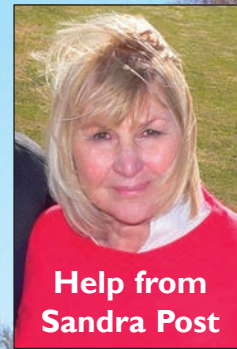




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## New Direction

Big changes at former Chippewa club

Mary Gillies, left, and Sandy Simpson are part of the new team at Southampton Golf & Country Club where big changes are under way. Story page 8.

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# Big changes over the winter

New owners investing in properties

Welcome to the 2017 golf season! It's great to have another year under way and as you'll see from the following pages there are many reasons to be excited about the season ahead.

In fact, it's been a long time since I've seen so much activity on the local golf scene.

We've seen changes in ownership at Ainsdale and South-Port golf courses and both of the new owners have re-invested in their properties with major clubhouse renovations.

We've also seen a new direction for an old course. The former Chippewa Golf Club has been renamed Southampton Golf and Country Club and a new management team is implementing an extensive improvement plan.

The former Piper's Glen Golf Club near Port Elgin has also been renamed. It is now known as The Club at Westlinks, which ties in nicely with the Westlinks housing development that will get under way this year at the facility.

And helping them promote the development will be Canadian Golf Hall of Famer Sandra Post - the first woman from this country to win a major on the LPGA Tour.

Also under way this year is a project aimed at re-opening the 18-hole course at Stone Tree Golf and Fitness. The course could be open either late this season or in the spring of 2018.

So, as you can see, there's lots happening this year. And you can read all about in this edition. Enjoy!

## SAYING GOOD-BYE

A few months after saying my good-byes to Nolly and Jennifer Kramer - the awesome couple who ran South-Port Golf Course for 25 years - I have to say farewell to another awesome couple - Al and Kathy Mackay, who sold Ainsdale in January after 30 years at the helm.

Like the Kramers, the Mackays have been terrific to deal with over the years and I will miss seeing them during my trips to the course. But I'm still hopeful I will see them occasionally at Somerhill, where they plan to help their son Brad with the operation of the Tiverton-area club.



Steve Harron

From the  
Publisher



Rachael Rier after winning Girls' Division of Grey Bruce Junior Golf Tour last season.

## Hanover golfer earns scholarship

Rachael Rier heading to Davenport

Rachael Rier can thank her friend for introducing her to competitive golf. "In Grade 9 my friend actually signed me up for the golf team as a joke and I've loved it since," said the Hanover resident. "The BAA (Bluewater Athletic Association) tournament in Grade 9 was actually the first round of 18 I ever played!"

While she played as a youngster with her dad she didn't get serious about the game until that first BAA tourney. During the past three years she has competed on the Maple Leaf Junior Tour and at Canadian Junior Golf Association and Golf Ontario events. She also represented Canada with the CJGA in California last year and on the Grey Bruce Junior Tour she won the Girls' Division title.

Her success has led to a scholarship at Davenport University - an NCAA Division II school in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Last year she took lessons from Pike Lake head pro Greg Shaw and this year is working with Ainsdale owner and pro Taylor Schmidt, who had a successful collegiate career with the University of Oklahoma women's golf team.

Rier will head to Grand Rapids the last week of August.

"I'm extremely excited for this opportunity and I'm looking forward to this next step on my journey," she said. "I've heard nothing but great things about Davenport and their golf coaches, and I can't wait to be a part of their team in the fall."

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Sam McEvenue, (left) Legacy Ridge Golf Operations Manager, congratulates pro Ken Tarling on his individual and team victory at the club's 2016 Pro-Am. Other team members, from Tarling's left, are Jim Dinsmore, Jim Burlington and Ron Smith. Tarling was inducted into the Ontario Golf Hall of Fame on May 3.

# Happy for Ken!

Local golfer thrilled to see pro Ken Tarling inducted into Ontario Golf Hall of Fame

**T**here are few guys happier than Jim Dinsmore about the May 3 induction of golf pro Ken Tarling into the Ontario Golf Hall of Fame.

Dinsmore has played with Tarling 9 times in Pro-Ams at Owen Sound Golf and Country Club/Legacy Ridge Golf Club where Dinsmore has been a member for many years.

And during that time he and regular playing partner Jim Burlington have formed a strong friendship with Tarling.

"Ken Tarling has always been a hero of mine. We've been privileged to play with him over the years," Dinsmore said. "He's a real gentleman, both on and off the course."

Tarling, who played the past two years on the European Senior Tour, has been coming to the Owen Sound Pro-Am since it began in 1981. During that time he was low pro 7 times (1982, 1986, 2009, 2010, 2013, 2015 and 2016) and for

many years held the tournament course record of 67.

His amateur team also won the event four times (1982, 1986, 2009 and 2016).

Tarling, originally from Saskatoon, turned pro in 1982. Throughout his career, he captured 21 provincial titles, two national (2001 PGA of Canada Club Professional Championship and 2011 PGA of Canada Senior's Championship), one Canadian Tour win and 12 international victories in eight countries.

He has also served as the President of the Canadian Tour, been on the PGA of Canada Board of Directors and taught at Humber College in the Professional Golf Management program. In 2012, he received an Honorary Life Membership with the Canadian Tour. He currently operates Ken Tarling Golf Academy in Stouffville, Ontario.

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# Meet the Pro

## Bill Stewart, Stone Tree Golf & Fitness

**B**ill Stewart was hired last year as Director of Golf Operations at Stone Tree Golf and Fitness near Owen Sound. He's an experienced golf pro who was captain of the national junior team in 2004 when the team included current PGA Tour player Adam Hadwin. He also worked with Jason Zuback, five-time World Long Drive Champion, when he was a junior in Lethbridge, Alberta.

**Hometown:** Grew up as a caddy at the Islington Golf Club in West Toronto

**Age:** 60

**Previous positions as a professional:**

CPGA Assistant Professional – The Donalda Club, Toronto

CPGA Associate – Henderson Lake Golf Club – Lethbridge, Alberta

CPGA Director of Golf – Lethbridge Country Club – Lethbridge, Alberta

CPGA Director of Golf, Waterloo Golf Academy, Waterloo, Ontario

General Manager - Fredericton Golf & Curling Club – Fredericton, New Brunswick

CPGA Teaching Professional - Golf Town – Brampton and Waterloo

Golf Professional – Kitchener Golf (Doon Valley Golf Course and Rockway Golf Course) – Kitchener, Ontario

**Best round (score or otherwise):**

Score: 6 under 66 at Lethbridge Country Club, Islington & Port Grey in Vancouver.

Any time I played with my Dad before he passed away at age 90. I also had a special round the day after my Dad passed away. It was Aug. 7, 2004, and I went out by myself at Islington. My brother and I had made arrangements for Dad early in the afternoon at Turner and Porter during a brutal lightning and thunderstorm. At 4 p.m. we emerged and the storm had stopped and I drove into Islington with the flag at half staff in memory of my Dad and asked if I could play. Took 1/2 set out with Sunday bag and had 18 straight pars (the only time in my life) with the only company an Osprey who followed my travels from hole 8 through 12. My car was the only car in the parking lot when I finished.

**Best Moment in Golf:**

Hole in one in the Kingdom of Fife St. Andrews, Scotland - Kingsbarns Golf Club – Hole 15.

**Strangest thing I've seen on the golf course:**

Playing a Pro-am in Picture Butte, Alberta; on the 12th hole waiting for the green to clear – a scantily clad woman drove a cart over to one of my playing partners and delivered a strip-o-gram to him for his 40th Birthday and gave him a card – with Love from his wife!



Bill Stewart is an experienced golf professional who is now the Director of Golf Operations at Stone Tree Golf and Fitness Club.

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# Rebuild under way

Stone Tree plans to re-open its 18-hole course late this season or in spring of 2018

**B**ill Stewart is an experienced golf professional who has his sights set on re-opening the 18-hole course at Stone Tree Golf and Fitness Club either late this season or in the spring of 2018.

"It's going to be a big challenge but I'm looking forward to it," said Stewart, who joined Stone Tree last year as Director of Golf.

The timing of the course's return depends on two main factors: how much work is needed on the irrigation system and whether Mother Nature co-operates by providing good growing conditions.

The fairways have remained in good shape but all 18 greens have to be replaced.

The driving range is also in good condition and will be in operation this season.

Stewart also plans to create practice holes using temporary greens and tees this season.

They will be short holes and will be set up on holes 1, 2, 17 and 18. The plan is to have two or three holes created on the par 5s (#2 and #17).

"We'll have at least 6 or 7 holes in play," he said.

This will provide a practice area for members of the junior program he plans to establish this season.

"The holes would also be available for seniors or beginners to come out and play and maybe make a donation to the junior program (instead of paying a green fee)," Stewart said.

He also is hoping to have the two practice greens - one in front of the pro shop and the other near the driving range - ready for use by June 10.

His plans for the course include making it more player friendly with wide fairways and tee boxes and playable



**Eric Greaves: New course superintendent at Stone Tree Golf & Fitness Club.**

rough. "I want an 18 handicap to be able to come here and shoot 88," he said.

Helping him with the task of getting the course in shape is Eric Greaves, who is the new course superintendent.

Formerly the assistant course superintendent at Hockley Valley Resort, Greaves has six years of experience in the business.

The 23-year-old Shelburne resident has had hands-on learning since joining the Hockley grounds crew. His mentor was Chris Millard, an experienced course superintendent.

You'll be able to check on the progress on the course as the club will be using drone videos to capture the changes. The video updates will be posted at the club's website (stonetree.ca).

The course was closed in the fall of 2015 after the owners - Balnar Management - decided to sell the entire property, which includes a banquet and fitness facility and apartments to the north of the golf course.

The property was purchased on May 31, 2016 by local businessman Jeff Mundle and his wife Lane McMeekin, who then sold the golf course land, fitness centre and banquet facilities to Lori Vulcanescu and Gordon Fawcett of Georgetown on July 29.

The Georgian Apartments were not part of the deal and remain under the ownership of Mundle and McMeekin.

The apartments are on an 8.2-acre site that includes 52 bachelor units and 23 one-bedroom units.

When the property was sold to Mundle & McMeekin, a condition of that sale was that it would not be sold to a golf business or operator.

However, the new owners say there are no legal issues preventing them from re-opening the course.

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# Upgrade at Ainsdale

New owners Charles and Taylor Candler complete major renovation of clubhouse

It didn't take Charles and Taylor Candler long to make improvements at Ainsdale Golf Course. The new owners got to work shortly after taking possession of the club on Jan. 12 and completed a major renovation of the clubhouse and pro shop in time for an Open House on the March 31-April 1 weekend.

The renovation included replacement of carpet with luxury vinyl tiles, painting of every inside wall in the building and counters in the pro shop and clubhouse.

And the changes have been well received by members and others.

"Everybody was blown away at the Open House," said Taylor. "People thought we'd put on an addition."

The Candlers say the new look will provide not only a nicer atmosphere for their members but also help them attract more wedding business.

While so far they've focused their attention on the clubhouse, they also have a game plan for the course. In the first year, they will be doing some extra maintenance on the course but any significant changes will be done "down the road," Taylor said.

The purchase of Ainsdale has brought Taylor home to where she grew up and learned to play golf. And she's excited about the opportunity to run the club along with her husband Charles, a golf pro originally from Sanford, Florida.

They were living in Wichita, Kansas with their infant son Wyatt when the opportunity arose. While they had looked at buying a golf course in Florida where Charles' family lives, Charles said the market is "very saturated" and buying Ainsdale gets them close to Taylor's family but also gives them an off-season which will allow them time to travel to see his family.

They purchased the Kincardine-area club from Al and Kathy Mackay, who just last year celebrated their 30th anniversary of owning the course.

Taylor said the Mackays were "awesome to deal with" and negotiations went very smoothly. Al Mackay said during an interview that the Candlers reminded him very much of himself and Kathy when they bought Ainsdale.

"We're really excited for them. We were basically the same age when we took over the course," Al said.

Taylor is considered one of the best golfers to ever come



The renovated clubhouse at Ainsdale Golf Course near Kincardine. The new owners, Charles and Taylor Candler (above photo) spent much of the winter completing the renovation.

out of the Grey-Bruce area and her collegiate career with the Division I University of Oklahoma women's golf team included seven top-10 finishes. She also came within one stroke of advancing to the 2nd stage of qualifying for the LPGA Tour.

She is expected to do the "lion's share" of the teaching at the course.

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# Grey Bruce Junior Tour kicks off in July

Young golfers get chance to experience competitive golf and earn scholarships

A local tour that has been the early training ground for one PGA Tour player, several club professionals and many accomplished amateurs gets under way this July.

The Grey Bruce Junior Golf Tour begins with a qualifying event July 5 at Whispering Hills Golf Club near Hanover.

The other dates are:

- July 11 at Scenic City Golf Course
- July 20 at Cobble Beach
- July 26 at Pike Lake Golf Centre
- July 31 at Saugeen Golf Club
- Aug. 7 at Meaford Golf Course
- Aug. 15 at Legacy Ridge Golf Club
- Aug. 21 Ainsdale Golf Course (Banquet)

The overall winner last year was Blake Mackey, who had a breakthrough season on tour. The member at BlackHorse and Walkerton golf clubs earned three victories and finished with a stroke average of 75 to win the overall and junior title.

The other division winners were Saugeen's Sean Tippin in Juvenile, Ainsdale's Slade Twolan in Bantam and Walkerton/Pike Lake's Rachael Rier in the girls division.

The tour offers its players the opportunity to apply for post-secondary education scholarships each year and the recipients last year were: Luke Schmalz of Saugeen and Shane Vollmer and Tyson Rutledge, both of Ainsdale (\$1,000 each), Rachael Rier (\$750) and Evan Saab of Legacy Ridge (\$500).

Current PGA Tour player David Hearn played on the Grey Bruce tour in the early 1990s. Interested players should go to the tour's website: [juniorgolftour.ca](http://juniorgolftour.ca)



PGA Tour player David Hearn, who played on the Grey Bruce Junior Golf Tour, paid a visit to Pike Lake Golf Centre last September. He took time to chat with Pike Lake golf pro George Forrest, one of his mentors.

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# Start of new era in Southampton

Chippewa renamed and new management team to implement improvement plan

It's a new era for the 54-year-old club formerly known as Chippewa. The club has been renamed Southampton Golf & Country Club and it has a new management team in place to carry out an extensive improvement plan.

The team includes General Manager and Events Coordinator Sandy Simpson, Turf and Development Consultant Brent Siekierzycki and Events and Development Consultant Mary Gillies.

One thing the new team stressed during an interview is that although there are plans for housing around the course, the current plan is to keep it an 18-hole layout.

And course improvements are definitely coming. They've hired Grant Noble as course superintendent and he will be reunited with Siekierzycki, who worked with Noble at Cobble Beach Golf Links in recent years.

Siekierzycki also worked for many years at the former Owen Sound Golf and Country Club, which is now known as Legacy Ridge Golf Club.

He says he can have the greens in better shape within 3 months but it will take longer - probably about two years - to get the course into "the kind of shape I'd like to see it in."

He would also like to see the driving range west of the pro shop "resurrected" and made into a facility for practising with

irons only.

One improvement under way this year is a renovation to the existing pro shop to turn it into both a pro shop and a "cozy" pub.

"We're going to make it small and cool and we're hoping to draw a younger crowd," Gillies said.

Once the new pub/pro shop is open, the clubhouse will only be used for weddings, tournaments and banquets.

The clubhouse has been painted and cleaned up and more work will be completed in the future. However, the long-range plan is to build a new clubhouse.

Returning this season is Director of Golf and Head Professional John Schmidt. New to the club this year is

Larry Pickett, who has been hired as pro shop manager. He comes to the club from Saugeen Golf Club where he worked for many years in the pro shop.

While the club will no longer be known as Chippewa, the name will remain part of the club as it will be incorporated into the housing development at the course.

The current club owner is Flesherton-area resident Kevin O'Brien, who purchased the club on Dec. 11, 2015 from Geza Kocsis, who had owned and managed it since 2005.

Kocsis, a retired school teacher, remained on for one year as manager, leaving at the end of the 2016 season.



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## New pro at Cobble Beach

Ryan Jackson previously worked in Jasper

**C**obble Beach Golf Links has a new pro this season. Ryan Jackson is from Orangeville and comes to Cobble from the Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge Golf Club in Jasper, Alberta where he worked as an associate pro for five years. He became a pro in 2010 and his first position was at Maple Downs Golf and Country Club in Maple, Ont.

Jackson will help fill the vacancies created when pro Brent Firminger returned to Golden Golf Club in British Columbia and fellow pro Robbie Oliver took a position as assistant pro at Grandview Golf Club, a ClubLink course in Huntsville.

Also new at Cobble this season is a wedding and special events pavilion which will overlook the 18th hole and Georgian Bay.

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# GLADIATOR-PRINCESS TOURNEY AT LEGACY RIDGE



The Gladiator-Princess 2-person scramble tournament was held April 22 at Legacy Ridge Golf Club and among the participants were, from left, Dan Shaw, Bill Graham, Darren McCann and Rodger Flood. The winning teams in flights were: A - Chris Frook and Josiah Dixon (photo, bottom right), B - Chad Currie and Logan Widmeyer, C - Dan Blackburn and Greg Mather, D - Tyler Graham & Ryan Carey. The 27-hole event featured “easy” even-numbered holes and tough odd holes. For full tournament results, go to [www.golfbrucegreysimcoe.com](http://www.golfbrucegreysimcoe.com)



Also competing in the tournament were, from left, Don Gransden, John Murdoch, Larry Kreis and Bob Garnett.



A Flight winners Chris Frook (left) and Josiah Dixon.

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# Fresh new look at South-Port

Complete renovation of clubhouse at 9-hole course near Port Elgin

Golfers are in for a pleasant surprise when they show up at South-Port Golf Course this season.

The pro shop and clubhouse have been completely renovated over the winter by new owners Rick Elliott and Scott Bowman.

They took possession of the 9-hole course near Port Elgin on Oct. 31 and work began shortly thereafter.

The wall between the pro shop and the clubhouse was removed and that has allowed for an open concept layout.

And with the pro shop/reception area being moved to the lower level, it has created more space for seating.

The changes have also opened up the view to the golf course from all seating areas.

The list of new items includes tables and chairs, carpet,



The completely renovated clubhouse at South-Port Golf Course near Port Elgin.

two big-screen TVs, wainscoting, lighting and a railing between the upper and lower levels. **Cont'd next page**

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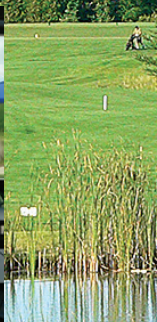
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# Club holding open house

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All the walls have been painted, the bar has been upgraded and the lower level reception area has a new counter.

The new look has been a big hit with members.

"They just love it. They like the openness of it," said general manager Bernice Ribey.

"It's a new and fresher look for the clubhouse."

The club is also landscaping the area around the clubhouse and the first tee and the plan is to upgrade the outdoor patio this spring.

Another change has been the removal of unhealthy trees at the front of the property, which has opened up views of the golf course from the road.

To celebrate the changes, the club is holding a grand opening on the Victoria Day weekend.

The club is located between Port Elgin and Southampton on Bruce County Road 3.



## Meet the GM

**B**ernice Ribey took over as general manager of South-Port last fall after the club was sold to Rick Elliott and Scott Bowman. Bernice or "Bernie" as she is known, is an avid golfer who has been a member at South-Port for 20+ years. The Port Elgin resident previously worked in the banking industry.

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Brad Mercer, General Manager of The Club at Westlinks, with Canadian Golf Hall of Fame member Sandra Post, who is the new spokesperson for the golf development.

# Star power at Westlinks

Hall of Famer Sandra Post signs on as spokesperson for golf development

**M**uch has happened over the winter at the course formerly known as Piper's Glen Golf Club. One of the big changes to the Port Elgin-area course was its switch to a new name - The Club at Westlinks.

The change is to tie in with the Westlinks housing development that will surround the 12-hole course.

The club also announced over the winter that Canadian Golf Hall of Fame member Sandra Post has been named spokesperson for the golf development.

Post, an eight time winner on the LPGA Tour including the 1968 LPGA Championship, said, "I am looking forward to spending time at the links style, 12-hole golf course which is a lot of fun to play. The course is easy to walk, has a good driving range and a friendly staff."

She will be making several visits to Westlinks this season and will be conducting golf clinics. The dates were not confirmed at press time but will be posted on the Westlinks website ([theclubatwestlinks.com](http://theclubatwestlinks.com)).

When asked about the partnership, Post replied, "This is a great opportunity for me to work with Westlinks to conduct clinics, help local charities with their golf tournaments, and watch this development grow."

Work on the course is now complete and an Open House week to celebrate the occasion is planned for early to mid-May.

The week will feature free golf for 12 holes. Anyone who wants to play 18 can pay a fee for the extra holes.

There should be plenty of activity on the housing development this year as construction of a model home is expected to begin by mid to late summer.

And construction on the first new homes should begin by the end of fall or early winter.

The development offers bungalow-style town homes, single family homes and low-rise condominiums. The developers - Rice Development Corp. out of Brampton - specializes in adult lifestyle communities across southern Ontario.

# Pro Mike Blackburn leaves golf business

## Departs Saugeen GC after five years

**S**augeen Golf Club pro Mike Blackburn has left the industry to pursue a different career path. The Owen Sound native tendered his resignation April 5 and left Saugeen on April 21.

While not disclosing his new position, Blackburn said he is leaving the industry to allow for more time to spend with his family.

"Tough decisions are a part of life and this is a very tough decision that my family and I decided to make as our family is growing by one in May. We will be welcoming a baby girl in late May," he said in a statement to club members and staff.

Blackburn has been with Saugeen for five years and he said that he has appreciated the support he has received from the club over that time.

"Each one of you have shown a lot support to my family and I through my years here at Saugeen," he said. "There are a ton of great memories that I will hold deep in my heart. Saugeen Golf Club is a great facility with great people surrounded by an amazing community. You should all be very proud of your club."

"I would like to thank all the staff and management at the Saugeen Golf Club for making this my home for the last five seasons."

While he's leaving Saugeen, he plans to remain a Class A PGA of Canada member "for the time being" and teach lessons and play in local Pro-Ams this season.

"I love the game of golf and will continue to be a part of the game going forward. My passion has always been the



**Mike Blackburn during a Pro-Am at Legacy Ridge Golf Club.**

golf industry and it will hold a very special place in my heart as will the Saugeen Golf Club."

## GREY-BRUCE ELECTRIC CHARITY GOLF CALENDAR

**May 19** - 1st Annual Billy Bishop Home & Museum Marathon of Golf, 36 holes of challenging golf plus 3 meals! 18 holes at Legacy Ridge, 18 holes at Cobble Beach Golf Links. Day is free with \$500 in pledges per golfer! Proceeds to sponsor museum's Veterans programs. To play, pledge or for more info contact janicejackson92@gmail.com Cheques payable to Billy Bishop Home & Museum. Registration deadline is May 5, 2017.

**June 2** - Big Brothers/Big Sisters tourney, Ainsdale Golf Course.

**June 2** - 26th Annual Owen Sound Hospital Charity Golf Classic, Legacy Ridge Golf Club.

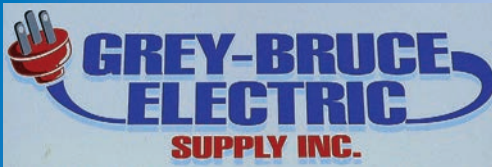
**June 3** - Kinettes Breast Cancer fundraiser, Meaford Golf

Course. Contact: Bonnie Bumstead at [tombon@bmts.com](mailto:tombon@bmts.com) or 519-538-1389.

**June 9** - Alzheimer Society Charity Golf Tournament, Legacy Ridge Golf Club. Day includes lunch, 18 holes with power cart, dinner, door prizes, draw prizes and special contests, \$135 per golfer or \$95 for Legacy members. Includes \$20 tax receipt. Registration 11 a.m., shotgun start at 1 p.m. Register by calling (519)-376-7230 or register online at [www.alzheimer.ca/greybruce](http://www.alzheimer.ca/greybruce).

**June 16** - 20th Annual Zonta Golf Classic, Legacy Ridge Golf Club.

**July 7** - Ramoca Shriner's Tournament, Legacy Ridge Golf Club.



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## PHOTO FLASHBACK



Hockey legend Eddie Shack, left, and Walter Gretzky, father of NHL great Wayne Gretzky, were at the Grey-Bruce Golf booth at the Toronto Golf and Travel Show in 2008. Shack was a special guest at the booth while Gretzky was at the nearby Georgian Bay Club booth promoting the Ford Wayne Gretzky Classic - a Nationwide Tour event that was held at GBCand Lora Bay for three years. This photo appeared in the April 18, 2008 edition of Grey-Bruce Golf magazine.

### Saugeen 'super' elected to OGSA board

**S**augeen Golf club course superintendent Mike Pellerin has been elected to the Board of Directors for the Ontario Golf Superintendents' Association.

OGSA is made up of golf course superintendents, assistant superintendents, golf course suppliers, students, educators, owners and architects.

The OGSA was formed in 1924 to benefit the superintendent in Ontario. Its main purpose is to provide up-to-date information on the needs and challenges facing the superintendent and to elevate the status of the profession to benefit all members. It currently serves more than 800 members.

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# More local clubs join Senior Ryder Cup

Competition now involves 100 teams from across Ontario

**M**ore local teams will participate in the Senior Ryder Cup this season. Joining the competition are the following clubs:

Bonaire Golf in Coldwater, the Club at Bond Head, Ainsdale Golf Course in Kincardine and Silver Brooke Golf Club in Lisle.

Saugeen Golf Club near Port Elgin, which has participated for several years, will also enter a second team. That team will play out of Division E, which also includes Ainsdale, Listowel, and Seaforth.

Here are the other divisions with teams within the BruceGreySimcoe tourism region highlighted in red:

#### Division F

BlackHorse  
Legacy Ridge  
Pike Lake  
Saugeen

#### Division I

Carrying Place  
Silver Brooke  
The Club at Bond Head  
Shelburne

#### Division J

Caledon Woods  
Harbour View  
Midland  
Tangle Creek

#### New Division

Bonaire Golf  
Muskoka Highlands  
Shanty Bay  
Settlers Ghost

The season-long competition involves no-handicap 2-man matches of various formats at each participating club.

The division winners advance to the championship which is held in September.

The competition has grown over the years and now a total of 100 clubs across Ontario are involved.

## DID YOU KNOW?

### Sergio's local connection

**M**asters champ Sergio Garcia visited the Raven Golf Club at Lora Bay, as it was known then, on Aug. 6, 2006. He arrived by helicopter at the Thornbury-area course and put on an instructional clinic then played 15 holes before heading off to the Telus Skins Game in Banff.

## Open House at Highland Glen

Discounted green fees for the weekend

**H**ighland Glen Golf Club near Priceville is holding an Open House weekend on May 26-27 and green fees will be discounted to \$25 for 18 holes.

Golfers are encouraged to pre-book their tee time for the Open House weekend by calling 519-924-4653.

Highland Glen is located about five minutes southwest of Flesherton.

The club is in its second season under the ownership of Tim Mitchell, who built a new 3,600-square-foot clubhouse after purchasing the course from Michael McNeill.

The Heathlands-style course opened in June of 1999 with 9 holes in play and was expanded to 18 holes in August 2004.

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