



# Avon Go Round

AVON VALLEY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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We can always be sure of one thing in Nova Scotia, the weather will always find a way to balance things out. We had a great start early in April, as good a summer as you could ask for and then a very quick, rainy and early end to our golf season.

Overall, we finished the year in a very positive financial position and are looking forward to continuing this in 2011.

On behalf of your Board of Directors may we wish you and yours all the best in the off-season and especially wish you a very Merry Christmas and a safe, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Winter well and hopefully we will see you all in early April 2011.

*Kirk Stephen  
President*



*Clubhouse from near # 9 tee- November 15, 2011.*

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The rains of November affected pretty well the whole province. Avon Valley took a bit of a hit as well, which cost us about a week's worth of end-of-season playing time and associated revenues. The following pics, taken by Jean Hall of the Pro Shop, show the waters at their peak- and even after they receded, it took the better part of a week before the crew were able to get any equipment to the far side of the stream. for some required end-of-season maintenance



# Iron Person Tournament

The 2010 Iron Person Tournament was held on *Saturday October 30* in fairly cool weather, using the stroke play format: Low Gross for the affair was *Al Dauphinee Jr.* with a score of **73**.

Sorry there's not more to tell, or any pics. But I'm sure the usual good time was had by all.

## Daniels U-Pick Match Play Championship

As in past years, the top eight **low gross finishers** in the *Men's Club Championship* qualified to compete for the *Daniels U-Pick Match Play Championship*.

Here are the results of the playdowns- the final was held on *Oct 28, 2010*. Again, regrets for the lack of pics.

| First Match             | Second Match         | Third Match         | Trophy Winner                    |
|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| <i>James Howard</i>     |                      |                     |                                  |
|                         | <i>Peter Francis</i> |                     |                                  |
| <i>Peter Francis</i>    |                      |                     |                                  |
|                         |                      | <i>Brad Corkum</i>  |                                  |
| <i>Shaun MacDonald</i>  |                      |                     |                                  |
|                         | <i>Brad Corkum</i>   |                     |                                  |
| <i>Brad Corkum</i>      |                      |                     |                                  |
|                         |                      |                     | <i>Dean Woodman</i><br>(2 and 1) |
| <i>Dean Woodman</i>     |                      |                     |                                  |
|                         | <i>Dean Woodman</i>  |                     |                                  |
| <i>Bill Chipman</i>     |                      |                     |                                  |
|                         |                      | <i>Dean Woodman</i> |                                  |
| <i>Steve Ingram</i>     |                      |                     |                                  |
|                         | <i>Steve Ingram</i>  |                     |                                  |
| <i>Al Dauphinee Jr.</i> |                      |                     |                                  |

## 2011 Improvements

Two things we *aren't* able to show: The first would be the replacement of the wet-well pump servicing 12 and 13, but ... it's underground. As for the second, we hoped to be able to show the start of paving to the circuit of cart paths which over the coming years should reach the whole of the back nine- plans were for a couple of holes to be completed before the snows fell, but the November rains made this impossible. However, the price is guaranteed for next year, so that's something... even if we can't get a picture of it...

Keeping with paving... this year the parking spaces were outlined in last year's extension to the parking lot



Five new power carts were bought-



Dean got some new equipment- a tractor, a couple of Cushman utility vehicles and a sand rake: a fertilizer spreader as well, but I couldn't get a pic.



On- course we saw some new waste receptacles, scorecard boxes, and ball washer/ cleat cleaners- "posed" here, because they had all been removed from the grounds before the pics could be taken (another consequence of "the rains").



Thanks to Jean for this pic of one of our 18 new benches. They are made of a very durable composite that is a solid colour all the way through, meaning they will weather well. This one has been engraved along the top slat with the Club's name. Most of these benches have been acquired for various sponsors including Windsor Home Furniture (4 benches), Labbatt's (4), Rafuse Golf Cars (4), Victory Credit Union (1), J. W. Allen Funeral Home (1), Schofield Insurance (1), Steve Ingram Realty (1), and the McNeil brothers in memoriam Bernie Dobson, Bert Grant and Jimmy Stuart (1). Their messages or businesses names will be engraved as well, noting we're looking at ways to have the names display with greater contrast.



We obtained a few new special-purpose signs



We are also having the tee-box signs repainted: here are a couple of examples- note the different colour of the frames for the regular & forward tees. The main sign to the Club property (at the entry off the Falmouth Back Road) will also be repainted over the winter.



Major improvements included the reconstruction of the # 12 tee, seen here from the back...& looking good...



...and looking back: the front & side slopes have also been cut down for better visibility.



New special-purpose sod was used on #12- tee turf has to be able to withstand divots and being clipped shorter than normal. The sod which was removed was used in rebuilding the # 1 tee- seen here just a few minutes after top-dressing and rolling. Both tees are coming along just fine and should be ready for play sometime in May.



## 2011 dues, fees & application forms

Please note that the *dues, fees* and *downloadable application forms* for the 2011 season are now on the website's *Membership Info* page. Except for the *Intermediate* classification (where dues have been brought into line with other restricted-play adult classifications and the requirement to be a shareholder has been introduced), the 2011 rates have, with a bit of rounding-off, only been increased by the amount needed to offset the higher HST. Also of note, except for a one-time, refundable **\$115** share purchase where required, there are **no initiation fees, bar bills or other mandatory costs.** *All prices on this page are tax-included.*

### 2011 Membership Dues by Classification

|                                     |   |               |
|-------------------------------------|---|---------------|
| <b>Full:</b>                        | <i>must be shareholder. A discount is available (Full Members only) for early payment by cash, cheque or money order- download the application for details.</i>                       | <b>\$1065</b> |
| <b>Value:</b>                       | <i>note- no new members are being accepted into this classification</i>   | <b>\$965</b>  |
| <b>Limited:</b>                     | <i>note- no new members are being accepted into this classification</i>   | <b>\$775</b>  |
| <b>Intermediate</b>                 | <i>as of March 1, 2011 must be 19 but not yet 30 (prev. 25). Now <b>no</b> requirement for previous status as a <b>Junior</b>, and these members must now be <b>shareholders.</b></i> | <b>\$800</b>  |
| <b>Junior</b>                       | <i>must be 13 but not yet 19 as of March 1, 2011- no share required</i>   | <b>\$305</b>  |
| <b>Pee Wee:</b>                     | <i>must be 8 but not yet 13 as of March 1, 2011- no share required</i>  | <b>\$155</b>  |
| <b>Leave of Absence/<br/>Social</b> | <i>must apply to <b>request or renew</b> this status by <b>March 1, 2011</b></i>  | <b>\$50</b>   |

### 2011 Pro Shop Services

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| <b>Seasonal pull-cart rental</b>   | <b>\$56.00</b> |
| <b>Seasonal Club Care &amp; Storage</b>  | <b>\$87.00</b> |
| <b>Storage of personal pull-cart or electric kaddy</b> (available with Club Care & Storage only) | <b>\$66.00</b> |
| <b>Seasonal locker rental</b> (shoes may not be stored in lockers)                               | <b>\$50.00</b> |
| <b>Seasonal shoe storage</b> (available with locker rental only)                                 | <b>\$12.50</b> |



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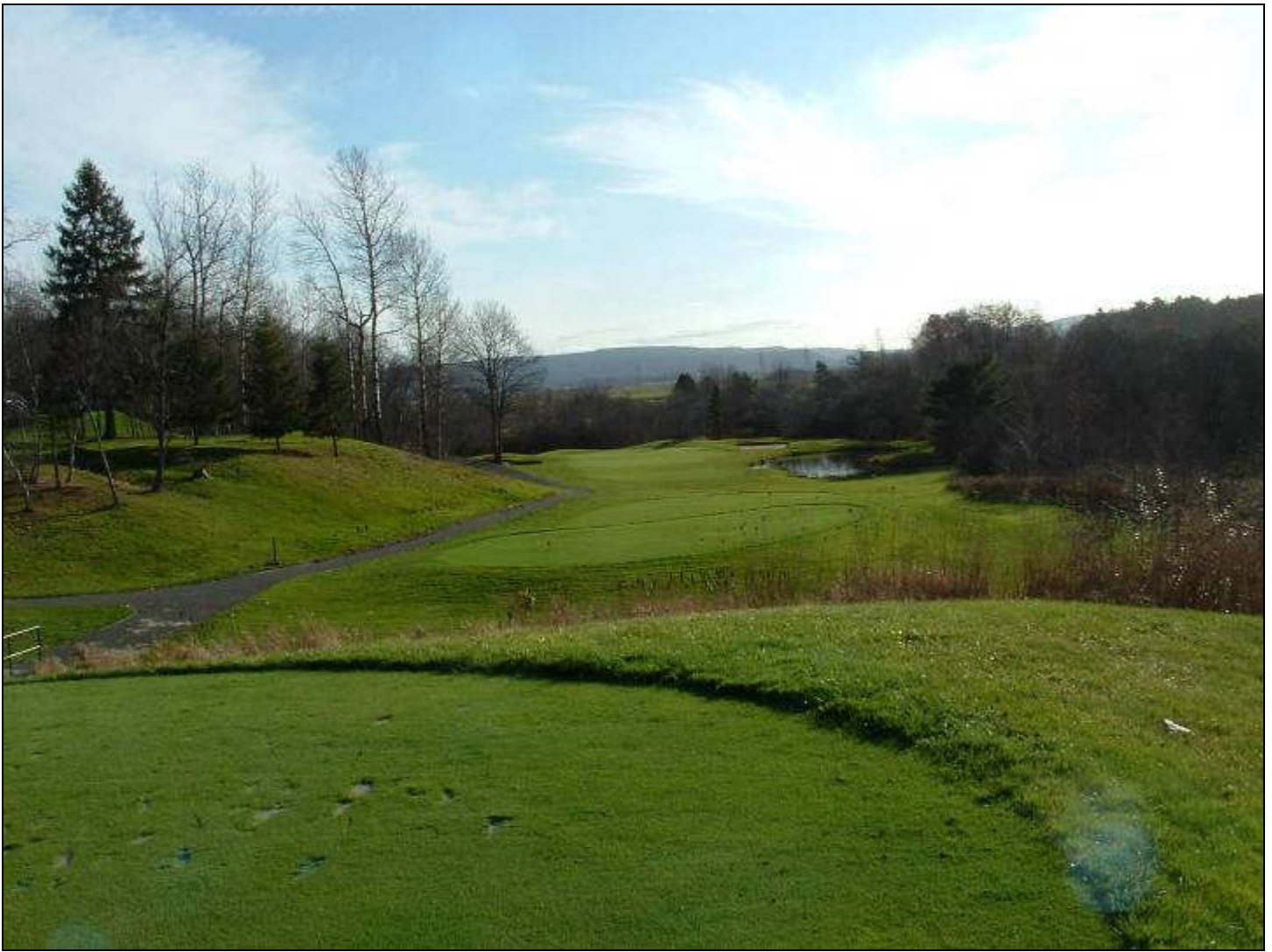
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