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PGA Tour Canada for Ryan

Former Owen Sound golfer qualifies for first half of season



Austin Ryan

Former Owen Sound golfer Austin Ryan has qualified for the first half of the PGA Tour Canada season.

He qualified by shooting rounds of 71-72-68-72 and finishing tied for 7th at the Qualifying Tournament at Crowne Isle Resort in Courtenay, British Columbia in late April.

He will be able to play on the tour until the re-shuffle which takes place at the halfway point of the season.

Ryan, who had a standout collegiate career with Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks, played last season on the Toronto Players Tour.

In his junior days, he played out of Stone Tree Golf and Fitness Club and was a multiple champ on the Grey Bruce Junior Golf Tour.



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Welcome to the 2022 season and the Spring Edition! Hope you're hitting them long and straight and making lots of birdies & pars (or at least having fun!)

As you'll see from this edition, there is lots happening on the local golf scene. New faces, new club ownerships and more.

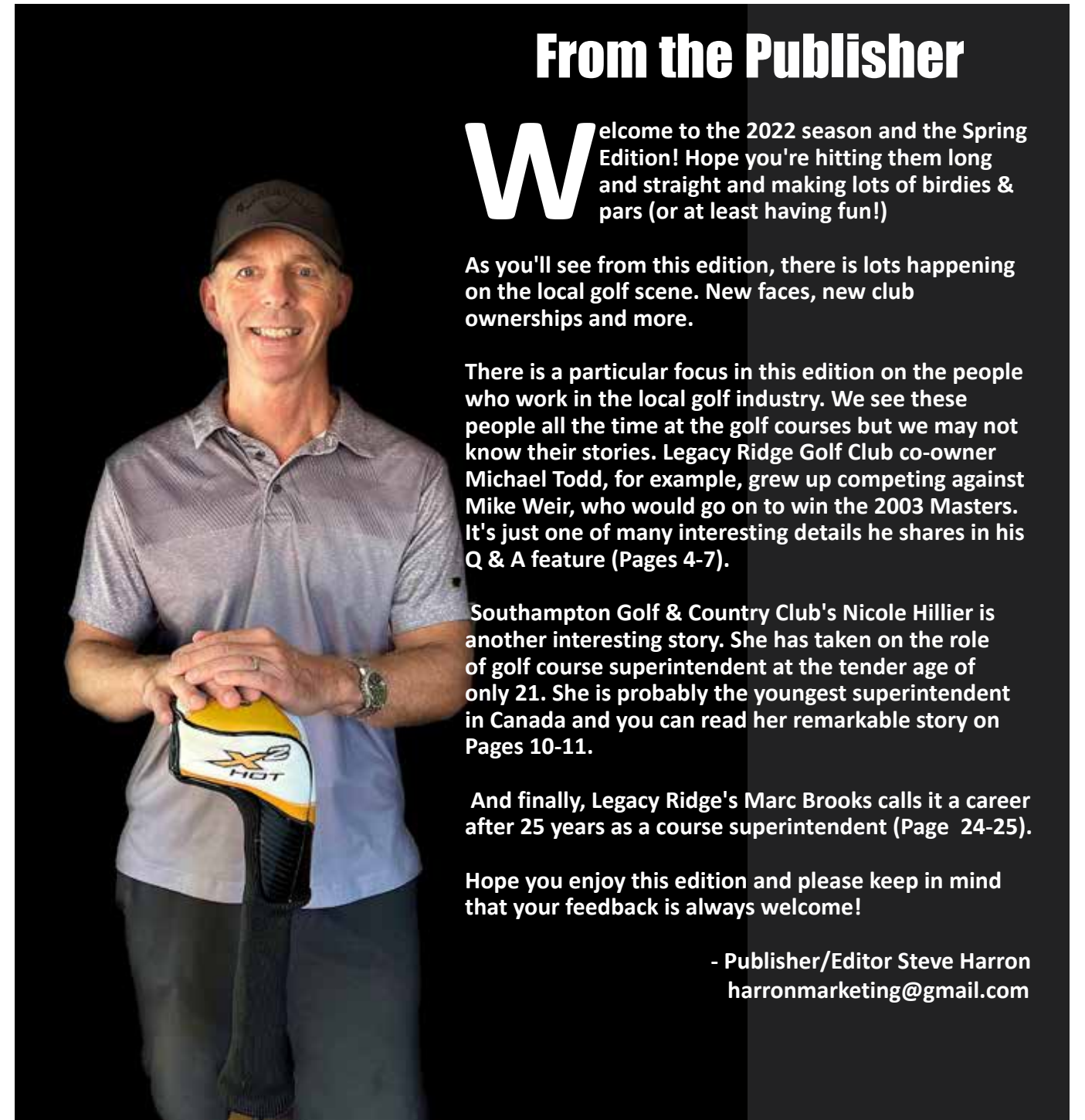
There is a particular focus in this edition on the people who work in the local golf industry. We see these people all the time at the golf courses but we may not know their stories. Legacy Ridge Golf Club co-owner Michael Todd, for example, grew up competing against Mike Weir, who would go on to win the 2003 Masters. It's just one of many interesting details he shares in his Q & A feature (Pages 4-7).

Southampton Golf & Country Club's Nicole Hillier is another interesting story. She has taken on the role of golf course superintendent at the tender age of only 21. She is probably the youngest superintendent in Canada and you can read her remarkable story on Pages 10-11.

And finally, Legacy Ridge's Marc Brooks calls it a career after 25 years as a course superintendent (Page 24-25).

Hope you enjoy this edition and please keep in mind that your feedback is always welcome!

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Q & A WITH

Michael Todd

President and Director of Operations, Legacy Ridge Golf Club

Q: How and where did you get started in golf and was there a particular person who helped with your introduction to the game?

A: I got started when I was about 12 years old. It started when a buddy of mine said “let’s go to the school and hit golf balls.” I had this old Spalding driver and that was it. I was mesmerized by how far this little ball would fly, even if I had no idea where it was going. From there, we bought a used set of clubs and I’d just keep hitting golf balls around. Finally, a neighbour next door offered to take me to the 9 Hole Public Golf Course in St. Thomas, ON where I grew up. From there, I was hooked and the rest is history. That was my introduction to golf!

Q: Can you tell me about your junior golf experience and how you came to be friends with Mike Weir? What was it like competing against him and did you have any sense then that he would make it to the biggest stage in golf? Did you ever beat him in a junior event?

A: I played a lot of junior golf once I turned 13. It started at Talbot Park Golf Club (9-hole public course mentioned above), then became a junior golf member at the St. Thomas Golf & Country Club, a Stanley Thompson gem about 10 minutes south of St. Thomas. I played a lot through my teens. It was all I wanted to do. My junior golf experience involved playing the local Tyson Tour junior circuit (Greater London and area). I was fortunate enough to win it in 1988. I also played provincial junior events and American Junior Golf Association events in the United States. Lots of great memories! I was actually really good friends with Mike Weir’s long-time caddy Brennan Little. Brennan caddied for Mike for 10 years or so, including his Masters win in 2003. Brennan was my age and from St. Thomas as well. We played a bunch of golf together over the years. Mike was from Sarnia and the same age. That was our connection. We all knew Mike was going to go on to bigger things. I’m not sure anyone knew to what extreme. Mike was the top junior player in those days. He’s gone on to do alright for himself! I don’t recall if I ever beat him in a junior event (likely not, hahahaha). I do remember playing him in a match one time. It was the Les Thomas Memorial event where you played two rounds of stroke play and then you advanced to match play. I drew Mike in the first round. I remember he was 1-up on me with two holes to go. I was taking him to the end. I had a chance when nobody was giving me one. We stand up on the par-3 17th hole and he hit it a foot from the hole. It was a dagger. The match was over. Very memorable to this day.

Q: You were in the wedding party with Mike Weir when his caddy Brennan Little got married but since then have you been able to stay in touch with Mike?

A: I was. In Dallas, TX the summer of 2003, the year Mike won the Masters. It was a fun and pretty cool experience. He was just one of us. The last time I saw Mike was in 2018 at the Taylor Made Canada Grand Opening in Toronto. Brennan and I, stay in touch. We have a lot in common. He’s always been a great friend; it’s just we live so far apart now.

Q: After your junior career, what was the next step in your golf career?

A: I went away to Coastal Carolina College in Conway, S.C. and was still chasing the dream of playing professional golf. I got educated and also realized, to a higher degree, there were a lot of great golfers trying to do the exact same thing as me. I asked myself “do you really want to grind it out to just try and make ends meet? Or do you want to get involved in the golf industry in some capacity and have a steady flow of income?” I chose the latter. To this day, I know I made the right decision. Golf has been good to me. Hopefully I’ve been good to it as well.

Q: You started off as an associate pro at St. Thomas Golf and Country Club, but came to Owen Sound in 1999, I believe. Can you tell me about your decision to leave St. Thomas – your hometown – and make the move to Owen Sound?

A: Well, first of all, St. Thomas was great to me as well. My hometown, growing up there as a kid, all the members, working for Head Professional Dan Campbell. St. Thomas Golf & Country Club still holds a special place in my heart. Actually, I took my family back there to play a couple years ago for the first time. It was a really cool moment for me. As for the move to Owen Sound? I wanted to be a Head Professional. Stone Tree provided me with that opportunity. I had never been to Owen Sound before. Honestly, the plan was only to be here for 2-3 years and then move on. Well, nearly 23 years later, I’m still here. Owen Sound has been very good to me also!

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Q: After many years as a Head Golf professional and Director of Operations at Stone Tree and Legacy Ridge, you were faced with a new challenge in 2016. How difficult was the decision to make the leap into golf course ownership at Legacy Ridge and has it worked as you had hoped?

A: It wasn't a difficult decision at all. It was an exciting time in my life. I had two other business partners with exceptional skill sets that helped complement myself and Legacy Ridge. Now with the recent retirement of Marc Brooks (Superintendent), it remains Bert Leeder and I. So yes, as we enter our 7th year of ownership, I would say it has gone very well to date. The pandemic was good for the golf industry. It meant more people took up the game and also allowed those who played occasionally an opportunity to play more often. The other big thing is seeing a demographic age shift with more and more younger adults (age 19-40) playing more. You can also include junior golfers as well (age 18 and under). It's so nice to see the future of our great game. Golf is in a good place right now. It's a huge complement to people's lifestyles. The recreational, social, physical and mental health benefits speak volumes!



Michael Todd with his family. From left are, Alexa, Jayden, Michael, Allison and Ella.

Q: You are responsible for many aspects of the operation at Legacy, but you still find time for teaching golf and participating with members in league play. How important is it to you to still be involved in those aspects of the operation?

You are correct, I am responsible for a lot of things here at Legacy Ridge. That being said, I don't do it alone. We have a great team that is composed of a lot of wonderful people. Sam McEvenue - Golf Operations, Shay Playter - Administration/Food and Beverage, Mark Hagedorn - Course Superintendent and Property Manager, Melissa Sarazin - Chef and Kitchen Manager, and their teams. We really pride ourselves on hiring great people. Hats off to them. They make my life easier and are truly appreciated. As for teaching and playing, I've always loved helping people get better. I don't see that going away. Playing golf and how I play is still very important to me. I try to play a couple times a week, either with some members in Men's League, with my family or in

events. I'm trying to balance my time with the things that matter most to me. As long as I'm a golf professional, I will always feel it is my duty and desire to teach, club fit, play, educate and do whatever I can to help make a golfer's experience positive.

Q: Outside of golf, what are your interests and hobbies?

A: I still like to play hockey. I love sports. First thing in the morning, I'll look at sports scores before I open the news. I still run a bit and spin on my spin bike. I'm on the back 9 of life now, I have to do my part to keep it going as long as I can. Another hobby that is a little newer to me is grilling. My family will attest that I don't cook, but I do enjoy my smoker! I've helped contribute to some damn good meals (hahahaha).

Q: I'm sure it's hard to pick a favourite, but is there a particular golf experience you've had that is most memorable to you? (If you can't pick just one maybe the top 3)?

A: Oh geez, I've had many. I don't even think I can pick just three. I've been to the Masters in Augusta for an entire week. I've been to a couple of President's Cups with lots of great stories hanging with players and caddies (thanks to Brennan and Mike). I had many great experiences at high end golf courses throughout North America over the years. Most recently, we have done a Pro-Am at Casa de Campo (Teeth of the Dog) in LaRomana, Dominican Republic with some members. It's a world class experience. There is still lots on my bucket list. To be continued!

Q: What is your dream golf foursome?

It's actually a fivesome. My wife Allison and my three kids Jayden, Alexa and Ella.



New head pro at Hawk Ridge

Greg Hickey is the new head pro at Hawk Ridge Golf Club near Orillia. The former pro hockey player and long-time golf pro previously worked as General Manager and Head Pro at Braestone Club (the former Orillia Golf and Country Club). Hickey is excited about working at the 45-hole facility, which was purchased late last year by Liv Communities, a Burlington-based housing developer. After a long hockey career which included several years in the American Hockey League and one game in the NHL with the New York Rangers, Hickey became a Class A golf pro in 1986.



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Age no barrier

21-year-old Nicole Hillier is probably the youngest course superintendent in the country

By Steve Harron
Golf BruceGreySimcoe

What may be even more incredible than being appointed a golf course superintendent at age 21 is the fact that Nicole Hillier has eight years of experience with the greenskeeping crew at Southampton Golf and Country Club.

"I started when I was 13 and I'd get off the school bus, cut greens, tees or aprons then go home and do my homework," she said in a recent interview. The Allenford resident, who is likely the youngest golf course superintendent in the country, was appointed to the position this season.

Nicole initially took the job on the greenskeeping crew just to earn some extra money while going to high school but she soon found out she loved working outdoors. A big turning point was when she started working with John Stein. "He was a great mentor," she said about the former course superintendent who passed away earlier this year. "He was a really great guy and heavily influenced my decision to make a career out of it. Without him I would still just be cutting grass."

She served as his assistant superintendent for four years and during that time studied for exams to get the certifications she needed to work as a superintendent. Although she never went away for post-secondary schooling, she passed her Landscape Exterminators exam through the University of Guelph and also received her Integrated Pest Management certification.

She admits that it's a "little crazy" working as a course superintendent at such a young age but she feels fortunate to have such a good crew, most of whom are older than her. "It's an incredible job - the life lessons are amazing," she said. "I hope I can make John (Stein) proud."



New management at the Club at Bond Head

The Club at Bond Head, a 36-hole facility just west of Highway 400 between Aurora and Barrie, opened this season under new management.

Late last year GolfNorth Properties, Canada's largest consolidator of public golf courses, signed a long-term agreement to lease the facility.

The club offers two courses, designed by the renowned architectural firm of Hurdzan-Fry. The South Course has frequently been ranked in the Score Top 100, and the list of the top 59 public courses in the nation.

The South Course takes its inspiration from the links-style courses of Great Britain. It features wide open fairways, challenging well-placed bunkers, and fescue roughs. It opened in 2005 and was named "Best New Course in Canada" by Travel & Leisure Golf, and one of the "Top New Courses" by Golf Digest. The South Course is presided over by a palatial clubhouse and is also the site of a state-of-the-art driving range and teaching facility.

The parkland-style North Course opened the next season (2006) and was selected as the "Top Public Golf Course in the GTA" by the Toronto Star. It creates a completely different feel, with dramatic elevation changes, spectacular vistas, and small, undulating greens.

The Club at Bond Head is now part of the GolfNorth multi-course membership program, giving Bond Head members access to over 30 Ontario courses, including Batteaux Creek (Collingwood), Settlers' Ghost (Barrie) and The Ridge at Manitou (McKellar) to name a few. The full roster of GolfNorth courses is available at www.golfnorth.ca

Both courses will remain open to the public for golf – but also for dining, charity events, corporate outings, weddings, tournaments, and meetings. Everyone is invited to experience the hospitality, service, cuisine, elegant surroundings, and attentive staff. The Clubhouse is open year-round.

The Giampaolo Group are the founders, developers, and owners of The Club at Bond Head, and they are proud of this property. Vice President Todd Kerr explained, "We have seen what GolfNorth has accomplished with respect to the resurrection of Cape Breton Highlands, The Ridge at Manitou, and other courses that they operate – and we're eager to see what can be accomplished here."

Chris Galifi (COO of the Giampaolo Group) agrees, "The Giampaolo Group is excited to join forces with GolfNorth at the Club at Bond Head, as they have a proven track record of strengthening facilities and the golfer experience. We are looking forward to the next successful chapter with GolfNorth and Bond Head."

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New head pro at Saugeen Golf Club

Aaron Brush previously worked at Brampton Golf Club and Devil's Pulpit Golf Association

Born and raised in Brampton, Aaron Brush's golf journey started as an 8-year old playing courses in Muskoka. After introducing him to the game, Aaron's father quickly noticed his passion and dedication for the sport.

With Aaron's family growing up in Muskoka, Aaron spent many summers in cottage country where he got the chance to grow his passion for all things outdoors, including golf. This led him to competitive golf, where Aaron won his very first junior event and decided to never look back!

In 2006, Aaron started work in the golf industry as a member of the Course and Grounds Team at Lake Joseph Golf Club. The following summer Aaron began working

closer to home, as a Maintenance Team member at Parkshore Golf Club.

In 2008, Aaron began, what turned into, a 10 year relationship with the Devil's Pulpit Golf Association, now formally known as the Pulpit Club. During this time, Aaron graduated from the Professional Golf Management Program at Georgian College (2010), where he developed a passion for sales, as well as a high knowledge of marketing and course design.

Aaron was also able to advance his career, by becoming a Class A Member of the PGA of Canada, as well as an accomplished player, coach, club-fitter and event manager.

In 2019, Aaron joined Brampton Golf Club, where he was able to advance his position throughout the three seasons he spent with them. During his time there he worked under many great senior managers, such as Ray Lange, Emerson Mahoney, and Patrick Yashar.

This summer Aaron is getting married to Jessica, who he has been with for almost six years!

On his own time, Aaron likes to travel, stay active, play hockey, snowmobile, go to concerts and sporting events.

His family members are huge sports fans and they hope the Maple Leafs some day make it past the first round of playoffs!



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Twenty golf clubs from the BruceGreySimcoe region are scheduled to compete this year in the Senior Ryder Cup, Canada's largest senior men's team golf competition. The team events will take place over the summer with the regional playoff taking place Aug. 15 at Barrie County Club. The championship will be held Sept. 18-19 at Lookout Point CC.

The divisions that include BGS clubs (in black) are as follows:

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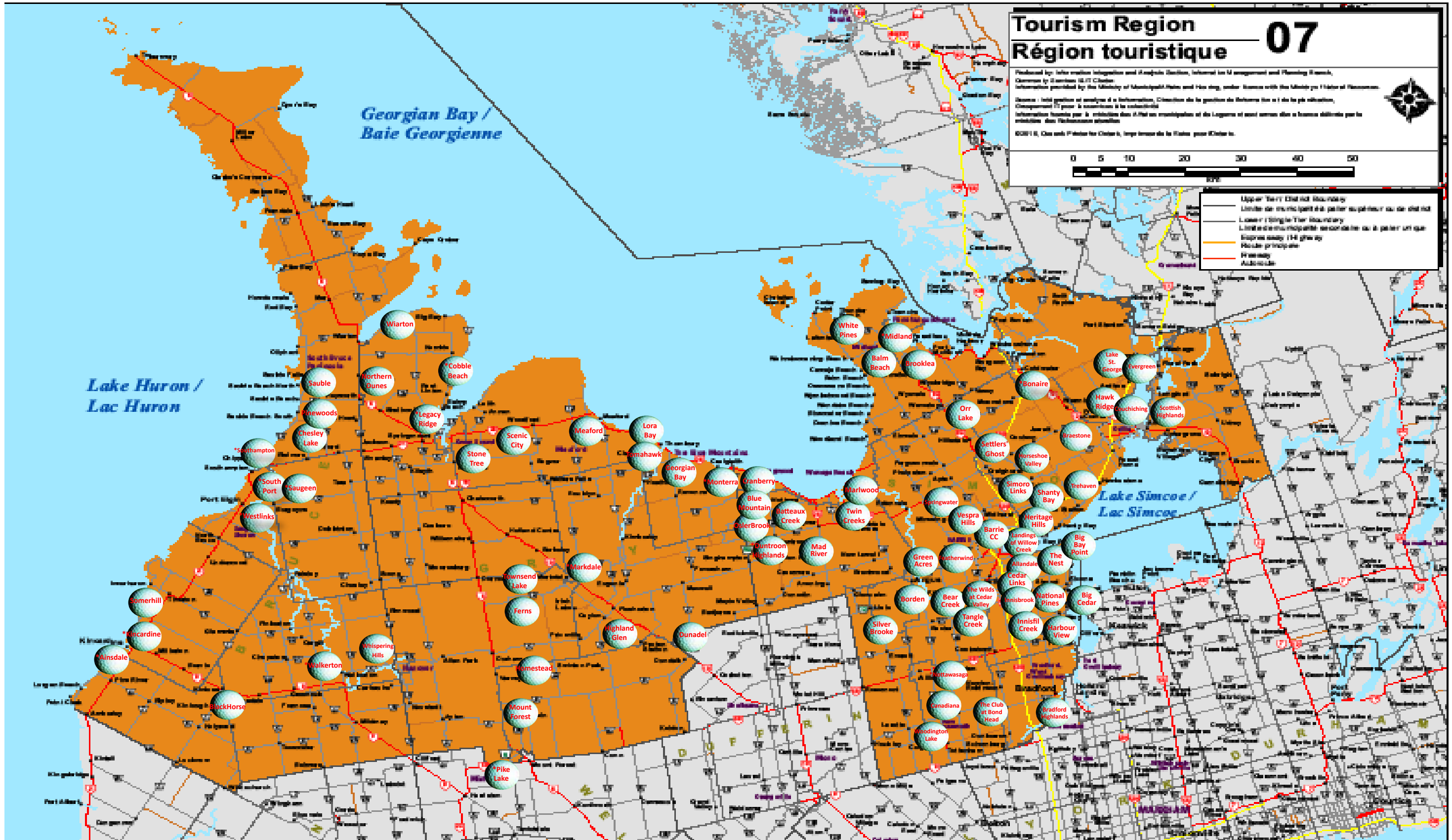
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Provincial championships coming to area

Three Ontario amateur championships, six qualifying events and a PGA Tour Canada tournament are coming to the BruceGreySimcoe region this season.

The Ontario Disabilities Championship is scheduled for Aug. 25-26 at Woodington Lake Golf Club near Tottenham and the Senior Women's Championship Aug. 26-28 at Midland Golf and Country Club.

The third provincial championship is the Ontario Women's Four-Ball event on Sept. 19 at Settlers' Ghost Golf Club in the Horseshoe Valley area of Simcoe.

The schedule for the local qualifiers is as follows:

May 12 – Ontario Men's and Senior Men's Match Play Championship qualifier at Blue Mountain Golf and Country Club

May 16 – Ontario Mid-Amateur Championship qualifier at Cobble Beach Golf Links

May 26 – Ontario Men's and Senior Men's Match Play Championship qualifier at Tangle Creek Golf and Country Club.

June 5 – Ontario Junior Boys Championship qualifier at Batteaux Creek Golf Club near Collingwood.

June 5 - Ontario Men's Amateur qualifier at Batteaux Creek

June 30 – Ontario Junior Boys Match Play qualifier at Blue Mountain Golf and Country Club.

Another big tournament coming to BGS is the PGA Tour Canada's Ontario Open, which will be held July 28-31 at Woodington Lake Golf Club in Tottenham.

The tour, which began in 2013 as the PGA TOUR's second International Tour, has seen 14 of its alums win 16 PGA TOUR titles, while 46 past PGA TOUR Canada players have collected 49 total Korn Ferry Tour victories.



New faces at Cobble Beach



B.J. Oliver



James Wicketts



Jon McKeon

Head Golf Professional BJ Oliver, who grew up in the Grey-Bruce area, is among the new faces at Cobble Beach Golf Links this season.

He participated in the Grey Bruce Junior Tour where he developed his passion and love for the game of golf.

He turned pro after graduating from the Professional Golf Management program at Niagara College in 2012. BJ boasts a great resume of clubs he has worked at and he has a strong background in customer service and member experience.

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After joining the PGA of Canada, he spent 7 years at Westmount Golf & Country Club where he grew through the professional ranks from an Assistant to the Lead Associate Professional. He then went on to work at the Credit Valley Golf & Country Club for 3 seasons as Lead Associate.

He has a keen interest in helping other players develop their game while continuing to play and keep his game at a high level.

As part of his role, he will take the lead at Cobble for retail and the outside operation.

Also joining the golf team is James Wicketts, who will be the Head Teaching Professional.

James' career as a PGA of Canada Class A Professional has brought him back to the Grey Bruce area after honing his instructional, coaching, and business skills in Georgian Bay and Southwestern Ontario.

As a life-long learner, James continued his professional development through the PGA of Canada National Teaching Certification, Levels 1, 2, 3, and is a Trained Certified Club Fitter with Titleist, Ping, Callaway, TaylorMade and Mizuno.

He previously worked as the Associate Professional and Director of Instruction at OslerBrook Golf and Country Club where he developed the OslerBrook Golf Academy and the Junior Program. As the Associate Professional and Head Teaching Professional at The Golf Club at Lora Bay, James developed the Academy at Lora Bay. He also spent 8 years with GOLFTEC as a Certified Personal Coach where he was top of class at GOLFTEC University and maintained a high standard of instruction, coaching, and client service.

Also new to Cobble Beach is Jon McKeon, who was hired over the winter as General Manager of Resort Operations. He grew up in London Ont. and after graduating from the University of Western Ontario, worked in Muskoka, Whistler, Australia, and the Bahamas.

In 2012, he found a long-term home at the Drake Hotel in downtown Toronto, where he progressed from the role of Front Desk Supervisor to the Assistant General Manager. For the past two years, he worked at Tofino Resort and Marina on Vancouver Island in British Columbia.

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Wrapping up 'super' career

Marc Brooks retires after 25 years working as course superintendent

Marc Brooks is keen to experience something most of us take for granted - summer vacations.

"A career as a golf superintendent means no summer holidays so my wife Carolin and I are looking forward to travelling throughout Canada in seasons other than winter," Brooks said shortly after announcing his retirement from his position at Legacy Ridge Golf Club near Owen Sound.

Marc was the Superintendent at Stone Tree from 1998-2015. He was also instrumental in the acquisition and revitalization of Legacy Ridge in 2012. In 2016, he became a shareholder of Legacy Ridge Golf Club Inc. along with Bert Leeder and Michael Todd.

Golf BruceGreySimcoe recently asked him some questions about his career and plans for retirement:

Q: Could you list your previous positions in the golf industry and the years you held those positions?

A: I began playing the game at Norfolk Golf & Country Club in Simcoe, Ontario at age 13 and started working at the Nanticoke Golf & CC in 1984. My first superintendent job was at New Liskeard Golf & CC in 1987. I moved on to Bear Creek Golf & CC in Strathroy for 10 years, Sawmill Creek Golf Club for 1 year of construction, then moved to Owen Sound in 1998 to Stone Tree. I have been at Legacy Ridge for the past 10 years, the last 6 years as part owner with Michael Todd and Bert Leeder, which has been great.

Q: Can you list a few highlights from your career?



Marc Brooks retires after 25 years as a golf course superintendent.

I've had the pleasure to host many great golf tournaments and events over the years. My involvement with Wounded Warriors Canada is certainly a highlight, as were two trips to The Masters. I have worked for and with many incredible people over the years. Working for the Balnar family, out of Guelph, is also at the top of the list – Frank Balnar, Jana Pollard and Mike Balnar. The golf superintendent profession has allowed me to forge friendships with many incredible peers and mentors across Canada. One of the greatest aspects of the profession is the unending cooperation between golf courses. Golf supers are truly in this together and give unselfishly to one another.

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Q: What were the factors leading to your decision to retire at this point?

A: I grew up on a farm in Simcoe, Ontario and began working at age 9 hoeing and picking tomatoes on my uncle's farm. Here we are 50 years later and I want to do more for others in our community, my family and friends.

Q: What are your plans for retirement?

A: My son Wendel and his wife Amanda are expecting their first child, which is very exciting. I have been helping with renovations to their house. My son Forrest and his girlfriend Rachel are moving to Calgary this summer and we are looking forward to visiting with them. A career as a golf superintendent means no summer holidays so my wife Carolin and I are looking forward to travelling throughout Canada in seasons other than winter! I've been helping my good friends in Bognor at Willow Farm Grasses. I'm also planning on volunteering with Habitat for Humanity.

Q: Will you remain a part owner at Legacy Ridge? Will we still see you around the club working on your golf game?

A: I am leaving my position and ownership stake at Legacy Ridge. I've always loved the game of golf and I'm looking forward to playing in retirement.

Q: Will you continue to be involved in the Wounded Warriors tournament?

A: We've decided to take a pause with the tournament this year but I will be looking to find a title sponsor and get it going again next year.



Mark Hagedorn: new superintendent at Legacy.

If you think you might be interested in being a sponsor for the tournament please contact me at mcbrooks2022@gmail.com

Q: Any final thoughts on your career and working in the golf business for so many years?

A: It has been rewarding to work with so many young people over the years and help them foster a strong work ethic. It has truly been a privilege. Many, many members over the years have been so kind to me, recognizing the hard work and dedication required to be successful in the golf maintenance business. I look forward to consulting and mentoring to help others succeed!

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Taking on his duties as Golf Course Superintendent and Property Manager is Mark Hagedorn, who has been Legacy's Head Mechanic and Assistant Superintendent for more than six years.

"Mark is a superintendent by trade and has a wealth of knowledge within our industry," Legacy stated in announcing his appointment.

"In addition, he is familiar and compatible with our Team here at Legacy Ridge. Mark's awareness of our infrastructure and standard levels make him the obvious succession choice."

AROUND THE CLUBS

What's new at area golf courses

Ainsdale Golf Course

The Chuck Taylor 2-Day Ryder Cup is back this season. The event is scheduled for June 11 & June 12 and will feature teams drafted by team captains Chuck and Taylor Candler, owners of the Kincardine-area course. In other Ainsdale news, the bar area has been completed renovated this season.



Shaemos Campbell
Duntroon Highlands

Shaemos Campbell is the new Course Superintendent for Duntroon Highlands Golf. Shaemos will be overseeing all course maintenance and ongoing improvements.

Cobble Beach Golf Links

A qualifier for the Ontario Men's Mid-Amateur Championship was held May 16 at Cobble Beach Golf Links. The qualifiers included three golfers from the BruceGreySimcoe region. Tim Middleton and Ernie Vettese of Barrie Country Club and Dustin Olyan of The Nest at Friday Harbour near Barrie all tied for 11th after shooting 77 (+5). In the 2nd alternate position is Steve Knoch of OslerBrook Golf & Country Club. He also shot 77. The winner was Colin Wright of Dundas Valley Golf and Curling Club who fired a 68 (-4). The Mid-Amateur championship will be held June 21-23 at Spring Lakes Golf Club near Stouffville.



Steve Kennedy

Stone Tree Golf & Fitness Club

Steve Kennedy has been hired as golf course superintendent at Stone Tree. He has worked in the golf course industry since he was a teenager and has taken the Golf Course Technician program at Seneca College. He has lived in the Durham area his whole life and previously worked at Homestead Golf & Winter Resort. Steve and his wife have two children. During Steve's free time he enjoys golfing, ATVing and snowmobiling.

Midland Golf & Country Club

The club is holding a tournament on May 29 to celebrate its 103rd birthday. The scramble format event includes 18 holes of golf, power cart, on-course contests, barbecue lunch, loot bags, cake and other prizes. Cost is \$100 for guests, \$40 for members. Call the pro shop for more details (705-526-5822 x-2).



Steve Irving

Legacy Ridge Golf Club

Irving inducted into Sports Hall of Fame

Steve Irving, widely considered one of Owen Sound's most accomplished male golfers, was inducted into the city's Sports Hall of Fame last month. Irving played in two Canadian Tour PGA events and numerous national and provincial amateur championships. He had a bronze medal finish in 2017 at the Ontario Senior Men's Champion of Champions tournament at Heron Point. He qualified and played in 13 Ontario Amateur Championships and two Canadian Amateur Championships. Locally, Irving is an 11-time winner of the Owen Sound Golf and Country Club Men's Championship (victories span from 1978 to 2010) and a four-time winner of the Legacy Ridge Golf and Country Club Senior Men's Championship (2016-2019). He played collegiately with the Georgian Grizzlies and was a three-time Ontario Men's collegiate champion (1981-83). He's already a member of the Ontario Collegiate Sports Hall of Fame.

Crime Stoppers tourney Aug. 11

Hall of Famer Doug Gilmour among the celebrity players



Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce will hold its 30th Annual fundraising golf tournament this year and among the celebrities scheduled to attend is NHL Hall of Famer and former Leaf captain Doug Gilmour. The event is scheduled for Aug. 11 at

Saugeen Golf Club. With it being the 30th Anniversary, each golfer will receive an anniversary keepsake. The tournament, which was first held on June 3, 1993, has raised close to \$560,000 in support of Crime Stoppers.

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Baywest Toyota's Hole-in-One Club

It's still early in the season, but we've had a few aces already.

May 8 - Member Linda Barfoot on #8 at Legacy Ridge Golf Club.

April 24 - Member David Bringleson on #2 at Legacy Ridge Golf Club. He was playing with friends Tyler, Brock and Eric. David now has recorded 2 aces at Legacy Ridge! His first came in the summer of 2020 on the 8th Hole. With the front 9 par 3s checked off his list, he has his eyes set on holes 12, 14 and 17!

If you or someone you know scores an ace please send the details to harronmarketing@gmail.com Just need the basic details: Date, hole #, yardage, club used and names of playing partners.



David Bringleson after his ace on #8 at Legacy Ridge Golf Club.



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