

Board Members in Attendance

John Stanton Jr. - President  
John Foottit - Secretary/VP  
Tom Reynolds - Finance  
Peter Beerli - Greens  
Dave Evans - House  
Don Green - Club Captain  
Kim Ridpath - Ladies Representative

Staff in Attendance

Dan Kolar - Manager  
Bill Hudson - Greenskeeper

**Decision Record**

1. The meeting was convened at 6 PM.
2. Brian Bond, a member and retired engineer, presented a summary of his findings with regard to the problem of very high sound levels in the main lounge and bar area when larger groups of people are present. Brian's research extended to an investigation of professional consultants and to the results of sound mitigation steps taken by 2 other clubs: the Britannia Yacht Club and the Ottawa Hunt.
3. Essentially, steps need to be taken to reduce the reverberation of particular sound frequencies off hard surfaces, especially the windows and the ceiling (which is shaped along the lines of a bandshell that is designed to carry sound). Brian was asked to verify that a formal study by Integral DX Engineering would meet the club's needs for objective information and, if so, to proceed with arranging for this company to conduct such a study. The total cost is

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estimated at \$1500. This analysis is confidently expected to give us the means to assess which contractor would be best for actually installing sound tiles and absorption panels, as the acoustic consulting firms do not do this work.

4. The Board thanked Brian for the extensive work that he has put into this project. Volunteers are what make our governance model work and Brian has been a sterling example.
5. The Treasurer presented an update on our financial status as of the end of June. We do not anticipate a surplus this year, but are tracking ahead of budget, primarily because of increases in bar sales and green fee/cart rental revenue over last year.
6. The Greens Chair presented an update on the work of the Irrigation Committee that was formed in mid-June to provide recommendations to the Board. Our thanks to members Ian Edwards, Jane France, and John Minter for volunteering to serve.
  - We have scoped out the work that will be required and a detailed list of questions and activities will be drawn up at our next meeting;
  - There are 2 potential equipment suppliers with Ottawa offices: Toro (Turf Care) and Rainbird. We have met with the former and received a detailed briefing on the products that they offer.
  - A meeting with Rainbird is scheduled for the 13th of July.
  - If a decision to proceed to a vote by the members is taken, the committee will produce an extensive information paper prior the the fall AGM.

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7. The Manager advised the Board that we frequently run out of power carts and players must wait for a cart to be returned before they can tee off. During the last 2 weeks of June, we ran out of power carts on 6 days. In the first 11 days of July, we ran out of carts on 7 days.. The Greenskeeper and Greens Chair advised that Turf Care has ten 2016 carts in stock that we could purchase to alleviate this problem. Given our financial outlook and that the 2016 season is well advanced, the Board elected to defer this decision until next year.
8. The Greenskeeper advised that we have experienced 3 power cart failures; all associated with a wiring harness that is too short. Turf Care/Yamaha have supplied us with some new wiring harnesses that will rectify the problem and have fully covered all costs associated with doing so. The Board directed the Greens Chair to ensure that all of our carts are appropriately modified before the end of their 5-year warranty period.
9. Given that we only host about 2 or 3 large events each year that would require a dance floor and a concern that a permanent dance area would add to our sound reverberation problem, the Board decided to rely on a portable surface that we own. The Manager was directed to expand its coverage area.
10. The Board also directed the Manager to provide both a notification on Buz and to send out an e-mail “blast” to all members whenever an unscheduled event is booked that would affect member access to tee times and/or the clubhouse.

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11. The Manager will arrange for a designated area in the main lounge for use by groups who want to be partially segregated from other members and green fee players.
12. The Board is looking at potential suppliers of kitchen services, including the current contractor, Wendy MacDonald. Her contract is up at the end of this calendar year. A Request for Proposals (RFP) is being prepared by the House Chair. It will include a requirement for table service that would begin in the 2017 playing year.
13. The House Chair, with assistance from Kim Ridpath, will undertake a survey of all plaques and trophies, with a view to mounting some of them in the cabinet at the east end of the lounge. Club Champions' pictures will be hung in the main stairwell. Additional photos will be re-located to the lower floor area in the expectation that we will need as much free wall space as possible to mount sound absorption panels.
14. A decision to order 50 bound copies of the club history book was taken, although only 37 people have so far signed up for a copy. Some surplus copies will be given to the author, Joe McLean, in recognition of the extensive work that he has put into this project. The remainder will be offered for sale in the Pro Shop.
15. A bevelled aluminum strip has been fitted between the carpeting and the tiles in the front entrance hall, to mitigate the risk of someone tripping over the slightly elevated edge that is between these two surfaces.
16. The Greens Committee has recommended the removal of the 2 trees that are about 100 yards directly in front of the ninth tee box on the Almonte side. The Board elected instead to have the Greenskeeper trim some of the larger branches from this stand. This step may be sufficient for the many players who use the gold tees who cannot hit over these trees and are

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presented with a very narrow target between this stand of trees and another that is offset to the left on this hole.

17. In recognition of the fact that the Sunshine Boys paid \$1000 toward the total cost of \$2500 for our new flagpole, the club will note their contribution on a small plaque that will be installed later this year.
18. The Greenskeeper was tasked with regularly inspecting the pace-of-play clocks to ensure that they are set correctly.
19. A copy of the Greenskeeper's report is attached, along with our rates.
20. The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be on Tuesday 9 August 2016 at 6 PM at the Myers dealership in Kanata.
21. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

John Foottit/Secretary/VP

If any member has a question or a concern, please contact me at:

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### **Greenskeeper's Report**

Greens are being double cut daily at .125. They will be rolled at least three times a week weather permitting. They are stimping at approximately 9. Single cutting takes approximately 2.5 hours while double cutting takes approximately four hours. Single rolling takes 2.5 hours and double 4 hours. We have begun venting the greens once a week, usually on Mondays. This allows water to penetrate and not run off, and allows air into the canopy.

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Putting green speeds fluctuate because of factors such as temperature, humidity and the different maintenance practices. There are many variables that affect turf grass growth and putting speed and what is possible to achieve at one time of year under certain conditions may be impossible at other times.

Unquestionably the biggest variable affecting turf health and playability is the weather. Air and soil temperatures both have an impact on growth rates as well as moisture and humidity. Rain or irrigation especially combined with fertilizer application can stimulate extra growth. This can be magnified under warm conditions with the result being increased surface resistance and reduced ball roll. Hot humid conditions cause turf grass leaves to retain moisture and remain fat resulting in reduced green speed. Dry windy conditions can cause wilt which reduces surface resistance and increases putting speed. Putting speed will vary from day to day merely as a result of weather influences and the seasonal changes turf undergoes.

Maintenance practices also have a major effect on speed. Mowing and rolling increase putting green speed. Application of topdressing needed to dilute organic matter and smooth putting green surfaces can initially slow putting green speeds, while a day or two afterwards green speeds often get faster than they were prior to application. The same is true of vertical mowing and brushing. These practices stand the turf up and prevent the development of grain.

Growing environments, soil conditions and applications of plant growth regulators, plant protectants and fertilizer are just a few factors. Anything that affects turf growth affects putting green speed.

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We constantly juggle maintenance practices with the weather. It is impossible to maintain a consistent putting green speed every day of the season.

Traps will be raked and maintained on a more regular basis now that the high school students are back so Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday will be the days they get raked.

We extended the French drain in front of 10 green as it was getting quite wet with all the irrigation we have been doing on the green.

Grubs are a significant problem and the situation is not improving with the weather. European chafer adult flights began around June 20th this summer and flights have been continuing every evening since then. They usually peak around Canada Day. From now on there should be a decline in adult numbers until mid-late July. June beetles appear to have finished flying. As with European chafer eggs hatch and the immature grubs feed on turf grass roots from August until mid-November or later, then emerge in spring and feed until mid to late May.

The current dry conditions may have an impact on grub egg laying. If dry conditions continue many of the white grub species may delay egg-laying. The females are able to detect when soil moisture is very low and they can hold on to their eggs until soil moisture conditions improve. So I am delaying applying the insecticide for a few weeks. These insecticides are systemic, the active ingredient has to be taken into the plant and roots to kill grubs feeding on the roots. If the turf is dormant it will not be taking up the insecticide.

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There were tests done in 2012 where half the plots were irrigated and half were not. There was no rain from June 20 until July 24th. What was found anecdotally was that the irrigated plots had significantly more grubs than the non-irrigated plots. They did not know whether it was preferential egg-laying in the irrigated plots or poor egg and larval survival in the non-irrigated plots.

What I plan to do is apply in the rough where the grass is green and actively growing, and a circle around each fairway for now and see what the weather does and if the turf comes out of dormancy in the rough with more rain.

### **2016 RATES**

**NOTE: All Rates are + HST**

#### 18 Holes

18 Hole Green Fee (Public)	\$47.00
18 Hole (Guest of member)	\$45.00
Twilight (after 1pm daily)	\$30.00
Monday Twilight Special (after 12pm)	\$30.00
Twilight (after 4pm daily)	\$22.00
Junior twilight (under age 16 after 4pm daily)	\$10.00

#### 9 Holes

9 Hole Green Fee (Public and Guest of Member)	\$30.00
9 Hole Twilight after 1pm (Guest of member)	\$25.00
Men's/Ladies night (Guest of member)	\$25.00

#### **Power Cart**

18 holes (Member)	\$30.09
18 holes (Public)	\$32.00
9 holes (Member)	\$16.81
9 holes (Public)	\$18.00



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Men's'/Ladies' night (9 holes)	\$12.83
18 Hole Single Rider (Member)	\$22.57
18 Hole Single Rider (Public)	\$24.00
9 Hole Single Rider (Member)	\$12.83
9 Hole Single Rider (Public)	\$13.00

Twilight Cart (With Purchase of a Green Fee)  
\$20.00

### **Power Cart Packages:**

1 <sup>st</sup> Member Cart Card	20 x 9 holes	\$240.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Member Cart Card	20 x 9 holes	\$225.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Member Cart Card **	20 x 9 holes	\$210.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Member Cart Card	20 x 9 holes	\$195.00
5 <sup>th</sup> Member Cart Card	20 x 9 holes	\$180.00
6 <sup>th</sup> Member Cart Card	20 x 9 holes	\$165.00
7 <sup>th</sup> Member Cart Card	20 x 9 holes	\$150.00

*\*\* Members with a medical certificate would start at \$210 for their first cart card.*

*Single Rider members with cart packages can pay \$5 for a second nine (instead of using a ticket)*

### **Reciprocal Agreements: (Excluding carts)**

Arnprior	\$25.00
Brockville	\$30.00
Outouais	\$25.00
Perth	\$25.00
Renfrew (\$40 + HST with cart)	\$25.00

*Arrange tee times through the Mississippi Pro Shop 2 days in advance.*

## 2016 Mississippi Membership Fee Structure

Single: Membership fee \*\* \$1,510.00

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Food Money \* 150.00

Club Storage \* 90.00

Golf Canada HDCP \* 27.50

TOTAL: \$1,777.50

Couple: Membership fee \*\* \$2,660.00

Food Money \* 300.00

Club Storage \* 180.00

Golf Canada HDCP \* 55.00

TOTAL: \$3,195.00

Limited Play: Membership fee \*\*\* \$1,100.00

Golf Canada HDCP \* 27.50

TOTAL: \$1,127.50

Junior: (limited availability, includes Golf Canada card)

Age: 10 - 18 \$418.00

10 - 18 378.00 (if parent is a member)

Intermediate: (limited availability, includes Golf Canada card)

Age: 19-29: \$1,027.50

30-39: \$1,127.50

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19-29: \$777.50 (Full Time attendance in School)

- Copy of proof of age is required for junior and intermediate members (attach copy of birth certificate.

- Intermediate members qualify for a \$150 discount if parent(s) is a member, or if applicant is a past member.

- All fees are subject to HST where applicable

\* Compulsory charges.

\*\* Membership fee includes an annual capital assessment of \$300

\*\*\* Limited Play membership available for play Monday to Friday after 12pm. Ladies get a 15% discount owing to men's night on Thursdays

For additional membership information or to join please contact:

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