# Fort Saskatchewan Golf & Curling Club



# Newsletter

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# What's up?

Our new general manager Adam Pederson has officially joined us! Our July junior golf camps have wrapped up and the Mixed and Club Championship tournaments are both this month. It's a great time for golf! We are also busy getting ready for curling season (it's just around the corner!)



# 1977 Yamaha Sunsetter Refinished by Gary Gordon and currently owned by club member Mike Kimmitt

# **Square Board Draw!**

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

# **New Merchandise!**

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

# Upcoming Events:

#### August 10th

Junior Club
 Championship
 Members Only
 Registration now open

## August 10th & 11th

Club Championship
 Tournament (Men,
 Ladies, Juniors)
 Members Only
 Registration now open

#### August 24th

Mixed Tournament
 Member registration now open
 Public registration opens
 Aug. 6th

## Clubhouse

Make sure to stop in after your round of golf to check out our daily specials and all the new beverages we've brought in!









# Mid-summer Pro Shop Blowout Sale!

Golf Bags - 20% off
Taylor Made putters & wedges - 15% off
All clothing (excluding \$20 wall) - 35% off
FSGCC Logo'd polos from Authentic T-Shirt
Company - \$20 each

### Meet the Staff

#### <u>Adam Pederson - General Manager</u>

Adam grew up in Stony Plain, Alberta. His love for the game of golf started at a young age, when his grandma introduced him to the game and bought him his very first set of golf clubs. He is a graduate of the Professional Golf Management Program at Grant MacEwan College and has had the opportunity to work at several golf courses around Alberta through his 20+ years as a PGA of Canada Professional from public, semi private, private and resort. In his time as a PGA Professional, he challenged himself and went down one winter to play on the Gateway Tour in Arizona and try his luck with the best, and upcoming, professionals on the PGA Tour.

Adam's passion is golf! He enjoys playing competitively, teaching, and helping his students improve their games. A few notable courses that he has had the pleasure of playing are Pebble Beach, Cabo Mexico, Las Vegas, and Arizona. He now lives in Edmonton with his beautiful wife where he enjoys spending time with friends and family, playing hockey, watching the Edmonton Oilers & Green Bay Packers, and of course spending time on the golf course!

Adam's door is always open and he is looking forward to getting to know everyone! Welcome to the club Adam!





# **Course Updates**

Summer is in finally in full swing with the course showing explosive growth in all areas of the course. Currently we are working on restoring proper edges to the sand traps and changing out some of the sand on the bunkers contaminated by rocks and other debris. \*Fun fact: bunker sand has a lifespan of 5–7 years for optimal consistency and playability\* After coming out of the recent heat wave we are hoping to get some good thunderstorms to help replenish our water supply. We are still on water rationing until we can recover to a higher level in the holding pond. As we head into August we are starting to ramp up for the club championships so the greens will continue to be culturally manicured to provide the best conditions we can at this time.

# Message from the Board

It is now mid golf season and we are excited for all the events coming up! Make sure to have a look at the upcoming golf tournaments for the month of August. Our curling committee has been hard at work planning some big things for the upcoming season. A little bit of information about what they have been working on can be found further on in the newsletter. Our new General Manager Adam Pederson has started his position and we look forward to all of the knowledge, experience, and ideas that he brought with him to the club. And the board would like to thank all of our volunteers AGAIN for all of their contributions to the club, we appreciate you more than you know!







# Golf Tip!

# One Drill for Better Driving

Distance is king, but distance and accuracy is the ultimate goal. To master both, you need to extend your arms fully through impact.

Try this: Tee up a ball and place another tee six inches outside the first on a 45-degree angle. Your goal is to strike the ball on the first tee and swing the clubhead over the second. Do this and you'll automatically hit all the right power positions.





# **Golf Canada Memberships**

Golf Canada account memberships are included for all club members\* and men's league participants. If you already have an account through our club then we have already renewed it for you, and we have created accounts for new members. If you have trouble logging in please let us know.

There are several benefits to having a Golf Canada account:

- Official handicap index
- Golf Canada Score Centre to track stats
- Insurance:
  - Up to \$1,500 reimbursement for damaged, lost, or stolen equipment
  - Up to \$1,000 towards the cost of repairing or replacing a window
  - Up to \$1,500 golf cart related accidents
  - Up to \$1,000 for any travel related incidents
- Discounts at several worldwide business such as hotels, car rentals, golf events, and RBC Insurance

For your convenience, a computer is set up in the Pro Shop for you to access the Golf Canada site. Please see the Pro Shop staff if you need assistance.

\*club members are: prime, weekday, intermediate, and junior memberships

# <u> Curling Committee Bulletin: Get Ready to Rock the Ice!</u>

#### **Updates:**

- 1. The countdown is on! Ice preparation kicks off on Sept. 24th, leading up to our 'Learn to Curl' programs starting Oct. 5th & 6th.
- 2. We're officially registered with Curl Alberta!

#### 6 Week League:

- 1. Wednesday nights are heating up! We're launching a league in tandem with the men's league, accommodating up to 8 teams. This ensures a lively atmosphere both on the ice and at the bar.
- 2. The league spans 6 weeks, each week offering 6 ends, 6 rocks, and a complimentary drink!
- 3. Teams will be made up of 3 players, but we're encouraging additional members, especially for shift workers. Our social media promotions will suggest more players to help reduce overall costs.
- 4.'Learn to Curl' will set the stage for this league, with the first 6-week league commencing Oct. 23rd and wrapping up Nov. 27th.
- 5. The second 6-week league will get underway on Jan. 15th and conclude on Feb. 19th, with a 'Learn to Curl' session on Jan. 4th/5th.

#### Tuesday Morning Sturling League:

1. We're gauging interest for a fresh Tuesday league, scheduled for 10 AM. Let us know if you're in!

#### Bonspiels:

1. We've got a thrilling lineup of bonspiels, kicking off with the Sturling bonspiel on Oct. 12th and culminating with the Mixed Bonspiel on Mar. 8th. We have 6 bonspiel dates already locked in!

And keep an eye out for some exciting new marketing initiatives aimed at boosting curling in Fort Sask.

Let's gear up to sweep away the competition!

Thank you very much to the Curling Committee for all of their hard work for the upcoming season! - Emile deMilliano, Nevin deMilliano, Brenda Spence, Jeff Morgan, Mike Ferris, and Jason Walker

Visit our website at <a href="https://www.fortsaskgolf.com">www.fortsaskgolf.com</a> for more curling updates!

Watch for the Fall 2024 Ice Tee Newsletter, to be released in the coming weeks, for the complete 2024 curling season information! 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.

# Notes From The Pro Shop

Hello everyone! It's been great having the chance to meet so many of you members and guests of the Fort Saskatchewan Golf and Curling Club! I am super excited to be here and appreciate everyone that has been so welcoming. I would like to note and address the following in regards to check in policy, back nine turn times, group sizes and cancellations.

<u>Check in</u> - We ask all members/guests to please check in with the Pro Shop so we are able to record you into the tee sheet. Outside of us wanting to see your smiling faces, this helps in case there is severe weather and on course emergencies, we can properly take attendance and ensure all members and guests are accounted for and safe.

<u>Turn time/ back nine play</u> - On our tee sheet we have it set up that it should take golfers two hours to complete nine holes. If members and guests choose to book for 18 holes, the tee sheet will automatically book your second nine two hours from your original start time. As we come around from our first nine we ask you to please check in with the Pro Shop on how your turn time is and where you will be in the line up. Golfers coming around from their first nine to their next do not have priority over golfers playing their first nine.

<u>Group sizes</u> - Going forward, each tee time group will not be over 4 people in each group. Groups that play in 5some or more will receive one warning, second warning, group will be asked to leave the golf course without refund.

<u>Cancellation policy</u> - All members and guests are asked to provide 24 hours notice if you are cancelling or reducing the number of players by calling the Pro Shop at (780)998-2255.

We appreciation your cooperation. These policies are put in place to create consistency and fairness to all. If you have any questions regarding this matter please reach out to us at (780)998-3372.

Adam Pederson General Manager

