

2025 Summer Newsletter

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER, JEREMY RIVANDO



It's hard to believe that Regatta Day has already passed – a sure sign that our summer days are numbered. Fortunately, we've been treated to a stretch of incredible weather that has made for one of the most enjoyable and active golf seasons in recent memory. Our courses have been busier than ever, with our local golfers, and visitors taking full advantage of the sunshine and great playing conditions.

Throughout the season, we've continued to make strides in enhancing our facilities, both on and off the golf course. Ongoing improvement projects remain a priority as we invest in making Pippy Park Golf Club the best it can be for current and future generations of golfers. Our weekly leagues have been thriving, and we recently hosted four successful mid-season gatherings featuring Scramble events that brought players together for fun, camaraderie, and great competition.

This summer also saw us proudly host the RBC Scramble once again – part of a nationwide event that continues to grow in popularity and prestige across the country. We're now looking forward to another exciting tournament on our calendar: the inaugural Admiral's Open, a two-player Net Stableford competition happening in just two weeks. Registration is still open, and we encourage more teams to join us for what promises to be a spirited and enjoyable event.

Behind the scenes, I've been working closely with our architectural partners to finalize the plans for the new practice range and the renovation of Captain's Hill. We're pleased to share that construction will begin later this month. These projects mark just the beginning of an ambitious long-term development plan designed to elevate our facility and position Pippy Park Golf Club for a sustainable and successful future.

Thank you to our golfers, and staff for your continued support and enthusiasm. It's been a tremendous season so far—and our best days still lie ahead.

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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT, JOSH FOSTER



As we continue to work through a challenging summer with the dry conditions, our maintenance team has been working diligently to prepare several areas of the course for seeding and turf restoration. Focus areas currently include drainage lines on holes #6, 10, 11, 14, 15 & 16 where progress was paced by the availability of aggregates. Additional remedial work is scheduled for drainage trenches on #9, 11 & 15, as well as previously sodded areas on holes #3 & 17. Grubbed and disturbed areas across the course will also be addressed as we continue restoration efforts.

Water management continues to be a critical area of focus. Currently, we are operating with only one of two irrigation pumps, significantly reducing our watering capacity. To support coverage, we are actively rebuilding and assembling two portable watering trailers to better manage localized dry spots.

Our cultural maintenance program is also underway. We initiated our spray schedule on June 26 and are currently applying a combination of fungicides, wetting agents, bio-stimulants, and other turf health products on a 14 to 28 day rotation. We've recently verticut and topdressed the greens at Admiral's Green, with plans to repeat a similar process in a few weeks time that will include the application of bentgrass seed to promote improved putting surfaces.

Overall turf health is steadily improving despite initial setbacks caused by drought conditions, limited water availability, and delayed equipment readiness. While progress is ongoing, we remain committed to restoring optimal course conditions as we continue through the season. Thank you for your patience as we strive to make noticeable improvements to the golf courses.

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FROM THE CHAIR, RICK GILL



For those of you who have played frequently at PPGC over the last 3 years you know that the transformation of PPGC has already begun. Physical improvements and upgrades to the golf courses, the parking lot, our online booking system and our golf cart fleet have had an impact, along with the staffs proven success in recent years in the maintenance department and in golf operations. Play at both courses is up significantly providing the revenues necessary to pay for these much needed and overdue improvements. And you will have noticed the influx of junior and young adult players that are changing the face of public golf in the metro area.

A new GM position and additional staffing have been put in place to meet this increased demand setting a new standard in services for the golf course, catering and special events. A 5 year development plan is being completed to set the path for major self-funded capital and operating initiatives that will transform PPGC into one of the best public facilities in Atlantic Canada. If you're interested in participating in this exciting time of growth at PPGC, volunteers are welcomed. Most significantly the Pippy Park Commission will be looking to appoint new members to the PPGC Board of Directors in October 2025 as the term of many of our current directors will expire at that time. Recruitment advertising will begin shortly for several positions.

Your current Board, management and staff have been doing an outstanding job as have our growing list of volunteers.

I encourage you to show your support at every opportunity.

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