# Fort Saskatchewan Golf & Curling Club

# Newsletter

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# What's up?

We blinked and golf season is all but over. Only a few days left to get out onto the course and enjoy this unseasonable warm weather. Then we make the switch to curling! Schedules will be emailed out as soon as they are available, and will also be posted on our website. We can't wait to see our curlers and get the season started!



# **Square Board Draw!**

Congratulations to Mike Ferris for winning a brand new Taylor Made putter from our square board draw in the Pro Shop!

### End of the Season!

October 14th is last day of golf operations. A very big thank you to everyone for another great season! We appreciate all of our golfers so much, and we look forward to seeing you again in 2025!

# Upcoming Events:

### October 11th

- Office moves from golf course to curling rink
- Clubhouse closed at golf course for the season

### October 14th (Thanksgiving)

 Last operational day at golf course (weather permitting)

### October 15th

- Curling leagues begin!
- Clubhouse re-opens

#### October 19th

- Sturling bonspiel
- Call (780)998-3372 to register

#### November 23rd & 24th

- Seniors bonspiel
- Registration date TBA

### Clubhouse

Our Food and Beverage services will be moving over to the curling rink on Friday, October 11th. The last day for kitchen service at the golf course will be Thursday, October 10th. Clubhouse will re-open at the curling rink on Tues. October 15th. Wanda and the rest of the staff thank you for another wonderful season!

### End of Summer Pro Shop Sale!

ALL clothing is now 40% off. ALL sunglasses and accessories 30% off. ALL golf clubs are 25% off. Last day is Monday, Oct. 14th! Stop by this final weekend and save!



# **Course Updates**

Well October is here and with it the ushering in of the true fall. In the maintenance department this is where some of the most important work gets done not only for putting the course to bed for the winter, but for insurance for the best chance of a good start to the next season. Greens aeration happens the day after close to give some much needed relief with a breath of fresh air to the soil profile, also reducing soil compaction. Following this will be 1–2 fungicide applications to hopefully ward off pesky diseases seen this time of year and over the winter. Typically fungicide applications can last up to 90 days depending on conditions. Tees and fairways also get fungicide applications to help them as well. Another big task is the blow out of the irrigation system which requires a huge air compressor and about 8 hours of blowing, cycling through all of the irrigation heads on the course multiple times. The last task is to prep equipment for winter and to start sharpening cutting units for the following year. October is a very busy and cramped month as weather can play a very big factor in getting things done. Once this is all completed we say good-bye to the course – until next season, when we return once again. Have a wonderful winter!

# Adam's Golf Tip <u>Square up Your Stance From the Bunker</u>

Tour pros make it look so easy. But the way they play their sand shots, with the ball far forward and the clubface wide open, requires more clubhead speed than most amateurs can muster. Make it easier on yourself by setting up with your shoulders and clubface square, and the ball slightly forward of center. From here, you'll need to dig the blade into the sand to gouge the ball out, as if you're playing from a buried lie. You'll be less likely to blade it or catch it heavy, and — most important — you'll be on the green.



### Meet the Staff

<u>Jim Sheasgreen - Pro Shop Manager</u>



Jim needs no introduction - he knows just about everyone that walks through our doors! Born in Montreal, Quebec, he moved to Alberta in 1984 with his wife Christine and his three kids. After some time in Falher, Alberta working as the Superintendent of Schools, his family made the move to Fort Saskatchewan in 1991. Some of you may know him as former Mayor Jim Sheasgreen. Jim was elected to city council in 2001 and then was elected as the 29th mayor of Fort Saskatchewan, serving as mayor from 2004 - 2010. Nowadays, he watches over our Pro Shop and makes sure everything is running smoothly every day. From checking people in, to gassing up all of our power carts, to making sure there's enough debit machine paper, he's always on the go! He has been with our club now for 13 years. In his

spare time Jim likes to go camping, and follow his seven grandchildren around to their activities at the local ball diamonds or hockey arenas with Christine. He loves working in the Pro Shop because he likes chatting with everyone that comes in, and giving them a hard time whenever he can. Jim is looking forward to the winter break and then welcoming everyone back again for the 2025 season!

# Thank you!

Local community member Petra, a neighbor of club members, overheard a conversation about the golf course and the beautification program. She had just moved here from Peace River and wanted to remove the red cedar mulch from her new yard. She offered to donate it to the Fort Sask golf course. Members Nick Pewar, Lowell Prince, and Carla and Mlke Ferris grabbed some shovels and loaded up the dump trailer donated for use by Three Peaks Contracting. Thank you so much Petra, your generous donation will be put to good use next spring!



# **NHL Hockey Pool!**

This year we are going to have our first annual draft and draft party on October 17th at 5:30pm at the curling rink and Oiler's puck drop @ 6pm vs the Nashville Predators. Cost per entry is \$25 and can sign up as may teams as you wish. Take advantage of our great Oiler game day specials and game day sound. Please see the link below to register or come down on October 17th for our Draft and Draft party!

https://www.officepools.com/invite/classic/m/HQR36RRH

### 2024 Last Chance Tournament

Our last club tournament of the season was held on Saturday, September 28th, and the weather was amazing for it. This year's event saw the addition of a ladies division, for a total of 31 teams!

The 2024 Last Chance winners were:
Ladies Division - Carla Ferris & Monica Prince
Men's Division - Slater Skworoda & Cashman Skworoda
Congratulations to all of you!





Keep your eyes open next spring for our Ice-Tee Newsletter and our 2025 club tournament schedule!

# **5 Oldest Golf Courses in Alberta:**

- 1890 Fort McLeod
- 1896 Edmonton Country Club
- 1897 Calgary Country Club
- 1907 Victoria Golf Course
- 1911 Banff Springs

# **Curling Open House Oct. 5th**

This past weekend we held our first curling open house in a very long time, and it was a huge success! Forty-five people came out to try curling and find out more about our club and the leagues we have to offer. There were families, couples, kids, and singles checking out what curling in Fort Sask is all about! Hack 2 House was on site with various curling supplies for sale, from which a portion of sales goes right back into our club. We had representatives from our curling committee and from our leagues that helped out with getting people set up and guiding them through the lesson that was provided by past champion Alison Thiessen. Guests also enjoyed some coffee, donuts, and muffins, and took home some cotton candy from Fort Sask's own Cotton Candy Shoppe.

Everyone had an fantastic time. The juniors were on the ice for quite some time! We received some excellent questions about our leagues and got several new curling members from our guests. We welcome you to the Fort Sask Curling Club!

We would like to extend a big thank you to everyone that came out to join us! And we would also like to thank our current curlers that came out to help and provided valuable experience and information for our guests. It was a great event for all!



# Golf In Simulators 2024/2025 Price guide

(Located at the Curling Club)

### Hours of operation:

Weekdays: 10 am till 10 pm

Weekends: 12 to 8pm (Holidays closed)

#### Rates:

Weekdays: 10-4pm - \$30/ hour + tax (FSGCC members \$25.00) Weekdays: 4-close - \$35/hour + tax (FSGCC members \$30.00)

Weekends: \$40/hour + tax (FSGCC members \$35.00)

### Pass Special!

10 game punch card pass \$300 (weekday only) 10 game punch card pass \$350 (anytime)

### FSGCC Member Pass Special!

10 game punch card pass \$225 (weekday only) 10 game punch card pass \$300 (anytime)

For all bookings please call (780)998-2255

## 2024/25 Indoor Golf League

Play any day you like during the week, and we will track all the scores and handicaps. The results will be emailed out weekly. Cost is \$400 per person and includes your ten weeks and cash prizes! League starts on October 28th and finishes up on January 11th. Email gmfortsaskgolfcc@gmail.com to sign up!

First two weeks are to set your indoor golf handicap, then week three will be the start of league scoring. There will be a season long Fed-Ex Cup style points race with prizes to the top point getters. Open to both men and women.

### League member benefits include:

- 7 days in advance booking
- 10% off food and drink anytime you play
- 10% off lessons
- Cash prizes awarded each week
- Weekly prizes for top net scores by handicap flights

