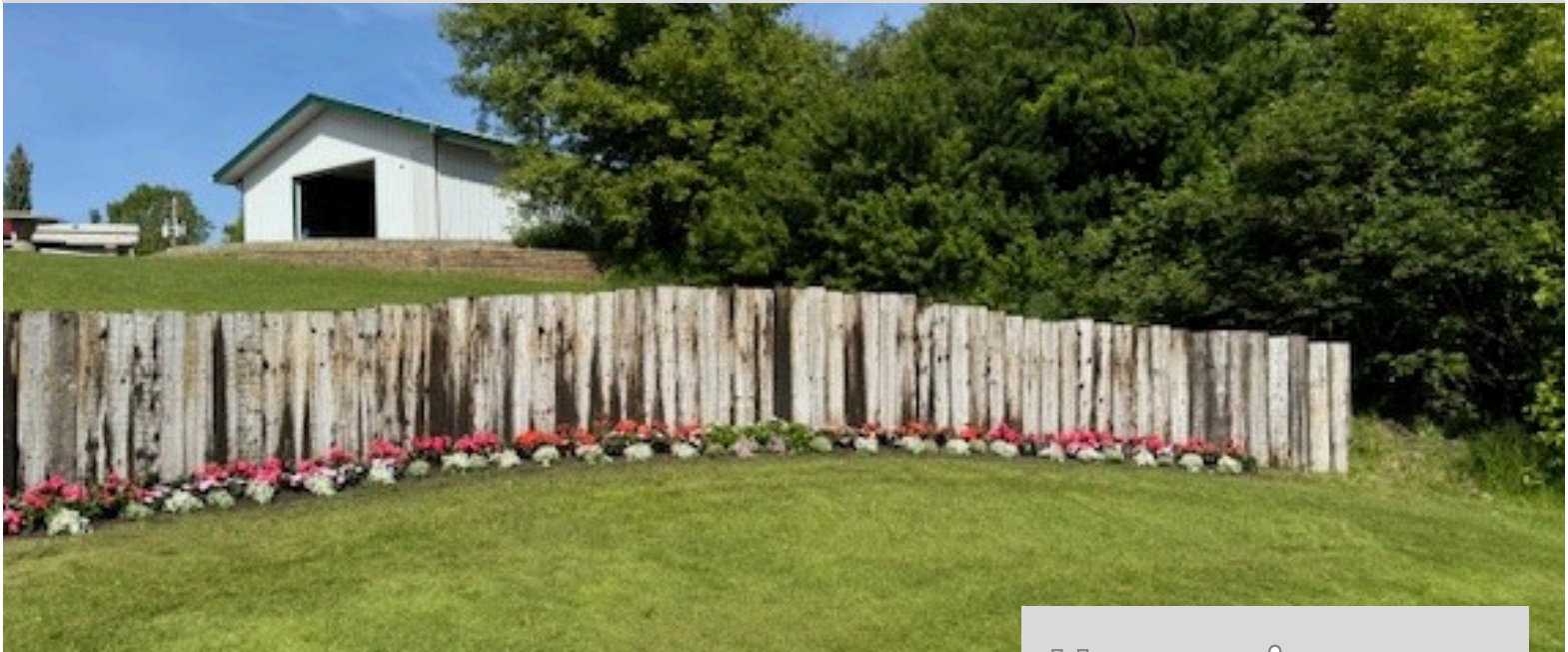


# Newsletter

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# July 2024



## What's up?

Summer is officially here! School is out, the temperatures are finally going up, and there is a lot happening here at the course. Canada Day is on Monday and there are so many things to do and enjoy during the city's celebrations! We have a little break from club tournaments but have several private events booked. We look forward to spending this summer with you. Hopefully it will be hot with plenty of sunshine!



## Upcoming Events:

July 1st

- Canada Day - Golf course is open! Include a round of golf in your downtown Canada Day celebrations! (Holiday rates apply)

August 10th & 11th

- Club Championship Tournament (Men, Ladies, Juniors)  
Registration opens Jul. 15th

August 24th

- Mixed Tournament  
Member registration opens Jul. 22nd  
Public registration opens Aug. 6th



A June Sunrise  
Photo Credit: Kerry Muri  
(groundskeeping crew)

## Thank You Volunteers!

We want to thank all of our volunteers that have stepped up to beautify, repair, and maintain your golf course! To date our amazing volunteers have repaired and/or replaced all the benches. (thank you to Brian Boehm, Nick Pekar, and Lowell Prince) and have coordinated the planting of flower beds, cedar planters, and a few pots, including a brand new bed along the wall at the end of Hole 9. (thank you to Carla & Mike Ferris and their helpers). Flowers were purchased from the Root Seller and they all look fantastic! Our volunteers have much more planned and we appreciate all they have done, and will do, for our golfers!

## July Specials

For the month of July all club and league members get 10% off all hats, sunglasses, and all items on the accessory rack. 🧢🕶️👓

Public Discounts: Check out the deeply discounted clothing on the sale rack! And all FSGCC logo'd golf shirts from The Authentic T-Shirt Company are now \$20 each! Priced to go!



## Course Updates

The irrigation system is back up to 100% after the final repair at #7 tee, and with the weather hopefully taking a turn for the better we are going to need all that the system can give us. The greens are still slow to recover due to the cold weather and we have also had to deal with 2 different diseases: fusarium and anthracnose. It's not uncommon to get a bout of disease this time of year as fusarium is very common. Anthracnose is primarily a warm weather disease but conditions were obviously favorable as it has appeared on our course. Aeration of the tee boxes has been completed this week and the next step is to top-dress to level out the surface. We will be starting to work on greens surface management soon, which in turn should lead to improved putting conditions.

## Meet the Staff

### Wanda Brodie - Clubhouse Manager

This is Wanda's 19th season with the Fort Sask Golf & Curling Club. She started as a regular employee and worked her way up to Clubhouse Manager. She held that position for approx. 8 years, stepped down for a few years, and has been back in this role for the last 2 years. She knows the kitchen inside and out!

Wanda was born and raised in Fort Sask and grew up just down the road from the club. In 2004 she started her family with her husband Trent. They have 3 beautiful daughters - Kasie, Ariel, & Hailey - and a little shih-tzu named Jersey. She loves to cook and bake, even when she's not at work, and enjoys spending the rest of her time camping, golfing, fishing, and holding gatherings at her home with her family.

Wanda manages the food prep, the beverage cart, league & tournament meals, and takes care of all the ordering, and inventory. And she is also an amazing cook and bartender! You really have to try her soup of the day & sandwich special - our biggest seller!

Wanda is the heart and soul of our club and knows just about every member, and a lot of non-members, by their first names. She loves taking care of our golfers and keeps the Clubhouse running smoothly. Make sure to stop in and say hi to Wanda before or after your round of golf!



## Spark Golf Friday Night League

We have a new league that runs on Friday evenings starting at 5:30 pm. This is a casual golf league with relaxed rules and a touch of competition! You can sign up for free by searching Fort Saskatchewan on their website @ [www.spark.golf](http://www.spark.golf). You sign up, and pay, for the weeks you want to golf through them, and they offer discounts for signing up for multiple weeks at a time, which is awesome. If you have been thinking about signing up for a league but the cost, or the time commitment, has kept you from signing up then this is a great option. Club members can also sign up for this league. Your membership fees will cover the green fees, you will just be required to pay the \$9 Spark Golf league fee per week. Please contact Carol for the special link to get the membership rate to use to sign up. - STILL SPACE AVAILABLE TO SIGN UP!

# Message from the Board

The Fort Saskatchewan Golf & Curling Club would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new club manager Adam Pederson! Adam, a PGA Canada Class A Professional, has accepted the position of General Manager effective July 17, 2024. Adam comes to the club with experience in the areas of golf, curling, and food service. Although he will not officially be joining us until the 17th, you may see him around the club getting to know the staff, and meeting some of our golfers. Please give him a friendly Fort Sask welcome when you see him!

Joe Tomanek - President

As part of the newly created Beautification Program, Carla Ferris and a few other volunteers have created a plan for the planting of flowers at various locations around the course. This includes the flower pots all around the first tee and Pro Shop, as well as the beautiful flower bed that has been planted along the wall on the backside of #9 green. The program also hired the shop class at Southpointe School, with direction from their teacher Tyler Nyznyk, to build 4 cedar planters as part of their class curriculum. These have been placed by #1 green, the red upper tees on #3, the red upper tees on #6, and by the #18 tee box. The intention is to have the school build 4 or 5 more next year. We would like to recognize Chris from the Root Seller for providing and planting all of the amazing flowers.

Mike Ferris - Secretary



## Golf Canada Memberships



Our club has decided that we will automatically renew or create a new Golf Canada account 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**

# Shannon Kimmitt Tournament

*Another year, another amazing tournament! This year's event raised \$8,888.67 for the Alberta Cancer Foundation! Way to go ladies!*

*2024 Winners: Coralie Mohr, Jodi MacMillan, Patricia Ashton, Denise Unger*

Despite the weather, we had a full roster of ladies that came out to support a great cause while having some fun. We want to sincerely thank our two major sponsors: Home Hardware - Fort Sask, and Pot's Bar & Grill. We would also like to thank all of the other donors whom supported this tournament and contributed to it's huge success.

I would like to thank our committee for all the hours and hard work they put in to making it a great event: Coralie Mohr, Patricia Ashton, Jodi MacMillan and myself, Denise Unger. This was our first year taking over this tournament and while there was a lot of learning along the way, we are happy with the support we received from everyone. I would also like to thank a number of other volunteers: Harley Mohr and Jared Van Hecke for running hole #17, Rod and Anne Unger for being spotters on hole #6, and our spouses for helping out on the beer cart. Thank you as well to Joe Tomanek for coming out with coffee and hot chocolate to keep us all warm.

Thank you to all of the ladies who have made it a tradition to keep making this tournament successful, and for continuing to help us raise funds for cancer research. We are looking forward to next year! Keep your eyes open for registration in May 2025!

Denise Unger - Tournament Director



# Father & Child Tournament

Thank you to everyone that participated in the Father & Child Tournament on Sunday, June 16th! It was a sold out event and everyone had a truly fantastic time. The 2024 overall winners were Carson & Todd Kerr, Congratulations to you both! Thank you very much to Scott Hennig for continuing the sponsorship that his father began many years ago. Stewart recently passed away, and was one of our longtime members and volunteers. Our sincere condolences go out to all of Stewart's family and friends. He donated countless hours and energy to our club and will be missed by all who knew him. This year, in his honor of all he has done for the club, the event was officially renamed the Stewart Alfred Hennig Memorial Father's Day Tournament.



1st Overall Winners  
Carson & Todd Kerr



1st Place (0 - 10 yrs)  
Geoff & Brady Kilburn



1st Place (11- 13 yrs)  
Todd & Tanner Wakal



1st Place (14 - 17 yrs)  
Todd & Kaysen Kerr



Youngest - Kip Bartelds  
Most Mature - Roger MacMillan

# Longest Day Tournament

The winners of the 2024 Longest Day Tournament are Justin Bakke, Cashman Skworoda, Jake Letourneau, and Aeden Orchard. Congratulations to all of you! Thank you to everyone that participated. It was unfortunate that it ended up coinciding with Game 6 of the Stanley Cup finals but we still had a great turnout, and what better way to spend the longest day of the year right? (well except maybe watching the Oilers play game 6...). We look forward to see you all again in 2025!

