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AT THE COURSE

The Fall season is now winding down but what a stretch of beautiful weather and golf was experienced at Indian Lake. Our customers thoroughly enjoyed the warm weather seen in late September and October.

The days are now shorter and have turned colder but golfers continue to turn up to play, provided the weather doesn't indicate rain or snow. Watch our social media pages or contact the pro shop for updates on which days we will be open as the weather worsens.

Owners and management would like to thank all our golfers for making this another successful season at Indian Lake. Your continued support indicates the right things are being done at the course to ensure your time there is always enjoyable.

If you have enjoyed your time at Indian Lake, we always appreciate a five star review on Google.

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Improvements to the course have continued well into the fall. Golfers will see mounds of dirt and soil and trees being cut in certain areas in preparation for the work. Before the superintendent ends the work for the year he is hoping to have certain things completed.

Outdoor work this fall

- Sand bunker on hole 2 is being removed. Possibly one to be created at the back.
- New tee deck on holes 7 and 13 are being worked on.
- The renovation on hole 7 is about to begin to increase the size of the pond creating more of an island type feel to the hole.
- The enlargement to the 12th green is ongoing. If all goes well it will be open in the spring.
- The improved drainage is still in progress on Hole 4 with the installation of larger tubing designed to carry water overflow down off the course reducing any damage from rain storms.
- Paving was completed in the area surrounding the clubhouse, and the path to hole 1 and the path back toward the 2nd tee area. A speed bump was installed to warn golfers of the turn towards the green on hole 2 to prevent some of the incidents that have occurred there.

Indoor work

- The building renovation is almost complete. New storage areas and a new draft beer room are nearing completion with new taps and lines to be installed in the coming days or weeks. Expect a new draft menu in the near future!
- More sets of rental golf clubs are about to be purchased increasing the availability for those without their own.
- Renovations on the playing area in the simulators are complete. This includes new flooring, new seating, and a cleaner, more user-friendly design.
- With the increased storage in the building addition, the pro shop is now greatly decluttered. Increased seating will be a feature in the coming days and weeks

Changes being made to the 2nd and 7th holes

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Fall and winter golf

The tee decks have now been installed and are in use at Indian Lake. They will be in use until the spring.

As was the case last year, it is not optional to hit from the ground once these are installed. Golfers choosing not to play from the platforms will be asked to leave the course.

As a reminder punch cards can not be used to golf after November 30th.

As we get into colder weather, decisions on which days to open the course to golfers will be made based on weather and course conditions. Please follow the FB or Instagram pages for updates. Frost delays can be expected in the coming days and weeks so please be patient with staff.



To find out more about frost damage and why there are delays, click [here](#).

MILESTONES

With some short holes around the course, we get our fair share of holes-in-one. It can happen to the most experienced golfer or a beginner. Either way, it makes for a great day and years of storytelling.

Some fortunate souls managed to score an ace this fall at Indian Lake. For us to post it, we need pictures, and the names of two golfers who witnessed the event. Providing the hole and club selection also helps. Shooting your personal best score is also worthy of mention so let us know when you go low!



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BOOKING THE SIMS

The cold weather has arrived and our golf simulators are getting busy once again. Many groups book the in advance from November through April to ensure they have the times they are looking for. If you are unfamiliar with the sims, they provide an excellent way to maintain your swing over the winter while continuing to socialize with friends.

The hourly rate of \$30+ tax remains unchanged and is one of the best in the area. The longer you wait the fewer options you will have, so book now!



Course Events

Indian Lake is always a popular venue for events from tournaments to work gatherings, team meet ups, fundraisers, and even weddings. The fall of 2023 has been no exception, with some excellent events occurring. If you're looking to book for the 2024 season, feel free to email the course at tournaments@indianlakegolfcourse.ca for more information.



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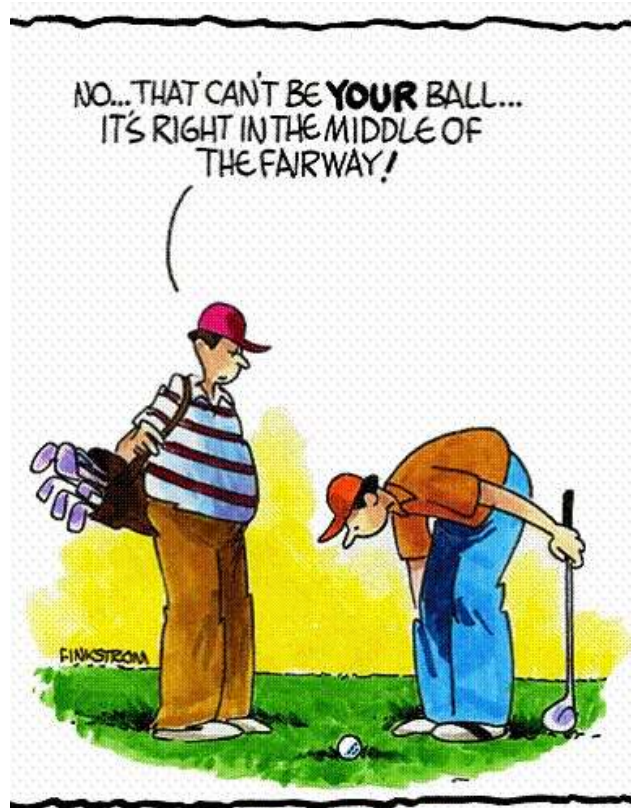
The annual Dexter's Revenge - Apologies to the other golfers for the pin placements :)



Olands Brewery function to commemorate the passing of an old friend



A LITTLE HUMOUR



NEW BOOKING POLICY

This past year management implemented a change in their booking policy. It became necessary to cancel a complete or partial booking within 12 hours of the tee time or be subject to a charge for the entire booking. Despite some initial growing pains, this change in policy has been a success. We thank you all for your patience and understanding.

On May 1, 2024 bookings can only be completed online. An account must be set up beforehand to allow you to do this. While a credit card is required to secure the booking, any of the regular forms of payment can be used at the course: cash, card, or punch cards. At no time will your credit card be charged unless the cancellation policy is not followed. At that point it becomes management's decision whether to initiate the charge based on the reason and the frequency of this happening

shop staff.



GOLF COURSE TIPS AND ETIQUETTE

Pace of play – The designated pace of play for the course is 1hr 50m maximum on the front 9. 2hrs is permitted on the back 9, which includes the transit from hole 9 to 10 and any stoppage time at the clubhouse at the turn. On average, 12 minutes a hole allows you to achieve that kind of timing.

Own clubs – All golfers are required to have their own set of clubs. Rentals are available, but if none are present at the time of your booking, this is waived by the course.

Groups of 5 – No groups on the course can exceed 4 players. There are no exceptions to this rule without prior approval from course management and in this event, the extra person in a group is not permitted to golf, but simply be along for the ride.

Single golfers- Presently the course does not allow single golfers to play. Staff does an excellent job of pairing groups up or providing solutions to ensure you get on the course. You should always call ahead to confirm the availability of a time.

Practice swings- Many of us take practice swings while we wait to tee off. Course preference would be for golfers to practice away from the tee box to avoid unwanted divots being created during practice swings.

Correct way to repair ball marks – Unrepaired ball marks can seriously affect your putting so should always be fixed. Not only does it allow us to make more putts but it saves the maintenance crew time and money in fixing the marks after the fact. See below for the correct way to repair your ball marks.

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A few extra seconds is all it takes to keep the putting greens looking and playing their best.

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CHOOSE WISELY

A ball mark repair tool is recommended, but other pointed devices can be used.



PUSH DON'T PRY

Starting from the back and sides, gently push & stretch the turf to the center of the mark.



WORK AROUND

Work around the ball mark until it's filled in. Avoid lifting & twisting the turf harshly.



FINAL TOUCH

Use your putter to lightly tap down the mark. Fix other marks in addition to yours.

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NEW BUSINESS

Several things to note regarding the course:

- As mentioned, tee decks are now installed on all holes and must be used.
- As of November 6th, there are no power carts available for use.
- Coming in 2024, designated tee times for golfers with mobility issues to allow a little more time to comfortably finish your round.
- Basic golf lessons now available for those looking to improve their game (see below).
- Previous newsletters are now available at the [Indian Lake website](#)
- Aeration of the greens is complete and the healing process is well underway.
- The holes have been removed from the putting green but it is still open for putting practice only.
- If you have left or think you have left a golf club at Indian Lake, please contact the Pro Shop to check. Any clubs remaining at the course after November 27 will be available for sale to the public in a bin in the pro shop. This will be advertised on Facebook and Instagram at that time.
- All 2023 clothing now on sale in the pro shop while supplies last

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For those golfers just beginning to play or perhaps looking to improve their game, lessons are available. There are currently 2 options allowing you to to decide what suits your needs better. Over the winter, the on-site golf simulators will be used to provide lessons to interested parties.



David Perry

PGA Pro David Perry is ready to work with you to get your golf game on track. A member of PGA Canada for over 20 years, David brings his widespread talents and teaching abilities to Indian Lake Golf Course, having taught students of all ages and skill sets. Contact him at [902-441-2789](tel:902-441-2789) or djppgolf@outlook.com



Doug MacLeod

40 years golfing experience and a desire to help you get started with all the basics, ranging from your stance and grip, to what the clubs are actually designed to do. Doug has the patience and understanding to help you graduate to that next level of playing ability. You can contact Doug at the Indian Lake pro shop for more details



MEET THE STAFF

Prabhdeep Singh - PRO SHOP ATTENDANT

Prabhdeep became a member of the Indian Lake staff during the spring of 2020 after arriving in Canada from Amritsar, India in 2019. During his first year in Nova Scotia,

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near future. He is about to embark on a long visit back to his home to see his family for the first time in a long time. In his spare time he enjoys music, movies and driving the many roads in Nova Scotia. Future plans may include a return to school. Travel safe and we will see him back in Canada in February at Indian Lake



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