

Pine Crest Annual Newsletter for 2008

The best way to start this off this year would be to put some of the rampant rumours to rest about the BIG DIG going on here. There have been numerous drive-by's of people trying to see just what is happening. Because last year was so dry we decided it was time to see if we could find more water. After consulting with the proper authorities it was determined that enlarging the pond beside the 6th tee was the way to go. This pond will now be about 14 feet deep and will have a pretty substantial bank around it. You are well advised to not climb this bank, if you were to fall in the outcome could be bad. This is not a beach folks!! This pond will allow us to have about 5 million more gallons of water. That in conjunction with the approximately 6 million the pond along #17 has. So that is what the BIG DIG is all about.

The Ladies Club Championship has had another day added to its schedule. The last weekend will now have play on both Saturday and Sunday. The dates for this are Sunday, June 22, Saturday, July 19 and Sunday July 20.

For the past several years Julia Tanner (our Ladies Captain) has pretty much run the Mixed 2 Ball in August by

herself. She would like some help this year. It would be great for a husband and wife to do. There is not that much work involved and Julia would help get you started and then you would take over in 2009. This is one of the longest running events at Pine Crest and we would like to see it continue.

Those members wishing to have charging privileges (accounts) will again have to complete the Credit Card Authorization Sheet before accounts can be opened. All authorization sheets for 2007 were mailed back to you at the end of last season. You can fill the form out for this year when you pay for your membership. This will need to be done every year.

Payment dates for membership are changing this year. We will no longer have what we called the "membership marathon" where we would be open for 5 specific days. This year the Pro Shop will open on March 31 and will remain open every day until the golf course opens for play. Hours will be from 1PM until 6 PM. This should eliminate having to stand in line waiting to pay for your membership as there will be more days to come and pay.

For those who like to play 9 early in the morning, you can play the back 9 up until an hour after we open. You don't need a tee time for this but we would like to know how many like to do this so it doesn't get out of hand.

Some dates for you to remember:

Mens Opening Day..May 3
Ladies Opening Day..May 10
Junior Opening Day..May 25
Wes Dixon Tourn..June 14 & 15
Mens Club Champ #1..June 21
Mens Club Champ #2..June 22
Ladies Club Champ #1..June 22
Mens Club Champ #3..July 19
Sr Mens Club Champ #1..July 19
Ladies Club Champ #2..July 19
Mens Club Champ #4..July 20
Sr Mens Club Champ #2..July 20
Ladies Club Champ #3..July 20
Junior Club Champ..July 13 & 27
Mixed 2 Ball..August 9
Junior Closing..August 23
Ladies Closing..Sept 14
Mens Closing..Sept 27

Since our Canadian Loonie is much happier this year we are going to discount *selected existing inventory* in the pro shop. Any item you find with a red dot on it will be reduced by 20% at the time of purchase.

We are going to put recycling bins of some sort on the golf course this year. Our Waste Management pick up company is clamping down on too much recycling going to land fill. The government is clamping down on them so they pass that

along to us. So, please use the recycling bins.

If you had club storage last year you will still have your spot again this year. The only exception would be that more and more 2 wheel cart owners are moving to the better 3wheel carts and that opens up spots for 2 wheel cart people. All 3 wheel cart people from last year will have their spots again this year. We are working to arrange the club storage building to accommodate more 3 wheel carts as we realize that these are definitely the way to go. For those on the waiting lists for club storage, 3 wheel cart storage and electronic caddy storage we hope to have spots for you too. If anyone has gotten a 3 wheel cart and are planning on storing it here please get your name on the waiting list if you haven't already. You can email us at pinecrest@nexicom.net

Stephen Boyd, who is our Junior Captain has suggested we start a Junior league. We have decided that Tuesday mornings around 10 or so would be a good time for them. To start we would allot about 30 minutes of tee times to see how things go. They will play during July and August, starting on Tuesday, July 8 and play for 8 weeks until school goes back. Steve does intend to have some kind of competitions each week. You can contact Steve at ssboyd@nexicom.net for more information.

Now a word from John Kindred our Pro

I hope this annual letter finds all of

you well. After this long cold winter I am sure you are all anxious to get back out swinging in some warm weather.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the members for your continuing support of myself and the club and a big welcome to our new members.

The Golf Clinics have been very successful in the past years and I will again offer them this year. The clinics are for the first 12 people to sign up in the Pro Shop. Mondays at 5PM is for the Business Girls who would like a short tune up prior to their Monday night league. Monday and Thursday night will be for Men and Women and they will start at 6PM. Cost for this clinic is \$15 per night per person. Junior Clinics are Saturday morning at 9 and only cost \$5.00. I will also continue a Saturday morning clinic for Members and Guests at 10:30, again the cost is only \$15. All clinics include Range Balls . Private lessons are also available, these can be booked with the Pro Shop staff anytime.

I will continue to offer club fitting so come and check with me before you make that club purchase. As mentioned in this letter selected pro shop product is going to be reduced based on the higher value Canadian Dollar so please check with me for better pricing.

I look forward to seeing you all again in the spring, so until then, stay warm!!

John Kindred

On the back page is our price list along with payment options.

We hope to have this letter along with the first couple of months of our Calendar of Events up on our web site very soon. You will also find information about Johns clinics and contact information for our Leagues on our site.

Until early April.....take care

Bob and Jan