



2025 Winter Newsletter

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER, JEREMY RIVANDO



I continue to find it hard to believe how quickly a golf season passes by and how soon we begin looking forward to the next year. As our team reflects on the 2025 season, we can't help but appreciate how busy we were and how much our support from the community has grown. We were thrilled to set new records for rounds played last year—and then to easily surpass those numbers again this season.

It was a unique year, starting early due to a mild winter with very little snow, which led into a beautiful June. By July, however, it became clear that rainfall was scarce, and before long we were in a full-on drought. Then came the wildfires, and we could only wait and hope that our region would be spared from the devastating blazes that swept across the province. A sincere thank-you goes out to all the firefighters and volunteers who gave everything they had to keep us safe—we were truly fortunate.

The dry summer took a toll on the course, and our turf crew had their hands full, but once the rain finally arrived, the courses bounced back quickly. The full tee sheets and endless days of sunshine helped ensure another outstanding season, and we were so happy to celebrate our success with our golfers. This year marked the 50th anniversary of Captain's Hill, highlighted by an alumni dinner that brought together many of our early founders and longtime supporters.

For the first time, a team from our RBC PGA Scramble qualified for the National Finals at Cabot. Led by Team Captain Jody Saunders, the group earned a wildcard exemption at the Regional Finals at Chester Golf Club as an all-ladies team—and they enjoyed the trip of a lifetime representing Pippy Park on the national stage.

We also hosted our first Admiral's Open, a new public tournament featuring a Net Stableford format, which we look forward to growing in the years ahead. Our leagues also had a fantastic year, supported by the great weather and the many friendships that have been forged on our fairways over the years.





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Course improvements continue to be a major focus, and our turf team will be tackling several important projects in the coming seasons to enhance the property and ensure a bright future. Unfortunately, our work on the new practice range did not begin as planned, but full construction is now expected to start in April, along with related changes to the nine-hole course.

Finally, I want to extend a heartfelt thank-you to our staff, management team, Board of Directors, and all of our golfers for making this a year to remember—both on and off the course. I'd also like to recognize our outgoing Board members, Rick Gill and Heather McGarvie, along with introducing our newest Board members, Shawn Skinner: Chair, Paul Cahill and Wylie Butler.

Rick Gill has served as Chair for the last 4 years and he has had the most instrumental influence on the direction and subsequent success of the PPGC. We cannot thank Rick enough for his time and efforts over the years, please make sure to thank him when you see him on the course next year. Heather McGarvie served on both the Golf and House committees over the last 4 years and we sincerely thank her as well for all of her time and effort to ensure a bright future here at the club. Fortunately for us, Heather will continue to volunteer her time as she is the Captain of our very successful Ladies League.

Without the support of everyone involved, we wouldn't be able to celebrate and share these successes. We're incredibly grateful to have such a strong community behind us. Here's to many more great years ahead at the Pippy Park Golf Club.

All the best to you and your loved ones over the Holiday season.





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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT, JOSH FOSTER



With all the golf that was played in 2025, I hope everyone's scores dropped as much as the level of our reservoir pond did this summer.

2025 was a memorable year. We started the season focused on drainage projects and ended it managing drought conditions. Along the way, we dealt with fickle pumps, friendly foxes, a bike race, moved a mountain of dirt, and did our best every day to provide excellent playing conditions. Once the final round was played, November marked the continuation of course remediation projects, additional drainage work, landscaping, winter preparation, and some much-needed carpentry around the 7th hole and throughout the property. And then—finally—rain.

I would like to begin by thanking the Grounds Maintenance team for their hard work and dedication throughout the 2025 season. Their experience, work ethic, positive attitude, willingness to adapt and learn new maintenance practices, problem-solving ability, attention to detail, and the unique skills and ideas each individual brings to the team all contributed to a very successful year. I am proud to work alongside them.

My second sincere thank-you goes to the golf course staff and event staff, the Golf Course Board, and Elizabeth, Rose, and Jeremy. It was a busy season, and it truly could not have gone any smoother. There is a great deal that happens behind the scenes, and this team ensures that golfers and guests enjoy the best possible experience every time they visit the facility.

Here's to 2026.





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FROM THE CHAIR, SHAWN SKINNER



I am honoured to step into the role of Chair of the Pippy Park Golf Club Board of Directors. Let me begin by sincerely thanking the previous Chair, Rick Gill, and his Board for their outstanding leadership and dedication. Their hard work has strongly positioned the course for the future.

Under their guidance, important improvements were made and the financial position of the golf course was dramatically improved. As Chair, my priority is to build on this solid foundation and continue the great work already underway. The current Board wishes to improve the experience for our package holders, guests, and staff. We are committed to supporting further improvements to the facilities while ensuring PPGC remains a valued community asset.

I look forward to working with all golf course staff and our golfers to ensure everyone has a great experience while using the golf course facilities during the upcoming 2026 season.

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