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# THE SECOND CUT

Rideau Lakes Golf and Country Club News

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## The First Tee:

### *From The President's Desk:*

As the AGM nears it is time to reflect and review our progress over the last two years. Through the diligent work of the Finance committee and the excellent managerial skills of our manager we have seen continued reduction in the club's debt load. Though the club is not yet totally in the black our total debt has dropped substantially through the four years since our change in management. We now have in place an excellent budgeting system which reviews three previous years' actuals versus budget to set numbers for the coming year which reflect the needs of the club. Kudos to our treasurer Ken Morris and his predecessor Terry Caves for all their hard work on the club's finances. As our long term debt nears elimination the board is giving serious consideration to some much needed capital expenditures for the coming year. These include pieces of equipment for the Grounds and the replacement of the roof on the clubhouse, as well as finalizing the renovations to the clubhouse air conditioning system.

Thanks to Marlene Goodwin and all our gardening volunteers as well as the hard working Grounds crew our club is again garnering multitudes of compliments about the beauty of our course, Our Hidden Jewel on The Rideau. In the next few years we hope to

continue to improve our flower beds for everyone to enjoy.

Again this year we are including all the committee and league reports in this publication so that all the members can review them prior to the AGM. It is hoped that this will reduce the time spent on reports at the AGM with just highlights presented by the committee chairs.

In closing I want to thank all of the staff for their outstanding contribution to the operation of our club and to those who have served on the Board for the past two years for their ideas, hard work, and leadership in making Rideau Lakes the best that it can be.

Finally, a big thank you to our manger Rob Dunfield for his help with all our projects over the past few years and in making my job just a walk in the park.

Please join me in offering your support to our new incoming President Ron Goodwin and the new Board. Volunteer whenever you can to make our club better. Remember that volunteers live an average of seven years longer.

Dennis Greenwood  
President

## AGM House Committee Report 2011

Though the economic uncertainty and inclement weather this spring continued to cause a serious struggle for many golf clubs, the operation of our clubhouse was well within budget. We were able to be successful thanks to the good management of Rob and Eleanor and their staffs, and the many hours of work volunteered by our members.

The renovations completed this spring and the proposed new roof renders the exterior of the clubhouse almost maintenance free. The updating of our air conditioning system resulted in much improved air circulation and cooling in both the lounge and the kitchen. Ceiling tiles in the lounge will be replaced this fall.

Thanks to all for a wonderful season.

Respectfully submitted:

Louise Kane, on behalf of the House Committee.

## Home and Home Report 2011

This season the Rideau Lakes men held three 'Home and Home' events with Lombard Glen, Rivendell and Evergreen golf clubs. The men represented our club did well at our home half of the events by winning the matches against Lombard Glen and Evergreen. Home course advantage reversed the outcome at Lombard Glen and Evergreen. The team from Rivendell was too strong and they took both ends of the matches. Everyone enjoyed these events which are highlighted with a meal and a few drinks following the golf. The format for these events is a 'Four Ball' match play where pairings of two from each club count the best score on each hole. A team wins the hole if they score lower than their opponent. The total holes won by each team are totaled to determine the overall winner. The Lombard Glen event in June was not well attended and will be dropped from the schedule for next year.

Thanks to all who came out and represented the Rideau Lakes Club.

Ken Morris



## Activities Committee 2011:

We are fortunate to belong to a club that is not just a 'run of the mill' golf club where you come to play golf and go home. We truly have a 'social' club where members not only play golf but also participate in many fun and social events and competitions.

2011 has been an interesting year: we have had more than our share of rain, hot weather and strong winds, sometimes all in one round! However, I was exceptionally impressed with the tenacity of our members to play under such conditions. This was exemplified by our ladies who played in the Ladies Intersectional Match Play competition. They played through rain, howling winds and cold temperatures and our ladies were able to bring home the trophy for our club!

As Activities Chairman I was really impressed with the enthusiasm that our club members have shown while participating in club events. The Opening Scramble was delayed twice while we waited for a reasonably dry day. We finally succeeded in playing the event on a 'Battle of the Sexes' theme. Everyone enjoyed the format but it took too long to play so we will have to revise the format before turning the ladies against the men next year!

The Nine and Dines continue to be popular and the reduction of the events to once a month made it easier for members to schedule their summer activities and still be able to attend. The credit for the success of the Nine and Dines goes to the great support of those who volunteered to coordinate the events or assisted in the conduct of the events. Our thanks are extended to those who willingly support our club with such dedication.

Despite the similar scramble formats and superb meals that follow each of the Nine and Dines, “Christmas in August” continues to be our most popular event. This event is always over-subscribed. There must be something about having in August a turkey dinner with all of the trimmings that motivates our members!

The Glow Ball tournament is another popular event. Everyone enjoys being able to ‘hit the ball out of sight’! We had a unique challenge this year in that the glow sticks that the supplier provided were slightly undersize and thus many had the problem of the stick falling out the ball being lost in the dark. We will solve that problem for next year! Credit goes to the Pro Shop staff for adding additional lights at key points along the course to improve the safety of play thus avoiding players driving into bunkers, water hazards etc. Of course Eleanor’s chili was a big hit.

We had more members participating in the Club Championship this year. It is apparent that the word got out from last year that the event is an enjoyable event that is not limited to serious, low handicap players. There were four divisions of play: men, women, masters and juniors. All players discovered that they could be competitive even if they had high handicaps. As with last year, it was a requirement that a member had to have registered ten games this year to play in the Club Championship. This proved to be limiting for those who were unable to play that frequently. Next year your handicap will carry over from the previous year and the only requirement will be that you have played at least ten games that were entered into our handicap system over that period. This should enable more members to qualify, especially those who normally only play nine holes once a week.

Apart from our regular events, our special events really add interest and enjoyment for our members. These include the Ladies and Men’s league play, the very successful Monday night Twisted Sisters, Home at Home challenges, Men and Ladies Travelling Seniors, as well as the Men’s, Ladies, and Mixed Match Play events. Of course special recognition goes to the Ladies League that also organizes a very successful Ladies Invitational tournament and a Member Guest Tournament.

Of course all of these activities would not be possible if it were not for the efforts of those who have volunteered to run these events: Ken Morris for the Home at Homes; Phil Ellis for the Travelling Seniors; June Morris for the Ladies Invitational; Doreen Wharton for the Ladies Travelling Seniors; Wilma and Dick Mulville for the Senior Open; John Coates for the Men’s League; Betty Boone for the Ladies League; Janet Crane for the Monday Night Twisted Sisters; Louise Kane for the Ladies Match Play; Ron Goodwin for the Men’s Match Play; Doreen Wharton for the Mixed Match Play events; and finally, the efforts of JoAnne Mehr and Ron Goodwin and their team for organizing and conducting our Club Championship.

Last but not means least, we owe a special vote of thanks to the Pro Shop for the friendly support, to Eleanor and her staff for superb meals, to Glenn and his ground crew for a wonderfully manicured course, and finally to Dennis Greenwood for his diplomatic leadership as our Club President. With a team like that it is no wonder we have such a dynamic, friendly social golf club!

George German  
Activities Chairman

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## **Grounds Report for the 2011 AGM**

Despite a very wet start to the season, 2011 has been a very good year for RLGCG from a grounds perspective. Thanks to Glen, Rob and our grounds crew once again for their excellent work. Having played a fair number of different courses over this past golf season the condition of our course was second to none.

The highlights from the grounds committee for the past season are as follows:

- 1) Two pieces of our grounds equipment are in need of replacement at this time including the Bevco rough mower and one of the greens/tee mowers.
- 2) A project has been approved and set in motion to extend cart paths throughout the entire course. The new path on hole #1 has already been completed with the exception of a proposed small bridge over the "wet spot". Holes #2 and #6 are next on the priority list
- 3) The board has approved the removal of a number of the large poplar trees bordering the #7 tee box. This work will be done by our own grounds staff over the winter once the

ground is frozen. Members that play from the blue or gold tees should not get overly excited as the four trees at the front of the tee box are being left in place for now.

- 4) The posts and frames for many of the signs located at the various tee boxes are rotting and in need of replacement. The posts and frames for the signs at # 5 and #6 tee boxes will be replaced this year with the remaining work being done next year.
- 5) We have embarked on a two year major weed control program for the entire course. The last time that this was done was approximately 10 years ago. Chemicals have been purchase to allow us to do half of the course this year with the remainder of the course to be done next year. Over the last couple of years, the grounds crew has been more precise about the application of fertilizer and chemicals on the golf course. This being in response to new provincial regulations which has an overall benefit to the environment.

Phil Ellis  
Chair of the Grounds Committee

## From the Front Desk:

Work started early with the installation of soffit, fascia, eaves trough and siding. This work certainly cleaned up the outside. Then the work started inside, finishing off the downstairs hallway. Painting was ongoing all summer; we now have a building to be proud of.

Membership was down slightly in 2011, with 116 men, 66 women, 8 intermediates, 20 juniors, and 17 social members. The Board of Directors has kept next years' membership dues the same as this year.

Please take advantage of the early bird rates and sign up now. This helps the club get through the off months.

The kitchen will be very close to a break even point this year. This is due to correct pricing and control of staff hours. Thanks to the entire kitchen staff for their support.

Grounds crew has been extremely busy. With all the moisture in the spring, the grass never stopped growing. This and good management from the outside guys helped to save a significant amount in chemicals and fertilizers.

Our front line guys at the Pro Shop have provided our members and guests with a warm greeting and they are to be commended on the job they do.

Green fee revenues were down 8% for the year. Our rainy spring caused this. On the positive side, cart revenue was up 7% which is great help for the club. We will continue to offer Cart cards at great rate to members only.

Thanks to the Board of Directors for their leadership! They put together a workable budget and policies for the good of the club.

Finally, a BIG thank you to all the volunteers. Without your help, our membership fees would go through the Roof.

Respectfully,

Robert Dunfield

## Ladies League Annual Report:

### LADIES LEAGUE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2011

Submitted by Janet Crane –Vice President

2011 was a very successful season for the Ladies League. We had 55 members, 23 who play 18 holes, and 32 that play 9.

Our season was a busy one with 3 mixed scrambles, a member guest day and our ladies league invitational.

At our member guest day this year we invited 6 of our alumni ladies, members from previous years. This was very well received.

Our ladies league invitational was also a success with over 50 ladies participating. The most common comments after the invitational were “the course was in amazing shape” and “the food was terrific.”

Many thanks to Glen Doyle and his crew for keeping the course in pristine condition and kudos to Eleanor and her team for the scrumptious meals.

This year the ladies league will be donating \$175.00 to Breast Cancer and \$50.00 to the ALS society. The ladies league wishes all its members a safe and healthy winter.

We look forward to seeing everyone back in the new year. Registration day is TUESDAY MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2012.

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## Men's League Annual Report 2011

After a slow wet start and surviving a few bumps along the way, this season turned out to be a very good one. Although our numbers have declined once again, those participating were enthusiastic and had a good time.

At our closing meeting it was carried that we would dispense with the issue of cash chits for quota points next season and hopefully have more cash prizes at the closing event.

It was also decided to do a one year trial social membership to attract new members. This was to be for new members only but the Board of directors declined our request and amended it, endorsing instead the same \$65 Social Membership as the ladies plus of course the \$50 League entry with no conditions.

I want to congratulate Phil Ellis who is this year's Men's League Champion, Marcel Desforges, Golfer of the Year, and Ron Goodwin, recipient of the Bush Bond Memorial Trophy for the person best serving the Men's League and Club during the past season.

In closing I want to thank all the members for their support and help through my first year running the league. A special thanks to Ron Goodwin and Bill Johnston for their hours of help throughout the Year.

John Coates

## Monday Ladies Fun Golf, (aka: The Twisted Sisters)

2011 saw a slow start for the Monday Ladies fun golf. In late spring and early summer this year, the weather was very wet and we had four Mondays cancelled due to rain. Once the warm weather and sun arrived, the ladies came out for FUN GOLF in full force! For the 2011 season, to date, the Monday night Twisted Sisters has had 409 golfers. Of those, 241 were green fee players and 168 were members. The group also consumed 282 meals.

The bar generates income from the ladies as everyone has some type of beverage when they return to the clubhouse.

Regardless of the weather, the green fee players participating are outnumbering our members.

In 2011, we have had a few more of the husbands tee off before the ladies. There have been 6 regulars including 3 green fee players, and of course they also use the bar and kitchen after their round.

Once again in the 2011 season the kitchen remained open for the Monday night ladies, (with the exception of 2 nights in June when there were tournaments in the day). The Ladies have been very pleased with the specials, the size, the quality and the price. I would like to thank the kitchen staff, Eleanor and Barb for being so very accommodating with the ladies.

Another great improvement in 2011 was closing the tees to other players while the ladies tee off with a shot gun start on the first 5 holes. This stops the ladies from starting their rounds into existing golfers and causing complaints.

Thank you to Norm and the pro shop for being so patient with the ladies, and for helping the tee off go smoothly every week.

I have agreed to continue to run the Twisted Sisters Ladies fun golf in 2012. The league will officially start on Monday April 30<sup>th</sup> and end on October 1<sup>st</sup> 2012, and I will continue to run the free ad in the Review Mirror for the league.

We will close this year on Monday October 3<sup>rd</sup> with an "appetizer night" after our golf. This was very successful in 2010 with 43 women attending; a great night for everyone to enjoy!

Janet Crane.



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