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AT THE COURSE

The summer of 2023 has been busy with many events being hosted along with all our regular golf. From fun work events to fund raisers and night time play we have seen it all. Despite all the rain we have endured, the course was open most days. Maintenance staff worked tirelessly to keep the course looking as beautiful as it always is. Improvements have been many with some still being completed.

Owners and management would like to take this opportunity to thank all our golfers for making this another successful season at Indian Lake. If you haven't been to the course in a while you will be pleasantly surprised by how it looks right now. Make sure to get to the course this Fall and bring a friend. You never know who or what you might see.

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Course improvements

For those golfers who have played Indian Lake in the past few years, you will have seen the many improvements done on the grounds. Some, like the parking lot, are very obvious while others are more subtle but no less significant, such as improvements along hole 9 this year. Below are some of the many things done to the course along with some plans for the near future.

Outdoor work this year

- New tee boxes were installed on certain holes.
- New/improved cart paths have been created around the course on every hole.
- The massive renovation around the 11th green was complete.
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- New drainage has been installed on several areas of the course to combat the rain storms we have all endured this summer.

Indoor work

- A building addition to the pro shop is nearing completion allowing for a better supply to the draft taps. This ensures it is always at the correct temperature and more storage creating an opportunity for more beer options. The increased space will also allow for more storage helping maintain supplies and increasing the number of available sets of golf club rentals.
- New rental golf clubs were purchased over the winter and have been a huge hit.

- Many will have seen the extended green being installed on the always difficult hole 12. The slope will still be there but the extension to the upper shelf should allow for more favorable pin placements up there ... pending the Superintendents mood of the day 😊 .
- New tee boxes will be added on holes 1, 7 and 13 with potential changes to the water areas on holes 3, 5 and 7. There might even be a bunker removed .. or added.
- Installation of new drainage will continue into the Fall with work on hole 4.



Fall and winter golf

The tee decks used last year after October 31 will again be installed in the coming weeks. We recognize they weren't for everyone but they saved an enormous amount of damage to the regular tee areas. For the most part they were greatly appreciated as it allowed us to put more golfers on the course with much less risk of damage. **As was the case last year, it is not optional to hit from the ground once these are installed.**

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



MILESTONES

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

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BOOKING THE SIMS

With the colder weather fast approaching we highly recommend you begin planning your Golf Simulator time for the winter. This provides an excellent way to maintain your swing over the winter while continuing to socialize with friends. Many groups book the Sims time from November through April to ensure they have the times they are looking for on a weekly basis.

At this time there is no plan to change the hourly rate of \$30+ tax. The longer you wait the fewer options you will have so book now!

Call the Pro Shop at 902 876 8844



WOMEN'S LEAGUE GOLF

The always popular women's league has completed another successful season. 2023 marked the 10th year of the Ladies Social Golf league at Indian Lake. The program focuses on the Fun and Social side of golf.

Even with all the rain this past summer, the ladies had fun with their "sociable" evenings and the Barbie Themed tournaments which raised \$3500 for the Lodge that Gives. They would like to thank their "sociable" sponsors this summer - Labatts, Spizzy, Nine Locks, Chill Street, Bishops Cellar, and Black Fly



A LITTLE HUMOUR

After a particularly poor round, a golfer spotted a lake as he walked despondently up the 18th. He looked at his caddie and said, "I've played so badly all day, I think I'm going to drown myself in that lake." The caddie, quick as a flash, replied, "I'm not sure you could keep your head down that long."



NEW BOOKING POLICY

At the start of the year, management implemented a change in their booking policy making it necessary to cancel complete or partial bookings within 12 hours of the tee time. The idea was to reduce the number of bookings not used as it was frustrating to

the no shows or last minute cancellations. Despite some initial growing pains, this change in policy has been a huge success. We thank you all for your patience and understanding with regard to this.

In hopes of removing the problems altogether, a further change in the policy will come into effect May 1 2024. From that period going forward, all bookings will have to be made on line using a credit card. Your credit card will not actually be charged unless you violate the cancellation policy in place. Otherwise, you are able to pay in any manner you wish at the Pro Shop.

This will require an account to be made with Tee On booking. We understand this could create issues for some people so we will be working hard to help in any way we can to make this as painless as possible. Your account set up can happen at any time so if you would like to arrange this during the Fall months, please ask the pro shop staff for any help needed.



GOLF COURSE TIPS AND ETIQUETTE

Pace of play – The designated pace of play for the course is 1hr50m maximum on the front 9 and 2hrs on the back 9 which includes the transit from hole 9 to 10 and any stoppage time at the clubhouse at the turn. While there are a few exceptions to this, the set pace is more than generous as it allows golfers of most ages and abilities to complete their round without feeling pressured.

Looking for lost balls - With the course busy most of the time, you should never take more than 1 minute to search for a lost golf ball. Slowing the pace of play on the course to hunt for other golf balls is never acceptable

Own clubs – All golfers are required to have their own set of clubs. Rentals are readily available but if none are present at the time of your booking then 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. An extra person in a group would never be expected to golf but simply be along for the ride.

indicate where they are allowed to drive on the course on any given day. Management is looking into Blue Flags which can be attached to certain carts indicating someone with mobility issues is in the cart and will have more privileges about where they can travel on the course

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.

How To Repair a Ball Mark **USGA**

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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MEET THE STAFF



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Asees joined the Indian Lake pro shop team in the spring of 2020 and has been a mainstay ever since. She arrived in Canada from Amritsar, India in hopes of gaining her residency and resuming her school studies. Recently, Asees received her permanent residency and hopes to receive full Canadian citizenship within 2 years. She is back in school furthering her education studying nursing. In her spare time she enjoys reading, music, movies and loves to travel. While on a reduced work schedule over the coming months, Asees can still be seen working some weekdays and many weekends. We all wish her the very best with her studies!



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