

Mississippi Golf Club

2017 Men's Closing

Thank You Notes

The 2017 golf season is coming to the end.

It is no doubt that weather was the big factor this year. There were at least 5 days when the course was closed and over 20 days where no carts were allowed on the course. It started early – I cancelled the Men's Opening on the Wednesday before the event as the forecasters correctly predicted in excess of 80 millimetres of rain by the weekend. Some of the storms that barrelled across the course in such a short time were both impressive and scary.

This past year, we hosted the following events

Men's senior Intersectional matches – Tuesday September 5

Junior Intersectional matches – Sunday July 23

Men's Ashley Brown – Wednesday August 16th

Our new senior club champion is Ken Zubricki who outlasted Bill Bennett, beating him by one shot. That was an incredibly wild weekend with the weather that rolled through here on the Saturday.

Kevin Beerli won his first club championship (on his birthday) beating Joey Irvin by one shot. Congratulations to Mike Corbin for winning the B Class Club Championship and to Brian Stanton for winning the C Class Club Championship. The attendance for this year's club championships was better than the previous year.

I need to thank Dan Kolar, Terry Kolar, and Joey Irvin for their assistance in registration, collecting entry fees, making last minute additions to the draw, preparing the prize vouchers and for donating closest to hole prizes for some of the events.

Thanks to Bill Hudson and the entire greens crew for the fantastic effort to make this the best golf course in the valley. These course conditions were achieved under a tight budget. Summer rules went into effect June 19. The course received rave reviews from the out of club competitors who played here.

A great deal of thanks is owed to these volunteers who looked after the following areas:

A Class events - Bob Ridpath

B & C Class events - Gary Hobin, Mike Clarkson, Bob McGahey

Senior Events - Reg Plaster

Jarvis Hunton – Greg Hillier & Nick Hillier

Men's Night – Dave Hart, Ron Mathews, Peter Kufske, Ian Edwards, Richard Pragnell (and Bob Rose)

Sunshine Boys – Ric Turner

Member Guest – Gary Hobin & Mike Clarkson

Senior Invitational – Peter O'Connor

Treasurer – Al Seabrook

UVGA Events – Ken Maheral

St. Lawrence – Bob Ridpath

Web site coordinator – Dennis Beaudoin

Mixed Events – Cam McKinnon and myself

Junior Program – Pro Shop staff

I would also like to thank the many individuals who assisted during any event, especially those who helped with the scorekeeping. I would specifically like to thank Ron Mathews, who took a medical leave from golf again this year, but still volunteered to help out with Mississippi hosted events. And to Bob Rose who also volunteered to help out (as long as it was not an early morning duty). And Dave Hart, who was always offering to help out. The assistance is so welcome. I would ask that more members consider helping out in some way ... just ask any of the tournament coordinators ... they will not say no.

I believe the team shirts were another popular choice, even if they were not my first choice.

The Saturday event early in August that has the 3rd rounds of the Quattrocchi, Fraser and Longpre, the 2nd rounds of the Ashley/Brown and Senior Intersectional, and the 1st round of the Senior Club Championships is an exhausting day for all involved. I can't stress this enough - your patience on that day is appreciated in determining if you made a team or not following the play. And this year, the Saturday was even more insane as the storm that rolled through here resulted in the course being unplayable and some firm decisions on how to proceed were required. Again this year, Reg Plaster was involved in the madness of that day – he handled it and did not break.

Regarding the year long match play event - the weather in early May forced the cancellation of the Men's Opening. However, it allowed a change in how the match play would be entered. So, instead of having to play in the Opening, a sign-up sheet was available in the Pro Shop until May 14th where interested players could enter. Two categories only this year – one based on handicaps and one for ages 50 and over. The finals are set – Stan Loach vs Gord Wilson in one event and Steve Kinnari vs Rick Udall in the other. I really liked this change (albeit the decision was sort of made for me) but I believe this is a good precedent for the coming years.

In closing, thank you to all for playing in the club events, for playing in qualifying rounds and for representing the Mississippi Golf Club at outside events and the events we hosted here this year and congratulations to the winners of the 2017 events. .