

The Summerland Golf Society

Highlights of April 26, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting

- Under Orders from Dr. Bonnie Henry, the Provincial Health Officer, there is no indoor dining permitted within the province until midnight May 25. This is the 3rd year in a row that we have been without access to the inside of the clubhouse at the beginning of the golf season. Service on the deck is permitted. The 5 man & 5 lady Scrambles, scheduled for May 8, were cancelled. Increased signage regarding Covid 19 protocols has been posted in the clubhouse. Groups have been observed congregating on the 1st tee, especially when there has been frost delays. Golfers are reminded to maintain social distance while waiting to tee off.
- The power cart fleet was assessed by E-Z go over the winter. Batteries are performing better. Some of the seats will need to be replaced as they are becoming compressed. This work will be covered by warranty.
- Dividers have been installed in several power carts to enable social distancing, and to allow golfers to ride together. There has not been a shortage of power carts so far this year, but if we do run short, there is a possibility to lease 10-12 more power carts during the summer if needed. New pull carts have been ordered but have not yet been delivered.
- Membership numbers continue to climb, with a total of 649 members in all categories. Several membership categories have seen large increases, including Corporate and SNAG (Start New at Golf). Given the distribution of members in different categories, even if we do have a few more new members sign up, the Professional Shop will be able to manage the tee sheet, with members getting a tee time relatively close to what they request, especially with the increase in daylight hours and the expansion of earlier tee times available as summer approaches.
- The course was in fairly rough shape at the beginning of the season after some ice damage & wind/cold desiccation late in the winter before opening. Patrick and his team have been working to get the course in better shape, aeration of greens is completed. With some rain and warm weather, conditions will improve. Several large on-course projects took place in the fall, per recommendations that came from the golf course long range planning committee, including the removal of the tree in front and to the right of the 10th green, the installation of a waste area short and left of the 18th green, surrounding the trees, tree removal on #15 fairway left upper level and the tree behind #5 green. Other notable changes include the removal of trees along the road on the 4th hole, and the beginning of the renovation of the flower bed behind the 8th tee box. Thank you to Patrick and his team.
- Following the positive season that the club had financially in 2020, \$50,000 has been deposited into the club's contingency fund. It is hoped that another \$50,000 can be deposited at the end of this season. Any withdrawal of monies, current or future, from this contingency fund, will require the specific approval of the Board of Directors.