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Grey Bruce Junior Tour champs, from left, Marc Salnek (Bantam), Rachael Rier (Girls), Sean Tippin (Juvenile and Overall) and Nick Kazarian (Junior).

Tippin tops on tour

78 stroke average for Saugeen golfer

Sean Tippin was the overall winner of two events, won the Juvenile division at two others and had the lowest stroke average (78) this season on the Grey Bruce Junior Golf Tour.

That was enough to give the Saugeen Golf Club member the overall tour title this season.

The other winners were:

- Bantam - Marc Salnek of Pike Lake Golf Club
- Junior - Nick Kazarian of Scenic City & Sauble Clubs
- Girls - Rachael Rier of Ainsdale and Whispering Hills Golf Clubs.

The final event of the season was a 2-person scramble at Ainsdale Golf Course. The tournament was won by Jake Colley of Ainsdale and Kincardine golf clubs & Jayden Todd of Legacy Ridge. They shot 68.

It was followed by an awards banquet at Ainsdale Golf Course. Each player at the banquet received a prize from among those donated by Whispering Hills, Meaford Golf Course, Pike Lake, Legacy Ridge, Scenic City, Saugeen and Cobble Beach Golf Links.

Scholarships totalling \$3,000 were awarded to four players this year: Rachael Rier (\$1,000), Nick Kazarian (\$1,000), Sean Tippin (\$500) and Neil Gunn (\$500). The full results can be found at www.golfbrucegreysimcoe.com

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2017 season: Soggy but exciting

A lot happened between rainfalls

With this being the final print edition of this year it's a great time to reflect on this past season.

While the weather tried its best to be the biggest story of the season, there was a lot happening between rainfalls.

We saw the introduction of golf-boards at Southampton Golf and Country Club ([read about my first experience on one on page 11](#)) and a \$15,000 hole-in-one by a new golfer.

We also had a local golf pro - Nate Clingersmith - qualify for the World Long Drive Championship. And history was made on the Grey Bruce Junior Tour when Rachael Rier became the first female to be the overall winner at a tour stop.

Major renovations took place at Ainsdale and South-Port golf courses, Meaford Golf Course introduced a new layout, local students and Special Olympians ([story on page 10](#)) were introduced to golf and a closed golf course (Stone Tree) moved ahead with plans to re-open.

Pretty exciting stuff.

And with plenty of golf left to play, there are bound to be more highlights before the pins are pulled this season. For those highlights you can go online.

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Finally, my heartfelt thanks to readers and advertisers for helping make the 2017 season a successful one for Grey-Bruce Golf. Your ongoing interest and support is greatly appreciated and I hope you have a great finish to the season.

Enjoy this edition and please keep in touch online or by emailing me at harronmarketing@gmail.com

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What a night for Johnathon Coffey!

Local golfer wins award, helps Alzheimer's Society and meets PGA Tour player

It would be a major understatement to say July 31 was a pretty good day for Johnathon Coffey. The 12-year-old golfer from Legacy Ridge Golf Club received an award and a \$4,500 cheque to pass along to the local Alzheimer's Society, met and chatted with one of his golf idols and enjoyed a delicious dinner.

"The evening was fantastic! I got to meet awesome people and enjoy great food," Johnathon said about his attendance at the David Hearn Foundation Charity Classic at Brantford Golf & Country Club.

"The evening was fantastic!"

- Johnathon Coffey

Johnathon was a special guest at the dinner because he was one of two recipients of the David Hearn Foundation Kia Grant, which gives young golfers a chance to give back to their community through a donation to the Alzheimer's Society.

The award was based on an essay submitted by Johnathon which detailed his connection to Alzheimer's and his work to help the local organization.

"At the age of one-and-a half, I was asked to cut the ribbon as the youngest participant in the annual Walk for Memories (Grey-Bruce) fundraising event in Owen Sound; and I have participated with my family in this annual affair ever since," Johnathon wrote in his essay.

When he was nine years old his family started a tradition of holding an annual "Coffee Break" at their church and the event has helped them raise more than \$1,000 every year.

His family has a personal connection to the disease as Johnathon's great grandmother Molly suffered from it.

"I have fond memories of visiting her at the nursing home. My brother and I used to sing songs to her to make her smile," Johnathon states in his essay.

Hearn, a spokesperson for the Alzheimer Society of Canada, also has a personal connection to the disease through his grandmother and great-grandmother.

But it was not the only thing that Johnathon and Hearn had in common. Johnathon played this season on the Grey-Bruce Junior Golf Tour - a tour where Hearn got his first taste of competitive golf as a youngster playing out of Pike Lake



Johnathon Coffey with PGA Tour player David Hearn.

Golf Centre.

Johnathon got a chance to talk to Hearn at the dinner and they chatted about the Grey-Bruce tour and the fact that Johnathon's father Steve was still playing on it when Hearn joined the tour.

"I had a very nice conversation with David and his wife Heather. David is a very nice, down to earth person - a great role model for young golfers.

"He asked me about my golf game, my home club (Legacy Ridge) and what my best score was (90). He told me that once I break 90 for the first time, I will always break 90 because I will have the confidence in myself that I can do it!"

Johnathon said it was a real thrill to be recognized by Hearn, his foundation and Kia during the dinner.

"I am honoured to receive this award. I know that our local Alzheimer's Society will use the money to do great things for families living with his disease."

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CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS



Frankum, Smith take titles

Crowned champions at Westlinks

The sun was shining but the wind and pin locations created tough scoring conditions on the first day of the men's club championship.

As a result many of the competitors stumbled into the clubhouse with scores higher than many anticipated. After day one, Earl Frankum led the way with an 10-over 82 and Alan Cartwright was close behind with an 83.

Sunday's scores were much better with good scoring conditions and more accessible pin locations. Alan Cartwright held the clubhouse lead after completing his Sunday round but it was short lived as 2015 Club Champion Earl Frankum continued his consistent play to post an 81 and claim his second title in three years. Finishing 2nd was Cartwright while 2016 champ Dallas Brown was third.

It was a three-way race in the ladies championship between 2014 champ Myra Smith, 2016 champ Linda Virgo and Gail Ackerman. Smith got off to good start on Sunday and had a 5-stroke lead going into the last three holes. However, both Virgo and Gail finished strong on the last three holes to make things interesting.

When the dust settled, Smith finished on top with a two-stroke victory over Virgo. Ackerman was third.



Earl Frankum

Repeat champs at BlackHorse

Mackey, Cooper successfully defend titles

Blake Mackey shot one under par (73-70) to claim his second consecutive men's club championship at BlackHorse. His closest competitor was Jeff Wilken, who shot 74-76 to finish seven shots behind. Brenda Cooper also made it two in a row by winning the ladies championship. She claimed the title with rounds of 91-94. Her husband Dave was the overall men's net champ with a net 145 at the Aug. 26-27 championship.

Another couple - Carolyn and Les Kelly - won their respective low net divisions. Another highlight of the championship was a new C Flight club record when Barb Helm and Liz Corneil played their round in 3 hours, 39 minutes.

The champions are:

Ladies: Carolyn Kelly (net), Brenda Cooper (gross). Senior Ladies: Liz Corneil (net), Barb Helm (gross). Men: Dave Cooper (net), Blake Mackey (gross). A Flight: Rick Hodgson (net), Jeff Wilken (gross). B: Mike Reaume (net), Kent Schaefer (gross). C: Jeff Gammie (net), Gordon Yoon (gross). Senior Men: Les Kelly (net), Bob Parks (gross), A: Paul Sinclair (net), Roger Amelotte (gross), B: Dave Evans (net), Doug Gauthier (gross), C - Ron Stanley (net), Terry Parsons (gross).



Blake Mackey

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The Ainsdale Golf Course champions: From left, Dave Wood (C), Jon Thompson (A), Rod MacDonald (D), Ken Bellan (B), Marv Glazier (Senior), Cathy Chambers (Ladies), owners Charles and Taylor Candler and Men's Club Champion Derek Regier.

Regier scores 1-shot victory

Rounds of 78-72 give him Ainsdale men's title

Derek Regier shot rounds of 78-72 to win the men's club championship at Ainsdale Golf Course. It was a one-shot victory over Jon Thompson, who shot 72-79 and was declared the A Flight champ. The other flight winners were:
B - Ken Bellan (82-83)

C - Dave Wood (78-82)
D - Rod MacDonald (96-82)
Senior Club Champion - Marv Glazier (77-78)
Ladies Champ: Cathy Chambers (92-98).
Junior Club champ: Jake Colley (81).

Cam Kirk ends 15-year drought

Wins Somerhill men's title for first time since 2002

The Somerhill Golf club championship was held Aug. 19-20 and after a 15-year drought Cam Kirk finally succeeded in claiming the men's club championship. He shot 75-80 to win his first title since 2002.

Ken Catto (net 69/71) & Jim MacPherson (net 68/72) tied for low net while 2nd low gross went to Joe Cottrill who toughed out a 90 on day 1 only to come back on day 2 with a sparkling 74 for a 164.

Glass wins at Lora Bay

Kowalewski claims women's championship

The club championships were held Aug. 26-27 at The Golf Club at Lora Bay and the winners were:

- Men's Club Champion - David Glass
- Runner Up - Paul MacDonell
- Men's Senior Club Champion - Rob Myhill
- Runner Up - Jim Watson
- Men's "A" Flight Net Winner - Brian Harkness
- Runner Up - Dave Pickett
- Men's "B" Flight Net Winner - Al Livingstone
- Runner Up - Richard Kowalewski
- Men's "C" Flight Net Winner - Murray Watson
- Runner Up - Jack Fraser
- Women's Club Champion - Wendy Kowalewski
- Runner Up - Jessica MacDonell
- Women's Senior Club Champion - Suzanne Martin
- Runner Up - Leslie White
- Women's "A" Flight Net Winner - Barb Reid
- Runner Up - Peggy Scobie
- Women's "B" Flight Net Winner - Alice Luckock
- Runner Up - Linda Hearn
- Women's "C" Flight Net Winner - Carolyn Larkin
- Runner Up - Jane Lewis



David Glass



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Rumph takes Pike Lake title Crowned men's overall champion

Brandon Rumph fired rounds of 74-72 to win the overall men's club championship at Pike Lake Golf Centre.

Other results were as follows:

- Senior Champion – Randy King (79-84)
- 1st Flight Champion – Liam Hamilton (77-86)
- Division 1 – Wayne McIntosh (85-81)
- Division 2 – Pat Murphy (82-85)
- 2nd Flight Champ – Colin Ewing (90-89)
- Division 1 – Larry Schmidt (94-98)
- Division 2 – Frank MacLean (107-99)
- Ladies:
- Overall Champion – Sandra Bowman (92-97)
- 1st Flight – Tracey Denstedt (99-90)
- 2nd Flight – Sue Widmeyer (104-96)
- 3rd Flight – Cindy Graham (118-128)



Brandon Rumph

Jackson, Houghton winners Multiple-time GBC champs add to totals

Two multiple-time winners claimed the men's and ladies club championships at the Georgian Bay Club. Mike Jackson won his 6th men's title and Kathie Houghton won her 7th ladies championship.

Jackson shot 76-74 for a two-stroke victory over Morgan Rubes (76-76) in the championship flight.

Houghton carded rounds of 82-81 for a seven-shot victory over her closest rival - Catherine Butler (85-85). In other Ladies' flights, Lesley Wilson took home the A Flight championship, Jane Dempster B and Sue Anderson C.

Rounding out the winner's circle from the men's flights were Norman Goldman (79-80) in A, Lorne Kirshenbaum (87-82 and won on 1st playoff hole) in B. The C and D flights were decided by Stableford points and Boyd Van Allen collected 112 to win C and Paul Stewart 108 to claim the D title.



Kathie Houghton



Mike Jackson

One-shot victory for Cote Battle down stretch in Southampton

It came down to the last few holes but in the end Andrew Cote was crowned men's club champion at Southampton Golf and Country Club. A three-way battle between Cote, Mike Pitzen and Bruce Towner developed down the stretch but Cote parred the last two holes to secure the victory.

He shot 89-81 to win by one stroke during the Aug. 18-19 championship.

Towner ended up winning the A Flight and Pitzen the overall low net championship.

In the B Flight, Mike Cleary shot 89-89 to defeat Pat Joynt, who was tied with him after the first day. Joynt ended up winning first low net in B.

The C Flight winner was Doug Hamilton (97-94) while Eric Tait took low net honours in the flight with a net 152.

The senior club championship was held July 24 and the overall winner was Gerry Call, who carded rounds of 87-79.

Derryl Urstadt won the A Flight with a two-day total score of 168, while Phil Hunt was the net winner for the flight with a two-day net score of 156.

In B Flight, Lorne Lazenby was the winner with rounds of 92-85. Barry Dicks was the B-flight net winner with a two-day net score of 147.

Rod Chisolm put together rounds of 96-95 to win the C Flight, while Rick Robinson took the low net title with a two-day net score of 147.

John Hale was the overall net club champion with a two-day net score of 142.



Andrew Cote



Gerry Call

Rocca wins at Cobble Ferguson takes ladies championship

Mike Rocca won the men's club championship this year at Cobble Beach Golf Links. Lyn Forrest was the Net Champion.

In the Ladies competition, Rona Lynn Ferguson took the overall title and Helen Ferkul was the Net Champion.

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Weis wins at Scenic Shoots 76-81, wins playoff



Jeff Weis

Scenic City Golf Course near Owen Sound held its club championships Aug. 26-27 and the winners were:

Men's overall: Jeff Weis (76-81 and won in a playoff with Doug Courtis).
Men's net: Barry Gibbons

- A Flight: Doug Courtis
- A Flight net: Jim Quigley
- B Flight: Bill Gill
- B Flight net: Gerry Blair
- C Flight: Curtis Taylor
- C Flight net: Ken Bravener
- Ladies champion: Melissa Clark 89-87
- Ladies net champion: Sharon McKenzie
- Junior champion: Neil Gunn.



Legacy Ridge GC senior champs, from left, Steve Irving (A), Michael Rea (B), Tom Potter (C) and Bill McDougall (D).

Irving repeats as senior champ

Defends title with rounds of 72-78

Steve Irving fired rounds of 72-78 to defend his senior club champion title at Legacy Ridge Golf Club. His closest competitor in the A Flight was Doug David (74-80). Michael Rea shot 82-80 and won the B Flight in a playoff over John Cho (81-81). Tom Potter (86-84) took the C Flight while Bill McDougall (88-86) won the D Flight. The event was held Aug. 14-15.

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CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS



Sauble Golf and Country Club held its club championships Aug. 25-26 and the winners were, from left, Donna Rossel (Ladies Low Net), Joan Burgess (Ladies Low Gross), Bruce Wilkins (Super Senior Low Gross), Heda Soleymani (Men's Low Gross), John Carrick (Men's Low Net), Roger Urbshott (Senior Men's Low Gross).

Millar, Hepburn win at Northern Dunes

The Northern Dunes Golf Club championships were held on Aug. 26-27 and the winners were:
 Men's Club Champion - Greg Millar
 Men's Net Winner - Daniel Robinson
 Senior Men's Club Champion - Roger Parsons
 Senior Men's Net Winners - Rick Whyte and Ken Johnston
 Ladies Club Champion - Sharon Hepburn
 Ladies Net Winner - Gayle Clark-Jones-Hopkins

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Champions defend titles

Legge, Smith & Dunlop prevail at Saugeen

Saugeen Golf Club held its club championships Aug. 12-13 and the results were:

MEN'S

Champ: Tyler Smith 73-81 (Defending champion)
 A Flight: 1st Gross Al Kanters 79-77
 A Flight: 2nd Gross Pierre Desloges 77-79
 A Flight: Net Ken Bollen
 B Flight: 1st Gross Al Scott 77-78
 B Flight: 2nd Gross Jeremy Hatt 78-85
 B Flight: Net Ted Sinfield
 C Flight: 1st Gross Steve Wilson 80-80
 C Flight: 2nd Gross Dino Crosseta 81-85
 C Flight: Net Kevin MacDonald
 D Flight: 1st Gross Andy Dunlop 81-92
 D Flight: 2nd Gross Tony Medeiros 82-92
 D Flight: Net Ted Kennedy
 E Flight: 1st Gross Len Wallace 87-90
 E Flight: 2nd Gross James Pope 88-94
 E Flight: Net Larry Powell



Tyler Smith

LADIES

Kim Legge 79-79 (Defending champion)
 Senior: Karen Fehr 85-94
 A Flight: 1st Gross Kristan Shrider 80-92
 A Flight Net: Lesley Drysdale
 B Flight: 1st Gross Beth Arbuckle 90-96
 B Flight: Net Nancy Spencer
 C Flight: 1st Gross Maxine Logan 88-89
 C Flight: Net Bonnie Wilson
 D Flight: 1st Gross Kendra Pagnan 98-104
 D Flight: Net Sue Johnson

SENIORS

(championships took place Aug. 23-24)
 Champ Gross: Ken Dunlop 72-75 (Defending champion)
 Champ Net: Bill Cole
 A Flight: 1st Gross Rob Brignell 73-76
 A Flight: 2nd Gross Keith McConnachie 74-76
 A Flight: Net Jack Northey
 B Flight: 1st Gross Claude Foy 83-72
 B Flight: 2nd Gross Don Reed 78-80
 B Flight: Net Steve Wilson
 C Flight: 1st Gross Brent Jennings 81-83
 C Flight: 2nd Gross Brad White 86-81
 C Flight: Net Jim McKnight
 D Flight: 1st Gross Randy Millar 92-88
 D Flight: 2nd Gross Don MacIntyre 87-95
 D Flight: Net Brian Currie

JUNIORS

Sean Tippen 80-81



Winners of the club championships at Kincardine Golf and Country Club are, from left, Donna Murray (senior ladies), Mike McDonald (senior men's), Judie Hunter (women's) and Bill Shewfelt (men's). Missing from the photo is Super Senior champ Gord Howse.

Tournament Roundup

Legge 29th at national championship

**CANADIAN WOMEN'S MID-AMATEUR
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Kimberley Legge

Kimberley Legge of Paisley was the top golfer from the Grey-Bruce area during the Canadian Women's Mid-Amateur and Senior Championship. She shot 87-82-84 to finish tied for 29th in the Seniors Division.

Kathie Houghton of the Georgian Bay Club near Thornbury went 92-82-90 and tied for 51st in the Senior division.

She was also 14th in the Mid-Amateur division, 9th in the Mid-Master Division and tied for 17th in the

Super Senior division.

Fellow GBC member Catherine Butler shot 90-89-85 and tied for 51st in Seniors.

Missing the cut were Blue Mountain Golf & CC members Rosemary Scott (102-95) and Ellenora Horton (96-94).

The winner was Australian Sue Wooster who shot 79-76-73 and won in a playoff over Mary Ann Hayward from St. Thomas, Ont.

Dixon 27th at Cdn. Men's Amateur

CANADIAN MEN'S AMATEUR
Aug. 7-10 at Toronto Golf Club

Josiah Dixon of Cobble Beach Golf Links finished tied for 27th at the Canadian Men's Amateur Championship.

The Owen Sound-area resident shot rounds of 71-69-70-74 at Toronto Golf Club and finished with a +4 total. He tied for 32nd at last year's championship.

Austin Ryan, a former Stone Tree Golf and Fitness Club member, shot 73-72 and missed the cut.

The winner was Zach Bauchou of Forest, Virginia who shot rounds of 66-70-68-68 for a -8 total.



Josiah Dixon

Michael Todd wins at his home course

6TH ANNUAL LEGACY RIDGE PRO-AM
August 18

Michael Todd, Legacy Ridge Golf Club's President and Director of Operations, shot 69 to win the pro division of his club's Pro-Am.

Results of the top finishers:

Pro Division

1st Michael Todd - 69 (-2)

T-2nd Josiah Dixon - 70 (amateur)

T-2nd Ken Tarling - 70

4th Adam Cherry - 72

5th Ryan McBride - 73

T-6th Gary Jeffrey - 74

T-6th John Schmidt - 74

T-8th Glen Kraemer - 75

T-8th Andrew Baines - 75

T-8th Chad Currie - 75

T-8th Warren Thomas - 75

Top Teams:

1st Pro Chad Currie, Rob Currie, Jason Traynor, Calvin Peters

T-2nd Pro John Schmidt, Denise Reid, Carol Smith, Sandra White

T-2nd Jerry Reid, Brian Reid, Rob Dors, Dave Alexander,

T-2nd Josiah Dixon, Wim Kruisselbrink, Jordan Kruisselbrink, Kurt Kruisselbrink

T-5th Pro Adam Cherry, Chris Froom, Larry Karpowicz, Trevor Brennan

T-5th Pro Ken Tarling, Jim Dinsmore, Jim Burlington, Ron Smith

T-5th Pro Jeff Myatt, Gord Engel, Richard Kiss, Keith Lefebvre

Two local pros in top 4 of Sr. championship

PGA of Canada - Ontario Zone - Senior Championship
Aug. 14-15 at Maple Downs Golf & CC in Vaughan

Two Grey-Bruce golfers finished in the top 4 of the championship. Georgian Bay Club's Gary Jeffrey shot rounds of 70-74 and tied for 3rd while Southampton Golf & Country Club's John Schmidt went 73-73 and tied for 4th. The winner was Ken Tarling of Ken Tarling Enterprises who shot 71-69 then defeated David Banks of David Banks Simply Golf Academy in a playoff.



Michael Todd

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Special Olympics golf team formed

Owen Sound Chippers trained all season at Stone Tree

It was a chance encounter with Stone Tree Director of Golf Bill Stewart that led to Owen Sound's first Special Olympics golf program.

Barb King, who is involved with program development for OS Special Olympics, had a table next to Stewart at the Owen Sound minor sports registration night and they got talking about golf.

Stewart was previously involved in a Special Olympics golf program in Kitchener and he invited King to try a similar one at Stone Tree.

Another chance encounter at a local restaurant provided King with a head coach. Bobby Gillespie, former owner of Chippewa and Sauble golf courses, was quick to sign on for the volunteer position and the first instructional session took place in early June at the Stone Tree driving range.

The group consisted of about 13 golfers, most of whom had never swung a golf club.

The weekly lessons continued right through until late August and organizers were thrilled with the results.

"It has been over the top in terms of the success of the program," King said in a recent interview. "They (participants) feel so good because they realize they can do things they never thought they could."

It has also been a terrific experience for Gillespie, who loved the interaction with the new golfers. One day during a training session he pulled King aside to tell her what had just happened to him. "He told me that one of the golfers said to him 'Bobby this has been the best day of my life.'"

With most of the golfers being new to the game they will need more time to prepare for an actual Special Olympics



New Special Olympics golf team, the Owen Sound Chippers, after a practice session at Stone Tree Golf & Fitness Club. Head coach Bobby Gillespie is on the left, while coach Andy McKerroll is behind in red shirt. Barb King, who helped start the program, is second from right.

"It's heart-warming to see the huge smiles, the high-fives and eagerness to learn more and improve their skills."

- Barb King of Owen Sound Special Olympics

competition. However, King says a big part of the program is to open up another "social avenue" for them where they could go golfing with friends or family.

"Our 13 athletes are developing not only golf skills but a keen interest in the game that is certainly developing into a life-long passion for them," she said.

"More importantly, they are out there each week, giving each other encouragement, making new friends and connections and just 'drinking in' all that is taught to them."

King says the program is "blessed" to have Gillespie and the other coaches, Bruce Weatherhead, Ed Muir, Andy McKerroll and Ian Dickey.

This, combined with the "incredibly welcoming" support of Stone Tree's Stewart,

has made for an extremely successful and rewarding first year.

"It's heart-warming to see the huge smiles, the high-fives and an eagerness to learn more and improve their skills," King said.

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Changing times in golf industry

Introduction of golfboards one of many ways to broaden golf's appeal

By **STEVE HARRON**
Grey-Bruce Golf

Golfboards - one of the latest innovations to hit the golf world - apparently appeal to a lot of young golfers.

I don't fit into the category but I couldn't stop grinning as I weaved from side to side down the fairway at Southampton Golf and Country Club. This was about four holes into my round and I was starting to feel confident with this four-wheeled, battery-operated device.

It reminded me a bit of my alpine slalom racing days - that feeling of freedom as you fly down the mountain with the wind in your hair. But in this case, I'm only doing 10 mph and the breeze is hitting my scalp (my hair left a long time ago).

Still, as a guy old enough to have two millennial-aged daughters - it was a pretty good attempt at recapturing my youth.

I must say it takes a few holes to get used to the tilting skateboard-like platform that controls your direction. But once you do, it's a whole lot of fun.

And you even get a little exercise because of the weight shifting and leaning needed to make turns. One big advantage of the boards is they increase pace of play with each rider going directly to their ball instead of driving to two different locations with their power cart partner or leaving the cart on the path and walking to your ball.

The golfboards haven't really taken the golf industry by storm just yet with only 8 courses in Ontario offering them, but they are a sign that golf courses are willing to try different things to draw more people into the game.

The Southampton club is a perfect example of this. Under new ownership, the 54-year-old facility is not only the first to bring golf boards to the area, but has also turned its traditional pro shop into a cozy pub complete with a fireplace, high ceilings, hardwood floors and a large bar. The idea is to make the club more inviting, a cool place to hang out even if you don't pick up a golf club.

This has already been done with great success a short drive down the road at Sauble Golf and Country Club where Bogey's Pub has become a popular spot with golfers and non-golfers alike.

Line-ups outside the door are not uncommon when it's Chicken Wing and Karaoke Night (every Thursday). This brings more younger people into the club and helps change the stereotype that golf courses are stuffy country clubs frequented by older men in funny-looking pants (think Rodney Dangerfield in the movie *Caddyshack*).



Grey-Bruce Golf Publisher/Editor tries out a golfboard at Southampton Golf and Country Club.

It also helps golf clubs diversify their business and develop a new revenue stream. This push to innovate has led clubs in other areas to introduce music at driving ranges and Topgolf - an indoor driving range/bar/restaurant - has been wildly successful in the U.S.

Topgolf, which has plans to expand to Canada, attracts mostly millennials. And what's really interesting is about half of the people who go there have never golfed before.

While some may see these as desperate moves to bring more players into the game, what it really is a growing recognition that the business model for golf has changed and more work is needed to broaden its appeal.

You can see it happening at other courses in our region. Some are going into schools to introduce students to the game and others are offering a rate for playing only four or six holes to overcome the objection that golf takes up too much time.

And in an attempt to reach out to millennials, many clubs are offering their best adult membership rates for those in the 19-to-29-year-old age group.

Yes, times are changing in our region. And that's a good thing for the game and golfers.

Whether it's golfboards, financial incentives or pro shops that look like a pub, it shows a willingness among golf course owners to reach out beyond the traditional approach to help grow the game.

Editor's note: This article was previously published as a blog on the brucegreysimcoe.ca website.

AROUND THE CLUBS

Ainsdale

Ladies League

On Aug. 22 the ladies persevered through and around the morning rain and afternoon wind to record some amazing scoring on the back nine. The first and second place winners for Stableford points this week by flight were: A - Maureen Peet 17, Laura Haight 17, B - Wendy Gardner 20, Barb Grubb 19, C - Michele Lanthier 19, Nancy Turcotte 19, D - Deb Quinn 15, Robin Ballantyne 14, E - Edie Fotheringham 14. The low putters for the day were, Denise Tighe 15, Barb Grubb 14, Shirley Thomas 14, Lesley MacGregor 18, Edie Fotheringham 16. On Aug. 15 Maureen Peet brought her A++ game to the front nine, carding 38 strokes and sweeping in 14 putts. The winners were: A - Maureen Peet 21, Cathy Chambers 20, B - Wendy Gardner 21, Jennifer Lawrie 21, C - Nancy Turcotte 21, Cindy Schmidt 21, D - Kathy Colling 22, Marianne Irwin 21, E - Edie Fotheringham 31, Dawn Cleland 29. The low putters for the day were Maureen Peet 14, Barb Grubb 13, Judy Gordon 16, Muriel Cochrane 16, Edie Fotheringham 19. On Aug. 8 Deb Quinn dominated her flight by a margin of 14 Stableford points over her nearest competitor and stroked in a winning 17 putts and Cindy Schmidt used her favourite putter to sweep in a season-best 12 putts on the back nine. The flight winners were: A - Sharon MacDonald 19, Karen Neilipovitz 18, B - Kathy Mackay 21, Anne Burton 20, C - Colleen Douglas 18, Shirley Thomas 18, D - Maureen Charette 20, Heather Struthers 20, E - Deb Quinn 29, Jan Kelly 15. The low putters for the day were Maureen Peet 17, Cindy Schmidt 12, Janice Matchett, Nancy Turcotte 15, Deb Quinn 17.

Senior Men's

On Aug. 23 the winning scramble team consisted of Blayne Shewfelt, Clarke Pollock, John Bond and Larry Irwin, who played the back nine at -3. With 2 teams tied at -2, the group of Harvey Lootsma, Ken Bresee, Tim McCormick and Richard Emmerton claimed 2nd place, after a putt off. Closest to the pin winners were Rod MacDonald on #12 and Derek Kennedy on #17. On Aug. 16 a 3-team putt off was required to determine a winner after each group finished at -3 on the front 9. The team of Bob Black, Phil Thompkins, Bill Heikkila and Richard Emmerton, then prevailed over the teams of Doug McLaughlin, Roger Pilon, Rick Hamilton, Tim Burkett and Murray Wardell, Dennis Curley, Percy Courtney and Derek Kennedy. Closest to the pin winners were Rod MacDonald on #3 and Steve MacEachern on #8. On Aug. 9 the team of Bob Wolfenden, Clarke Pollock, Bill Heikkila and Ross Klopp led the pack at -3 on the back nine. A shot back, claiming 2nd spot after a putt off, was the group of Garry Skelding, Boyd Carruthers, John Bond and Derek Kennedy. Closest to the pin marksmen were Paul Pickett on #12 and Gary Firth on #17.

Men's Night

On Aug. 24 the hot weather brought hot competition with Murray Wardell winning A flight, Mike Meraw B, Dave Beamish cleaning up in C and D'Arcy Scott shooting the lights out in D (high points and 4 skins!). The men were rained out on Aug. 17 but on Aug. 10 Jon Thompson squeaked out a win in A Flight, Duane Regier took B, Sean Dalcourt C and Cory Hamilton D. On Aug. 3rd there were more scores in the 30s than any other week. Phil Willits took A Flight, Ken Gardner B, David Blenkinsop C and Boyd Carruthers D.

BlackHorse

Men's Night

On Aug. 22 the scores were low and the greens were fast.



Mo Mackenzie celebrates after acing third hole at Ainsdale Golf Course on July 31. For a full list of local hole-in-ones see page 16.

Rick Hodgson was first in A Flight with 21 points while Jeff Wilken and Andy McLelland were tied with 20. They shared the skin money with Roger Amelotte. Bill King took first in B with 21 points and Wayne Farrell and Doug Gauthier tied with 20. Ian Hackett had first place honours in C with 20 points and Jordan Ross and Charly Cleland were tied with 19. Bill King, Rick Hodgson, Charly Cleland, Andy McLelland, Dave Cooper and Kent Schaefer were the closest to the pin winners. On Aug. 15 Nick Dirk had the only round under par, but Walter Arnold went low for his front nine and would have shot his age for the full 18 if only he was one month older! Nick Dirk took first place in A with 23 points and Tom Pegg was second with 20. Nick and Tom split the skins with Bob Parks and Kent Schaefer. Walter Arnold was first in B with 22 points and Dwight Leslie was close behind with 21. Dwight, Doug Harris and Mike Osadca took the skins. Ron Stanley and Chuck Anderson both had 21 points in C and shared the skins with George Armstrong. Closest to the pin winners were Wayne Boyd, Ron Stanley, Tom Pegg, Dwight Leslie, Nick Dirk and Blake Mackey. On Aug. 8 Blake Mackey started his day with an eagle on 10, shot 35 (1 under), and won A flight with 25 points. Bryan Johnson was second with 21. Blake had 2 skins in A and Bob Parks, Jeff Wilken, Dave Cooper and Nick Dirk all had one. Bob Ogilvie won B with 24 points while Noel MacIntosh and Steve Ogilvie tied for second with 22. Dwight Leslie and Steve Ogilvie had the skins. C was won by Andy Sande, who had his lowest nine hole score in over eight years of Men's Night, and collected 26 points. Chuck Anderson was second with 25. Andy shared the skins with Ron Stanley, Ian Hackett and Rob Liddle. Closest to the pin winners were Mike Kittel, Steve Ogilvie, Terry Parsons, Dan Mitchell, Nick Dirk and Dave Cooper. A scramble was held Aug. 13 and there was a tie for first place. After a putt-off on the 18th green, the team of Tom Pegg, Dan Mitchell, Martin Mooy and Chris Selby edged out the team of Dwight Leslie, Joe Cotterill, Rob Liddle and Brian Maceachern for the win. Several golfers from BlackHorse travelled to Legacy Ridge in Owen Sound for the final event in the Ken Dunlop division of the Senior Ryder Cup. Mike Reaume, Mike Fauteux, Roger Amelotte, Dave Bednarz, Glen Chaput, Rick Hodgson, Paul Sinclair and Tom Pegg made up the team. Saugeen came to do battle and collected 21 points on the day, enough to win the season with a total of 64. BlackHorse was second for the day, with 12 points.

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AROUND THE CLUBS

Cobble Beach

Men's League

On Aug. 23 the winners were: Low Net A - Tom White (net 31), 2nd Net A - Peter Van Schie (33), 3rd Net A - Bob Farla (34), Chris Thompson (34) & Doug Gibson (34), Jeff Thomas (34), Low Net B - Greg Taylor 9 (33), Lee Miller (33), 3rd Net B - Stuart McDonnell (34), Low Net C - Bob Thompson (31), 2nd Net C - John Anderson (33), 3rd Net C - Peter Hughes (34), Closest to the Pin #6 "A" - Chris Froom (12'11"), CTP #6 "B" - Brad Forslund (10'5"), CTP #6 "C" - Kevin Karn (8'), CTP #8 "A" - Mark Lukasik (5'11"), CTP #8 "B" - Bill Brick (15'11"), CTP on #8 "C" - Grant McKinnon (18'4"). On Aug. 16 the results were: Low Net A - Doug Gibson (net 69), Alf Merrill (69), Doug Bumstead (70), Low Net B - Stuart McDonnell (69), Brad Forslund (72), Chris MacDougald (73), Arnold Turk (73), VJ Chaddad (73), Chuck Kitchen (73), Low Net C - Dave Greensides (63), Bob Thompson (67), Steve Howard (70). CTP #8 "A" - Tom White (16'), CTP #8 "B" - Arnold Turk (ace), CTP #17 "A" - Alf Merrill (7'9"), CTP #17 "B" - Bill Brick (2'5"), CTP #17 "C" - Kevin Karn (4'). On Aug. 2 the results were: Low Net A - Tom White (31), 2nd Net A - Bob Farla (33), Low Net B - Greg Taylor (29.5), 2nd Net B - Chris MacDougald (32.5), Low Net C - Grant McKinnon (32), 2nd Net C - Lyn Forrest (32.5), CTP #6 "A" - Chuck Kitchen (4'1"), CTP #6 "B" - Stuart McDonnell (6'5"), CTP #8 "A" - Jeff Thomas (7'2"), CTP #8 "B" - Arnold Turk (4'10"), CTP #8 "C" - Mario Golini (29'3.5").

Legacy Ridge

Men's Night

On Aug. 23 the winners were: Low Gross - Chase Amyot (35), Low Net - Tom Hurley (net 32), Pins winners: Longest Putt Made (LPM) on #1 - Jim Gardhouse, CTP on #2 - Brent Keeling, LPM on #4 - Bert Leeder, LPM on #5 -

Andy McKee, Closest to the Keg on #7- Mike Garvey, CTP on #8 - Chase Amyot, LPM on #9 - Ches Pietryszyn. On Aug. 16 the winners were: Low Gross - Chase Amyot and Nick Johnstone (34), low net - Tom Gordon and Jeff Thomas (net 30), Longest Putt Made (LPM) on #10 - Mike West (19'2"), CTP on #12 - D'Arcy Honer (9'7"), LPM on #13 Larry Kreis (20'2"), CTP on #14 - Phil Carleton (17'11"), CT the Keg on #15 - Dave Alviano (11'5"), LPM on #16 - Bill Burlington (19'4"), CTP on #17 - John Murdoch (4'6").

Pike Lake

2017 Pike Lake Open Results

The winner was Brent Taylor of Whistle Bear Golf Club who shot 70 (-2) to win for the second consecutive year and the sixth time overall.

Top 5 Gross Players

"A" Flight

Kirk Ottens	72
Rich Mackay	74
Scott Yanke	76
Eric Arruda	76
Rod Sachs	76

Top 5 Net Players

Herb Cowen	68
Scott Murray	70
Shawn Cowen	74
Scott Coburn	75
Mike Hanna	76

Winners in the other flights were: B Gross - Nic Goring (77), B Net - Craig Howe (net 68), C gross - Mike McLean (77), C net - Al Sookram (net 65), D gross - Brent Vivian (89), D net - Kirk Moore (net 68), Senior gross - Steve Sommerville (75), Senior net - Larry Schmidt (net 67). **Cont'd next page**

GREY-BRUCE ELECTRIC CHARITY GOLF CALENDAR

Sept. 8 - Swing your Sticks golf tourney, Legacy Ridge Golf Club.

Sept. 9 - Crescent Club Golf Tournament, Legacy Ridge Golf Club.

Sept. 15 - 14th Annual CUFFLINKS tournament to support KIDS Program and Special Olympics, Legacy Ridge Golf Club, 18 holes with pwr. cart, BBQ lunch, buffet dinner, \$135/golfer. Contact Const. Martin at Owen Sound Police, martin@owensoundpolice.ca or 519-376-1234



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Sept. 16 - Pars & Guitars tourney, Legacy Ridge Golf Club.

Sept. 28 - Third Annual Cranberry Charity Golf Tournament in support of Georgian College Scholarship Fund, Cranberry Golf Resort, shotgun start at 1 p.m.

Sept. 30 - Wes For Youth Online Golf Tournament, Ainsdale Golf Course, 18 holes with cart, light lunch, full dinner, golfers receive a gift bag. Register at ainsdalegolfcourse.com



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AROUND THE CLUBS

Pike Lake

Pike Lake Ladies Scramble

The Aug. 23 event featured 37 teams. The results were as follows:

"A" Flight Top Teams

1. Norma Poel, Janice Miller, Joan MacPherson, Betty Divok
Team score: 64
2. Katrina Klemp, Erica McGee, Anni Sterling, Leah Anne Goody (Team score: 66)
3. Anja Pieper, Kathy Makcrow, Robyn Martin, Kathy Ashcroft (Team Score: 66)
4. Chris Kramer, Betty Ann Gauthier, Lesa Horan, Donna Armsworthy (Team Score: 67)
5. Marlene McLearn, Michelle Randall, Penny Beck, Blaire Hadwen (Team Score: 68)

"B" Flight Top Teams

Team Score

1. Marilyn McQueen, Linda Barfoot, Cindy Graham, Val McCrae (Team Score: 66)
2. Rita Kennedy, Linda Schnornagel, Tana Nash, Donna Ewing (Team Score: 68)
3. Darlene Hayter, Julie Hunter, Kym Flynn, Bev Hill (Team Score: 70)
4. Cecile Robb, Linda VanDenBroek, Chris Yates, Tina Maitland (Team Score: 71)
5. Sandy Cook, Cathy Oakes, Heather Harrison, Marti Sharpe (Team Score: 72)

Somerhill

On Aug. 22 the club played host to the annual Marketplace Cup. Normally this event features Team Al Mackay versus Team Jim Pannell however with Jim's passing Louis



Pike Lake Open Men's Invitational winner Brent Taylor (centre) with George Forrest (left) and Herb Cowen of Pike Lake. He shot 70 (-2) to win the tournament for the sixth time.

Kosmerly Jr. took over as captain and led his team to its first victory ever, an 11-1 drubbing of the Mackay team in the matches.

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AROUND THE CLUBS

Southampton

Men's Night

Long-ball Phil Hunt had the low round of the day on Aug. 10, carding a four over par 39 on the front 9 and winning First Low Gross in the A-flight. Gerry Call won First Low Net with a net score of 36. In the B-flight, Barrie Robson had a great front 9, shooting 40 and easily winning First Low Gross in the flight. Randy Roote won First Low Net with a net score of 32. In the C-flight, Doug Hamilton won First Low Gross with a fine score of 40, while Barry Dicks took First Low Net with a net score of 30. Kent Bergstrom had a strong game, winning First Low Gross in the D-flight with a score of 46, while David Porcellato won First Low Net with an even par net score of 35. Barrie Robson was CTP on #5 and Barry Dicks made the Longest Putt on #7.

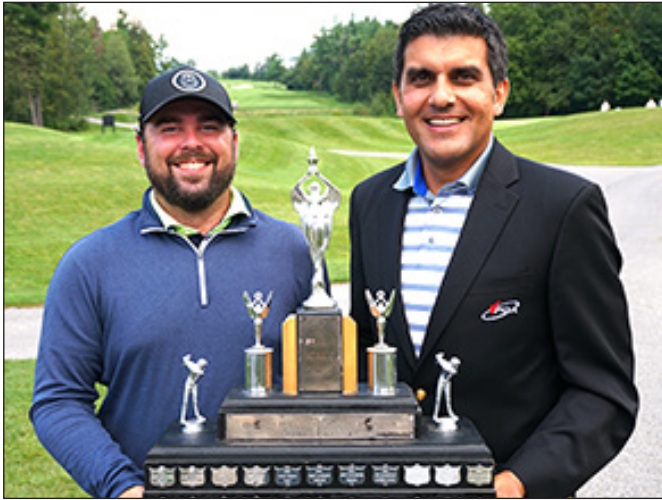


Louis Bezaire is one of the steadiest players at the club and he demonstrated his talents on Aug. 3, shooting an even par 35 and easily winning First Low Gross in the A-flight. Bill Hatt won First Low Net in the flight with a net score of 39. Mike Cleary shot 40 to win First Low Gross in the B-flight. Doug Hamilton had what could be the round of his life as he carded a net score of five-under-par 30, to win First Low Net in the flight. In the C-flight Tony Robinson took First Low Gross with a good round of 46, while Dave Ezechiels, whose game has also improved over the past couple of weeks, won First Low Net with a net 38. Gord Moore won CTP on #5, while Lou Bezaire made the Longest Putt on #7.

Senior Men's

Louis Bezaire and Jimmie Baillie both shot 84 on Aug. 15 and tied for First Low Gross in the A-flight. John Hale won First Low Net with a net 71, while Mike Cleary took Second Low Net with a net 73. In the B-flight, Barrie Robson, won First Low Gross with a fine round of 87. Bill Hatt took Second Low Gross with a 91. Ron Wilson won First Low Net in the flight with a net 71. Barry Dicks and Rick Robinson tied for Second Low Net with net 73s. In the C-flight, Chris Page won First Low Gross with a score of 95, followed by Bert Tripp, who took Second Low Gross with a 97. Tom Bailey and Peter Welford tied for First Low Net with net 69s. Gerry Call was CTP on #5 and Bill Thomson made the Longest Putt on #7.

On Aug. 8 Louis Bezaire shot the lowest round of the day and won First Low Gross in the A-flight with a fine round of 80. But Gerry Call was only one stroke behind, winning Second Low Gross with an 81. Dale Woods won First Low Net with a net score of three under par 69, followed by Derryl Urstadt at net 72. In the B-flight, Jimmie Baillie won First Low Gross with a score of 88, followed by Mike Cleary with a 90. Barry Dicks won First Low Net with a net 70 while Barrie Robson and John Hale tied for Second Low Net with net scores of 74. In the C-flight, Ron Wilson won First Low Gross with a round of 94, one stroke ahead of Dave Ezechiels with a 95. Eric Tait won First Low Net with a net score of 68, followed by Fabian Libbus with a net 75. Gerry Call was CTP on #5 and John Hale made the Longest Putt on #7. A great turnout for the Aug. 1 edition of Senior Men's Golf, and the weather was absolutely fantastic. Louis Bezaire has really got his game together, as he took First Low Gross in the A-flight with a score of 79. Gerry Call, our new Senior Club Champion, took Second Low Gross with an 83. Phil Hunt and Jimmie Baillie tied for First Low Net with net scores of 69. In the B-flight, Rick Robinson won First Low Gross with a score of 92, followed by Doug Hamilton, who took Second Low Gross with a 96. Charlie Schmalz won First Low Net with a net score of 75, while Fabian Libbus took Second Low Net with a net 77. In the C-flight, Bert Tripp won First Low Gross with a fine round of 97, two strokes ahead of Ron Wilson, who claimed Second Low Gross in the flight with a 99. Jim Dickie won First Low Net with a net score of 74, followed by Bill Streeter, winning Second Low Net with a net 76. Jimmie Baillie won the Closest to the Pin competition on the 13th hole, while Jim Norwood made the Longest Putt on #15.
Submitted by Lorne Lazenby



OslerBrook Golf and Country Club pro Thomas Keddy, left, shot 69-69 to win the PGA of Canada - Ontario Zone - Assistants Championship on Aug. 8-9 at National Pines Golf Club near Barrie. It was his second major of the season as he also won the PGA of Canada - Ontario Zone - Championship in July at Wyndance Golf Club.

Club mourns loss of champ Randy Binkley won 12 championships


The Day family, owners of Whispering Hills Golf Club, are mourning the loss of 12-time club champion Mr. Randy Binkley. The former Hanover resident died Aug. 12 in Chesterfield, Missouri at age 60. He won his first title in the 1978 season. "We cherish his memory in our hearts. He was an outstanding man and great friend and supporter of the golf club and its members for so many years," the Day family stated in a press release. Mr. Binkley is the son of former NHL goalie Les Binkley, who still lives in the local area.

A Celebration of Life to honour him and share memories will be held Oct. 1 at Pike Lake Golf Course near Mount Forest from 1-5 p.m.

Two local courses make top 59 Cobble Beach, Lora Bay on list

Two courses in Grey-Bruce have made ScoreGolf's 2017 list of the top 59 Best Public Courses in Canada. Cobble Beach Golf Links - a Doug Carrick design north of Owen Sound - came in at #21 on the list. The Golf Club at Lora Bay - a Thomas McBroom/Tom Lehman design near Thornbury - was rated at 53rd. The full list can be found at scoregolf.com

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Aug. 26 - **Dennis McIlvenna** using a 7-iron on #14 during the club championships at Scenic City Golf Course. His playing partners were Ken Bravener and Ian Ballantyne.

Aug. 25 - **Mel Marks** using a 5 wood on #11 at Scenic City Golf Course. He was playing with Jack Cutting and Dave Cutting.

Aug. 16 - **Arnold Turk** on #8 at Cobble Beach during Men's Night. The ace also made him the B Flight Closest to the Pin winner.

Aug. 15 - **Jason Playter** with a 7-iron from 144 yards on #2 at Legacy Ridge Golf Club. It was witnessed by his son Myles, Mike Broderick and his son Josh.

Aug. 14 - **Glenn Miller** with a 56-degree wedge on #6 at Holiday Golf Club in Port Elgin.

Aug. 10 - Eighty-three-year-old **Paul Parker** on #4 at Sauble Golf and Country Club. The ace helped him shoot 75 that day.

Aug. 8 - **Craig Rossel** on #15 at Sauble Golf and Country Club.

Aug. 7 - **Brian Elliott** with a 7-iron on #7 at South-Port Golf Club.

Aug. 1 - **Terry Zigomanis** with a 9 iron from 147 yards on #12 at the Georgian Bay Club. His playing partners were Stephen Melsom, Chris Riedesser and Dave Downer.

Aug. 1 - Korey Morgan with a pitching wedge on #8 at Holiday Golf in Port Elgin.

July 31 - **Mo Mackenzie** with a 4 hybrid from 178 yards on #3 at Ainsdale Golf Course. It was his first ace.

July 26 - **Todd Watson** with a hybrid from 146 yards on #14 at Cobble Beach Golf Links.

July 10 - Saugeen Golf Club member **Bonnie Reid** at her club's Sunset #5 hole during a Ladies Match Play event. She used a 6 iron. Her playing partner was Lysanne Millar.

July 21 - **Lloyd Stewart** from about 115 yards with a knock-down 8 iron on #8 at Legacy Ridge Golf Club. Playing partners were **Bill Sipprell** and **John Clarke**.

Congratulations!



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