

## **The Summerland Golf Society**

### **Highlights of October 26, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting**

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- In order to give the Board time to figure out logistics for hosting the Society's AGM, the meeting will be held on January 11, 2021. A mix of virtual and in-person attendance will be used to accommodate all that want to attend. In-person gatherings of more than 50 people are not permitted under current Covid 19 provincial orders. We cannot limit the number of people who attend the AGM and cannot hold it over multiple days as voting will likely be necessary. Zoom has a limit of 100 attendees. If more than one person is nominated for the Board of Directors vacancy, a vote will be required. A secret ballot would likely not be possible via Zoom or other on-line platform. A mail-in or email protocol will need to be implemented and fully explained to the membership prior to the meeting.
- September was a good month for the club. Fall numbers continue to be strong into October. The surge in the popularity of golf due to Covid 19 ended up providing a financial boost for the golf course at an opportune time and we have had a fantastic year to date. Despite the lack of large tournaments in September, budgeted food and beverage numbers were met. Staffing shortages in the fall have created a difficult situation in the restaurant, resulting in limited hours and a limited menu at times. Strong sales in the pro shop this fall have inventory at appropriate levels going into the off-season.
- Jan Klassen has advised that he will be retiring at the end of this season. This presents opportunities for Chase and other staff in the pro shop to take on new leadership roles. The Board of Directors and Management thank Jan for his leadership during his tenure with the club. He will be missed in the pro shop, but we look forward to seeing him out on the course.
- The long-range course planning committee had a busy meeting in October, which included a review of the front nine. The pine tree to the right of #5 green will be removed in the off-season as it creates issues with shading the green. It is especially problematic in the spring. The flower bed behind #8 tee box will be enhanced and maintained going forward.
- It was confirmed that the tree short right of the green on #10 will come down. For many years this tree has made it impossible to grow grass near the green, required overwatering of the green due to the roots robbing moisture from the green itself. This overwatering has contributed to wet conditions on the left side of the green. Drainage work to the left of the green will take place when the tree is removed. The hole will be played as-is for the 2021 season while discussions continue regarding the possibility of re-building the green, installing bunkers, etc. A permanent path to the right of the green may be established. Players who are able to walk up and down the new path would be encouraged to park power carts on the cart path at the turn above the green in order to create a safer environment (players hitting shots to the green would no longer be hitting into groups exiting the green) to speed up play, and to decrease foot traffic on the area where the tree now stands, which would lead to improved turf conditions.
- The handicap analysis project is mostly completed. It took a significant amount of time to sift through the scores. Over 2,000 hole-by-hole scores were entered by members from the men's white tees and nearly 1,000 scores were entered from ladies' red tees. New handicap assignments have been completed for men's white handicap holes. Ladies' red handicap holes assignments have been deferred subject to a meeting with the ladies' club. Red-white and white-blue combination tees are currently being considered for inclusion on the club's next score cards.