

## Annual Newsletter for 2010

Well, we endured another wet summer last year. Not as wet as the year before but nonetheless it was not a great year. Lets hope and pray that 2010 has some good sunny days in store for us. And some warmer ones too!!

We changed the way our Mens Pot Of Gold tournaments were bet on this past season and the consensus was that everyone liked the way it was done. It made it a lot easier calculating the winners and how many bets were placed on each team. If anyone has any ideas how we can improve on this concept please contact us. Most seemed to think getting the draw by email was a good thing too....gave you lots of time to ponder the winners...and losers. Those of you who have email and we don't have your address please give it to us and you too can get information about various functions at the club.

The Wes Dixon tournament had a rain out last year...the first day had to be cancelled because of the flash flood that we received about 8AM that morning. All participants were given a voucher for a free round of golf that was to be used during the 2009 golf season. Our members were also entitled to bring a friend for free to use their free pass. A lot did, but for those who didn't you can still bring a friend this year up until the date this year of the Wes Dixon tournament. That date is June 19 and 20.

Pine Crest has also joined another section of the electronic world and we have a Twitter address. If you want to follow us on Twitter just go to the Twitter site and

enter Pine Crest Golf and you should find us there and then you can begin following us. If you are not familiar with Twitter, it is a short messaging system that allows you to post short messages (140 characters or less) and those who are following you can read them. Great way to get a message out quickly about something that just happened. Like if someone got a hole in one or along that line. So check us out on Twitter.

The 9<sup>th</sup> hole had some major drainage added to it this past fall. It sure has made a big difference draining all the water off the top of the fairway. It should flow down towards the tee and out to the ditch and be gone with.

Some noticed building foundations being installed around the course...these are for new rain shelters that are currently under construction at Fleming College. One of our members, Brian Patterson, is a teacher there and he likes to have off site projects for his students so they can learn how to construct buildings that will be used in the real world. This is great for everyone involved and while it will be nice to have some new rain shelters, lets hope we don't have to use them too often. A couple of years ago we had the "big dig" on the course so we would have a good irrigation supply and we have yet to use it. Lets hope the rain shelters bring us the same luck....!!

Last February Pine Crest lost one of its longest members. Ben Keller died that month and we know a lot of people around

here knew Ben. He was one of our first rangers and a very good friend of the family. He came to work here the day he retired from GE and was here almost everyday until his health prevented him from traveling too much. He also ran the Wes Dixon tournament for several years just after its conception.

Julia Tanner....what can we say about Julia?? She has been the Ladies Captain for over 10 years and finally has decided to step down. She wants to enjoy her game more and have some fun and let someone else enjoy running the Ladies events. Vera Malcom is talking over Julia's position this year. Please help support Vera, as support is paramount to these functions running and running smoothly. We always have had a great social aspect to the club and we would like to see that continue.

Last summer we noticed a lot more personal alcohol being brought onto the course. We have tried over the years to get across to our patrons in this letter, as well as word of mouth that this is breaking the law. You will get into trouble, as will we. We don't want that and we like to think you don't either. So what can we do to prevent this??

We don't feel it is our right to inspect every golf bag that comes to the tee, but if it comes down to that we feel no other options are available at this time.

Please help us out with this problem. Maybe suspending playing privileges is the way to go....think about it.

**the golf course and see everyone and keep them hydrated it must keep moving. Therefore the beverage car will have the right of way. The beverage car attendants have been instructed to disrupt your game as little as possible. Generally it is gone and away from your group within seconds.**

Those who played later in season may have seen one of our members driving around in a single rider golf car. The one he has is a three wheeler electric model and it holds his clubs on the front of the cart. These neat little gizmos are made by a company called Eagle Cruiser. We are planning to acquire a couple of 4 wheel models for rentals as well as a few 3 wheel models to sell. All the details have yet to be finalized so we can't give you a price on the purchase of these great machines just yet, but we do hope to have all the information completed by the time we get open. You will have to have some kind of physical disability to be able to get one of these. Our storage space is limited. Keep checking with us!!

Club Storage....last year was likely the fullest this has ever been. We even had to store some of the 3 wheel carts in the hanger. But at least those people got a spot. Because these units take up a lot of room it is imperative that the door going into the building be kept clear. At some points last year it was impossible to get your clubs out if you played later in the day, as the morning people left theirs in the doorway. We know that if the weather looks like rain you want your clubs to be inside. If this is the case from now on, it is better that you put your clubs away and not have them cleaned than leave them in the entrance way. We put a line there last year for incoming and outgoing clubs and it worked pretty good.

**Beverage Car....In order for the car to get around**

Some important club dates you may be interested in:

April 1.. Club house opens for membership payments.  
April 26..Club Storage Opens  
May 1..Mens Opening Day  
May 8..Ladies Opening Day  
May 16..Mens Pot of Gold  
May 23..Junior Opening Day  
May 30..Sadie Hawkins 2Ball  
June 5..Ladies Match Play  
June 6..Mens Pot of Gold  
June 10..Senior Ladies  
June 19/20..Wes Dixon Memorial  
June 26/27..Mens, Ladies & Seniors Club Championship  
July 4.. Mens Pot of Gold  
July 10..Ladies Scramble  
July 11..Juniors Club Championship  
July 17/18..Mens, Ladies, Seniors & Juniors Club Champ 2<sup>nd</sup> round(July 18)  
July 25..L'il Abner 2Ball  
Aug 7..Mixed Two Ball  
Aug 12..Mens Senior Invitational  
Aug 15..Mens Pot of Gold  
Aug 21..Junior Closing Day  
Aug 22..Mixed Pot of Gold  
Sept 18..Mens (Tues) League Closing  
Sept 25.. Mixed League Closing  
Sept 26.. Mens Pot of Gold  
Oct 2..Mens Closing Day  
Oct 10..Club Storage Closes

We are sure most of you have already heard about the new incoming tax....the HST. This is going to impact both memberships as well as Green Fees. As it is coming into effect on July 1 we have heard rumors that if memberships are not paid by May 1 we will have to pro-rate the tax amount from that date until July 1. How, we are suppose to do that remains to be seen as the government is not providing much information right now. However...it would be prudent on your part to get your

membership paid in full by May 1.

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

John Kindred

A couple of years ago we changed how we did the membership payments. Now we have the Pro Shop open everyday starting April 1. Hours are 1-6 everyday. This eliminated the waiting that occasionally happened.

We hope the winter has not been too hard for you and you have all stayed healthy. We hope to see you all again come April

Bob and Jan Dixon

P.S. Golf Law # 15..The last 3 holes of your round will automatically adjust your score to what it should be. (Our Amen Corner perhaps)