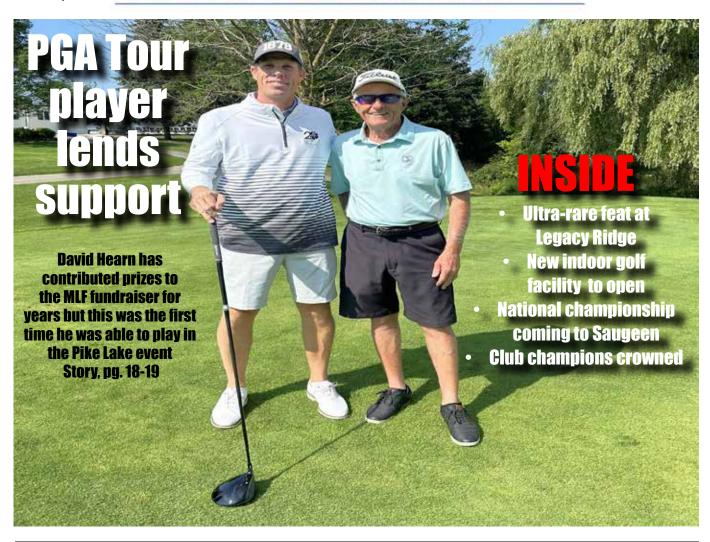


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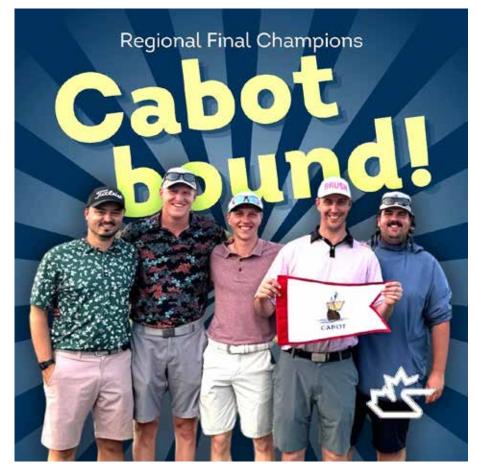
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### Local team qualifies for national finals

A team from Saugeen Golf
Club near Port Elgin has
qualified for the 2024 RBC
PGA Scramble National
Championship. Representing
Saugeen at the prestigious
Cabot Cape Breton from
Oct. 5-9 will be (from left in
photo) Hayden Duplantis,
Josh Hopkin, Thomas Forsyth,
Head Professional Aaron
Brush and Kenny Bollen.
They will be one of just 18
teams from across Canada
playing in the event.







# From the Publisher

his has already been an exciting season - and it's not even close to being over! Highlights so far include a team from Saugeen Golf Club qualifying for the RBC PGA Scramble Canadian Championship at Cabot Cliffs and Cabot Links on Cape Breton Island (see page 2) and an Orillia-area teen winning a national championship (see page 16).

More excitement awaits us in September as the Canadian Men's Senior Golf Championship will be played at Saugeen Golf Club (see pages 4-5). This promises to be a great event with organizers going above and beyond to create a memorable

championship. Not only will you have a chance to see some of the best senior men's golfers in the country - and several others from countries as far away as Australia - you can join in the fun of Golf Fest. It's a four-day event featuring live music, interactive golf games, a silent auction, food and beverages in a beer garden atmosphere and a golf simulator.

This national championship comes after BruceGreySimcoe has already played host to two Ontario championships.

The Ontario Senior Women's Championship was held last month at The Golf Club at Lora Bay and earlier in the year the Ontario Champion of Champions event took place at The Club at Bond Head in south Simcoe. A third provincial championship — the Ontario Public Amateur Championship for men and women — is set for Aug. 29-30 at Tangle Creek Golf & Country Club near Barrie. This is great for our area, putting our courses in the spotlight and exposing visiting golfers to the beauty of BGS.

I hope you enjoy this edition and have a fantastic finish to the season!

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# Celebrating golf Saugeen style

#### Organizers of the Canadian Men's Senior Championship are planning a 4-day event that includes music, interactive games and more

Saugeen Golf Club turns 100 years old this year and it has found the perfect way to celebrate the milestone.

The picturesque 27-hole facility between Port Elgin and Southampton is playing host to the prestigious Canadian Men's Senior Championship from Sept. 12-15 and tournament organizers are planning a multi-faceted celebration of the game of golf.

With the event including 156 of the best golfers from across Canada, the U.S., Great Britain and Australia, the tournament itself will be a big attraction. But the organizing committee has also planned what they are calling Golf Fest which adds activities that will appeal to the broader community.

A huge marquee tent (The Village on the Green) is being erected on the front parking lot, housing interactive games, a golf simulator, sponsor displays, a beer garden, and a silent auction. Outside there will be disc golf and putting, chipping and hole in one contests, plus anyone can follow their favourite golfer around the course. The field will include at least a few golfers from the BruceGreySimcoe region.

While the tent will feature ongoing live entertainment from Thursday through Sunday, the highlight will be on Friday evening (Sept. 13th) when the 18-piece Canadian Big Band takes to the stage.

The tournament dates overlap with the Saugeen Shores Big Band weekend and rather than competing with each other for spectators, the organizing committees for each event have collaborated to stage this unique attraction.

Rob Brignell, a member of the Saugeen host organizing committee who brought the two groups together, is excited by the collaboration, stating, "While we will be featuring great local talent throughout the four days of Golf Fest, the fact that we will be hosting The Canadian Big Band on Friday evening is a huge boost for our event."

Charlie Bell of the local Big Band Committee says "It is a truly unique opportunity

to be able to host a band of that renown here. The scale of the Golf Fest tent venue makes it possible."

Bell and Brignell, both well acquainted with the music scene, note that the 18 members of the band are among the absolute best professional jazz musicians in the country.

The championship will take place on the Legacy and Sunrise 9-hole layouts, while Sunset will be used for the Golf Fest activities. Anyone can participate in a hole in one contest and, if successful, win a two-year lease on a vehicle provided by Port Elgin Chrysler.

Ken Dunlop, chair of the championship committee, states, "We are fortunate to have twenty seven holes at Saugeen. It provides the unique opportunity to hold this prestigious event on eighteen holes, and to use the other nine for Golf Fest activities."

Dunlop plans to attract 500 to 1,000 people per day over the four days, noting that Golf Fest will appeal to all ages, golfer or not, and that the local economy, notably hotels and restaurants, will see a welcome off-season surge.

Kids 16 and under get free access to Golf Fest when accompanied by an adult. A 4-day pass is \$50 for the general public and \$30 for members and volunteers.

Organizers note that access to the Big Band night would otherwise be \$25 alone so the price is a bargain. Golf Fest passes are available in the pro shop or on the club website (saugeengolf.com/seniors).

The event kicks off on Sept. 11 with an opening ceremony featuring dignitaries and local golfing legend Jack Northey hitting the opening tee shot.

# **New indoor golf facility**

Grey Bruce Golf Club and Academy to open in Port Elgin



Artist renderings of new indoor golf facility.

A new state-of-the-art indoor golf facility is scheduled to open in Port Elgin this fall.

The Grey Bruce Golf Club and Academy will be situated at 216 Goderich Street. The grand opening is scheduled for Nov. 1.

The facility will offer four state-of-the-art Trackman simulators, each located in its own private suite, and a 650-foot custom putting green dedicated to the ultra-high tech PuttView training system, recognized as the top choice of PGA players and professionals for its lasers indicating line, weight, and slope of the terrain from anywhere on the putting green.

The closest facility offering this type of technology is in Barrie or Toronto.

Members will also be able to practice their chip-

ping skills from multiple angles on the green. Other amenities include a fully-licensed social lounge, private club storage and onsite club regripping.

The facility is being created by Glen Barnett, a Canadian Golf Teachers Federation and Canadian Golf Psychology Association golf pro who works out of Pinewoods Golf Course near Sauble. He will be developing the facility along with his wife Sue.

Personalized coaching sessions/clinics with Glen will be available for members and non-members. It will offer a fully automated entry and security system as well as online booking.

"We are genuinely excited and all-in with building this exceptional golf experience," said Barnett. Video link:

Website www.greybrucegolf.ca



others that no one has ever done this at Legacy or anywhere else.

The closest to this feat, based on internet searches, was an American golfer who aced all four of the par 3 holes at his home course. Bernard Banahan, a Phoenix-based attorney, accomplished the feat over 17 years of playing at Phoenix Golf and Country Club.

But it may be possible that Barker is the only one to ever ace all five par 3s at his home club.

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# Saugeen champs

Legge, McLeod take women's titles, Smith and Cook men's winners





The club championships at Saugeen GC were held Aug. 10-11. The winners received their trophies from assistant golf pro Riley Schaus. Clockwise from left are Kim Legge (Women's), Ty Smith (Men's), Dave Cook (Senior Men's) and Reneta McLeod (Senior Women's).





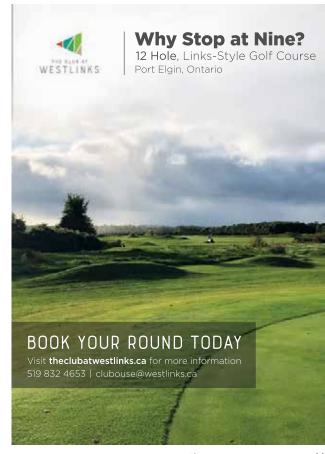
# Junior champions



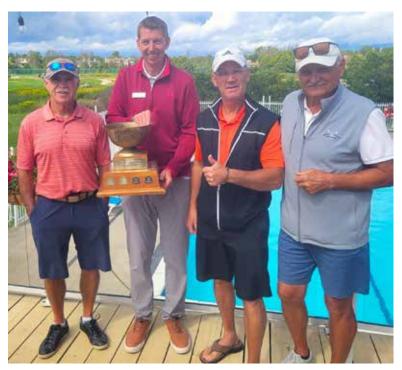




Saugeen Junior Club Championship winners, shown with assistant pro Riley Schaus, are: **Under 14 - Kai Clumbine (above) Under 17 - Riley Foster (top right photo) Under 19 - Emmett Jackson (top left photo)** 



## **Cranberry champs**



The Club Championships were held earlier this month at Cranberry Golf Course and handing out the hardware to the winners was General Manager Errol Smith. From left are, gross champion Mike Garbutt, Smith, Net Winner Mike Phillips and Men's Captain Steve Gyetvai.



The winners from the Ladies Club Championship were, from left, Ladies Captain Janet Nutter, Gross winner Susan Thornham, receiving the trophy from GM Errol Smith, & Net winner Jan Chapman.

## Club Championship Results

Men's Championship Flight 1st Low Gross: Mike Garbutt (172) 2nd Low Gross: Glen Nicholls (184) 3rd Low Gross: John Grinton (188) 1st Low Net: Mike Phillips (151) 2nd Low Net: Sam Leto (160)

"B" Flight Championship
1st Low Gross: Steve Murray (82)
2nd Low Gross: Stan Kukla (87R)
3rd Low Gross: Doug MacDonald

1st Low Net: Alan Spence (71) 2nd Low Net: Bill Colvin (76R) 3rd Low Net: Bernie Tronowicz (76)

Ladies Championship 2024 Ladies Club Championship 1st Low Gross: Susan Thornham 1st Low Net: Jan Chapman



Neil Havens successfully defended his Senior Men's Club Championship at Legacy Ridge Golf Club.

He shot rounds of 73-72 to claim the title.

Runner-up was Dennis Biesiada with rounds of 74-75.

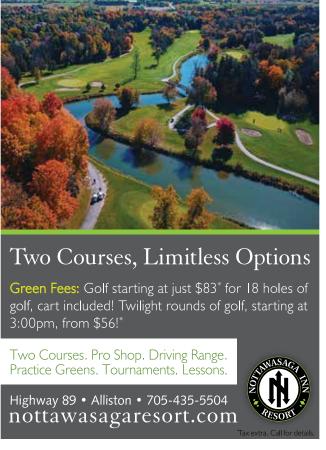
Other flight winners: B Flight Paul Townsend

C Flight Tom Doherty

D Flight Bob Kanduth







# Pike Lake champs

McQueen, Cribbin take women's and men's titles

The club championships at Pike Lake Golf Centre were held Aug. 10-11 in challenging weather conditions and the winners were:

Women's – Championship Flight – Marilyn McQueen (87-86)

B Flight – Donna Stoner (93-95)

C – Michele Perron (89-105)

Men's Championship – Caleb Cribbin (86-78) \* played from the back tees

B Flight – Randy King (75-79) C – Glen Montgomery (80-78) D – Murray Markle

Closest to the Pins winners

Day #1

(82-84)

#3 - Jim Dunlop

#7 - Noah Aitken

#10 - Donna Stoner

#17 - Serge Perron Day #2

#3 - Murray Markle

#7 - Brian Kaye

#10 - Sandra Bowman

#17 - Serge Perron





Blue Mountain Golf and Country recently held its club championships and the winners were: Ladies - Patty Vance, (on right in photo) receiving trophy from Ladies Captain Cheryl Prince and Alistair Orr, (on right in photo) receiving the trophy from Men's Section Captain Paul Hancock.



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Spencer Shropshire accepts his awards after winning the Canadian Juvenile championship.

### Orillia teen wins Canadian championship

Spencer Shropshire of Hawk Ridge Golf Club claims juvenile championship

Spencer Shropshire is only 16 years old but he already has a national championship on his golf resume.

The member at Hawk Ridge Golf Club near Orillia won the Juvenile division of the Canadian Junior Boys Championship, which was held earlier this month at Innisfail Golf Club near Red Deer, Alberta.

He shot rounds of 66-66-72-75 to finish at 9 under par. That not only clinched the Juvenile title but also put him in third place in the Junior division.

"I actually felt pretty confident the whole week," he said in an article posted by OrilliaMatters.com. "I didn't really feel any nerves, which is good."

Going into the final day, Shropshire kept his eyes on the leaderboard. He knew the whole time where he stood in comparison to those chasing him. He held on to win by two strokes.

"When I got to the last hole, I had a four-shot lead.

I knew it was essentially over," he said.

On the final hole, he says, he took the opportunity to enjoy the moment. "It's my biggest win so far," he said.

Shropshire says the tournament was a culmination of all of his hard work throughout the year.

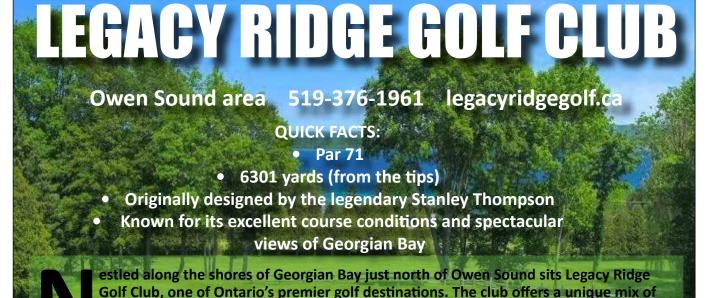
"It was awesome," he said. "The whole year has led to that moment, so I'd say it was pretty fulfilling."

While most of his friends and family were back home in Orillia during the event, his grandmother was with him to celebrate the win.

The Patrick Fogarty Catholic Secondary School student hopes his impressive victory will get him some more looks from Division I schools in the NCAA.

"I'm sure it'll unlock a lot of doors for me in future," he said. "To know I can compete with the best is huge for my confidence."





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since it first opened in 1920. The course was originally designed by famed golf course architect

Stanley Thompson. The course layout manages the difficult double task of challenging

experienced players while helping rookies relax as they learn this classic game.

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"I'm always flabbergasted by the response of the community. Some tournaments die off after a few years but this one is more like a family reunion with a lot of the same people back every year," he said.

The event began two years after George's wife Mary Lynne passed away from brain cancer. Prior to her death, Mary Lynne spent about a year getting treatment at hospitals in the local area and in London.

It was during this time that George learned about how hospitals operate, including how much they rely on community support for new equipment.

So he was highly motivated to make sure the money raised through the tournament went to specific items to improve local health care (see list on this page).

This has continued during the 20 years the tournament has been running and it was decided for the 20th anniversary event that the \$60,000 proceeds would be split between the two local hospitals - Louise Marshall in Mount Forest and Palmerston & District.

The event received a boost this year when PGA Tour player David Hearn, a supporter of the event since the beginning, decided to attend for the first time as his schedule alllowed for that to happen.

Hearn, who learned to play golf as a junior at Pike Lake, ended up playing with George's daughters (George was supposed to play with them but had a fall prior to the event and wasn't able to play).

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YEAR 7 - Defibrillators (LMH)

YEAR 8 - Patient Mobilizer (PDH)

YEAR 9 - Patient Mobilizer (PDH)

YEAR 10 - Portable Phones (LMH)

YEAR 11 - Portable Ultrasound Machine (PDH)

YEAR 12 - Colonoscope (LMH)

YEAR 13 - Portable X-Ray Machine (PDH)

YEAR 14 - ECG Electrocardiogram (LMH)

YEAR 15 - Colonoscope + Gastroscope (PDH)

YEAR 16 - Portable Ventilator (LMH)

YEAR 17 - Pediatric Colonoscope (PDH)

YEAR 18 - Colonoscope (LMH)

YEAR 19 - MRI Machine (PDH)

YEAR 20 - Hemotology Analyzers (LMH + PDH)



After the golf, Hearn visited with many of the tourney participants - including some who remembered him from his days at the club - and made what George described as a "wonderful speech." "It was a very emotional day," he said.

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# Miami bound!



Legacy Ridge GC junior golfers Alexa Todd and Ashton Amyot have both qualified for the 2025 Optimist International Junior Championship in Miami, Florida next July. They qualified through their performances at the Midwestern Ontario Optimist Junior Qualifier at St. Mary's Golf & CC earlier this month. Alexa won the Girls 15-18 division and Ashton came 2nd in the Boys 12-13 division.

## **Kincardine junior champs**



The Kincardine Golf Club Junior Club championship was played last month and the winners were Jackson Walden (14-17), left photo, and **Sheldon Holt (under** 14). The 14-17 runner-up was Oliver Pitre, while the under-14 runners-up were Jack Mogk, Cole Wilsack, who tied.









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#### **Williams** takes senior title at Ainsdale

Trevor Williams shot 76-75 to win the Senior Men's Club Championship at Ainsdale Golf Course.

The Super Senior winner was Allan Bowers who carded rounds of 83-79. The flight winners were:

- B Phil Willits
- C Dave Neilipovitz
- D- Tim Trotter

Click on the link to see video from the championship:

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#### **Another successful Crime Stoppers** tournament

The annual Crime Stoppers of **Grey Bruce tournament was held** earlier this season at Saugeen Golf Club. The event raised \$15,000, bringing the total raised to date to \$620,000. From left are, tourney co-chair Dan Hill, former NHLer Paul MacDermid, tourney co-founder **Evan Hayter, former TSN/CTV** sportscaster Rod Black and tourney co-chair Joe Dietrich.



## **Baywest Toyota's Hole-in-One Club**

If you fire an ace this season in BruceGreySimcoe or you know someone who has, please send the details to harronmarketing@gmail.com

Aug. 16 - Eric McLeod on #3 at Kincardine GC.

Aug. 15 - Colin Evans on #14 at Cobble Beach Golf

Aug. 10 - Carol Smith on #17 at Legacy Ridge GC.

Aug. 8 - Shaun Hutchinson with a pitching wedge from 133 yards on Sunset 5 at Saugeen Golf Club.

Aug. 6 - Deb Morton with a 9-iron from 120 yards on Sunrise #7 at Saugeen Golf Club.

Aug. 1 - Lorne Wedge with a 7 wood on #6 at The **Golf Club at Lora Bay.** 

Aug. 2 - Paul "Wally" McArthur on Sunrise #5 at Saugeen Golf Club.

July 30 - Harrison Alvarez with an 8-iron from 180 yards on Sunrise #7 at Saugeen Golf Club.

July 29 - Vic Girard from 125 yards with a 7-iron on Legacy #8 at Saugeen Golf Club.

July 29 - Sanjeev Khosla from 172 yards on #8 at the Golf Club at Lora Bay.

July 27 - Don MacIntyre from 128 yards with a 7-wood on Sunrise #7 at Saugeen Golf Club.

July 23 - Joe Leo from the blue tees on #8 at Cobble Beach Golf Links.

July 21 - Ken Martin on #6 Randle at Meaford Golf Course.

July 18 - Craig Smith on #3 at Kincardine Golf Club.

July 17 - Chris MacDougald on #17 during Men's Night at Cobble Beach Golf Links.

July 16 - Steve Murray on Millennium #9 at Meaford Golf Course.

July 14 - Brett Berberich on #6 at Walkerton Golf and Curling Club.

July 1 - Jakob Harron from 146 yards on #18 at Whispering Hills Golf Club. He was playing with his father Andv.

June 30 - Steve Wilson on Sunrise #5 at Saugeen Golf Club.

June 29 - Mike McWatt with a 5-hybrid on #12 at The Golf Club at Lora Bay.

June 21 - Al Bocking on #8 at Cobble Beach Golf Links.

June 19 - Peter Van Schie on #6 at Cobble Beach.

June 15 - Cindy Harris on #14 at Legacy Ridge GC.

June 12 - Robyn Martin on #8 at Legacy Ridge GC. She used a 7-iron. She was playing with her

husband Bill and Jeff Harron. June 7 - Ray Eldred on #16 at Stone Tree Golf &

June 3 - Steve McConville on #7 at Kincardine Golf Club.

May 23 - Member Shane Barker on #2 at Legacy Ridge GC while playing with Bill Lewis, Ed Grandman and Rick Burns. Shane now has hit for the Hole in One cycle at Legacy Ridge! He previously had aces on #8, #12, #14 & #17.

May 21 - Sean Woodward with a 7-iron on #5 Sunrise at Saugeen GC.

May 20 - Member & CBC Morning Live host Heather Hiscox on #14 at Legacy Ridge Golf Club.





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