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AT THE COURSE

We are deep in it after the crazy snowfall over the Feb 3 and 4 weekend. And now this snow overnight into Valentines Day makes it that much worse. The course is buried under snow as most of us are. It will be a while before we get to allow outdoor golf again. Over the holidays we had a couple days that were excellent. Boxing Day was near perfect with a packed course and December 27th was even better weather. Golfers enjoyed calm conditions to go along with a hotdog and the odd beverage.

Our punch cards and gift certificates remained popular throughout the holiday season. We are now seeing them used for the simulators while we wait for better weather. Just a reminder the punch cards used for outdoor rounds cannot be used until April 1st.

There is a small amount of Kandy Golf clothing remaining in the pro shop. We have now increased the sale to a full 50% off. And despite selling a large number of old golf clubs and head covers, we still have a bucket full left. Keep in mind they will all be scrapped in April to make room for the newest batch of forgotten clubs.

Martin's Kitchen is currently closed and will remain so until March 1st. If you're looking for dinner reservation, please be patient until they return to work

The golf simulators are in full use in the New Year. Some days are busier than others so if you are thinking about getting out for some social time, make sure to call in advance to

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

Leave us a review!



Course improvements

Obviously, no work is being done on the course at this time. But there are definite plans for changes coming this spring. A bunker gone but another to be put in place. New tee boxes to change angles to the greens along with yardages from tee to green.



Winter golf

A final reminder .. the tee decks are now in place on all 18 holes at Indian Lake. They will be in place until the spring.

As most now know, it is mandatory to hit from these tee deck.

Decisions on when to allow outdoor golf are made when the weather and course conditions are clear. Sometimes that means last minute notification to our customers. We do try and provide 48hrs notice but most know that isnt always possible. As soon as outdoor play is confirmed, online booking will also be enabled to the public



MILESTONES

We only had a single hole in one reported since our last newsletter mainly due to the limited number of days outdoor was permitted. And it was a very cool story.

The scenario:

Group of 4 golfers. 2 couples. Boxing Day. Full moon. Birthday for Twila McInnis. 5th hole with a 5 wood in hand. One swing and you have a story forever. So a massive shout out to Twila on her birthday Ace!!

We always look forward to hearing from you about an ace. Try to remember to take a picture with your group and let us know the hole and club used. Shooting your personal best score is also worthy of mention so let us know when you go low!



BOOKING THE SIMS

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. It's also a perfect place to take a golf lesson and work on that swing for 2024.

The hourly rate of \$30+ tax remains unchanged and is one of the best in the area. Punch cards are available now to further improve on the price. The longer you wait the fewer options you will have, so book now!

Call the Pro Shop at 902 876 8844



Course Events

Indian Lake always hosts a large number of events during our golf season. It doesn't matter if its a 9 or 18 holes event. We have requests arriving weekly for events this coming golf season. If you want to begin the process for for the 2024 season, feel free to email the course at tournaments@indianlakegolfcourse.ca for more information.





NEW BOOKING POLICY

On May 1, 2024 bookings for tee times can only be completed online. To achieve this, an account must be set up beforehand. 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

If you dont currently have an account, its an excellent time to take care of this. You can set your account [here](#).

GOLF COURSE TIPS AND ETIQUETTE

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.

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.

Correct way to repair ball marks – Unrepaired ball marks can seriously affect your putting so should always be fixed. See below for the correct way to repair your ball marks.

Patience this time of year - Between frost delays and plenty of golfers hoping to get on the course, we ask you to please be at the course and ready prior to your tee time. We often have to adjust groupings to try and accommodate all the die hards still golfing this time of year

How To Repair a Ball Mark



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



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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Several things to note regarding the course:

- Coming in 2024, designated tee times for golfers with mobility issues to allow a little more time to comfortably finish your round.
- Previous newsletters are now available at the [Indian Lake website](#)
- **There was much discussion about whether to raise the price of golf at Indian Lake in 2024. Despite the increased cost of staffing and all goods and services for the club, management and owners have decided to leave the price as it is for the beginning of the season. This decision will be reviewed as the season progresses.**
- **9 holes = \$25**
- **18 holes = \$42**
- **Punch cards available for 10, 20 and 30 round packages at varying prices**



DID YOU KNOW?

Before golf tees, players would shape mounds of sand and place the golf ball on top. Tees were finally popularized in the 1920s.

AND

The term “birdie” was coined accidentally by Ab Smith, who hit a “bird of a shot” in 1889.



GOLF LESSONS

For those golfers just beginning to play or perhaps looking to improve their game, lessons are available. Over the winter, the on-site golf simulators will be used to provide lessons to interested parties.

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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



MEET THE STAFF

John Michaluk - PRO SHOP ATTENDANT

John joined the Indian Lake staff in the spring of 2023 after more than 25 years in the hospitality industry around Canada. Originally from Toronto, John moved to Nova Scotia in 2017 to get married and settle down. Previously, John worked at the Grey Wolf golf course in BC and the Silvertip Golf Course in Alberta among others.

When not working, John is often hiking with his 2 pooches, getting creative in the kitchen, traveling with his wife, or on a lake somewhere working on one of those stories about the “one that got away”.

John is hoping to make Indian Lake his forever job and is always there to help you during your time at the course.

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