



Spring Divot 2010

Presidents Message



Dear Members, Friends, and Fellow Golfers:

This year is the thirtieth anniversary of my arrival at Brooklea.

Where do the years go? It is fantastic to have people around me that are able to get so much enjoyment out of life and staff that enjoy being able to provide that enjoyment in such a professional manner.

Well I did it again. This time I caught an edge at Georgian Peaks on Monster and broke both my legs and both knees. Barbara has to step up again and look after things and take care of me again. They did say in sickness and in health. I owe her big time. Did I say it is our 25th on October 19th of this year? I would like to thank all of you for your good wishes and thoughts as to my recovery. I really appreciate it and it certainly helps keep the spirits up.

Golf really is a much safer sport.

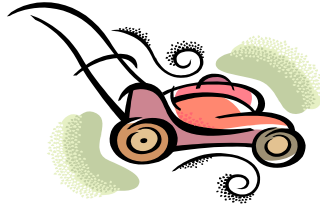
Karina will be leaving us sometime this year. She has hired her replacement Jenna Savoie. I know that all of you will make her feel welcome. She has a lot of experience that she is bringing to Brooklea and will make a great addition to our team. Marlon is busy with some major projects including improvements to our irrigation system and equipment upgrades such as a new lift to make things easier in the maintenance department. The fairways are looking great and the course is coming together early with this great weather and the great effort of our team.

If you have any concerns or suggestions to make please do not hesitate to talk to Barbara or yours truly.

Yours in golf,

Michael, Barbara and family

The Turf Corner



On behalf of the golf course grounds maintenance staff, I would like to 'Welcome' all members back for the 2010 golf season.

Some minor projects were completed in the fall. A few wet areas were dug up and re-sodded. Also, some trees were taken down for safety reasons and to promote healthier turf. Some dead pines were felled between #4 and #13. A stump grinder will come in and remove the stumps. New trees will be transplanted in that area to fill in the gaps in the tree line. A tree on the left side of #3 green was felled to allow more light and air movement in that area. The bridge on #10 was sagging on the one side so we put 4x 2x12 planks underneath to shore it up.

Some improvements for 2010 are planned. A drainage company is going to quote on bunker work. A bigger electrical service panel needs to go into maintenance building because there is no room left and it is causing irrigation problems. This will give us room to put in an equipment hoist and the potential for more electrical carts. Also, in the fall, we are hopeful to be able to replace all the irrigation boxes to computer controlled. A lot of the boxes are rotted and irrigation times are not accurate. This will enable more efficient watering and less hydro costs. Hope you have an enjoyable golf season at Brooklea

Marlon Gieseler
Golf Course Superintendent

'Marlon's Wisdom'

In primitive society, when native tribes beat the ground and yelled, it was called witchcraft: today, in civilized society, it is called GOLF



Golf Shop Talk

**WOW!!
MARCH 31ST OPENING DAY,
WHAT A GOOD WAY TO START THE SEASON!!**

It was a very busy warm opening weekend and we are looking forward to many more this year.

We would like to welcome the new faces that will be working with us this year, Please help them by checking in at the Main golf Shop or the West 9 Shop before heading out on the course.

During the week Range Balls will be available in the Main golf Shop.

For all you early golfers, we will be offering coffee, pastry, sandwiches and other delicious snacks in the golf shop this season until the lounge opens for its summer hours.

It's not too late to join the Brooklea's Leagues: Junior, Men's, Ladies and Mixed Night! See the golf Shop for more details.

The 2010 Spring Golf Membership Special is now on; see the Golf Shop Staff for more information.

Do not forget about the different savings plans we offer through our TICKETRACK program.

Savings of up to 35% off on CARTS, RANGE BALLS and ROUNDS OF GOLF!!! Ask any staff for details....

Yours in Golf,

Justin Cummings

"Spring Golf Shop Merchandise Sale"

**Come in & Check out the Savings,
All Clothing from Previous Years 40% OFF!!!**



Hot Tip from Justin

The secret of good golf is to hit the ball hard, straight and not too often!

Business Development

Happy Spring Everyone! We are certainly looking forward to a great season!

There are Lots of Great events in the planning for this upcoming year! The Brooklea Men's & Ladies Leagues have their schedules set, The Monday Night Men's League, Tuesday Night Ladies & T.G.I.F. League dates are booked. You will find the registration forms on the web site www.brookleagolf.com as well as in the Clubhouse Foyer.

We have a new league this year on Wednesday evenings: The "Hospitality League". Nine-hole format with camaraderie & Fun for all of our area's Restaurant/Hotel & Services Employees. If you have any friends or family that would fit into this category please pass the word!

The early opening of the season has left me with many organized piles (ha) of work to be completed! Three weeks early makes it feel like 6 weeks behind! Just not enough hours in a day!

I have posted the upcoming Charity Fundraising Tourneys in the main entry to the Clubhouse, if you have any questions...let me know. Remember, Tournament days do not mean that Tee Times are not available. Please assure you check availability with the Golf Shop.

I am pleased to mention that our own Joel Hicks has a new title. He is a qualified "Golf Teaching Professional USGTF Certified! Joel will do playing lessons, clinics, private & group lessons. He has promised me he will make me be a better golfer with just one session (If I buy him lunch too!) Joel's information is available at the Golf Shop as well as on-line at golfbetter@live.ca or by calling him at 549-8777

Please let me know if there is anything I can help you with. Keep in mind, there are a few Tees available to consider purchasing an Advertising or Memorial Bench.

Cheers,

Teresa Alphonse-Grattan
Business Development

Teresa's Sic Humour

Golf got its name because all of the other four letter words were taken!

Accounting & Bookkeeping



The past winter has been noted as one that will go down in history! I know for me, I saved on utilities and obviously snowploughing!! I found this quote on the farmer's almanac website, for their prediction of the 2010 summer. "Drier"...that would satisfy me! Check out the website - <http://www.almanac.com/weather/longrange/region/ca/3>

"Summer will be cooler and drier than normal, with hot weather in mid- to late June, mid-July, and early August."

Our dreaded HST will be in effect as early as July 1st 2010, however our memberships will be affected by May 1, 2010. Any memberships purchased after April 30th will be prorated for the HST months. Our first Friday Night Buffet is June 4th, 2010 and we are now accepting reservations for Mother's Day Brunch. The seating times are 10:00 am; 12:00 noon and 2:00 pm.

If you would like to get that 2010 Membership or make your Brunch reservation, please give me a call, I'd love to look after your needs.

Brooklea Credit Policy;

Any account that has not been paid within 45 days of the billing date will be placed inactive and tee times will not be able to be booked until the account has been brought back to a current balance.

Yours in Pencils & Pens

Brenda Throop

Bookkeeper & Office Manager

Brenda's 2 cents!

Golf was once a Rich Man's sport, but now it has millions of Poor Players

Club House Chatter



Hello,

It will only be a short time now before I venture to work in another part of the globe. I would like to thank all of the customers here at Brooklea who help make a difference in our community. I really enjoyed my time working at Brooklea and getting to know many of you. The long forecast is reporting this summer to be a warm one so make sure that you spend some time in the air conditioned lounge after your golf game for a cold beverage. I hope that you will be encouraged to join in the fun in the clubhouse even if you are not a golfer. "The more the merrier"!

It is at this time that I would like to introduce Jenna Savoie who will be replacing me as Front of House Manager. I will miss many of you however I am sure you will have a great time getting to know her. I would also like to thank all of the managers and staff I've worked with over the years who have really made a difference and worked together to make Brooklea a better place.

Good luck with your score cards and more importantly I hope that you enjoy your golf and have a great summer! Who knows maybe I will be able to get a bit more golf in this season. Take care,

Yours in Hospitality,

Karina Scherloski



Out of the Pot Flavours & Thoughts



"Bienvenido" Brooklea Members & Guests!

Many of you are already acquainted with me as the Sous Chef Christel Edwards-Bilbao. Those of you, that have not had the flavourful pleasure in the past five years that I have been with Brooklea, I look forward to meeting you soon. Enrico is off getting some well-deserved R & R after a busy ski season at Mount St. Louis.

I spent a very busy winter this year (cooking up a storm) not only at Brooklea & Mount St Louis but also I am very proud of my position at Georgian College (Midland Campus) Instructing a new generation of aspiring Chef's.

Enrico and I are happy to have Bette Legault returning with us for another season. We welcome Christine MacDonald as our new apprentice. We have lots of flavourful new ideas for lounge service to make it easier, faster & more enjoyable.

We would welcome any ideas you may have, please just let us know. I certainly hope you enjoy your golf season and hopefully you will see "ME" out there hitting some balls this year. Of course if you don't you'll know where to find me, I'll be the one "Cooking up a Storm" in the Brooklea Kitchen!

Adios for now!

Christel
Brooklea Sous Chef



Brooklea Senior Men's Headline News



I hope that all have had a good winter and are ready to enjoy a new season which will begin in May. Exact date and calendar was established during the meeting of the executive on April 7, 2010, at the clubhouse.

Wednesday May 5th we welcome Current League Members and New Members to join us in the Eagles Roost (Upstairs) at 7:30 am for Coffee, Donuts, Muffins and a crash course on our season! Golf begins at 9:00 am with a modified Shotgun, so please do try to be on time.

Look forward to seeing you all soon, bright eyed and bushy tailed and roaring to go.

Regards

Claude Henning
League Captain

Claude's Pet Peeve

Golf is a game in which the slowest people in the world are those in front of you & the fastest are those behind you!



Memories of 2009 Red Fridays at Brooklea
(We will ALL miss "Ernie Cowden")

Fairway Shot Brooklea Ladies League



What do you think of this wonderful weather we've had in March? It turns your head toward cleaning up your clubs and making sure you're ready when the course opens.

The Executive of the Tuesday Morning Ladies at Brooklea are busy organizing a great season of exciting events for 2010. Did you know that you don't have to be a club member to be part of our group? Come on out and pay as you play. Tuesdays are 'Ladies' days at Brooklea so you will receive 20% off the regular priced green fee rates!

League Registration: \$35.00 includes prizes & GAO Pins
Weekly 50/50 Draws!

Perhaps 18 holes is just a little too much and you would only want to play 9 holes – well, we have established a 9 hole group!

Our start-up breakfast is scheduled for Tuesday May 4th at 9:00 am in the Eagles Roost (Upstairs). We would love to see you! If you are interested in joining or re-joining, call any of the 2010 Executive to confirm this breakfast date.

Yours in Birdies & Pars,

Fiona Love
League Captain

2010 Brooklea Ladies League Executive:
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Vice Captain Ainslee Birrell 427-0572
Treasurer Lynda McGregor 526-1776
Secretary Pat Cowden 534-4032

