



JANUARY NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Happy New Year Friends, On behalf of the Board of Directors I (we) hope you enjoyed the holiday season and had some quality time with Family & Friends. As I reflect on the 2023 season and look forward to 2024 year I would like to acknowledge the many volunteers who make our Club enjoyable for the members and guest who continue to support our operation. First of all, I hope you have noticed the improvement of care given to our course by our very loyal members. Replacing divots, repairing ball marks and raking sand traps are just a few of the little things that help repair and approve our course for all. Many times I have witnessed members taking the time to upholding the etiquette of Golf, Thank you.

The past year we had a few projects that were taken on by volunteers who care deeply for our course without them it would be a challenge to keep our costs down on yearly membership dues. In no particular order I would like to acknowledge the following individuals.

Dan Langkammer & Friends-Dan who isn't a member has taken the time to weed eat, leaf blow and gather waste on the entrance into the club and our parking lot. Dan who plays Men's Night and the occasional weekends just wanted to help out. Thank you Dan.

Kudos to Ian McMahon, Steve Legear and Dennis Dyck for installing new stalls in both the Men's and Women's washrooms; A shout out to Corey Thompson for his generosity in supplying the stalls. Thanks gentleman.

To Peter Leckie and his Divot and Donuts crew for filling divots starting in the spring and going through the summer. This helps so much with the quality of our course. Thanks Doc & Crew.

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To Ian and Steve for not only running the Tombstone which raised over \$8,000 towards special projects but also did the impressive stair work on the 11th Tee as well as addressing the sink hole on #14. Thanks again guys.

To our Ladies section for all their hard work and the kind donations made to KidSport, Cowichan District Hospital Foundation and other community endeavors. Thanks so much Ladies.

Thank you to the crew of volunteers who did the branch clean up on hole #7.

Thank you to past member Victor Gamble who volunteers his time and expertise in doing our financials here at the club, also bookkeeper Danny Mayer for his continued hard work in looking after our daily accounting needs.

To Dave Purslow, Angus, Matt, Carla, Zach, Paul B. and Paul F. the hard working grounds crew for all the hard work in keeping our course in great shape and staying within budget.

To our Golf Shop staff of Kris Mousseau and Gianpiero Denomme for looking after our members and guests. Mr. Norm Jackson who is the face of our club, Storms tireless devotion to the overall operation of the club continues to make it a club we can all enjoy.

Thank you Jeff Hetherington and Caddy Snack for providing us with refreshments and food for our golfers and to Azam and Allison from VIEC for hosting our banquet needs.

Thank you to Rick and Karen Goodwin of Island Auto Spa for their generous sponsorship of range balls.

To Rob Winter thank you for all the work on #12 and the repair of the dam on #5 saving the club over \$100,000 if we had to contract it out. Robs tireless effort with improving the course and keeping our costs down continues to be a perfect example of what a great member looks like. Over the years Rob has volunteered not only his time but the costs to operate his machines allowing us to not pass on these expenses to the members. *It was the pleasure of the Board to give an Honorary Life Membership for his continued commitment to Cowichan Golf Club.*

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