladies Invitational - 9:00 am Shotgun. I am looking for volunteers. Please sign up on sheet posted in the locker room.

The Bud Light Mixed is scheduled for July 12th - always a fun event.

Keep your head down and enjoy your game!



## *Ladies Niner's Report* by *Judy Nice & Carol Maber*

We have two fun filled events coming this month – Westfield Niner's Invitational on July 8<sup>th</sup> with an anticipated field of 56 ladies and Sussex Invitational on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. The sign-up sheet for Sussex is on the bulletin board in the ladies locker room please sign up and pay the appropriate fee by July 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.

The next Niner's Wednesday golf is July 15<sup>th</sup> after our Invitational. Sign-up sheet is in the usual place.

Just a reminder – there will be no Niner's golf on Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> but the make-up day will be Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. We will have supper first and golf afterwards.

Please take note on HOLE #6 – you will find a beautiful red ball washer, club washer and brush cleaner for shoes. This is what the Niner's, under the leadership of Linda Aiton and Anne Mosher purchased and donated on behalf of the Niner's.

We would also like to welcome two new Niner's – Heather Zinck and Gisele Pike.

## *Pro Shop Notes* by *Marshall McMahon*

Where does the time go? June is gone. It was a wet month but the course handled it well. It was also an eventful month. On June 2<sup>nd</sup> Etienne Robichaud carded an Albatross 2 on hole #13. This is an amazing feat. Etienne hit a driver off of the tee and then proceeded to knock a seven iron in the hole. Hole #13 was extended in 1994 and played in 1995. As far as we know this is the 1st Albatross ever on the extended #13. His playing partners Bob Lourie, Bill Pierce and John Irvine were very impressed. Congratulations Etienne!

On May 30<sup>th</sup>, Pat Graham scored an Ace on hole #18 using a nine wood. This was Pat's first Hole-In-One and the first one of the year at Westfield. To make it a little more special, his wife Linda was playing with him. Art Donaldson and Don Parker were also along for the ride. In June, Bill Johnstone scored his 1st Hole-In-One ever. The Ace occurred on the 157 yard, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hole, while playing with Keven Murphy, Jim Lyons and Larry Brown. Way to go Billy!!

We would like to congratulate Don Roberts, who carded a 69 and a 70 to win our Club Championship Qualifying Tourney, which was held June 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Congratulations as well to the top 16 qualifiers who now move into the Club Championship Match Play.

Scott Weatherhead scored a 68, 77, and 79 to finish 7<sup>th</sup> in the New Brunswick Mid Amateur held at Sussex last week. Meaghan Higgins finished 5<sup>th</sup> at the East Coast Junior Tourney held at Bouctouche Golf Club on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. We would also like to commend Greg Mazerolle, Neil Roberts, Ryan Downing, James Logan and Keven Steeves for their play.



The golf course is in amazing condition and we would like to keep it that way, so we would ask the members to replace your divot plus any others you see lying around. The same goes for ball marks on the greens. We have also noticed some members taking pushcarts up on the tees. We would ask that you don't do this as this causes unnecessary wear.

Good Golfing!

## *Junior Program* by *Meaghan Higgins*

Congratulations to the Juniors that participated in the Bouctouche Tournament on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. The pre-season clinics started the summer off well, as we worked on etiquette, putting, grip and swing.

The Rocca Junior/ Senior sign up sheet is located on the junior bulletin board. This tournament will be held on July 26<sup>th</sup>. Two Junior and two Senior members will be paired up using the scramble format. It is an 8:00 am Shotgun, prizes and lunch to follow. This is a really fun tournament and I would like to encourage all of our Juniors to participate. The cost is \$10.

I am looking for volunteers for Saturday mornings, 7 am - 9 am, for the Toonie Draw. The sign up sheet is located on the junior bulletin board.

Best of luck to all of the Juniors participating in the Provincial Championship which is being held at the Fredericton Golf Club, July 13-16.

Be sure to check the junior bulletin board for all the invitational dates, times, locations and costs if you are interested. Our Junior Invitational is August 10<sup>th</sup>. A sign up sheet will be posted later this month. An 18-hole handicap is required.

There are no lessons on July 14<sup>th</sup>.

Hopefully the weather holds off this month, and there are no more cancellations!



*July Planner* Please refer to the website for potential changes to this schedule.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		<b>JULY 1</b> CANADA DAY HOLIDAY	<b>2</b> THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER 6:30 PM	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> DIANA BRENNAN LADIES FIELD DAY (11:00 AM)	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> JUNIOR FIELD DAY 10:00 AM	<b>7</b> LADIES LUNCHEON 12:00 NOON	<b>8</b> NINER'S INVITATIONAL 9:00 AM SHOTGUN	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> WEDDING RECEPTION 4:00 PM	<b>12</b> BUD LIGHT MIXED INVITATIONAL 1:00 PM SHOTGUN
	LADIES TWILIGHT LEAGUE (4:30-6:00 PM)	MEN'S TWILIGHT LEAGUE (3:00-6:00 PM)				
<b>13</b> JUNIOR FIELD DAY 10:00 AM	<b>14</b> NO JUNIOR LESSONS	<b>15</b> LADIES DAY (9:00 AM)	<b>16</b> PETER MURRAY TOURNAMENT 1:00 PM SHOTGUN	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> MASTERS' 12:30 CROSSOVER	<b>19</b>
	LADIES TWILIGHT LEAGUE (4:30-6:00 PM)	MEN'S TWILIGHT LEAGUE (3:00-6:00 PM)			WEDDING RECEPTION 4:00 PM	
<b>20</b> JUNIOR FIELD DAY 10:00 AM	<b>21</b> LADIES LUNCHEON 12:00 NOON	<b>22</b> LADIES DAY (9:00 AM)	<b>23</b> THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER CHRISTMAS IN JULY (5:00 & 7:30)	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> WEDDING RECEPTION 4:00 PM	<b>26</b> ROCCA JR/SR SCRAMBLE 8 AM SHOTGUN
	LADIES TWILIGHT LEAGUE (4:30- 6:00 PM)	MEN'S TWILIGHT LEAGUE (3:00-6:00 PM)				
<b>27</b> JUNIOR FIELD DAY 10:00 AM	<b>28</b> LADIES TWILIGHT LEAGUE	<b>29</b> WESTFIELD LADIES INVITATIONAL 9:00 SHOTGUN	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		
		MEN'S TWILIGHT LEAGUE				

\* **Masters** – This is a private “member-organized” tournament; however to ensure access to the tee for all Westfield members, a double cross-over is scheduled for July 18<sup>th</sup> which will allow members to book either the early morning cross-over (from 7-9 am) or the mid-day cross-over with members having course access during the first hour of the crossover (11:30-12:30) and the private member tournament having the second hour (as per our Tournament Policy). The Saturday Business Ladies will, as per usual practice, have preference on the first tee from 11:30 until the end of their draw during this double cross-over day.



*August Planner* Please refer to the website for potential changes to this schedule.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
					01 WEDDING RECEPTION 4:00 PM	02
03 NEW BRUNSWICK DAY HOLIDAY	04 LADIES LUNCHEON 12:00 NOON LADIES TWILIGHT LEAGUE	05 SCOTCH BALL 9:00 AM- ALL LADY GOLFERS MEN'S TWILIGHT LEAGUE	06 THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER 6:30 PM SITTING	07	08 LADIES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP	09 LADIES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
10 JUNIOR INVITATIONAL 9:00 AM SHOTGUN	11 LADIES TWILIGHT LEAGUE	12 LADIES DAY MEN'S TWILIGHT LEAGUE	13	14 PRACTICE ROUND MOLSON CANADIAN CUP	15 MOLSON CANADIAN CUP	16 MOLSON CANADIAN CUP
17 JUNIOR CLOSING BANQUET	18 LADIES LUNCHEON 12:00 NOON LADIES TWILIGHT LEAGUE	19 LADIES DAY MEN'S TWILIGHT LEAGUE	20 SUPER SENIORS TRI CLUB 8:30 AM SHOTGUN	21 WEDDING RECEPTION 6:00 PM	22 MASTERS WEDDING RECEPTION 4:00 PM	23
24 Practice Round NBGA Senior 4 Ball	25 NBGA SENIOR 4 BALL	26 NBGA SENIOR 4 BALL	27 Thursday Night Dinner 6:30 pm Sitting	28	29	30

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## *Upcoming Social Events*

**LADIES LUNCHEONS** The following Ladies' Luncheons are planned for July and August - for reservations, please call the Office at 757-2250.

Event Details	Main Course	Dessert
Tuesday, July 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2009 12:00 Noon \$12.00 (Tax Included)	Sweet & Sour Chicken Stir Fry, Egg Rolls & Fried Rice Homemade Tea Biscuits	Lemon Snowball
Tuesday, July 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2009 12:00 Noon \$12.00 (Tax Included)	Apple Juice Fresh Atlantic Salmon Salad Plate, Homemade Tea Biscuits	Tiramisu Cake
Tuesday, August 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2009 12:00 Noon \$12.00 (Tax Included)	Fruit Punch Assorted Sandwich Plate with Veggies & Dip	Strawberry Shortcake

**THURSDAY NIGHT DINNERS** The following Thursday Night Dinners are planned for July and early August - for reservations, please call the Office at 757-2250.

Event Details	Menu	Dessert
Thursday, July 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2009 6:30 pm \$17.99 (Plus HST)	Orange & Almond Salad, Coleslaw Stuffed Pork Loin – Gravy, Apple Sauce Creamy Shrimp Alfredo Seasoned Potato Wedges Corn & Green Beans Homemade Tea Biscuits	Assorted Cheesecakes Brownies a La Mode
Thursday, July 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2009 Christmas in July Two Sitings 5:00 pm and 7:30 pm \$17.99 (Plus HST)	Festive Salad, Broccoli Salad Turkey, Gravy & Dressing Tourtier Pie Whipped Potatoes, Carrots & Green Beans Homemade Tea Biscuits	Pumpkin Pie Black Forrest Cake
Thursday, August 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2009 6:30 pm \$17.99 (Plus HST)	Caesar Salad, Carrot Salad Sirloin Tips served on a Bed of Rice Chicken Supreme Medley of Broccoli, Cauliflower & Baby Carrots, Sweet Potato Fries Homemade Tea Biscuits	Strawberry Shortcake Tee Time Cake