



President's Message by Heather Shuve

Like many of you, I often have to remind myself from time to time of all I have to be thankful for. This summer, I must admit one thing I'm very thankful for is that as Club President, while having many responsibilities – I AM NOT IN CHARGE OF THE WEATHER! There is no question, we've endured as much rain, drizzle and dampness any golfer can be expected to tolerate – I certainly hope we turn a corner soon and enjoy some sun and drying conditions on the course for August and September.



Not unexpected, the weather has impacted Club operations to date - reducing revenues somewhat in areas such as Green Fees as well as both "on-course" and clubhouse food/beverage sales. While we remain optimistic the weather will improve and traffic on the course will increase, driving up food/beverage sales in the clubhouse and on the course, our staff are monitoring this situation and if required, we are prepared to adjust our hours of operation in some service areas to better match member usage levels. We will keep you informed of any adjustments to service hours through regular updates from the General Manager and via the Club website.

2009 Member Survey Once again in 2009, the Board of Directors has agreed to conduct a Membership Survey to gauge service levels mid-year. The value of this consultation process is two-fold: 1) it provides valuable member feedback to those responsible for service in key areas of operation on an ongoing basis; and 2) it allows the Board to measure progress from year-to-year when results are compared over time. Once again, the survey will be conducted as it was in 2008 via the Internet. You will receive an email in early August with a direct link to the 2009 Member Survey and will be able to access the survey as well via a link on the Club's website. Those who are not online, paper copies will be available through the Office and will be mailed to you upon request. The 2009 survey will be very similar in content to the 2008 member surveys to allow comparison of results from this year relative to last. I would encourage you to take 5 to 10 minutes to complete this survey to ensure your opinions are heard and that views are balanced across all membership categories. This survey is conducted at no cost to Westfield with professional services provided on a volunteer basis– please do your part and voice your opinions in this process!

While we're entering the last half of our golfing season, there's lots of golf and social activities still to come in 2009. August is a busy month at Westfield with a number of events planned including the NBGA Senior Men's Four-Ball Championship, the ever popular Westfield Molson Canadian Cup and the Westfield Junior Invitational. While many of us are content to play the game as a leisurely pursuit and reluctantly give up our course to others, we must remember golf is a competitive sport and events such as these expose our Club and our Course to golfers from across the Province. These events are important to maintain Westfield's position in the province as a challenging layout and suitable for golfers of all abilities. I would encourage you to check out the schedule of events both on the website and included in this newsletter so you can plan your golf game in advance and not be disappointed when slipping out of the office early only to find the course closed to members.

One area we are working very hard to improve for members is the On-Line Tee Reservation System. We have encountered numerous technical issues with this system in the past month and while we appear to have resolved some of the issues for the time, we're not 100% confident these are long-term solutions. We're working hard with the current supplier to better understand their product development plans and technical support improvements while remaining open to consider alternative products that may be better suited to the needs of a private member club such as Westfield. We'll keep you posted as well on this issue as we know it's an important tool we all have come to rely on for tee reservations.



CONGRATULATIONS!

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Golf Services staff and members we want to recognize Westfield golfers who represented our Club recently at Provincial tournaments and also those who achieved remarkable feats on the golf course!

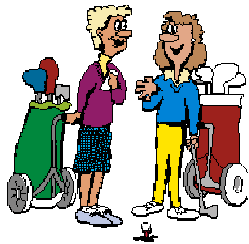
Junior Girls: **Meaghan Higgins** - strong contender for both the New Brunswick Provincial Girls team as well as for the New Brunswick Canada Games team putting in a strong performance, coming up just short of her goal but demonstrating as always, strength of character and sportsmanship throughout the championship – we're very proud of your effort! **Jacqueline Higgins** – a first time Provincial entrant, Jacqueline stayed in the game each day and gained valuable tournament experience that will prepare her for the many years of competitive golf ahead – way to go Jacqueline!

Junior Boys: **Neil Roberts**, a well known name in Junior golf across the province and **Greg Mazerolle**, another talented junior golfer from Westfield both went into the Provincials with hopes of achieving a position on the NB Canada Games team. Greg finished in a strong field tied for 16th place and Neil was right behind, tied for 18th place – job well done! Other Junior Boys from Westfield who played Provincials included **Keven Steeves** and **Ryan Downing** (who you may know as the Back Shop Boys) along with **Jackson Jones** and **Nick Earle** – well done!

NB Amateur Championship: Westfield had strong representation at the NB Amateur Championship played at Mactaquac earlier in July. **Scott Weatherhead** (T20) and **JJ Vanderstam** (T23) led the Westfield contingent with top 25 finishes in a strong field. **Ryan Spencer**, **Travis Wilson** and **Corey Bourque** rounded out the field at the Amateur from Westfield. Congratulations to each of you on your performance on a challenging layout!

Nike Golf NB Mid-Amateur: Played at the Sussex Golf & Curling Club in late June, **Scott Weatherhead** finished in 7th place having led after Day 1 with a round of 68 – great job! Other NB Mid-Amateur golfers from Westfield included **JJ Vanderstam**, **Richard Harris** and **Joe Williams**.

NB Ladies Provincial Championship: Five female golfers from Westfield represented the Club at the 2009 Provincial Championship at Grand Falls Golf Club. **Lynn Jenkins** finished in 11th place, followed by Twila Hitchcock in 11th place. **Debbie Ketch**, **Donna Holland** and **Cindy Hutchinson** all played well and we congratulate them for their performance on the competitive stage.



*Thanks and Congratulations on a job well done to **Helen Kerr** and her committee on hosting an excellent tournament “Budlight-Westfield Mixed”. This event had a full field and certainly provided much activity and excitement for a Sunday afternoon at the Club. Helen Kerr managed to team up with Dave Kean for a strong second place finish as well – how do you do it all – great job!*

***Doug Campbell Scores Ace on #2** – Truly a special moment on the golf course, congratulations are extended to Doug Campbell who scored his second career “hole-on-one” on the 2nd hole at Westfield using a 7-iron on July 2nd. His playing partners included Bob Tilley, Bob Keeffe and John Murray. I'm sure there was a toast in the Clubhouse to celebrate this achievement at the end of the round!*





General Manager's Report by Pat Palmer

GOLF COURSE

Paul Marr and his staff are doing just an excellent job maintaining the golf course. Because of the amount of rain, Paul has had to spray the greens to prevent various types of diseases that can occur with too much rain. Paul continues to verticut and top dress the greens. Maintenance staff are double cutting the greens twice a week, weather permitting.

The mirrors on #7 and #11 will be adjusted slightly higher for better visibility of the hole. The old wood mirror framework on #7 has been removed and the area landscaped.



FOOD SERVICE

My thanks go out to Food Service Manager Lynn Worden, Head Cook Debbie Johnson, Cooks Trevor Fox, Mary Cosman and Ruth Coston for all their hard work and the great food they put out each and every day. It takes a great deal of planning, organization and cooking to prepare not only for a normal day in the kitchen, but with all the banquets and dinners we have the effort is huge. I have received great feedback, not only from members but from the organizers of outside events that is testament to the kind of job that kitchen staff are doing. Well Done!

As well, House and Special Events Manager, Anne McGinley along with regular servers Judy Power, Lanaya Nice, Natascha Bennett, Cristy Eichmann and Candace McCann continue to provide friendly and speedy service in the dining room.

Kitchen helpers, Melissa McLellan and Jessica Banks, as well as Special Event Servers Rachelle Bastarache, Alyson Cosman, Rachel McCollum and Jenica Bastarache are doing a great job working large food functions.

Gina Rocca and Katie Killen continue to provide members with excellent on course service. Both ladies are member favorites, always have a smile and enjoy lots of great banter with members.

GOLF PROGRAM

August is shaping up to be a very busy month on the course. Lots of matches are taking place on a daily basis as players vie for various club championships. We also have:

- Molson Canadian Cup – August 15 – 16
- N.B. Senior Men's Best Ball – August 25 – 26

CART PATH ONLY / 90° RULE

We now have signs for both "Cart Path Only" days as well as those where the 90° Rule is in effect. Signs will be placed at both #1 & #10 on any days that require them. Again, power carts are never allowed on par 3 holes.



HALF YEAR DUES STRUCTURE FOR 2009

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
Adult 30-39	\$594.41	\$600.06
Adult 40-59	684.41	\$690.06
Senior 60+	\$584.40	\$590.05
Intermediate(19-25)	\$326.91	\$332.56
Intermediate(26-29)	\$406.91	\$412.56
Student(19-25)	\$289.42	\$295.07
Tuesday Night Lady		\$185.00
Junior (10-18)	\$200.22	\$200.22
Family	\$ 1,315.83	

Female Golfers - \$3.00 charge from Ladies Match Committee & \$2.00 charge from Ladies Association.

Female Social - \$2.00 charge from Ladies Association

Certain conditions apply to the above PASSES. Please contact office for more information.

***Family Membership – Any combination of a family unit with children 25 years of age and younger residing at home and attending school. Additional NBGA.CLGA charges will be applied depending on the combination.

Green's Committee Report by Peter McCarthy

REPAIR YOUR BALL MARKS ON THE GREENS

The season is rolling along, the weather is not cooperating, but the spirits are still up and the hope of nice weather is still prominent. Hopefully August and September will bring optimal conditions for us to enjoy our favorite summer past time.

An important general maintenance contribution from players is repairing their ball marks on the greens. I have attached an article from the Golf Superintendent's of America in regards to ball marks:

***Ball marks - also called pitch marks - are the bane of smooth-putting and healthy greens on golf courses all over the world. They're the little depressions, or craters, sometimes made when a golf ball descends from the sky and impacts the putting surface.



Repairing those little depressions is very important.

Equally important is doing it the right way. Because while many golfers fail to repair ball marks - and shame on you if you are one of them - there are also many well-meaning golfers who *do* "repair" the pitch marks, only to do so incorrectly.

A ball mark can cause the grass in the depression to die, leaving not just a scar but also a pit in the putting surface that can knock well-struck putts offline. Repairing a ball mark restores a smooth surface and helps keep the grass healthy. But "repairing" a ball mark incorrectly can actually cause more damage than not attempting to repair it at all, according to a study done at Kansas State University.

The KSU researchers, whose conclusions were reported on Cybergolf.com, found that incorrectly "repaired" ball marks take up to twice as long to heal as those that are properly repaired.

So golfers, lets all start fixing our ball marks, and doing it the right way. And if you have a moment - if there isn't another group of golfers behind you waiting for you to clear the green - fix one or two other ball marks, too, if you find more of them on the green.

Repairing ball marks isn't just important for the health of the greens, and for smooth-rolling putts. It isn't just a matter of etiquette. It is our obligation to help take care of the golf courses we play. And repairing ball marks is a big part of that obligation to the game.

**Reference: Brent Kelly, About.com - Golf Superintendent's of America

To learn how to correctly repair a ball mark, ask one of our Professionals in the Pro Shop, they will be happy to show you the proper way. In short, a ball mark should be pushed back towards the middle of the mark from all sides and tapped down smooth with the bottom of your putter.

Do your part in keeping our greens in the shape they deserve to be in, repair your ball marks. I was told a long time ago that it takes 24 hrs for a ball mark to rejuvenate if repaired immediately, and one month for a ball mark to rejuvenate if repaired 24 hrs later. Fix your ball marks or miss the green, but keep our course in great shape. Your contribution is greatly appreciated by all!

Men's Match Committee by Mike Graham

Our golf year is quickly passing and despite the lack of help from the weather, we have been able to get our club events in. Our next club event will be the Chris Spencer Memorial Best Ball on September 6th. Sign up is available on our web site.

Our club matches are moving along nicely and will be completed on time. Matches remaining should not be difficult to schedule.

A BIG thank you goes out to Meaghan Higgins and her helpers for their efforts with the Rocca Junior/Senior Tournament.

See you on the course!



Ladies Association by Marilyn

Evans

The annual Christmas in July dinner was a great success. The staff did a great job preparing a traditional Christmas buffet.

The Diana Brenan Memorial Tournament, Tim Horton's Ladies Invitational and the Westfield Niners Invitational were all held in July. Thanks to all who organized and volunteered. Without these people the events would not take place.

Provincials were held at Grand Falls this year. Members that participated were Cindy Hutchinson, Twila Hitchcock, Lynn Jenkins, Debbie Ketch and Donna Holland. I would like to give a special thank you to All Creatures Veterinary Clinic on Sand Cove Road for their generous sponsorship. It was greatly appreciated.

The next Tuesday luncheon will be held on August 4th. They have been well attended this year. It is nice to see so many familiar faces.

The season is half over but there is still a lot of golf left. See you on the course.

Ladies Niners Report by Judy Nice & Carol Maber

Our Niners Invitational on July 8th was very successful with a field of 60 participating from Westfield, Riverside and Sussex clubs. From all reports everyone had a super time. Sincere thanks to all who helped and participated. The food was good and the weather really came through for us.

Carol Frank won Low Net for the field and Anne Mosher won Low Gross for the field. In Division 1, 1st Low Net went to Barb McCrossin, Division 2 was Alexis Janes, and 2nd Low Net prize went to Karen MacDonald. Alexis Janes also won Longest Drive on Hole #7, Division 2. Low Putts in Division 1 went to Linda Aiton and in Division 2 – Pam Gionet and Helen Strachan. Heather Zinck won Closest to the Hole on #2 for Division 2. Judy Nice and Heather Zinck both had birdies. In our Novice Division, Carol Craig won Low Gross.

This year a new trophy was added called "The Club Challenge Niners Field Day Trophy" - the winner is determined by combining the 4 Lowest Net scores from each club and Westfield was the recipient of that trophy. All in all it was a great time for everyone.

There were 23 Westfield Niners that attended the Sussex Invitational on July 22nd. Sandra Burnham won 2nd Prize for Division 2 Low Net, Carol Maber won Low Putts in Division 1, Cathy Hutchinson and Marge McKay won Low Putts in Division 2. The first two holes were a little damp but weather cleared up, a great time was had by all.

We are all looking forward to August 19th for the Riverside Invitational. Our next scheduled event is Mae Killam on August 12th.



Pro Shop Notes by *Marshall McMahon*

May the golfing gods let there be light. We know it has been wet but the golf course is probably the best it has ever been. The bright side is that it can't get any wetter. We would like to thank the membership for all their support over the season. The staff appreciates it. Starting now all clothing will be marked down 25% and Shoes 20% off. We still have a good selection so check it out.

ACCELERATE TO PUTT CONSISTENTLY One of the main causes of deceleration (a decreasing rate of speed as the putter moves through the impact area) is bringing the putter too far back when executing the backswing. This causes the player to compensate by slowing the putter as it moves through the impact area. Eliminating the problem is as simple as not bringing the putter so far back. Hold your position. Rather than straightening back up to see where the shot went, wait until the ball has stopped before moving. Focus on the front of the ball. Looking at the front of the ball instead of the back or top and accelerating through that point will help eliminate deceleration. Lighten the putter. Press the putter against the inside of your lead foot for about five seconds to build resistance. Take your stroke. The putter will naturally accelerate through the point of impact.

Junior Program by *Meaghan Higgins*

July was a great month for the junior program! The juniors improved their putting, chipping and swing in the lessons, which is sure to shed a few strokes off their game! Many thanks to all the juniors who volunteered at the Ladies Invitational and the Niners Invitational. Also the Saturday Morning Volunteers are much appreciated! I will be requiring many volunteers for the Molson Tournament Aug 15th –16th.

The Club Championship will be held August 8th and 9th with 18 hole (Junior, Juvenile, Midget and Girls divisions) and 9 hole (Boys and Girls divisions). No handicap is required. The Westfield Junior Invitational will be held August 10th. Anyone with an 18 hole handicap is encouraged to play. This is a tournament at which numerous juniors, from all around the province, will come and take part. Therefore it would be great to have a Westfield "host" player in each group. If interested, you must sign up in the office and pay a \$20.00 fee. There are many other Invitational being held at other local clubs during the month of August. Check the junior bulletin board for details.

Congratulations to Nick Earle, Colin MacKenzie and John Higgins for participating in the NB Midget/ Bantam Championships. Westfield was well represented at the junior provincials in Fredericton, July 13th- 16th by Neil Roberts, Greg Mazerolle, Keven Steeves, Jackson Jones, Ryan Downing, Jacqueline Higgins, and Nick Earle.
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU!

Our Closing Banquet will be held on the evening of August 17th at 6:30pm. The cost is \$12.00 for adults and juniors, and \$10.00 for children.

The menu will be: Nachos & Cheese, BBQ Chicken, Corn on the Cob, Oven Potatoes, Dessert.

Please **call the office before Thursday August 13th to reserve your place** as seating is limited at this popular event.



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 JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP	09 LADIES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP JUNIOR 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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September Planner Please refer to the website for potential changes to this schedule.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	01	02 LADIES DAY LAST MEN'S TWILIGHT LEAGUE	03 SEAMAN'S MISSION 1:00 PM SHOTGUN	04	05	06 CHRIS SPENCER MEMORIAL BEST BALL & CLUB CHAMPION FINAL
07 LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY	08 LADIES LUNCHEON 12:00 NOON	09 LADIES DAY	10 SUPER SENIORS CANCER SOCIETY 1:00 PM SHOTGUN	11	12 MASTERS	13 MIXED CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP 1:00 PM SHOTGUN
AERATION WEATHER PERMITTING	LADIES TWILIGHT LEAGUE					
14	15 LADIES TWILIGHT LEAGUE	16 LADIES DAY	17 SAINT JOHN CONSTRUCTION ASSOC. 1:00 PM SHOTGUN	18	19	20
21	22 LADIES LUNCHEON 12:00 NOON	23	24 THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER 6:30 SITTING	25	26 STOR-IT-SYSTEM 2 MAN SCRAMBLE/ALTERNATE SHOT	27 STOR-IT-SYSTEM 2 MAN SCRAMBLE/ALTERNATE SHOT
28 LADIES CLOSING BANQUET	29	30				

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Upcoming Social Events

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

Event Details	Main Course	Dessert
Tuesday, August 4 th , 2009 12:00 Noon \$12.00 (Tax Included)	Fruit Punch Assorted Sandwich Plate with Veggies & Dip	Strawberry Shortcake
Tuesday, August 18 th 2009 12:00 Noon \$12.00 (Tax Included)	Tomato Juice Stuffed Pork Mashed Potatoes/Baby Carrots	Butterscotch Pie
Tuesday, September 8 th , 2009 12:00 Noon \$12.00 (Tax Included)	Tossed Salad Mediterranean Layer Yellow Beans	Coconut Cream Pie

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

Event Details	Menu	Dessert
Thursday, August 6 th 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
Thursday, August 27 th , 6:30 pm \$17.99 (Plus HST)	Garden Salad, Sunshine Mold Glazed Baked Ham, Hawaiian Chicken Potato Scallop, Mixed Vegetables Homemade Tea Biscuits	Tiramisu Apple Crisp
Thursday, September 24 th 6:30 pm \$17.99 (Plus HST)	Seven Layer Salad, Orange Almond Salad Leg of Pork with Apple Sauce, Dressing Seafood Casserole Oven Roasted Potatoes, Squash & Peas Homemade Tea Biscuits	Chocolate Nut Layer Cake Bavarian Cream Pie