

A SLICE OF RIVENDELL 2015

2015 is here.....with promise of a renewed course and a drier season. Last year certainly had it's share of challenges with the ducks being the happiest of all. This year Rivendell will undergo a number of improvements and changes that are either in the works or have been completed and we will be detailing them in this newsletter.

6 TO GET A MAKEOVER

Although it has been some time coming we will see a forward tee on the 6th hole, which will have RED and GOLD tees on it. I trust those who find 6 an especially interesting challenge will give it a try and find a renewed love for this hole. However, we have lost the large elm near the pond, which succumbed in 2013. It survived at least two other onslaughts of Dutch Elm Disease but was finally dropped by the third attack. The hill to the right of the fairway will have limited strategic cutting in order to compensate for the new shot lanes that the loss of the tree opens up.

11 FAIRWAY IMPROVEMEANTS

A dry spell in the fall allowed us to work on drainage on the 11th fairway at the dogleg. Large french drains are now installed to help control the flow of water underground. 2015 will be a test of the effectiveness of this project but we anticipate marked improvement.

9th HOLE

A dry spell with frozen ground allowed Rivendell to complete stone banking of the creek on 9 near the green. Some minor repairs might be needed to sodded areas but full recovery should be rapid. As you probably know by now shots landing short of the green in the hazard can now end up anywhere within a 50 yard radius....not necessarily in the water but it is a possibility (but so is the green).

LEAGUE PLAY

NEW for 2015....both the Tues Ladies League and the Wed. Men's League will be run under a new exciting format.

Golfscoring.net is a proven system used by over 250 clubs and endorsed by the NGCOA of Canada, to keep members and green fee players up to date and involved while pumping up the fun. League members will be part of a team playing other teams. Individual results will earn team points, scores will be shown live on screen in the lounge and winners will be evident after the last player is done. Scores can be accessed from any web enabled device anywhere in the world. Prizes also will be broadcast on the screen. Golfers can still play with anyone they wish anytime during the day but your scores contribute to your team score as soon as it is entered in the computer. The last Wed of April will be an information day for the new league, advance sign up and a dry run for the system. Teams and captains will be announced at that time. A rep from Golfscoring.net will be available to answer questions. The meeting will take place at 1:00 pm, we hope the morning crew will stay for the info and the afternoon players will delay their game a bit to be better informed. Ladies league members are encouraged to attend as well.

Please consider helping to make the league a success in 2015, volunteers will be needed in order to keep things running smoothly. The positions would not involve a great deal of time and may be right up your alley.

NEW MEMBERSHIP OPTION

2015 season will see a new membership level at Rivendell. An Intermediate Gold Membership will be available to those golfers between 19 and 35 for \$800.00 plus tax. We believe this will be an important addition to our membership plans and will allow more people to enjoy golf at Rivendell.

MISSING FROM THE TEE

This past year we lost 3 stalwart members of the Rivendell family.

Murray Lively left us early last season after the publication of the 2014 newsletter. Murray carried the Rivendell banner far and wide in tournament play and was very successful. His service, held at the course, will be one to remember, complete with a salute from the greens as the sprinklers turned on in tribute to Murray.

Bent Frandsen passed away this fall. He made his living as an automobile mechanic but he golfed for fun. Only a short time before he had to give up golf he shot a 43 on the front 9 at Rivendell. It is unlikely we shall see a swing as unique as Bent's on the course again.

Rod Coyne passed from our midst just after the season. Rod was instrumental in running tournaments and match play at Rivendell. He was a student of the game and a proud defender of it's traditions and rules. Sunday mornings will not be the same without him.

Again, Rivendell members turned out to show their respect and affection for their friends and to support their families. Every service had a flavour that reflected the individual. We will miss our friends and we wish their loved ones the best in their journey.

Rivendell Meet and Greet

The annual membership Meet and Greet will take place this year on Friday the 17th of April at the Clubhouse. Members and their guests are invited to a relaxed evening of meeting new people and greeting old friends at Rivendell. This evening is sponsored by your Golf and Activities Committee and Rivendell. We will be having refreshments and some good food beginning around 7pm. Please make an effort to attend and remind your playing partners to do the same.

RIVENDELL CALENDAR 2015

Meet and Greet 7pmApril 17th
League Info Meeting 1:00 pm all are welcome.....Apr 29th
Ladies League Starts.....May 12th

Men's League Start.....May 6th
 Spring Tournament.....May 16th
 Rivendell Club Championship.....July 11,12th
 Sr. Men's Tournament.....Aug 20th
 Mixed Tournament..... Aug 16th
 Fall Classic.....Sept 19th
 Ladies League Wrap Up.....Sept 27th
 Men's League Wrap Up.....Oct 3rd

MEMBERSHIP FEES

2015 will see no change in membership fees except for the new intermediate gold membership as outlined previously.

There will be an increase in the cart membership program of \$15.00 but the \$5.00 rider fee will remain unchanged. This fee covers one rider only and you may have another golfer sharing your cart at times.

FROM THE CORNER OFFICE

It could be worse, we could be shoveling snow on the East Coast right now. When they find their grass we should be well into our season.

This seems to be a long second half for winter. But nestled under that snow lies the promise of tap in birdies, long drives down the middle where you can actually find a ball on the grass not under it and the feel of lush fairways beneath your cleats.

You remember, the way it should be if Mother Nature co operates. Here's hoping.

Jim