



Autumn 2023: THE SECOND CUT

Rideau Lakes Golf and Country Club News

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President's Report Autumn 2023:

After a wet and sometimes wild summer, it is nice to have the drier, cooler, blue sky days for golf. Special thanks to Aaron and the grounds crew for working very hard in the hot and humid weather to keep the fungus and molds off our fairways and greens. The course looks amazing and the compliments have been coming in from many members and green fee players.

The Second Cut is taking on a new look. Mary Joan St. James, our secretary on the Board of Directors will be a regular contributor focusing on our history, people and events. In this edition, you will find a series of articles about the staff and volunteers who keep our course running so smoothly. Gary Robertson, our editor is also jumping into the writing mode. Gary had the unenviable position of Marshal at the Club Championship and had a ringside seat to the highs and lows of the competition. Thank you to both MJ and Gary for their contributions.

The summer was full of activities and events and for the most part the weather co-operated for us. We had our first well attended Junior event this year and are so happy to see a good number of Junior members as well as other

younger players on the course. Thank you to Ruth Hawley and her group of hosts and organizers! Our leagues had record numbers as did our match play competitions. Thank you to the Captains and organizers.

As always, I must thank our kitchen staff for providing excellent meals all summer long. Eleanor and her student team of Sydney and Emily provided us with the most amazing dishes. Thank you as well, to the pro shop team who welcome and efficiently get our golfers out on the course.

We will be saying goodbye to Rob Dunfield, after 17 years at RL&CC. He has guided the club through Covid, the good and bad financial years and changes in technology. An invitation to Rob's retirement party on October 5th is included in this edition. Join the Board of Directors in wishing him a wonderful retirement.

We look forward to seeing many of our members at the Annual General meeting/Brunch/9 holes of golf on September 17th. Until then, have a wonderful golf filled September!

Sue Brown
President

Rob Dunfield is Retiring!

Come and celebrate Rob's 17 years at RLG&CC
Thursday October 5th, 2-4 PM.

@ RLG&CC

Wine & Cheese

Bring your cards and best wishes!

RSVP to Mary Joan at mjstj@rideau.net

By Sept. 21, 2023.

From the Front Desk Autumn 2023:

To Everyone at Rideau Lakes Golf and Country Club:
17 years ago you took a chance and offered me the position of Manager.

Frank Perrin and Pat Barrington hired me and on my first day I was sitting in Sault Ste. Marie waiting for my 1999 Van-a-Gon to be repaired. Needless to say, I made it a few days late, and there began my time as your Manager.

Firstly, I want to acknowledge and extend my highest respect to our volunteers and staff. With their input, dedication, ideas and support, Rideau Lakes G&CC has thrived and become one of the best courses in Eastern Ontario.

With their support we managed to get through lean budget years, COVID 19, new golf rules (and the many questions...), used up old equipment, well past their due date and eventually purchased some fine replacements. It's exciting to have a full complement of golf carts today!

And above all, the deck extension, improvements to the facilities locker rooms and washrooms (ladies, you are in luck - your turn is this winter!) and improved kitchen facilities, making this part of the club now a profitable venue.

Congratulations to all the staff for jobs well done, and best wishes to Jim Kenny on his next adventure as your new Manager.

I leave with good feelings of having made some wonderful friends, increased knowledge of how to run a golf course and a lot learned from the grounds crew.

This experience has been very rewarding.

If you can't play a sport...be one!

All the best,

Rob





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Finance and IT Update Autumn 2023:

Hello everyone. Hope all is well and that you are enjoying the golfing and the events at our Club.

Finances:

Here is where we stand on the Year To Date (YTD) Finances as of Aug 31, 2023.

Revenue: YTD Revenue up 11% from last year and up 9% against Budget.

YTD Revenue breakdown is as follows: Pro Shop Revenue (51%), Membership Revenue (25%), Kitchen Revenue (22%)

Expenses:

YTD Expenses up 12% from last year and up 6% against Budget (when revenue is up, it is natural for expenses to also be up)

YTD Expenses Breakdown is as follows: Payroll (48%), Kitchen (17%), Grounds (16%), General & Admin (9%), Clubhouse (5%), Pro Shop (4%)

Net Income:

YTD Net Income up 7% from last year and up 18% against Budget

This is good news but keep in mind that our revenue is heavily dependent on weather conditions

We also have some costs coming up. The greens mower and the bunker raking machine need to be replaced. The last of our golf cart fleet needs to be refreshed, our CEBA loan needs to be paid off by year end, as well as paying down our mortgage, etc .

Cash Flow to pay bills during winter months:

We do need cash flow to get through the winter months. So please take advantage of the \$50 discount for returning members who renew their full membership before Oct 31, 2023 (online via website or via Pro Shop). It's a Win-Win!!! You win by saving \$50 and at the same time you are helping our Club's finances for winter months.

IT Update:

Our investment in IT last year with Tee-On Point Of Sale (POS) system and Tee-ON Online Store system continues to pay off.

Online Store: Event registrations continue to be done via Online Store which is convenient, accurate and relieves the pressure on the Pro Shop staff.

Point Of Sale system:

We are continuing to gather good statistics from POS (e.g. rounds played, course utilization, kitchen revenue by time of day, etc.) which will give us a baseline to compare future year's results. This should help with decision making.

Looking forward, we are discussing implementing more POS features next year - member accounts, electronic vouchers, tracking cost of goods sold, etc.

Website:

We continue to add more functionality and information on our web site: weather report for next 5 days, match play results, list of all events for the year, event registration data showing list of people who have registered for an upcoming event, hole in one club to celebrate hole in one winners, etc.

Please let me know if you have any suggestions for our website.

Thank you so much for making our Club so vibrant, fun and welcoming. Enjoy the rest of the 2023 season!!!

Glain Webber



Grounds & Greens Autumn 2023:

What an unbelievable summer we've had, from hot, sticky, humid days to others full of rain and storms.

Our course had more rounds played this year than it has in a very long time which is quite hard on the turf and Greens and yet the Grounds crew has done a spectacular job keeping it in excellent shape. Their efforts were part of the reason that when Golf Canada re-evaluated the course they found it to be more challenging than the last review leading to a higher slope and/or course rating.

We continue to plant young saplings as the Ash Borer has infested some of our well established trees.

You may have noticed that many of our bunkers were refreshed with added sand.

We installed a new water pump to ensure the irrigation system continued operating and have ordered a new Greens mower which will assist in keeping them in top shape (though getting a delivery date has been challenging).

We are in need of a Bunker machine and a lawn mower to cut the rough (very expensive).

We took delivery of 6 new golf carts and with next year's delivery will have updated our entire fleet which provides an environmental advantage as the new carts use half the gas.

We replaced the ball remover cups on the pins with a simpler model that has no protruding bar.

We will be paving the slope up from the #2 Green and creating a round-about on the #4 White Tee thanks to the generous donation of the Ladies League.

Many of our members who walk are taking advantage of the new cart storage shed. Thanks to Marc Tupper and the entire team for their input.

We added a sand bottle station by the first tee and a hose enclosure. Thanks to John Finlayson for his input.

Enjoy the rest of the season and be sure to replace your divots or use the sand/seed mixture as this is the prime grass growing period.

Michael McKean

House Committee Autumn 2023:

It's hard to believe that the 2023 golf season is coming to a close. The House Committee has been very busy with implementing improvements to both the inside and outside of the Clubhouse.

Outside, volunteers have maintained the front flower bed and a new Rideau Lakes Golf & Country Club sign was mounted by the front door. The old sign was refurbished and placed on the fence by the maintenance shed lane. Hopefully, this has helped direct green fee players to the Clubhouse. Thanks to the proceeds raised from the Fashion Show, the parking lines were painted and spaced further apart. A new storage shed was built beneath our upper deck to house personal pull and battery operated carts. A new accessible door was installed at the lower entrance and the hands-free entry is a real plus. Also on the list of improvements for this Fall is completing the replacement of the retaining wall at the front of the clubhouse.

Inside, there are on-going changes taking place. The newly renovated men's washroom also includes an accessible washroom which meets new upcoming government regulations. The women's washroom renovation is moving forward. We are in the early stages of design, costing materials and the timing of this improvement. Thanks to the generous donation of \$4 500 from the Ladies League, we are able to commence work in October. Thanks also to Janine and Marc Tupper who will provide the labour and leadership for this project. In the kitchen, our two students (Sydney and Emily) headed back to school at the end of August. Jim Kenny, the General Manager (commencing in 2024), will assist Eleanor in the kitchen. The Club will offer an inservicing on the recently installed new defibrillator, located near the pro shop door. The inservicing will take place in early Spring and will include staff, Board members and interested RLG&CC members.

Finally, I would like to thank the House Committee members for their time and dedication to making RLG&CC such an amazing golf club! Committee members are: Sue Brown, Rob Dunfield, Michael McKean, Eric Steigerwald, Janine Tupper, Sandy Murray (Chair).
Sandy Murray

Activities Report Autumn 2023:

The golf season of 2023 may have been our busiest one yet! It has been packed with lots of golf, fun and socializing.

None of our activities would be possible without the generosity in time and labour of a myriad of volunteers. This year we sent out invitations to over 80 volunteers for our Volunteer Dinner! I hope you'll take a look at the poster which is now hanging in the clubhouse.

Thanks to the generosity of our members and guests, honouring our mandate as a not-for-profit golf club, we donated \$940 plus socks and other clothing to the Kingston Street Mission and \$1,039 to the Westport Food Bank.

This year a new way of registering and paying for events was introduced. After a few glitches, it has proved to be a very efficient and convenient way to manage this and leave the pro shop free to carry out their day-to-day tasks.

Match Play has become a very popular programme. Lots of tight matches were played and lots of fun was had. Many commented on how nice it was to play with different people, one on one, and get to know them.

The Club Championship was also enjoyed by many members. There, too, the competition was fierce, but friendly. The winners of these are included in this issue.

Our newest event was a day for our Juniors. We were happy to have 11 boys take part. Maybe next year, there will be some interested girls, as well. We encouraged them to get a Golf Canada membership so they could take part in the competitions. Only one presently has a membership, but he happily took part in the Rideau Derby and the Club Championship and was made very welcome by the adult participants.

Although the season is too quickly coming to an end, there are still a few more fun times to be had: the AGM/Closing Scramble on Sunday, Sept. 17th, the Tombstone Tournament on Thursday, Sept. 28th and the Potluck Nine 'n Dine on Friday, Oct. 6th.

The tentative calendar of events for 2024 is included. Please keep it and/or mark your calendar so you don't miss out on the events next year.

Ruth Hawley, on behalf of the Activities Committee
– **Dennis Greenwood, Glain Webber, Rob Dunfield,**
Sandy Murray, Sue Brown & Sue Jackson

2023 MATCH PLAY WINNERS

	CHAMPION(S)	CONSOLATION WINNER(S)
LADIES	Patti Bain	Sue Jackson
MEN	Steve Robbins	Ryan Bruyere
MIXED	Nancy Abell/Michael McKean	Patti Bain/Brian Snell

2023 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

	LADIES	MEN
CLUB CHAMPION	Lyne Lwow	Ryan Bruyere
JUNIOR CHAMPION		Jake Baker
MASTERS CHAMPION	Louise Tait	Mike Flanigan
"A" LOW NET	Sue Jackson	Danny Welch
"B" LOW GROSS	Janine Tupper	Greg McCarthy
"B" LOW NET	Joanne McConnell	Tim Ridsdale
"C" LOW GROSS	Michele Steigerwald	Michael McKean
"C" LOW NET	Sharlene Coates	Bill Dwyre
MASTERS LOW NET		Terry Hamilton

Club Championships 2023

Rideau Lakes Golf and Country Club held their annual Club Championship weekend this past August 25 and 27'th.

With a wonderful turnout of 48 members signing up for the two-day event, we saw participation in all classes from the Seniors to the Juniors.

Great weather helped us as the competitors battled the course and each other throughout the weekend.

With mid-event scores posted, the competitors had the chance to think about the final Sunday round for the Championship.

A bright sunny Sunday morning saw the competitors tee off on a perfect day of golf and weather. Championships are always won and lost on the back 9 on Sunday, and this year was no exception. At the end of the day, two-time Men's champion Ryan Bruyere stretched his winning ways to a third win!

Ladies' Champion introduced a new winner in Lyne Lwow, who played to a spectacular 6 stroke win!

Our Junior Division was won in great fashion by Jake Baker, while our Masters winners were Mike Flanigan and Louise Tait.

RLG&CC wishes to thank all the many members who volunteered to help this event run so smoothly. PARTICIPATION is alive and well at our club!





A Special Thank You to the RLG&CC 2023 Volunteers

Nancy Abell
Debbie Bagg
Patti Bain
Dolores Beckermann
Jim Blair
Gary Bowlby
Mary Bowlby
Sue Brown
Glenda Carwardine
Peter Dawe
Cathy Desloges
Jeff Desloges
George Dunfield
Nancy Dwyre
Phil Ellis
Robb Flegg
Donna Fleming
Jim Fleming
Janet Finlayson
John Finlayson
Bern Frasson
Nancy Jane Genge
Cathy German
George German
Joy Gillis
Dennis Greenwood
Linda Hamilton
Terry Hamilton
Ruth Hawley
Jim Hendry
Lynne Hendry
Greg Hulse
Sue Jackson
Jo-Anne Jobin
Louise Kane
Lyn Kearns
Chris Kirby
Bev Lingenfelter

Lyne Lwow
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Joan Smith
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Michèle Steigerwald
Louise Tait
Sue Todd
Janine Tupper
Jim Tupper
Marc Tupper
Debbie Webber
Glain Webber
Kathy Wilder

**Your contribution to the care and well-being of
Rideau Lakes Golf & Country Club
is certainly appreciated by all the
Members, Staff and Board of Directors!**

2024 ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE (Tentative)

Date	Event	Time	Host(s)	Members	Open
Tues. Apr. 23	Opening/Registration		Ladies' & Men's Leagues	*	*
Sun. May 5	Opening Scramble	1:30	Ruth Hawley Gary & Mary Bowlby		*
Mon. May 13	Fashion Show	12:00	Sandy Murray/Sue Todd		*
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	Dennis Greenwood/Mary Joan St. James		*
Mon. June 10	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	M McKean/N Abell/D Greenwood	*	
Tues. July	LL Mid-season Luncheon	12:30	Ladies' League	*	
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	*	
	Ladies' Intersectionals	12:30	Diane Murray (competitors:)	*	
Fri. Aug. 23 Sun. Aug. 25	Club Championship	8:00	Ruth Hawley & Dennis Greenwood	*	
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	*	

2023 RLG&CC Student Workers



Conor Egan, Will Free, Emily Fielding and Sydney Greene

This summer, Rideau Lakes has been fortunate to have four energetic, helpful and personable student employees. They will be leaving us shortly and we wish them well in their future endeavours.

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2023 RLG&CC Student Workers

Conor Egan will be returning for his third year, studying mechanical engineering, at Ontario Tech University in Oshawa. Conor spent most of his working hours in the Pro Shop, occasionally helping out in the kitchen. In his free time, Conor has definitely improved his golf game.

Will Free will be returning to Grade 12 at Rideau High School in Elgin. This has been Will's 3rd year at Rideau Lakes. This summer, Will helped out around the club house, and has spent the end of the summer working with the grounds crew.

Emily Fielding is entering her second year of nursing at St. Lawrence College in Kingston. After graduation, she hopes to work at KGH. Emily has been a tremendous help in the kitchen. Her present interests include golf, soccer and baseball.

Sydney Greene will be returning to St. Lawrence College in Kingston. She studied General Arts in her freshman year. Sydney has also spent the summer working in the kitchen. Her present interests include psychology, linguistics and the environment.

Thanks to the four of you for your help this summer. Good luck from all the Rideau Lakes members!

Mary Joan St. James (Board Secretary)

Gary Bowlby (Photographer)



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Rideau Lakes Golf and Country Club Grounds Crew



Robbie Hanna, Will Free, Clay Bedore, Robbie Miller, Tim Miller, Aaron Steeves (Grounds Superintendent)

Grounds Crew:

- Hard working. During the summer months, their day often begins at 5:00 a.m.
- Multi-talented and versatile. Mow and water fairways and greens, groom traps, maintain and repair machinery and carts.
- And most importantly, they are always helpful and FRIENDLY – a wave, a smile or a kind or joking comment.
- This year is a special year for Robbie (a.k.a. “Mouse”) Miller – 25 years of dedicated service to RLG&CC. For your hard work and your friendship, we all wish you well, and sincerely thank you.
- As Aaron so aptly commented: the work of the Grounds Crew is in every way “a group effort”. How fortunate, we, as a club are to have such wonderful employees! Thank you for your service.

Mary Joan St. James (Board Secretary) Gary Bowlby (Photographer)

Men's League Autumn 2023:

It's hard to believe that our golf season is drawing to an end for 2023. We've had a stellar year with a robust membership of 72 members. This summer presented us with unique situations as we had light rain to torrential downpours 11 of the 18 weeks so far.

We've enjoyed the arrival of 16 new members whom we can now call friends within the club. This season has seen many members elevate their game, including two members with Hole in Ones.

With many members elevating their game this year, we've revived an age old tradition of "Rumble on the Rideau" where the RLG&CC challenged Evergreen GC to a friendly "4 man team" stroke play match where bragging rights can be bolstered over a great meal and libations.

The club has shown its true friendship and humanity this season when it was called upon to assist a member and his family with unselfish donations to the cause.

RLG&CC is much more than golf! It's truly a giant family that enjoys golf, but more importantly, it's a place where friendships are forged and bonds are made.

We've been blessed with two superb meals by Eleanor and the kitchen staff. Many thanks must go to Aaron and the ground crew who have made this course second to none.

We are hoping Mother Nature caresses us with warm weather in the upcoming weeks so that we can continue to golf a little more. Hope to see you all next year!

Marc Tupper

Twisted Sisters Autumn 2023:

Unfortunately T. S. Golfing is coming to a close for 2023.

We had a fabulous season with a membership of 115 ladies! The turnout was fantastic with anywhere between 11 and 64 members playing Monday evening, teeing off at 4:00pm., weather permitting.

Ellie served delicious dinners and Norm was working in the pro shop and behind the bar. A great team!

So spread the word to your female friends to join us Monday evenings, have some fun, meet new friends and improve your golf game. Membership and/or experience are not required.

Looking forward to seeing you next season.

Christine Kirby.



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Ladies' League Autumn 2023:

The Ladies' League has had a great summer of golf. We have been so fortunate to share our golf experiences with so many caring women.

As a result of the extremely successful fund raiser, 'Fore the Love of Golf', the LL has been able to donate to the Westport Food Bank and to our club, for outdoor projects and renovations to the Ladies' locker room washroom.

This is my last report as president of the Ladies' League and by the time you read this, we will have had our year end banquet and AGM. Thank you to Janet Finlayson for coming up with well planned luncheons and a creatively themed banquet, 'An evening with the Masterly Misses of Rideau Lakes,' with suggested dress being green and yellow clothing.

Tuesday mornings have come alive with joyous laughter erupting on the golf course. Our members have been taking part in many different games within a game. Many thanks to Debbie Webber for planning these.

Our Games Captain Debbie, reports that the annual Ladies League 'Flight Championship' was held on August 22nd and 29th.

Congratulations to the winners:

Ladies League Champion 2023: Lyne Lwow

Flight A LOW NET: Louise Kane

Flight B LOW GROSS: Nancy Abell

Flight B LOW NET: Debbie Webber

Flight C LOW GROSS: Glenda Carwardine

Flight C LOW NET: Mary Joan St James

Our 'Battle of the Buddies' tournament has begun with 42 golfers. Lots of imagination was shown in the costumes of the Buddies and their golf carts.

Lots more golf and fun still to come to end the season, with Monkey Golf (3 clubs and a putter) and the Tombstone tournament grand finale!

Keep up the Good Golf!

We have our tentative dates set for next year's events and the new executive will meet at the end of September.

Linda Hamilton



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Rideau Lakes Golf and Country Club 2023 Executive Team



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



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 emails, 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.



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