

Newsletter

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Club Championship Winners
Men's - Spencer Florchuk
Ladies - Kathy McIntosh
Juniors - Ryan Van Hecke

What's up?

Summer is nearing its end, but there are still a lot of good golfing days left! We held two more of our club tournaments in August and had several private events. We found out what it's like to experience an upgrade glitch (sorry again everyone!). This month we wrap up our leagues and begin curling registration.



Members Nick Pekar and Brian Boehm hard at work replacing our benches

Square Board Draw!

Come and enter our draw for a chance to win a Taylor Made putter or wedge! \$20 per square. Winners will be drawn when all squares are filled! Only 16 left!

New Merchandise!

We have several new additions to the Pro Shop, including brands like Travis Matthews, Antiqua, and Nancy Lopez. We beat all Golf Town prices!

Upcoming Events:

September 9th

- Curling Registration Opens
- Early Bird rates from Sept. 9th - 20th

September 14th

- Men's League Windup

September 21st

- Evening Ladies League Windup

September 28th

- Last Chance Tournament Registration is Open

October 14th (Thanksgiving)

- Last operational day at golf course (weather permitting)



Clubhouse

New draft beer on tap! The Six O'Clock Lager will be pouring from Alley Kat Brewing, and three new flavors in tall cans as well!



End of Summer Pro Shop Sale!

Golf Bags - 20% off

Taylor Made putters & wedges - 15% off

All clothing & hats (excluding \$20 wall, Travis Mathew, & Nancy Lopez) - Buy one get one free!

FSGCC Logo'd polos from Authentic T-Shirt Company - \$20 each

Notes From The Pro Shop

As fall is in the air and the days are getting shorter 🙄, so is the tee sheet availability. From September 1st to 15th the first tee time of the day will be at 7:15 am and the last tee time will be at 6:30 pm. For the remainder of September the first and last times will be 7:30 am and 6:00 pm. As this time of year approaches so does the frost, requiring us to adjust our tee times accordingly. Please contact the Pro Shop for any updates regarding delays.

Course Updates

Fall is right around the corner and with it comes changes in the golf course. The greens will start to have winter prep implemented with a raise to the height of cut in the greens. Fertilization will shift from controlled growth to strengthening plant health, to prepare for colder weather like frosty mornings. Disease control this time of year can be tricky and very paramount to the start of next year's season. Soon the leaves will start to fall and our focus will shift from mowing to containing cleanup. September is however one of the best growing months of the year and how long good quality play will last will depend on how long mother nature wants to co-operate with us. Fingers crossed!

Thank you!

The club would like to give thanks to two gentleman that have volunteered their time out on the course. Member Jim Bok cleared all the deadwood along the path up to the 9th tee box. And member Rene Desaulniers trimmed/cleaned up the undergrowth beneath a large tree next to the 9th green. Thank you so much to both of you!

Special thanks goes out to Greg Van Hecke and Sherritt for their continued support of our club by providing the course with water since 1987, and for the countless volunteers throughout the season. Their contribution is a huge part of our course's success. The club and board can't thank you enough!

The logo for Sherritt features the word "sherritt" in a bold, blue, lowercase sans-serif font. A thick blue horizontal line is positioned directly beneath the text.

Meet the Staff

Carol Kaehn - Club Secretary



As club secretary for the last two years Carol takes care of a lot of the things that go on behind the scenes at the club. From selling memberships, to bookkeeping to posting on social media to paying bills - and everything in between!

Carol grew up in Edmonton and made the move to Fort Saskatchewan in 2005 when she got married to her husband Ryan. She has two kids, Nick and Amy, and a cuddly dog named Piper. In Carol's spare time she likes to do jigsaw puzzles and build expert lego sets. She loves numbers and a good puzzle to solve, which makes this job perfect for her. You can also find her watching a good tv show or planning her next fun touristy vacation. Not a big golfer (yet) but she is a competitive 5-pin bowler, and has been for most of her life.

Carol loves working for the Fort Sask Golf & Curling Club because she gets to meet so many fantastic people, and enjoys being a part of a local business that has been a pillar of Fort Saskatchewan for so many years. This job brings a lot of variety to each day, so it's never boring. If you have a admin related question, Carol's door is always open. She looks forward to meeting you soon!



Last Chance Golf Tournament

Saturday, Sept. 28th, 2024

10:00 a.m. Start

2 - Person Teams (Men's/Ladies Divisions)

18 Holes: Front 9 - Best Ball
Back 9 - Scramble

\$50.00/person - Members
\$70.00/person - Non-Members

Includes 18 Holes and a Meal After Golf



Adam's Golf Tip

Putting

Today I would like to talk about creating a more efficient putting stroke which will help us out greatly with our distance control.

First I would like you to get into an athletic golf position. Have your hands dangle relaxed at your side. Clap them together and hold this position. Next, slightly bend your elbows outward. Then, just like a pendulum, rotate only your arms and shoulders in equal lengths back and forth. What this is doing folks is creating a perfect pendulum stroke. With only using our arms and shoulders we will notice that our hands have nothing to do with this motion.

As we all aspire to have a perfect putting stroke we all must understand a couple of important key things to make this happen: a) our hands are only meant to hold the club, not swing the club and b) the way to increase or decrease how far the ball travels is by how far the putter comes back and then through.

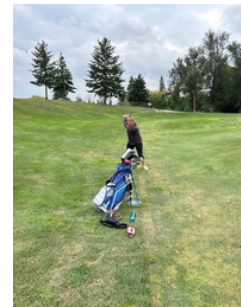
Now if we take our putter and hold it in our hands at the top of the grip, I will explain the pendulum factor in relation to how far the ball will travel off the putter face. If we were to swing the putter back and forth there are two distinct things we will see in common: a) however far the putter goes back, it comes through the same distance and b) the speed of the putter coming back and through remains the same. So on that note, when we rock our arms and shoulders back and forth we want to keep the speed the same, and however far the putter comes back we want it to carry the same distance and momentum through the shot. With this, distance is achieved by how far our arms and shoulders move the putter back and not by speeding up the rotation.

These two drills should help your distance control and create a more repeatable putting stroke. Thanks, and happy golfing! - Adam



2024 Mixed Open Tournament

The 2024 Mixed Open Tournament was a huge success! 36 teams joined us for this year's event. The 2024 winners are Liz Ream & Kevin Galashan – winning in an exciting chipping playoff! Congratulations to both Liz and Kevin! We'd like to thank Mike Kimmitt & Pots Restaurant for sponsoring the tournament again this year and for their continued support. We'd also like to thank everyone for coming out and we hope to see you again very soon at the Last Chance Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 28th.



Did you know?

- The average golfer has a 12,500 to 1 chance of getting a hole in one, you're more likely to get hit by lightning
- Getting 2 hole in ones in a single game is a whopping 67 million to one!
- Alan Bartlett Shepard Jr. used a 6-iron to play golf on the moon in 1971
- Florida has the most golf courses in the world
- The modern game of golf we know today was first played in Scotland in 1457

Try Curling This Season: What's New at the Fort Sask Curling Club

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The 2024/25 season at the Fort Saskatchewan Curling Club promises to be one of our most exciting yet, with new programs designed to welcome both newcomers and seasoned curlers alike. Whether you're looking for a fun way to unwind after work or seeking a family-friendly activity, we've got something special for you.

Our brand-new 6-Pack Fun League is perfect for those who want to experience the thrill of curling without a long-term commitment. With six games and six drinks included, this league offers a relaxed and enjoyable way to try curling with friends or meet new people. No experience is necessary—each session starts with 30 minutes of instruction, making it ideal for beginners.

Can't find a team or time? Consider joining our Sturling League. This 2-player variation of curling is perfect for those who enjoy fast-paced action with limited sweeping. Games are only 60 minutes long, making it a great option for anyone with a tight schedule.

For families, our Junior Program is an excellent way to introduce kids aged 8-14 to the sport. This 8-week program provides a fun and supportive environment for young curlers to learn the basics and enjoy the ice.

Finally, don't miss our Try Curling Open House on October 5th! It's the perfect opportunity to get a feel for the sport, meet our community, and explore our club.

Beyond these exciting new offerings, our traditional leagues continue to be a cornerstone of our club's vibrant community. The Ladies, Mixed, Men's, and Seniors Leagues offer something for every level of curler.

We're also excited to welcome Adam Pederson, our new Club Manager. With a background in professional golf, Adam brings a fresh perspective and a passion for fostering community spirit. His door is always open, and he's eager to get to know everyone.

Join us this season and discover the joy of curling!

Watch for the [Fall 2024 Ice Tee Newsletter](#), to be released on Sept. 9th, for the complete 2024-2025 curling season registration information! Early bird rates apply until Sept. 20th. If you are not already on our mailing list and would like to request a copy the Ice Tee newsletter please email us at fortsaskgolfcurling@shaw.ca to have it delivered right to your inbox.