

Golf Manitoba Newsletter

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As part of its ongoing effort to inform volunteers, member clubs and individual members of golf happenings in Manitoba and Northwest Ontario, Golf Manitoba is issuing regular newsletters containing updates and information of interest.

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2011 SPRING INFORMATION MEETING

The 2011 Spring Information Meeting will be held Saturday April 16th at the Pine Ridge Golf Club. The Golf Manitoba Spring Information meeting is an important part of communications outreach to all member clubs and provides the opportunity for questions or to seek clarity on any Golf Manitoba or Golf Canada initiatives or programs. This new and exciting era in Canadian golf will see new membership cards, benefits and new program initiatives aimed at growing the game of golf in Canada. Representatives from Golf Manitoba and Golf Canada will be at the Spring Information meeting to present the information.

The session will start at 10:00 a.m. and will conclude no later than 2:00 p.m.

Annually we request that each member club provide us with the name of a male and female representative to assist Golf Manitoba in communicating with our clubs. If your club has not provided us with this information, please do so as soon as possible. Invitations to these representatives as well as other club officials has been sent out.

We believe that the Information Session is very informative and hope representatives from each club will be able to attend. For more information, please contact Carol at 925-5733 or carol@golfmanitoba.mb.ca in the Golf Manitoba office.



NEW FOR 2011

Golf Manitoba has made some changes over the winter months. They include the following:

- Power carts will now be permitted in all competitive events except for junior events.
- Tournament entry fees have slightly increased. However, players registering on-line will pay a reduced fee which is equivalent to the 2010 fee.
- The rural junior championship will now be contested in conjunction with the rural amateur / senior championship.
- Annually, Golf Manitoba provides our member clubs with an opportunity to volunteer working a bingo at McPhillips Station Casino or Club Regent. Effective April 1st, the payout to clubs working bingos has been reduced from \$1000.00 to \$750.00. In the past year the number of volunteers required to work the bingo to receive this funding also decreased from 10 to 7 volunteers and initially, Golf Manitoba was able to maintain the payout to clubs at the \$1000.00 level. Budgetary constraints have dictated that Golf Manitoba reduce the payout to clubs for the next fiscal year.



2011 COMPETITIVE SEASON

The 2011 Championship Schedule is set and on-line registration will begin April 1st. To view the complete schedule, please click [here](#).

HANDICAP LICENSING & EDUCATION SEMINAR

Since 2003, Golf Manitoba and the Royal Canadian Golf Association (Golf Canada) have been providing member clubs with educational sessions relating to the handicap system. To date, approximately seventy five clubs and two hundred and fifty participants have attended these seminars.

Golf Manitoba will be offering another Handicap Certification Seminar on **Saturday, April 30th** at **The Elmhurst Golf & Country Club** from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

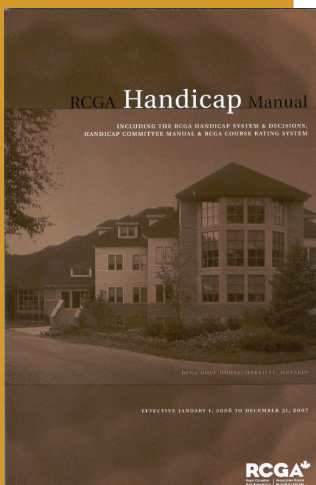
The seminar is being offered as part of the copyright agreement between the RCGA and the USGA to try and maintain a consistent manner in which the handicap system is utilized. Each member club is required to have at least one person participate in the seminar. Golf Manitoba would encourage clubs to consider both volunteers and staff to attend. These people will then become resources at the club level for all handicap inquiries. If you have already had someone attend, we would also encourage you to send others.

A minimal cost of \$15.00 per person will be charged to cover the cost of lunch and handouts.

Please RSVP your attendance to Carol Muzychka at 925-5733 by April 27th.

Also, in 2006 Golf Manitoba and the RCGA requested that all member clubs sign the Member Club Handicap Licensing Agreement. The purpose of the RCGA Member Club Handicap Licensing program is to ensure that all RCGA Member Clubs comply with the RCGA Handicap System and is part of an overall effort to improve the application and understanding of the RCGA Handicap System at the club level. Through compliance, a club can be sure that the Handicap Factors they issue to members are accurate and will reflect the equity that handicapping brings to competition between golfers of differing abilities.

In early April, Golf Manitoba will be sending the Member Club Handicap License Agreement to all clubs. We are requesting that all clubs sign the agreement, which will be valid for four years, and return it to our office as soon as possible.



DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS TO THE MANITOBA GOLF HALL OF FAME APPROACHING



The Manitoba Golf Hall of Fame is dedicated to the recognition of extraordinary contributions and accomplishments made by Manitobans who have brought honor and distinction to the game of golf as individuals, both amateur and professional, builders and superintendents.

The Manitoba Golf Hall of Fame Selection Committee is responsible for reviewing nominations and selecting inductees. The Selection Committee is comprised of representatives of Golf Manitoba; Professional Golfers Association (PGA) of Manitoba; the Manitoba Golf Superintendents Association and other individuals interested in preserving the heritage of the game in Manitoba.

Once elected to the Hall of Fame, honoured members will be officially inducted at a special ceremony.

To be considered for election to the Hall of Fame, the nominee must have made an extraordinary contribution to the game of golf and be a current or previous resident of the Province of Manitoba. These achievements may be in the form of an illustrious golf-related career or some other exceptional contribution to the game. Nominees may be players, course designers/managers, administrators and others.

Nominations must have the consent of the nominee or, if the nominee is deceased, the immediate family. Every nomination must be seconded. Individuals may not nominate themselves. Nominations forms are available on the Manitoba Golf Hall of Fame website at www.manitobagolfhalloffame.com and must be sent together with any supporting documentation by **April 30th** to: **Manitoba Golf Hall of Fame & Museum** Selection Committee 145 Pacific Ave Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 2Z6

The Nominator will be informed of the status of the application, following its review by the Committee.

DID YOU KNOW?

Golf Manitoba has been training a group of young men and women in preparation for the 2011 Western Canada Summer Games. Some of the details are:

- 11 boys and 11 girls all under the age of 16 are participating
- Program started in January with weekly practices at The Golf Dome followed by strength & conditioning training
- A competitive qualifying process will take place over the summer months and a team of four boys and four girls will qualify to attend the 2011 Western Canada Games
- The Games will be held August 11 to 14 at the Dunes Golf Club in Kamloops, British Columbia



INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

Golf Manitoba is a not for profit organization which provides services to the golf community in Manitoba and North West Ontario. We could not operate in the manner we do without the dedicated assistance of almost 100 volunteers. Their duties include starting, scoring, rules officiating and assisting at Golf Manitoba championships, course rating, committees and board of directors, club representatives, and working special events.

For more information, please contact Carol Muzychka, Golf Manitoba Office Administrator at 925-5733 or carol@golfmanitoba.mb.ca



Golf Manitoba Mission Statement

To develop, promote, govern and service the game of golf in Manitoba and North West Ontario for the benefit of all participants.

Golf Manitoba Vision

To be the center of excellence that delivers quality, innovative and accessible golf programs and services.

Golf Manitoba Values

- Excellence and integrity in all we do.
- Dedication and commitment of athletes and volunteers.
- Diligence and fair play.
- Accessibility.
- Respect for the history and tradition of the game.
- Golf as the "Game of a Lifetime" promoting a sociable, healthy/active lifestyle.

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