

The Summerland Golf Society

Highlights of August 31, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting

- Members and guests for the most part are adhering to the Covid 19 rules that have been set by the Provincial Health Officer. Signs are posted throughout the clubhouse. Banquet and Christmas party season is likely a no-go this year due to limitations on group gatherings indoors.
- July was another good month for the club with over 8,300 rounds of golf played. Memberships, green fees, restaurant/bar and pro shop sales were all above budget targets and paved the way for a favourable net profit for the month.
- The Long Range Course Planning Committee met in August and primarily focussed on the back 9. The committee requested a few fairways be widened on the back nine where seniors and higher handicap players typically end up in the rough off the tee, making for a difficult second shot, particularly in the spring.
- Several issues were identified with the potential renovation to number 10 green. Jason and Patrick will review options and costing for this project and report back to the committee at a later date.
- Several trees on the back nine were identified as being in need of pruning this fall to improve air circulation and sunlight in the spring, which will lead to better turf conditions and to provide easier approach shots to certain greens. The committee reviewed trees that had been identified with ribbons on the left side of 15 fairway. They felt there wasn't a need to take out any trees well into the tree line. Patrick identified one tree that he feels is robbing the fairway of moisture and making it hard to grow grass.
- Number 16 and 17 blue tee boxes were identified as needing to be levelled. Work will proceed before the end of the season. Most of the wear on 17 appears to be due to players hitting balls over the canyon to Bill Lyle's hole. Once 17 is repaired, a mat will be installed for use. Each committee member was asked to review tee boxes on the course and submit their views on which ones should be prioritized.
- The committee reviewed the suggestion that a waste bunker be created around the trees to the left of 18 green where it is difficult to grow grass, rather than remove the trees altogether. Patrick will research whether covering the tree roots with sand would affect the health of the trees and which type of sand could potentially be used.
- The Summerland Golf Society was able to renew the pre-renovation portion of it's debt from the current 4.97% to a 5-year term at 3.89%. This will save the club \$330 per month (\$3960 annually).