



SPRING 2024: THE SECOND CUT

Rideau Lakes Golf and Country Club News

Website: <http://www.rideaulakesgolf.ca>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/RideauLakesGolf>

2024 Board of Directors	
President: Sue Brown	Activities Chair: Ruth Hawley
Vice President: Sandy Murray	Grounds Chair: Michael McKean
Treasurer: Glain Webber	House Chair: Sandra Murray
Secretary: Mary Joan St.James	Director: Janine Tupper
Director: Eric Steigerwald	Grounds Superintendent: Aaron Steeves
Club Manager: Jim Kenny	

President’s Report Spring 2024:

Welcome to the 2024 golf season! This is the 60th anniversary of the club’s opening in 1964. We are thrilled to welcome Jim Kenny who we all know as a member, helper in the kitchen and now our new General Manager. Jim will bring his business experience and his love of golf to our club. We are excited to have him leading our team. We sadly lost five members and former members this winter. Our condolences go out to the families of Bob Faust, Wayne Wharton, Louise Ladouceur, Bryan Drake and our Board member for many years, Dennis Greenwood.

The mild winter and early spring weather have stirred the desire to get out golfing and our wonderful grounds’ crew, led by Aaron with Rob M., Clay, Tim, Rob H. and student Will, will be hard at work in April preparing the course for our golfing enjoyment.

Our Men’s and Ladies’ Leagues are excited to get started in late April as is the Monday ladies drop in group, The Twisted Sisters. Ruth Hawley and her Activities committee have planned a wonderful season of Nine ’n Dines, Match Play and the Club Championship. Thank you to all the volunteers who run our programs. There will be a special 60th birthday party on Canada Day where we will salute our founders and their vision!

Last Fall, our women’s locker room was given a stunning make-

over by Janine and Marc Tupper, Jim Fleming and Janine’s nephew, Ben. The hallway and stairway were also both painted. Because of the work of volunteers, our downstairs locker rooms, boardroom, and hallway are welcoming and fresh. Thank you to our House Chair Sandy Murray, for her leadership in keeping our clubhouse updated and inviting.

Thank you to our Treasurer, Glain Webber, who has worked hard to continue to add new features to our website to enable members and green fee players to get information, sign up for programs and learn more about what the course offers. Glain has also put together an equipment renewal plan for the purchasing of grounds mowers and tractors. This plan will be the focus of our fundraising for the next few years. Like everything else, the cost of this equipment has risen dramatically in the past few years. Michael McKean will be working with the Grounds and Financial committees to keep our course in the best possible shape.

Welcome back to all our staff and student helpers which include those in the kitchen, pro shop and the grounds crew. It is so nice to see the familiar faces and to meet new members of our team. Lastly, to our wonderful Second Cut editor, Gary Robertson who always makes us look good on paper!

Looking forward to seeing you all on the course!

Sue Brown



1964-2024

WELCOME TO THE START
OF OUR 60TH YEAR



OPENING SCRAMBLE
MAY 5, 2024

9 Hole Shotgun start 1:30
Lasagna Dinner \$25 tax & tip included
Members: \$25 golf & dinner,
Non Members: \$31 golf & dinner
Register & pay online by May 1

Cash Donations, new or gently used clothing for Kingston Street Mission
would be appreciated. \$20 or more will get a tax receipt



CHARTERED
PROFESSIONAL
ACCOUNTANTS

KELLY HUIBERS McNEELY

PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION

www.khmpc.ca

Carleton Place Stittsville Arnprior Perth

From the Front Desk Spring 2024:

Happy 60th birthday to the prestigious Rideau Lakes Golf and Country Club. I am thrilled to be given the opportunity of becoming your new General Manager.

I feel fortunate to be joining a club so rich in history. I plan to support the incredible team in place as we continue to offer a premium golf experience each time for our members and guests.

I look forward to working along side the Board of Directors, and supporting the tremendous volunteer crews. The structure and strong volunteer support was key to my decision in taking on this new role.

We have so much potential to enhance the golf experience, through the new golf system we have in place, more creative food and beverage ideas, continued special events, along with support for our pro shop, and our dedicated grounds crew who keep the place in pristine condition.

I look forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas, and ways we can continue to add value to our golf and country club. Let the 2024 celebrations begin!

Jim Kenny

Grounds & Greens Spring 2024:

We will miss our friend Dennis Greenwood who has greatly contributed and led the Grounds Committee over the years.

Dennis used his own Nursery to start many of our annual garden beds from seed and created planting plans that led to recognition by the township for their beauty. He also hardened off young trees on his property before they were transplanted to the course.

His knowledge of machinery and horticulture has enabled our 'gem' to flourish. We'll think of Dennis in 2024 as we

proceed with all the planned projects he participated in to improve Rideau Lakes.

He will be sorely missed.

Michael McKean

House Committee Spring 2024:

Welcome back to the 2024 RLG&CC golf season. We look forward to rekindling past golfing friendships and welcoming new members. Since the Fall's Second Cut House Committee article there have been a few ongoing improvements made to the Club House.

Outside, the retaining wall in front of the Club House was completed by our Grounds Crew staff. The new storage shed that was built last summer (thanks again Marc Tupper) will be available at the start of the season for storage of personal pull and battery operated carts for a nominal fee.

Inside, the women's locker room and washroom renovation was completed with minor finishing touches to be done (again, thank you Janine and Marc). The stairs leading from the main floor to downstairs have been retiled (thank you Jim Fleming) and the walls freshly painted (thanks Janine).

In the kitchen, Eleanor will return with new part time staff still to be hired. Jim Kenny, our new General Manager, will bring his expertise in Food Services to upgrade our kitchen operations.

There are a few changes to the House Committee this year. The 2024 members are: Sue Brown, Bern Frasson, Jim Kenny, Michael McKean, Sandy Murray, Eric Steigerwald, and Janine Tupper.

Sandy Murray

THAKE HOME COMFORT CENTRE

Refrigeration • Furnaces • Air Conditioning
Fireplaces • Stoves • Geothermal Systems

www.thakehomecomfort.ca
613.273.2062

24 Bedford St., P.O. Box 69, Westport, ON

Water Furnace
YORK
GEODI-WANZE
KOHLER Generators

WORKING HARD TO GUARANTEE YOUR COMFORT FOR OVER 50 YEARS!

Finance and IT Update Spring 2024:

Hope everyone had a good winter and is looking forward to having another year of fun at our Golf Club.

Here is a brief update on our Finances and our IT activity.

Finance Update

In April, we will be pulling together the financials for 2023 to present to the Finance Committee and the Board. Our Accountant will also be finalizing our 2023 Financial Statements in April. The key points:

- We paid off our CEBA loan of \$40K in 2023.
- Unofficially, it looks like our Net Income for 2023 was ~\$8K. As a comparison, our Budget was \$5K and our 2022 Actuals were \$17K.

We do maintain a list of capital projects that require funding. At the top of the list for 2024 is a new greens mower that has been ordered and the delivery date is to be confirmed. In addition, one of our Tractors and our Sand Bunker machine need replacement.

Our Finance Committee for 2024 has 3 new members - Eric Steigerwald, Brian Pigeon, and Donna Fleming.

IT Update

Our investment in IT in 2022 with **Tee-On** Point of Sale (POS) system and **Tee-ON** Online Store system continues to pay off:

- Online Store: In 2023 all Event registrations were done via the Online Store. This was convenient, accurate and relieved the pressure on the Pro Shop staff.
- Point Of Sale system: We continue to gather good statistics from the POS (e.g. rounds played, course utilization, kitchen revenue by time of day, etc.) which gives us a baseline to compare future year's results. This should help Jim Kenny (our new General Manager) and the Board with decision making in 2024.

In 2024, we will be looking at implementing more POS features - member accounts, electronic vouchers, tracking cost of goods sold, etc.

Website

We will continue to ensure that our website is updated with relevant and timely information. Please let me know if you have any suggestions for our website.

Take care and we will see you all very soon for a fun and enjoyable 2024 Golf season.

Glain Webber





Cathy Hay
REALTOR® Broker
(613) 851-0954
cathyhaysells@gmail.com

REALTY EXECUTIVES
REAL ESTATE LTD., BROKERAGE

Ladies' League Spring 2024:

Spring has sprung and that means golf season is just around the corner! I extend a hearty welcome to our new and returning members.

League play will continue on Tuesday mornings with an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start, commencing April 30th. Debbie Webber is our Games Captain. Again this year, players are welcome to play anywhere between 9 and 18 holes. Online registration is now open and payment can be made by e-transfer to ladiesleague.rlgcc@gmail.com. Note that registration fees remain unchanged from last year. In-person registration and meet & greet will take place in the clubhouse on April 23rd at 9 a.m. and will be followed by an optional round of 9 holes, commencing at 10 a.m. Please join us even if you have already registered!

Twisted Sisters: Please note that the Ladies League is now responsible for overseeing the Twisted Sisters program. Chris Kirby is our committee Captain. Games will continue to run on Mondays with a 4 p.m. shotgun start, commencing April 29th. To all members and green fee players: come on out and play! Bring your friends and enjoy an afternoon game of golf and socialization in a relaxed setting.

The League has many activities planned and we'll be sharing more detailed information with you soon. For now, here are a few key dates to remember:

Ladies' League registration: April 23rd

Official start of Twisted Sisters play: April 29th

Official start of League play: April 30th

League luncheon: May 28th

Fore the Love of Golf (FLOG): June 10th – the theme this year, in keeping with our club's 60th anniversary celebrations, is "Swinging Sixties".

League AGM and dinner: Sept. 11th

Our Executive membership, contact information and our 2023 Annual General Meeting minutes will be posted in our lovely, newly renovated Ladies' Locker room. Feel free to reach out to your Executive. Your feedback and suggestions are most welcome.

Looking 'fore-ward' to seeing all of you soon!

Glenda Carwardine



Men's League Spring 2024:

Greetings to all from the Tuesday Men's League Committee.

League play will commence April 30th at 1 pm. Please note online registration will be available on our website soon and payment can be made by e-transfer to mensleague.rlgcc@gmail.com. In-person registration will take place April 23rd at 11 am for those who prefer. Please bring your completed registration form along with your payment. If you would like to play a casual game that day, please e-mail marctupper1@hotmail.com regardless of your method of registration.

The Men's League committee has planned a number of events for the 2024 season and more details will be announced in the near future. The committee looks forward to seeing all our returning members and to welcoming our new members.

Marc Tupper



Activities Report Spring 2024:

It's almost here! Golf season at RLG&CC!

As you will see by the included Activities Schedule, we have a busy time planned for you. Please mark all these important dates on your calendar so you don't miss out.

Thanks to our wonderful volunteers, we have leagues, nine 'n dines, match play tournaments and club championships along with other special events.

The first nine 'n dine is our **Opening Scramble** on Sunday, May 5th. It's a 9-hole fun game with a shotgun start at 1:30. The meal will be lasagna, Caesar salad and a wonderful dessert. The cost for golf and dinner is \$25 for members or \$31 for non-members. Guests who wish dinner only will pay \$25. Sign up and pay online no later than May 1st. As has been our tradition, we will be raising money for the Kingston Street Mission. Monetary donations, along with new or gently used clothing, will be gratefully accepted. Donations of \$20 or more will receive a tax receipt.

Sadly, we have had to cancel our Fashion Show this year. Hopefully, it will return in the future when we have businesses who wish to promote their merchandise.

Our very popular **New Members' event** is on Sunday, May 26th at 2:00. I will send out invitations to our new members early in May and will be looking for volunteer hosts. Please let me know if you are new (since June 2023) and don't receive an invitation. I don't want to miss anyone.

In June our **Match Play** tournaments will begin. There are 3 categories: Ladies', Men's, and Mixed. We would be happy to set up one for Juniors if there is an interest.

A special event this year will be our **60th Anniversary** celebration. We have decided to combine it with our Canada Day nine 'n dine, with golf followed by a ceremony and then dinner. If you don't wish to golf, you would be very welcome to come after that to take part in the celebration and dinner. We are looking for any photos or memorabilia that you might be willing to loan us for the day. Please let me know if you have something to share.

We have set aside a day in July for our Juniors hoping lots of them will take part. Juniors, you of course are welcome at any of the other events as well.

Don't forget to take advantage of the better price in purchasing your Golf Canada membership through the club. You need to have that membership to take part in our leagues, Match Play and Club Championships or to play in tournaments at other courses.

Thank you in advance to all of our amazing volunteers who make our club so special. We always welcome new volunteers so don't be afraid to offer help for any job, big or small.

Looking forward to a great season of golf and friendship,

Ruth Hawley, Activities Director

Committee: Sue Brown, Sandy Murray, Glain Webber, Janine Tupper, Sue Jackson



2024 ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE (Tentative)

Date	Event	Time	Host(s)	Members	Open
Tues. Apr. 23	Opening/Registration	9:00/12:30	Ladies' & Men's Leagues	*	*
Mon. Apr. 29	Opening	4:00	Twisted Sisters		*
Sun. May 5	Opening Scramble	1:30	Ruth Hawley Gary & Mary Bowlby		*
Tues. May 28	LL Welcome Luncheon	12:30	Ladies' League	*	
Sun. May 26	New Members' Event	2:00	Ruth Hawley	*	
Fri. June 7	Presidents' Cup Nine 'n Dine	2:00	Sue Brown/Eric Steigerwald		*
Mon. June	Fore the Love of Golf	12:00	Ena MacDonald		*
Tues. June 13	League Dinner		Men's League	*	
Wed. June 19	Armed Forces Appreciation	9:00	George Dunfield/George German	*	
Mon. July 1	60 th Anniversary/Canada Day Nine 'n Dine	1:00	Anniversary Committee		*
Thurs. July 11	Mixed Fun Golf	3:00	Cathy & Jeff Desloges		*
Thurs. July 18	Junior Fun Tournament	8:00	Ruth H., Sue B., Mary Joan St. J., Sandy M.	*	
Thurs. July 25	Rideau Derby	2:00	MMcKean/NAbell	*	
Tues.	League Dinner		Men's League	*	
Thurs. Aug. 1	Travelling Ladies	9:00	Lyne Lwow	*	
Fri. Aug. 9	Christmas in August	3:00	Sue Jackson/Louise Tait		*
Wed. Aug. 14	Volunteers' Dinner	4:00	Sue Brown/Board of Directors	*	
Fri. Aug. 23	Club Championship	8:00	Ruth Hawley	*	
Sun. Aug. 25					
Sun. Sept. 8	Ladies' Intersectionals	12:30	Diane Murray	*	
Wed. Sept. 11	LL AGM & Awards Dinner	4:15	Ladies' League	*	
Sun. Sept. 15	Brunch Annual General Meeting Scramble (9 holes)	11:00 12:00	Sue Brown & Ruth Hawley		*
Tues. Sept.	League Dinner		Men's League	*	
Tues. Sept.	Last Day of LL Golf		Ladies' League	*	
Thurs. Sept. 26	Tombstone Tournament	2:00	Debbie & Glain Webber		*
Fri. Oct. 11	Year End Golf/Potluck	2:00	Donna & Jim Fleming		*
Tues. Oct.	Last Official Game		Men's League	*	

**THOMPSON'S
PLUMBING**

(613) 272-3674

LICENSED & INSURED

28 Drummond St., Newboro ON, K0G 1P0

Ron Thompson,
Master Plumber

Commercial & Residential
"WE DO IT RIGHT THE FIRST TIME"

www.ronthompsonplumbing.com

- Water Treatment
- Iron Filters
- Softeners
- U.V. Lights

- Reverse Osmosis
- Infloor Heating Systems
- Pumps & Pressure Systems
- New Construction

- Renovations
- Additions

Rideau Lakes Golf and Country Club 2024 Executive Team



Thank you for all the hard work and dedication in making Rideau Lakes such a great club!

ParticipAction makes the work fun and the friendships many!

Be a Participating Member!

**CLARK
& BASTEDO**

ClarkBastedo.com | 613.457.5000

A banner advertisement for Clark & Bastedo. On the left, two men are shown: one in a blue and white plaid shirt and another in a dark suit. A hot air balloon with the RE/MAX logo is positioned between them. To the right is the company logo, which features a red house icon above the text 'CLARK & BASTEDO'. Below the logo, the website 'ClarkBastedo.com' and phone number '613.457.5000' are displayed.



Rideau Lakes G&CC Safety Message

Safety is our number one priority at Rideau Lakes G&CC. We would like to remind you of a number of ways you can help keep everyone safe.

Golf Ball Safety

Golfers are responsible for the flight of their ball. Hitting a person or car could be tragic and costly!

- * Yell FORE loudly if you believe your ball could hit someone on the course.
- * Know your distances. Never hit up on a group ahead of you.
- * Wait for cars to pass on the road holes which includes #1, #2 and laneways at #8 and #9.
- * Be aware of locations of all carts and golfers before hitting your ball.
- * Hit away from parked cars and buildings.
- * Golfers are responsible for broken windows/windshields and any other damage caused by your ball.

Golf Cart Safety

Golf carts are vehicles and need to be driven with care.

- * The Ministry of Transportation Ontario advises against any form of impaired driving, including operating a golf cart while intoxicated.
- * Drivers must be 16 years old with a valid G1 licence.
- * Maximum of two riders in a cart.
- * Stay on the cart paths as much as possible.
- * Keep arms and legs inside the cart while driving.
- * Beware of wet slippery grass especially on hills (#8, #9) when trying to stop.

READY GOLF? What does that mean?

There are many articles written on the meaning of Ready Golf and how it should be played. Check Professor Google for a few dozen and knock yourself out!

HOWEVER, we would really like to focus on our club, our members, our guests, and our concerns for safe and smooth rounds of golf at Rideau Lakes.

Ready Golf does NOT mean you should hit when YOU are ready. That one thought is the most significant mistake to correct.

Ready Golf, properly applied in almost every circumstance, means BE READY WHEN IT'S YOUR TURN!

The fundamental rules of golf state clearly that the person farthest from the hole will shoot next. This tenet should guide us on every shot, every hole, every time.

This farthest away rule is an obvious and well thought out safety rule, as well as a part of the etiquette of golf. Please hold and grasp it as part of your everyday play.

So HOW do we use Ready Golf to speed up and smooth out play?

Simple. Only two things to work with:

1. Be Ready when it's your turn. This means paying attention to who's away, and while you are approaching your ball, you should be eyeballing the distance to your next target and deciding on which club to use.

Take out that club and do your practice swings, etc. When you can get to your ball in turn, adjust club selection to suit if you have a funky lie, etc. Set up, and as soon as it's your turn, swing away!

2. IF you find yourself on the opposite side of the fairway from the person next to hit, and separated by a large and safe distance, go to your ball if doing so will not interfere with the person who is next to strike. Think VISUAL DISTRACTION. If you are going to distract the person, don't advance. DO look at your distances, think of the club likely to be used, etc. Go through the planning process for your next shot.

That is it, in a nutshell. Furthest from the ball hits first. Pay attention to where you are in the order, be planning your shot as you approach your ball and BE READY when you are up!

This simplest of all processes will help everyone to enjoy a smooth and safe round without causing delays in play. There is ample time to chat and socialize AFTER you shoot in turn, with your playing partners.

For Cart riders, remind your driver where you are and get dropped off at or near your ball. Take all your needed clubs with you.

For Cart drivers, you can influence the pace of play by helping find errant balls, dropping off your riding partner near their ball, checking on the group ahead, etc.

This coming season let's all embrace the simplest possible core principle of Ready Golf:

BE READY!



DAN TAKES YET ANOTHER PRACTICE SWING.

Keeping Up-To-Date with Activities:

In order to help our members keep current with the Activities going on at our Club, we rely on e-mails, the Club's website and our Facebook page.

Thanks to Glain Webber, our webmaster, all our current and future events are listed along with some of the latest Rideau Lakes Club news. From its humble beginning just a few years ago, the site continues to gain in popularity with impressive year over year growth. We are now averaging several hundred monthly individual visitors and these same visitors return to view the site an average of 12 times every month and these visits are not just during the summer months but continue over the winter too.

The web site can be found at: <http://www.rideaulakesgolf.ca/> and has links to all our other venues as well.

Thanks to Terry Hamilton for managing our club Facebook Page which can be found at: <http://www.facebook.com/RideauLakesGolf>

We encourage everyone to visit it regularly and add your comments on it.

Want to see our latest event pictures? Want to see how professional your golf swing looks?

Thanks to our Club photographers, Jim Blair and Gary Robertson, you can go directly to our pictures on our website where you can view and even download for free any pictures you choose of yourself or your golfing partners.

Something new has been added to our Facebook page to allow people to click on the new "call now" button and connect directly from their smartphone to the Pro Shop. Now people can quickly book their tee times or sign up for our many great events .

Right beside the new "call now" button is the " like" button and if people haven't yet "liked" our page they can click there and be guaranteed notification of events, announcements and specials.



18 Concession St., Westport
613.273.2075

15 Main St., Elgin
613.359.5879


Rideau Insurance
PROTECTING PEOPLE'S INTERESTS SINCE 1967

PARTNERS FOR A REASON. www.rideauinsurance.com 

So many memories...Dennis Greenwood



From the beginning, Dennis Greenwood was exactly as we knew him in all his years as a Rideau Lakes golfer and active Board member: wearing his favourite old, tattered overalls, wide-brimmed straw hats, playing golf in shorts on the coldest of days; at meetings, sitting with arms crossed, quiet and observant. But when addressed directly, he always had a specific and well-thought-out response.

Over his years on the Board, he served on every Board Committee: House, Grounds, Activities, Finance, as well as serving as President. He worked tirelessly in the gardens with other volunteers, helping to make the course the showcase that it has become today. He was involved in many club improvements, culminating in the recent expansion of the clubhouse deck.

On a personal level, he will be remembered for his love of plants and gardening; (those delicious tomatoes will be missed!); for his love of sports: golf, hockey, and the Sunday NFL, made all the more exciting by participating in football pools where his winner selections were often financially beneficial.

Dennis was hardworking, caring, kind and a good friend to many. I'm sure that many members have Dennis-related stories. To his friends, he was one-of-a-kind, always there to help when needed.

He is missed.

