

A SLICE OF RIVENDELL

2014

March at Rivendell is like a box of chocolates you never know what you will get. Two years ago the crew was working in shirt sleeve weather getting the course ready for opening. This year is a somewhat different story. The cold has been deep and long lasting and the snow will not seem to stop. We have not seen any grass since late November.

The unknown lies below the snow at grass level. The crew treated all the greens before closeup and we have had great results with our greens over the years with our program. The next 30 days or so will be critical to opening conditions. A quick thaw will be good for the greens but could make erosion a major issue. There is still a lot of snow on the course and in the bush that needs to go somewhere. A lingering winter could make for a gentle release of water from the land but green conditions can suffer. Somewhere between the two lies the sweet spot we are looking for.

Sounds a lot like golf, doesn't it .

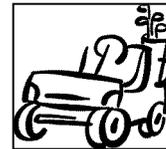
Rivendell Online

The online booking has worked well for us and we are planning on expanding its use. Your whole golfing group can be attached to your name and can be added easily to make up various foursomes on any given day. When they are included this way John will turn into John Smith on our tee sheet and it will help reduce confusion and double bookings. As well John will be able to verify that he is booked into a foursome for a given time. Try making up a list, which is similar to making up a favorites list for your browsing or tv viewing.



Maple View of Perth

Our association with Maple View will continue in 2014. For those of you not familiar with our agreement, members can play at each others course twice per month, in the quieter time periods, for the price of 1/2 cart rental. . Bookings must be made through our pro shop so as not to overload the course on any given day .Maple View is just under an hour away from Rivendell and not much different from Kingston If you have not tried the Maple give it shot and enjoy the beautiful town of Perth after the game.



Landscape Material

You may have noticed Hydro One trimming trees in the Verona area to make our electrical system more reliable. God knows we need it! Rivendell has been a holding area for a substantial amount of the material chipped last year. Here is a chance to get some the money back you have invested in Hydro over the years. Members will have the opportunity to access the chips, as we seem to have more than we can use in the next couple of years. The material will be a mix of hardwood and softwood, use it for pathways, garden mulch etc. If loading is required it can be arranged through Brent for a nominal fee.

As for the reliability of our Hydro system, I appreciate the work they are doing but I'll keep my generator filled up, just in case.



Rocking at Rivendell

As winter was closing in Ken and Brent were busy moving rock from the parking lot to Jack's Creek bordering the 9th hole. The steel pilings have been recycled to continue life as a 2015 automobile. The banks will require some fine tuning as soon as we can get to that part of the course. We will probably see some interesting bounces this spring, lets hope they are headed for the green. The rest of the rock will be put in storage for future use. The shelf life seems to be somewhat better than wood chips.



Meet and Greet

The annual meet and greet will take place at the clubhouse on the 18th of April starting at 7pm. Members and their guest are invited to join us for refreshments and a bite to eat while catching up on the last 5 months. This years event will have locally made cupcakes as a feature of the evening. Come out and share your stories of surviving this winter.

Shedule of Events

Member Meet and Greet	April 18th
Opening Tournament	May 10th
SFCS Golf Tournament	May 30th
GAO Jr Qualifier	June 12th
Sydenham and Area Lions Tournament	June 13th
Club Championship	July 12,13th
Mixed Championship	Aug 17th

Fall Classic

Sept 20th

Ladies Close

Week of Sept 28th tbd

Men's Close

Oct 4th