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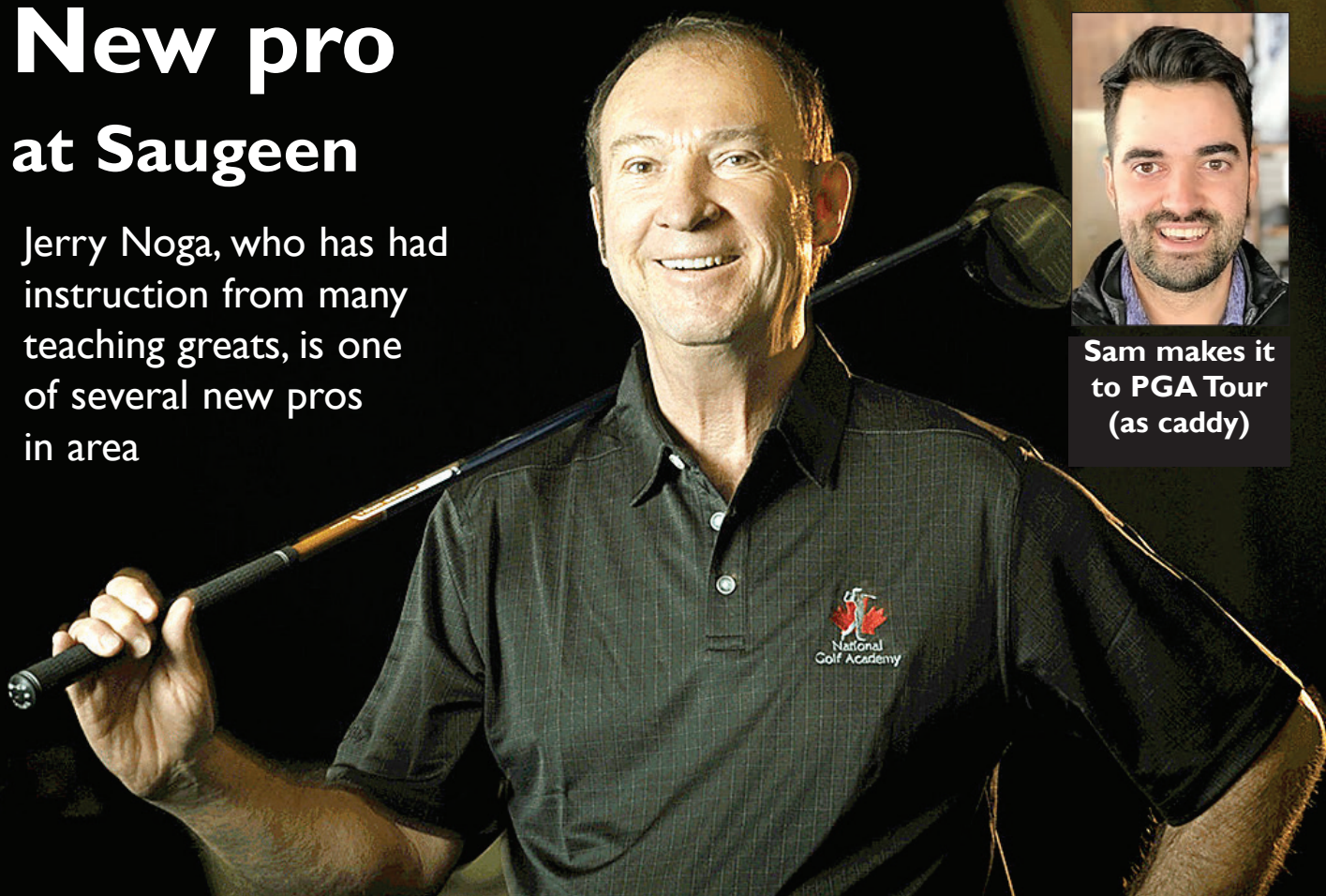
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Welcome to first edition of 2018



Steve Harron

From the Publisher

Caddyshack is my all-time favourite golf movie and I'm a big fan of Bill Murray's work in the 1980 comedy as Carl the greenskeeper.

So when I saw a photo online of Murray with Legacy Ridge Golf Operations Manager Sam McEvenue I had to know more. That led to an interview with Sam who also shared with me the story of his adventure as a caddy at a PGA Tour event over the winter.

And now, in my first edition of the season, I get to share with you these stories - and more!

It's the best part of my job, something I've had the pleasure of doing for nearly 14 years. I love golf and consider it a privilege to cover the local golf scene. And I'm also very aware that it is only because of the support I've received that am able to do this.

So as we begin the 2018 season, I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to readers and advertisers. You have been awesome and I look forward to another great season.

You'll notice a few changes in this edition, most notably a revamped front-page look and an upgrade on the print quality. This is all part of my effort to better serve the local golf community.

Hope you like the changes and - as always - I welcome your feedback. Enjoy! harronmarketing@gmail.com

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Super Senior



PAUL PARKER

Paul Parker of Owen Sound has shot his age or better more than 30 times but one of the more memorable occasions was last year when he shot 75 (+3) at Sauble Golf and Country Club. He was 83 at the time and was helped by an ace on the fourth hole.

He plays three times a week with his brothers Harry and Ken (Beano) and often times Paul Tindall will take the fourth spot in the group.

He starting playing golf around age 16 and has been a regular player ever since. His handicap has been as low as 8 and is now around 12 and he has won his share of prizes at men's nights and invitationals. He has even won a green jacket - the prize awarded to flight winners at a men's invitational at Saugeen Golf Club.

His best round was a 71 at Owen Sound Golf and Country Club where he was a member for about 35 years. That occurred when the course was only 9 holes and the par over two rounds was 72. The club, now known as Legacy Ridge Golf Club, added a second nine in 1975 and the par is now 71.

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Rollercoaster ride in Michigan

Rachael Rier experiences highs and lows during her first year at Davenport University

Rachael Rier is only 19 years old but already she has figured out that the game of golf can be your best friend or your worst enemy, depending on the day.

And that was a good thing as the Hanover resident completed an up-and-down year as a member of the Davenport University women's golf team.

"As we all know, golf can be extremely rewarding or terribly cruel, and my scores reflected this. I shot my worst three-day tournament total in one tournament and set a new 36-hole record in another," she said in an email message to Golf BruceGreySimcoe.

Coming to the Grand Rapids, Michigan

"Some days you show up at the course and you can't do anything wrong and you're ecstatic. Other days you're hooking everything and can't make a putt."

"Being a student athlete definitely kept me busy, but it taught me great time management skills and pushed me to achieve more," she said.

"My days looked something like this; Study hall 7-8:30, Practice 9-11:30, Class 12-5, and workouts in the evening."

Despite the hectic schedule she was able to achieve a 3.95 GPA (Grade Point Average) in her Sports Management program.

She also discovered a few keys to her golf game.



Rachael Rier

"It was really a learning curve for me. Experiencing these different tournaments and going through swing changes taught me patience more than anything. I've always struggled with the mental aspect of my game, and this year I proved to myself just how important a good mindset is during a round."

"Some days you show up at the course and you can't do anything wrong and you're ecstatic. Other days you're hooking everything and can't make a putt. It's all about learning to be patient with yourself and playing with whatever you brought that day."

"I'm also working on recognizing that golf is just a game, and my past scores don't define me as a player or a person."

This summer she's working and practising at Pike Lake Golf Centre near Mount Forest and probably playing in a few tournaments.

"This will be the first year that I really take it slow in terms of tournaments, and I'm looking forward to spending more time golfing for fun rather than constantly playing competition golf," she said.

But she also plans to work hard both on her game and in the gym so she's ready for the fall season at Davenport.

"My coach is really looking for me to be a leader on the team next year, and I'm hoping to step up and fill the roles of the seniors who graduated this year."

"I truly believe that you get what you work for, and I will continue to put in the extra effort so that I can contribute more to our team's success in the fall."

RACHAEL'S RESULTS - DAVENPORT PANTHERS WOMEN'S GOLF TEAM

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Sept. 25-26, Crusaders Classic	89-87=176	T-33rd
Sept. 30-Oct. 1 Gilda's Club Laker Fall Invitational	96-95=191	53rd
Oct. 16-17 Battle in Belmont	83-94=177	34th
March 17-18, 2018 SVSU Spring Invitational	86-86=172	T-63rd
March 30-31 ONU Spring Invitational	87-88=175	T-10th
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A week to remember

Legacy Ridge's Sam Evenue gets inside the ropes to caddy at PGA Tour event

Sam McEvenue experienced one of the best weeks of his life over the winter when he got inside the ropes to caddy for a friend during a PGA Tour event in California.

The Golf Operations Manager at Legacy Ridge Golf Club near Owen Sound was on the bag for Tyler Torano, who like Sam, was making his PGA Tour debut at the Farmers Insurance Open at Torrey Pines Golf Club in January.

Torano, who lives near San Diego in Chula Vista, California, has been friends with McEvenue since they met on a golf course four years ago during one of McEvenue's annual trips to Carlsbad, Calif. to visit his brother and his family.

They had talked about McEvenue caddying for him on the Latinoamerica PGA Tour where Torano played during 2017 but that never worked out.

But it came together in January, starting with Torano going to a pre-qualifier to see if he could make the field for the Monday qualifier for the Farmers event.

With McEvenue on the bag, Torano shot -2 at Carlton Oaks Golf Club near Santee and advanced to the Monday qualifier at El Camino Country Club near Carlsbad where he shot -5 and finished in the fourth and final spot for the Farmers event.

It was a dream come true for Torano but the two friends didn't have time to savour the moment. Instead, they hopped in a car and made the half-hour drive to Torrey Pines to see if they could get in a practice round that day.

They quickly realized it was the big time when they sat down to register for a practice round and right beside them was the #3 ranked golfer in the world - Jon Rahm, fresh off his win in the CareerBuilders Challenge event in La Quinta,



Sam McEvenue, left, with Tyler Torano during the Farmers Insurance Open PGA Tour event at Torrey Pines.

Calif. "That was the first 'wow' moment," McEvenue said.

Then after a few pointers from tour pro Harris English about what you can do during a practice round, they headed to the first tee on the south course. They caught up with South Korean golfer Sangmoon Moon Bae on the third hole and joined him for the rest of the 9-hole round.

Another brush with celebrity came during their Wednesday practice round on the north course when they came across Rickie Fowler doing a photo shoot, which involved him hitting balls into the ocean.

Their round started at 6:20 a.m. on the north course that day and Tyler's playing partner was Australian Aaron Baddeley, who McEvenue described as the "nicest guy we met all week."

When the tournament got under way Thursday, Torano was grouped with Sam Ryder and Rob Oppenheim. That turned out to be a good thing for McEvenue, who didn't have a ton of caddy experience, and fortunately received lots of help from Oppenheim's caddy, J.J. Beckstrom.

McEvenue was so focused on his job that he didn't have much time to take in the experience of being inside the ropes at a PGA Tour event.

Torano is the kind of golfer who likes to get reassurance from his caddy on reading putts, wind direction, yardage, elevation changes and other decisions so it was a busy and challenging time for McEvenue.

"You're so locked into what you're doing and what your player is doing that you don't really notice the fans around you," he said.

The one exception came during the opening round as Tiger Woods was about to hit his opening tee shot at the event - which marked his official return to the PGA Tour after a one-year break due to injury.

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Tiger's opening shot

"We were at the 4th hole on the north course when the marshal stopped us because Tiger was about to tee off on the first hole on the south course, which was about 200 or 250 yards away, and he was expecting a lot of noise from the crowd," he said.

"He (Tiger) hit his tee shot way left and you could see a massive crowd swarming around the ball," he said.

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After that, McEvenue put his head down and focused on helping his friend have a good first day - something he was able to accomplish with a 73, which put him in contention to make the cut.

The next day Torano, who lives about a half hour south of Torrey Pines, got solid hometown support at the first tee of the south course with loud cheers as he was introduced. "He hit his best tee ball of the week (at the first tee) so that was pretty cool," McEvenue said.

Being followed by family and friends and with larger galleries than the previous day it got pretty exciting, especially when Torano still had a chance to make the cut after making back-to-back birdies on holes 9 and 10.

But the back 9 on the south course is the toughest of the 36 holes at Torrey Pines and Torano bogeyed 11 and 12 and finished with a 74 (+2) and a +3 total. The cut was at -1.

While disappointing, the result showed McEvenue that his friend has the game to play on the tour. "His play proved that he can compete against the world's best and I'm sure it won't be long before he's back on the PGA Tour."

And for McEvenue it was a thrill just to be part of it.

"Growing up as a golf fan, and with the love I have for the game and watching the PGA Tour week in and week out to get to see it from inside the ropes was such a cool experience. But it was also great to do it (caddying) for a such a good friend ... and see him play so well under the pressure."

"It was my best week on the golf course without a golf club in my hand. It was a lot of fun," he said.

He'd love another opportunity to caddy for Tyler and that may come as the California golfer plans to try to Monday qualify for PGA Tour and Web.com events this season.



Legacy Ridge's Sam McEvenue, left, with actor Bill Murray and pro golfer Tyler Torano.

Legacy Ridge's Sam McEvenue meets Caddyshack star Bill Murray in a golf course parking lot

While caddying for his friend Tyler Torano at the Farmers Insurance Open was definitely the highlight of his trip to California this winter, Sam McEvenue had another very cool experience - meeting actor Bill Murray.

The chance encounter occurred at Bayonet Golf Club on the Monterey Peninsula after Torano and McEvenue, who was on the bag that day as well, had just finished up a mini-tour event there.

They were headed to the car when they noticed Murray, whose car was parked near theirs. They introduced themselves and asked for a photo.

Murray, one of the stars of the clas-

sic 1980 comedy Caddyshack, introduced himself by saying, "Hi I'm Bill." (as if they didn't know who he was).

There wasn't a whole lot of conversation but McEvenue said Murray was very friendly.

"He was there playing in preparation for the Pebble Beach Pro-Am and I just wished him good luck in the event, McEvenue said. "That was cool. (Meeting) a celebrity golf icon."

In Caddyshack, Murray played Carl the greenskeeper and one of his classic scenes involved Carl pretending he was the "Cinderella Boy" playing in the Masters while lopping off the heads of flowers at Bushwood Golf Club with a weed cutter.

Great start to varsity career

Walkerton's Blake Mackey goes from walk-on to top player on Fanshawe team

It was quite a first season of varsity golf for Walkerton's Blake Mackey.

He wasn't recruited by the golf coach at Fanshawe College and as a walk-on not only made the team but ended up being the school's top player during the regular season.

He shot 74-76 at the tryouts at Sunningdale Golf Club - the Falcons home course - to finish 2nd among those seeking a spot on the team.

Then he shot 70 and tied for third in his first tournament of the season - the Fanshawe Golf Invitational at Firerock Golf Club in Komoka.

"They were a little surprised to see me at the start of the year to come out and put up good numbers right away," he said.

"Normally you see a lot of kids who are walking on being the 8th or 9th members of the team but I believed in myself. I knew I could go to Fanshawe and could perform the way I do all the time. It was nice to go there and put up the numbers I did."

The past champion on the Grey Bruce Junior Golf Tour followed up his top-3 performance with another tie for 3rd at the Lakehead Orillia College tournament at Hawk Ridge Golf Club near Orillia on Sept. 22.

Then three days later the 19-year-old was the individual winner at the Niagara College tourney at Grand Niagara Golf Club.

After that, it was off to the Ontario College Athletic Association Championship at Crimson Ridge Golf Club in Sault Ste. Marie.

Playing in difficult weather conditions, he shot 80-76-84 and finished 12th.

He was 2nd best on his team and was only one stroke away from having a shot at playing in the Canadian University/College Championships.

His team finished fourth, a less-than-satisfying result.

"As a team we weren't overly happy and we all know we need to step up. We're going to be ready for next year," he said.

With 7 of the 10 team members returning, Mackey is excit-



Blake Mackey

ed about the prospects. Adding to the excitement next year is the fact that Fanshawe is playing host to the OCAA Championship at Firerock.

"Next year is a big year for us," he said.

"We're a nice tight group of boys and we all know what we need to do and we're excited about getting it going again."

Among players returning to the team will be Owen Sound's Nick Kazarian, who also made the team as a walk-on and had a tie for 36th at the second tournament of the season - the Georgian Invitational at Heritage Hills Golf Club near Barrie.

Mackey will be returning for his second year in the Golf Management Program and has already decided to take a third year in Business, giving him two more years to play on the golf team.

While very happy with his golf results, Mackey also enjoyed his program.

"It was fantastic. I was really exposed to the golf industry which was great. I had a chance to work alongside Canadian PGA professionals that teach my program as well as superintendents from the area," he said.

Mackey's plans for the summer include working at Walkerton Golf Club again, playing in a qualifier for the Ontario Men's Amateur on May

22 at Rebel Creek Golf Club near Kitchener and competing in Maple Leaf Junior Tour events in August to get ready for his return to Fanshawe.

FRESHMAN SUCCESS: Blake Mackey's Individual Results

T-3rd Fanshawe Golf Invitational at Firerock Golf Club, Komoka, Sept. 16 (71)

T-44th Georgian Invitational, Heritage Hills Golf Club near Barrie, Sept. 21, (86)

T-3rd Lakehead Orillia College tournament at Hawk Ridge Golf Club, Sept. 22, (70)

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Provincial events coming to area

Four championships and five qualifiers scheduled for this season

Four provincial championships and five qualifiers will be played in the BruceGreySimcoe region this season.

A qualifier for the Ontario Men's Mid-Amateur will be held May 22 at National Pines Golf Club near Barrie, while Blue Mountain Golf and Country Club will play host to a qualifier for the Junior Boys championship on May 31.

Blue Mountain will also be the site for two other qualifiers - Junior Boys and Senior Men's Amateur - on June 14. The course will also play host to the Juvenile Boys qualifier on July 12.

The Ontario Junior Girls and Women's Match Play championship will take place July 16-17 at Midland Golf and Country Club, while the Junior Boys Match Play championship is scheduled for July 16-19 at Tangle Creek Golf Club near Barrie.

The final provincial event for the region is the Ontario Public Amateur Championship, which is scheduled for Sept. 11-12 at National Pines.

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National Pines Golf Club near Barrie will play host to two provincial events - a Men's Mid-Am qualifier and the Public Amateur Championship.

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Eight events planned for junior tour

New 'fun' event added before tour officially kicks off

While the Grey Bruce Junior Golf Tour officially kicks off July 4, the tour has added a new "fun" event this year for tour alumni, parents and children on June 3.

The two-person, alternate-shot event will be held at Stone Tree Golf and Fitness Club and is open to the general public.

For more information you can contact Stone Tree Director of Golf Bill Stewart at bill@stonetree.ca or 519 376-7899 ext. 110.

Here is the schedule of official tour events this season:

July 4 - Whispering Hills Golf Club near Hanover (qualifier).

July 10 - Scenic City Golf Course east of Owen Sound.

July 19 - Cobble Beach Golf Links north of Owen Sound

July 25 - Pike Lake Golf Centre near Mount Forest

Aug. 1 - Saugeen Golf Club near Port Elgin

Aug. 6 - Meaford Golf Course

Aug. 13 - Ainsdale Golf Course near Kincardine

Aug. 21 - Legacy Ridge Golf Club north of Owen Sound.

The annual banquet will be held following the final event at Legacy Ridge. At that time awards will be handed out for the top player in each division.

The winners last year were Sean Tippin of Saugeen (Juvenile and Overall), Nick Kazarian of Scenic City and Sauble (Junior), Marc Salnek of Pike Lake (Bantam) and Rachael Rier of Ainsdale and Whispering Hills (Girls).

Players on the tour can apply for scholarships for post-secondary education and last year scholarships worth \$3,000 were handed out to four golfers.

Among the recipients was Rier (\$1,000) who played Division II golf at Davenport University in Grand Rapids, Michigan, this season.

Also receiving \$1,000 was Kazarian, who played varsity golf with Fanshawe College in London, Ont. during the 2017 season.

Interested players should visit the tour's website at greybrucejuniorgolftour.ca



Ginny Froom was among the competitors last year on the Grey Bruce Junior Golf Tour.

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Holiday Golf Club sold

But Port Elgin course may continue to operate for a few more years

Holiday Golf Club in Port Elgin has been sold to a developer but it may remain in operation for two or three years before the development goes ahead.

Peter Sabbagh, a developer in the Port Elgin area, is looking for someone to run the course while he works on his development plan for the 39-acre property.

"My plans are still up in the air. I have to go through a lot of zoning changes," he said in an interview.

While the 18-hole par 3 course is not part of the long-term plans for the property he would really like to see it continue for a few more years.

The course has been managed for the past 16 seasons by John and Susan Stein, who lived in the 100-year-old house on the property.

They have moved out of the house and John has taken a position with the greenskeeping staff at nearby Southampton Golf and Country Club.

The course was owned by John's father, Keith Stein Sr., who signed off on the sale in January.

The course was developed around 1960 by entrepreneur Earl Putnam who three years later also opened Chippewa Golf and Country Club, now known as Southampton G & CC.

Holiday had several owners after Putnam and it was in receivership when Keith Stein Sr. bought it in 1986.



1st hole at Holiday Golf Club.

Stein recalls that it was in rough shape at the time he took over.

"The grass on the fairways was up to your knees and about 6 inches deep on the greens," he said. Despite that, he had the course open within 10 days.

He ran the course with his wife for 16 seasons but after she died in a car accident he considered selling it. And that's when John and Susan came forward and offered to operate it.

A 9-hole "Pitch and Putt" golf course was added about 20 years ago but had not been in operation in recent years.

Stein, who previously owned Whispering Hills Golf Club, feels fortunate given the current state of the golf industry, to have sold the course.

"The way the golf industry is right now I feel like I made an escape," he said.

He said two things worked in his favour: the booming economy in the Port Elgin area and the golf course's location right in town and on a busy main thoroughfare (Hwy. 21).

Stein, at age 79, is happy to retire from his part-time job cutting fairways at his own club. But golf will remain a big part of his life as he continues to enjoy the game at Southampton G & CC where he has been a member for many years.

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Ainsdale

More upgrades at Kincardine-area club

After an extensive renovation in 2017, the bar and restaurant at Ainsdale Golf have received further upgrades this year.

The goal is to create an enjoyable sports bar-type atmosphere, says Taylor Candler, who owns the course along with her husband Charles.

The club has also brought in a large variety of new merchandise and brands for 2018, along with a wide selection of Callaway equipment.

They will be doing several fitting days at the range this year, along with carrying an on-site fitting cart to cater to golfers' needs.

The course will also be introducing several new tournaments, such as the Ainsdale Spring Glow Ball, various member tournaments, the Ainsdale Golf Classic benefiting Kincardine Minor Sports Associations and KDSS Athletics, and Ainsdale Fall Glow Ball.



Artist concept drawing of Braestone Club.

Braestone

New clubhouse in works for this year

Braestone Club - the former Orillia Golf and Country Club - underwent major improvements to bunkers, fairways and greens this past year and more upgrades to the facility are planned for this season and beyond.

The new state-of-the-art Maintenance Headquarters and the Pump House were nearing completion at press time.

Work on a new farmhouse-inspired clubhouse is expected to begin this July and the club is hoping to have it ready for occupancy by the summer of 2019. It will sit atop the ridge overlooking the Horseshoe Valley.

A new fleet of E-Z-Go golf carts was to arrive this spring along with additional equipment for the grounds.

The big purchase that should show a significant change in rough conditions is the new rough mower.

They plan to continue drainage projects as well as building and improving both new and old cart paths.

"As you saw a great improvement in all areas of the course these past few years you can be sure that this will continue well into the future," said General Manager/PGA of Canada professional Greg Hickey.

Braestone is located 12 kilometres west of Orillia just off Horseshoe Valley Road on Line 11 North.

More information can be found at braestoneclub.ca

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Stephen Bardswick new club pro



Stephen Bardswick

A new golf professional has joined the staff at Cobble Beach Golf Links. Stephen Bardswick comes to the Owen Sound-area course after having spent the past four years at Lionhead Golf & Country Club in Brampton, Royal Ontario Golf Club in Milton, Bradlee-Ryall Golf Academy and Port Carling Golf & Country Club.

After finishing high school, he received golf instruction from Sean Foley (former coach of Tiger Woods) at Core Golf Academy in Orlando, Florida.

And as a junior golfer, he was the Canadian team captain in playing in and winning the Euro Junior Golf Cup in Scotland in 2010 against Team USA and Scotland.

He then received a four-year scholarship to play on the golf team at North Carolina Wesleyan College. After graduating, he registered as a CPGA instructor and began competing in CPGA golf tournaments. He finished in the top 50 on the 2016 Ontario CPGA Order of Merit and top 25 in 2017.

He said he's excited and looking forward to getting to know all the members and staff of Cobble Beach and being able to help golfers at all skill levels improve their golf game.

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Southampton

Brent Siekierzycki in new role

Southampton Golf and Country Club has made some staff changes as it moves forward with its plan of ongoing improvements.

Brent Siekierzycki has moved into a new role as Director of Development and Operations and will be overseeing both the golf club and the housing development that is scheduled to get rolling this summer. He previously worked as the club's Turf and Development Consultant.



Brent Siekierzycki

Back in an expanded role is Mary Gillies, who will look after Food and Beverage and Special Events.

The new position of office administrator has been created and filling that spot is Rethna O'Brien.

Other new faces are chef Darren Mansell, John Stein, formerly of Holiday Golf Club in Port Elgin, and Kyle Kirkland, formerly of Sauble Golf G & CC and Cobble Beach Golf Links, who both join the greens keeping staff.

Back at the course this year are course superintendent Grant Noble, pro shop manager Larry Pickett and director of golf operations John Schmidt.

"We've got a great team now and we've got a whole bunch of special events planned this season," said Siekierzycki.

They've also received a shipment of 12 new golf carts and the innovative golfboards will once again be available for those looking to try something different on the golf course.



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Club at Westlinks

Tedd Hopkins takes over as GM

Some big changes have taken place over the winter at The Club at Westlinks as work ramps up on a new housing development. General manager Brad Mercer has taken on a new role as site supervisor/construction manager for the development which gets under way this spring.

It's a natural fit for Mercer, whose family has been in the construction business for four generations now.

"I grew up in the construction industry and worked at construction sites when I was younger," Mercer said.

He also has an education that will help him in his new job, having graduated with an Applied Bachelor of Business and Golf Course Management degree from Georgian College.

Work has already begun on the model home and that's where Mercer will have his office when it opens at the end of June if everything goes to plan.

The first phase of the development involves 26 condo townhouses and construction is expected to start in June.

Filling Mercer's previous role as golf club general manager is Tedd Hopkins, who will also be course superintendent.

The Cambridge, Ont. native has more than 25 years experience in the golf industry and his most recent position was course superintendent at GreenHills, a ClubLink course near London, Ont. Prior to that, he spent 12 years as grounds manager (course and property) for the private River Bend golf course community in London.

He graduated from Olds College in Alberta with a degree in Horticulture with a major in Turf Management and then from the Turf Management program at the University of Massachusetts.

His first golf course job was at Westwood Plateau in Coquitlam, B.C. and he also worked at Priddis Greens Golf and Country Club near Calgary and was there in 1999 when it played host to the LPGA Tour's Du Marier Classic, a Major on the tour at the time.

After returning to Ontario, he worked at various golf clubs. Previous course superintendent Evan Martin has taken a new job outside the golf industry.

Returning to Westlinks this year are pro shop manager Tiffany Gray and chef Richard Lourie.



Tedd Hopkins

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AROUND THE CLUBS

Saugeen

Jerry Noga new director of golf instruction



Jerry Noga

Jerry Noga has been taught by golfing greats Lee Trevino, Larry Mize and George Knudson and instructors Butch Harmon, Hank Haney, Bob Toski and Dr. Gary Wiren.

Now he gets to share that knowledge with local golfers in his new position as Director of Golf Instruction at Saugeen Golf Club near Port Elgin.

Noga has been a golf pro for 30 years and spent 13 of those years working in Vancouver and on Vancouver Island.

He moved to Alberta in 1999 and his most recent position was with the National

Golf Academy in Calgary.

The University of Manitoba graduate (Bachelor of Science Degree in Earth Sciences) had several top-10 finishes in Assistant Pro events and Pro-Ams earlier in his career.

He and his team won the British Columbia PGA Pro-Executive Golf Tournament in 1991.

During his career the Class A professional has developed his understanding and philosophy of the golf swing by studying many professionals.

You can contact him by email at jerrynoga@saugeengolf.com

Woodington Lake

New pro and pro shop manager

Woodington Lake Golf Club near Tottenham has a few new faces in the pro shop this year.

Montreal native Daniel Khan is the new Pro Shop manager and Jon Kiru is the club's new CPGA assistant professional.

Khan has been in and out of the golf industry for about 25 years and in the 1990s he lived in California and played on local tours there, as well as in Nevada and Arizona.

Kiru comes to the club from Greystone Golf Club in Milton where had been working since returning from Thailand.

He spent five years playing on various tours in Thailand, including the Singha Tour, and Monday qualifying for Asian Tour events.

Kiru, who grew up in Etobicoke, received a golf scholarship at Bethany College in Kansas where he helped his team make it to two National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) conference finals.

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Resort celebrating its 50th anniversary

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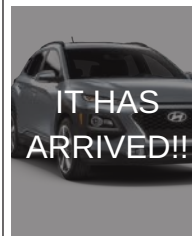
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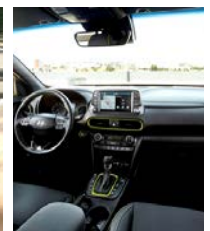


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The 25th annual Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce golf tournament attracted lots of sports celebrities last year. From left are, former NHL player Paul MacDermid, Cory Hayter, son of tournament co-chair Evan Hayter, former Toronto Maple Leafs captain Wendel Clark, Evan Hayter and tournament co-chair Joe Dietrich. This year's event is June 1 at Saugeen Golf Club.

June 1 - 26th Annual Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce 4-person scramble, Saugeen Golf Club. Celebrities attending include Brian Williams, Billy Smith, Pat Hickey, Curtis Sanford, Paul & Kurtis MacDermid.

June 1 - Owen Sound Hospital Foundation, Legacy Ridge Golf Club, 12:30 p.m. start.

June 2 - Kinettes Breast Cancer tournament, Meaford Golf Course, 12 p.m. shotgun start. For more information contact Bonnie Bumstead @ (519-538-1389).

June 7 - 4th Annual Charity Golf Tournament in support of Georgian College, Cranberry Golf Resort, \$500 per four-some or \$135/golfer, 1 p.m. shotgun start, dinner and prizes & local entertainment. For more information or to register contact the Pro Shop at 705-444-2699 or mbradford@thecranberryresort.com

June 15 - Zonta Ladies tournament, Legacy Ridge Golf Club, 1 p.m.

July 6 - Shriners charity event, Legacy Ridge Golf Club, 1 p.m.

July 13 - Rotary Club event, Legacy Ridge GC, 1 p.m. start.

July 26 - 5th Annual Wounded Warriors Classic, 4 person scramble, Legacy Ridge Golf Club. Pipe band, comedian Johnny Gardhouse, musician Doug Downey, lunch, golf with cart and buffet. \$50 tax receipt. Cost is \$150 or \$120 for members.

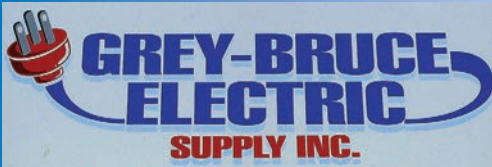
Aug. 23 - Chippewas of Nawash charity golf tournament, Cobble Beach Golf Links.

Sept. 7 - Swing Your Sticks for Charity, Legacy Ridge GC, 12 noon start.

Sept. 8 - 1st Annual Ainsdale Golf Classic, 1 p.m. shotgun start, 4-person scramble, proceeds to Kincardine Minor Sports associations and Kincardine District Secondary School athletics.

Sept. 14 - Cuff Links tourney, Legacy Ridge GC, 1 p.m. start.

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Courses compete in Sr. Ryder Cup

Championship scheduled for
Sept. 13-14 at Saugeen Golf Club

It's an exciting year for the Senior Ryder Cup with the year-end championship being held at Saugeen Golf Club near Port Elgin.

This will be the first time the championship has been played outside of the Highway 401/Queen Elizabeth Way corridor.

The event is scheduled for Sept. 13-14.

Saugeen's Ken Dunlop serves on the Senior Ryder Cup board and was successful in pitching to fellow board members the idea of his club playing host to the championship.

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 will involve 128 amateur players representing 16 clubs from an area that includes all of southern Ontario, parts of Eastern and Northern Ontario and parts of Michigan and New York states.

In total, more than 100 clubs are involved in the season-long competition.

There has been a realignment in the divisions this season and listed below are the new configurations in the divisions that include BruceGreySimcoe (BGS) courses. The competition dates that were available at press time are also listed.

The BGS courses are shown in red:

Northeast

Division C

Batteaux Creek TBA

Hidden Lake TBA

Vespra Hills TBA

Spring Lakes May 16

Division E

Cutten Fields July 3

Deer Ridge May 29

Pike Lake June 25

Listowel July 9

Division I

Caledon Woods June 7

Shanty Bay June 19

South Muskoka July 9

Shelburne July 17

Division J

Bonaire (TBA)

Harbour View (TBA)

Bradford Highlands June 12

Silver Brooke July 24

Division O

Tangle Creek (TBA)

Borden GC (TBA)

Settlers Ghost (TBA)

Legacy Ridge (July 17)



Division P

Barrie County Club (TBA)

Muskoka Highlands July 31

Midland June 28

Club at Bond Head July 3

Division R

Ainsdale (TBA)

Elmira June 14

St. Marys July 16

Saugeen July 23

Southwest

Ken Dunlop Division

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Whistle Bear July 11

BlackHorse July 9

Seathforth June 25

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Candler is the current owner of Ainsdale Golf Course.

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