

# COLVILLE PARK GOLF CLUB

## Newsletter

Issue 1 - Season 2008 – April

### *Captain's Message*

As I enter my first year as Captain I would thank you all for placing me in this position. I am looking forward to the challenges ahead and hope to be able to report on a successful conclusion to the land sale and progress in rebuilding our locker room.

May I extend our thanks to Past Captain Billy Stronach for his services during his term as Captain. Billy is still serving on the executive so his expertise has not been lost.

Over the winter months the greens staff have been busy with the drainage programme which still has a few years to run. We have some major drainage work to be completed over the next few years and hope to keep disruption to a minimum.

As golfers we continually complain about un-repaired pitch marks and divots which have not been replaced but I have yet to meet a golfer who doesn't repair or replace them! Why then do we still find them on the golf course? Please repair them.

Once again it is apparent that members are practicing on the course, this is contrary to our rules. The greens staff have been asked to report any member, who is found to be practicing on the course, please don't let it be you!!

You will have noticed that an extra Invitation Four-ball has been scheduled for the 30<sup>th</sup> August and I hope you will all support this competition.

As we begin a new season may I wish every member a very successful season and I look forward to seeing most of you during the season.

Quote "According to locker-room lore, the name golf arose by default - all the other four-letter words had already been taken".  
George Pepper

Have a great season!!!

### *Litter Bins*

Litter bins are provided at each tee and at other locations around the Golf Course. Could we ask that all members use these bins to deposit rubbish and empty bottles/cans so that we can keep the Golf Course tidy.

### *Golf Ball Washers*

Members please note that new golf ball washers have been installed at the side of the 6<sup>th</sup> Green and next to the 12<sup>th</sup> Tee area.

### *Greens*

Unfortunately the weather has turned against us over the last couple of months. Heavy rainfall has held up Spring Maintenance due to underfoot conditions.

As from October last year 40 tonnes of cores have been removed from the greens and have been replaced with top dressing. During the winter months we also installed drains onto the 18<sup>th</sup> green, the front of the 5<sup>th</sup> tee and at the dip on the 12<sup>th</sup> Fairway. Money was also spent with Enviro-Clean to use the high pressure jets to clean out drains running from the right hand-side of the 6<sup>th</sup> under the Avenue Road to the 5<sup>th</sup> in order to help reduce the water build up. A new tee has also been constructed at the 13<sup>th</sup> and work has also been carried out on the path at the 1<sup>st</sup> Tee to prevent materials being washed away during heavy rainfalls.

A concrete base was also laid the length of the 6<sup>th</sup> ditch. An additional smoother concrete base will be laid at the end of this

playing season to help reduce the build up of water and debris as required by the Health & Safety regulations.

All bunkers have been topped up with sand and a large number of the faces have been re-turfed.

Over 80 tonnes of top dressing sand has been used over the winter months to top dress winter traffic and machinery damaged areas caused by construction work.

Unfortunately due to high material costs and fuel increases we were unable to carry out more drainage construction work. We have also learned that most fertilisers, grass seed, fungicides and machinery costs will rise significantly in the forthcoming months. Capital Expenditure over the last few months has seen the purchase of a new Ford tractor to replace the existing tractor which was 18 years old. A new Toro Tees Machine was also purchased to replace the existing machine which was 17 years old.

### *Administration/ Golf Secretary*

Could we remind all members that any changes of address should be notified immediately to Les Innes the Golf Club Secretary as well as to the Social Club Secretary.

Members who did not collect their Membership Diaries at the allotted times can collect their diaries at the Office during normal working hours.

### *Social*

The Mixed Foursomes-Jamieson Trophy Competition will take place on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May around 1:30pm. Entry Sheets will be posted up in the Locker Rooms and the Professional Shop on the 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> April for this competition. Once again we intend to adopt the format that was used last year whereby competitors will be allowed to choose their own partner.

### *Golf Professional*

Jim Stark our Golf Professional has tendered his resignation and will be leaving the club at the end of April. We wish Jim all the best and thank him for his efforts during his period with CPGC. The Golf Executive is currently taking steps to fill this vacancy as quickly as possible.

### *Match & Handicap*

#### NON CONFORMING DRIVERS

Rule regarding non conforming drivers now in operation further information on Notice Board and lists of conforming and non conforming drivers on R & A website [randa.org](http://randa.org)  
Rule changes for 2008

Principal changes are listed in the new rule book copies of which are available in Locker Room. the following are just a few examples

#### Rule 12-2 Identifying Ball

You can now lift ball in hazard for identification and you are penalised if you play wrong ball in hazard see Rule 15-3

Rule 19-2 Ball in Motion Deflected or Stopped by Player, Partner or Equipment penalty reduced to 1 shot in both match and strokeplay.

#### Rule 24-1 Movable Obstruction

You can now move flagstick when ball is in motion.

#### Rule 14-3b Artificial Devices, Unusual Equipment

Players cannot use Devices for measuring or gauging distance.