

Yellowknife Golf Club

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YKGC Spring Meeting Agenda

Saturday, May 28th, 2022, 11:00am Clubhouse

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Approval of Agenda**
- 3. Approval of AGM Minutes**
 - a. September 18th, 2022
- 4. President's Report**
- 5. Treasurer's Report**
- 6. Director of Golf's Report**
- 7. Old Business**
 - a. 2022 AGM Action Items
- 8. Committee Reports**
 - a. Grounds & Maintenance – Geno
 - b. Course Development – Jeff
 - c. Membership & Clubhouse – Damien
 - d. Rules & Handicap – Clem
 - e. Tournaments – Damon
 - f. Midnight Tournament – Shaun
 - g. Sales & Marketing – Mark
 - h. Volunteers – Damien
 - i. Advancement of Junior Golf - Conan
- 9. New Business**
 - a) None identified
- 10. Adjournment**



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Sunday, September 18, 2022

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11. Call to Order – 10:06am

Board Attendance

Present – Shaun Morris, Clem Hand, Jenni Bruce, Damien Healy, Mark Whitehead, Matthew Bannister, Geno Holick, Kylie Frederick

Regrets – Dwayne Simmons, Robert Redshaw, Jeff Oldfield

Absent – none

Membership Attendance – Jean-Paul Brabant, Conan Donahue, Kevin Hewitt, Chris Hunt, James Eirikson, Bob Ross, Paulette Doucet, Stephen O'Brien, Grace Lau-a, Jaclyn Leprieur, Todd Stewart, Damon Crossman, Simone Gessler, Norm Sanderson, Rudi Mouthaan, Pim Mouthaan, Dean Harvey, Mike Verheul, Robert Galipeau, Geela Qaqqasiq, Seana Stewart, Leslie Caines, Mark Hicks, Perry Campbell, Mark Lewis, Rick Savard, Mary-Ellen Savard, Shanon Watson, Chris Flannagan, Dan Drimes, Cory Holzer, Daryl Snow, Robin Janz, Helen Lawson, Joan Hirons, Hendrik Falck Greg Cameron

12. Approval of Agenda – M: Damon Crossman, S: Todd Stewart

13. Approval of Minutes Spring Annual meeting, Saturday, May 28th, 2022 – M: Conan Donahue, S: Mike Verheul

14. President's Report – see attached report – Motion to accept the report M. Joan Hirons, S. Todd Stewart

15. Treasurer's Report – See attached report – Question on replacing the practice green, suggestion that the board looks at cycle of 15 years for replacement plan. Motion to accept report M. Stephen O'Brien, S. Bob Ross.

16. Director of Golf's Report – See attached report – Motion to accept report M. Conan Donahue, S. Grace Lau-a

17. Committee Reports –

- **Grounds & Maintenance - See attached report** – Comments that the course looks great this year. Recommendation to roller the grass on aprons. Discussion on gravel around

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tee boxes and what kind it is. Discussion on amount and location of garbage and recycling bins. **Action: Board to look at maintenance on forward tee box on hole 2.**

- **Course Development – See attached report – Action: Board to look at electric heat.**
- **Membership & Clubhouse Services – See attached report –** Discussion on Clubhouse contract. Discussion on providing food in proshop, lack of water supply is an issue. Discussion on access to washrooms in Clubhouse. Discussion on cleanliness of outhouses. Discussion on water shutting off issues in the Clubhouse, being fixed in the offseason. Discussion on who takes care of maintenance in the washrooms. Discussion on hours of operation of Clubhouse. Request for more communication from the board. **Action: Add discussion of the Clubhouse contract renewal to 2023 Spring Meeting Agenda.**
- **Rules & Handicap – See attached report –** Discussion on if scoring is on 9 holes or 18. Discussion on the link on the page, it is there. **Action: DoG to put a sign up in proshop reminding members to enter their scores on Golf Canada and see staff for help.**
- **Tournaments – See attached report – See attached report**
- **Midnight Tournament – See attached report**
- **Sales & Marketing – See attached report**
- **Volunteers – See attached report**
- **Advancement of Ladies & Junior Golf – see attached report**

Motion to accept all committee reports as presented. M: Damon Crossman, S: Conan Donahue

18. Old Business –

- a) **Spring Meeting Action Items – presented to membership**
- b) **Discussion on MGA – Board updated membership on changes made to MGA based on member feedback.**

19. Thank you to outgoing directors - presented

20. Nominations of candidates for Directors – There are five 2 year terms available. Dan Drimes, Simone Gessler and Matthew Bannister volunteered for the election committee. The following members were nominated : Grace Lau-a, Mark Lewis, Damon Crossman, Mark Whitehead, Damien Healy, Chris Hunt, Wendy Bisaro, Conan Donahue.

21. Speeches from Candidates – Nominations were closed. Nominees spoke to why they would like to be on the board. Voting cards handed out.

22. Election of Directors – The following candidates are elected to a two-year term:

- Grace Lau-a
- Conan Donahue

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- Mark Whitehead
- Damien Healy

There was a tie between Damon Crossman and Chris Hunt. A second election was held. Damon Crossman was elected to the board.

23. Motion to Destroy Ballots – M. Stephen O’Brien, S. Helen Lawson

24. New Business – none identified

25. Adjournment – Motioned by Helen Lawson at 12:22pm.



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President Report – 2023 Spring Meeting

The 2023 golf season which is also the 75th (Diamond) Anniversary of the YKGC got off to the earliest start in the last decade that I have been recording the date the course opens. Once again, our maintenance staff did an amazing job of getting the course cleaned up after winter and opened quick.

As mentioned above, 2023 is the 75th Anniversary of the Yellowknife Golf Club and we have a number of exciting items to help us celebrate, including our anniversary logo which is featured on the new pin flags as well as most of our merchandise in the Proshop. We will also be having a special Thursday night event on June 2nd to help kick off this years Canadian North Midnight Classic. There will also be a limited-edition beverage from NWT Brewing Company that will feature a special commemorative can.

The ten new leased carts that were backordered from last year finally arrived in early April which led to some snow clearing and extra work to get the old ten out of storage to be returned. With these ten new carts we should have much better reliability as the old ten carts were causing significant issues last season. We have also been working on the communication issues with the cart GPS units that plagued us last year and it looks like it has been rectified.

The maintenance staff attempted to put down the left-over green material on the practice green last fall. Unfortunately, after the theft from the maintenance yard last year they were a bit short on material so the practice green covering will be completed at some point this season when we can get more material shipped up.

The new grass aprons on 9 & 12 are looking amazing, the maintenance team set up temporary water pumps to get the grass watered as soon as possible until the main pump from the lake is set up for the season. We are excited for the greens to open very soon (if they are not already open by the time of the spring meeting)

We will finally have Golf Canada up to measure the course and update our slope/rating based on the new measurements and tee box locations. This was originally supposed to happen in 2020 but they stopped travelling during the pandemic. Once this is complete, we will be updating our scorecards and hole signs.

We are extremely excited to welcome The Hungry Wolf Restaurant who was the winner of our RFP process over the winter as our clubhouse operator this year. Reginald Drummond and his team are just as excited to make the food experience for the 75th Anniversary of the Yellowknife Golf Club something to remember!



Shaun Morris

President – Yellowknife Golf Club

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Treasurer's Report – 2023 Spring Meeting

2022 FISCAL YEAR

Draft statements from 2022 show that we have approximately a \$200,000 surplus, primarily from increases from pro-shop, tournaments, memberships, green fees and rentals. These core functions of the golf course have shown strong increases in the last couple years. However, it is difficult to determine whether this is due to post-COVID effects.

2023 OPERATING BUDGET

The Board has passed a budget estimating an \$89,000 surplus. This is lower than the last couple years, but as mentioned, it is difficult to predict if the higher sales seen in previous years will continue. Revenues are budgeted to be lower than 2022 and an inflationary increase is expected in the expenses

2023 CAPITAL BUDGET

The 2023 budget shows planned expenses of approximately \$113,000. This includes some projects already committed, such as loan payments and the clubhouse stairs and exterior repairs needed for safety. Other projects include disposal and removal of the old sewage tank, fencing around the storage area and computer upgrades.

Another project we are prioritizing this year are plans to construct junior tees around the course. It is priority to expand youth participation in golf, we will be looking for fundraising and sponsorship for this initiative.

Grace Lau-a
Treasurer
May 2023

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Director of Golf's Report – 2023 Spring Meeting

INTRODUCTION

Our 2023 75th Diamond Anniversary season is underway, and although we had records levels of snow, the weather helped us and we were able to have a soft opening on May 6th and have our full opening day on May 7th. 145 Golfers played on the opening weekend and 232 golfers participated in our opening day contest. Thank-you to Janet Pacey from signed who designed our new 75th Anniversary Logo which has been placed on our new Apparel, Pin Flags, Diamond Shaped Ball Markers, etc. We are excited to partner with the NWT Brewery for limited edition Beer that have a special design on the can to help celebrate 75 years of golf!

PROSHOP

- 2023 Opening Day Sales combined from May 6/7 was \$40,154.01
- May 6th - \$14,790.28 and May 7th - \$25,363.73
- 2022 Opening Day Sales were \$31,370.53.
- 2021 Opening Day sales were \$30,965.40.
- 2020 Opening day sales were \$16,146.46.

MEMBERSHIPS

- 242 Memberships to date.
- 43 New Memberships across all categories.
- 2023 Membership numbers as per May 15th

Categories	Adult	Senior	Junior	Student	League	Family	Board
2023	145	64	4	11	5	2	11
2022	159	70	9	7	15	5	11

2023 TOURNAMENTS

- The Golf club has another active tournament calendar for the 2023 season. The Hub International tournament and NWT Chamber of commerce are back on the calendar as well as adding a new Pride Golf Tournament on June 16th which will incorporate Pride Golf Pin flags and support Pride NWT. Plus, a Junior Par 3 Tournament on July 9^h after the Par 3 on July 8th.

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STAFFING.

- Pro-Shop Staff for the 2023 season are Carter Legge, Tyler Caines, Logan Shupe, Rankin Stewart, Meredith Wilson, and Emily Eisner.
- Back Shop staff for the 2023 season are: Lucas Inman, Kaitlyn Stewart, Tucker Beck, Hayden Murray, James Therrien, Damien Lafond and Hunter Froude.

JUNIOR GOLF

The Golf Course is registered for “Take a Kid to the Course Week” for the second year in a row from July 3-9 which allows all Juniors to play for free with a paying adult.

NJ Macpherson booked their school program once again and has 5 sessions in the gym and 4 at the golf club.

YKGC is excited to start its own Junior Golf Program which will take place on Monday evenings, which Conan will go into further detail in his report.

DRIVING RANGE

The Driving Range opened Tuesday, May 9th after the nets got put up and to date, we have sold 36 Single Range Passes and 3 family Range Passes.

LEAGUE NIGHTS

The Men’s and Ladies Night committees have been working hard to prepare for the 2023 season including a combined game on Wednesday June 21. Thank you to Renee Jones, Leslie Goit, Leslie Bromley, Joan Hirons and Conan Donahue for all the work to make these nights a success.

Kylie Frederick
Director of Golf

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2022 AGM Action Items

Item	Responsible	Updates
Maintenance on forward tee box on hole 2	Grounds and Maintenance Committee	work is underway
Provide electric heat in Clubhouse	n/a	we would not be able to do this as it is solar powered and we would not have adequate power
Discussion of Clubhouse contract to be discussed at Spring Meeting	Secretary	a new contractor was put in place for the 2023 season
Sign in the proshop for entering scores	Kylie	sign being made for 2023 season



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Grounds and Maintenance Report – 2023 Annual Spring Meeting

It has been a busy start to the golf season. I big thank you to Curtis and his staff along with Kylie and the pro-shop staff with the opening of the course.

There are many projects that we would like to complete this year.

They include:

- Aprons on holes 9 and 12.
- Bunker removed from hole 13.
- Tee box repair/replace.
- Removal of the trailers behind the clubhouse.
- Driving range net replacement
- Maintenance area fencing
- Markers/Stakes
- Overhead door – Cart Storage

Driving range nets have been ordered along with tee box material. Quotes have been requested for fencing of the maintenance area and the removal of the 2 cart storage trailers. Once this is completed, the area will be leveled to allow for parking and charging stations.

This year we will also be working to improve cart trails, as many are in need of maintenance. Another concern is the sand that has built up along the aprons. This will be removed to ensure it does not interfere with the grass. Removal of trees in the maintenance area and private cart area.

This may not all be completed this year as staff have numerous areas which need daily attention.

I look forward to working with Curtis, Kylie, and the board members to make improvements to the Yellowknife Golf Club throughout the year. If you have any suggestions or issues, please feel free to bring them forward myself or any board member.

Geno Holick

Grounds and Maintenance

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Course Development – 2023 Spring Meeting

What a great start to the season, I can't recall in recent years our good fortune of being able to open so early.

We were able to get the new fringes/aprons installed on holes 9 and 12 at the end of last season. This has been a long time coming and I am excited for the final result. Please be patient while we get them going to start the year and don't walk on them until the good to go is given. This will help keep rocks and other debris off the new greens. We will continue to work on the high spots where the greens meet the aprons, to get them more level.

The solar installation has been great this far and there are a more avenues we are exploring to make our existing system even better. This is still in the preliminary steps but could be of great asset to our awesome course.

There was a last-minute delay by the contractor last year so the main stairs to the clubhouse will be completed. Along with the Red tee on hole 2 is getting some upgrades, new set of stairs, improved net attachment, removing some rotted areas.

After a few years of large-scale projects, we will be looking to continue on improving our course but in smaller, less expensive ways. One of which will be hopefully getting the course re-measured to reflect the existing changes we have made, new tee boxes and water hazards etc. Exploring a junior tee box program to help grow the game locally is one. We will have these tentative locations selected in advance to include them in the course measuring.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with ideas or concerns.

Best of luck this summer at the course!

Jeff Oldfield

Volunteer Director of Course Management and Infrastructure

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Membership & Clubhouse – 2023 Spring Meeting

Important to note the benefits members receive from the Yellowknife Golf Club:

- 10% off product in the pro shop. Talk to one of the sales team and see what new items are in stock or shop online.
- Members are provided an advance tee time bookings of seven days
- Discounted rate on all Club tournaments
- Voting rights at AGM's
- Golf Canada incident protection and HCP tracking
- Discount at the Monkey Tree Golf Simulator (Winter months)

Our new clubhouse contract with the Hungry Wolf was awarded in March. The Hungry Wolf has over 30 years experience in the hospitality and food industry. The membership committee is quite excited at the new offerings on their menu. The Hungry Wolf will also provide an expanded product line to include hot dogs and other hot/cold products on the beer carts.

The Hungry Wolf will offer the following hours for our members and guests:

Tuesday – Friday 11:00am – 9:00pm (11-7 Kitchen)

Weekends & Public Holidays 8:00am – 8:00pm (8-4 Kitchen)

League Nights (Wed/Thurs) 11:00am – 11:00pm (Full kitchen hours)

Drink and food specials will be back for major tournaments and men's and ladies nights. Two beer carts will also be offered for highly attended tournaments.

Feedback on volunteer, membership and clubhouse committees is always welcome.

Damien Healy

Membership/Clubhouse Director

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Rules & Handicaps - 2023 Spring Meeting

This committee is responsible for helping to educate golfers on the rules of golf, and also the subject of golf handicaps.

- Videos providing help with rules interpretations were posted to the YKGC Facebook last season. The videos are to inform/educate golfers how to handle a variety of situations frequently encountered at the Yellowknife Golf Club, for both casual and tournament golf. This season the initiative will be expanded upon with e-mail bulletins that raise awareness and educate members on how to handle these situations. Additionally, there will be an opportunity for members to ask questions on these and any other rules interpretations.
- Handicaps were an issue that was brought to our attention over the course of a couple of different tournaments last season, and this has been a concern at some level for several years now. Many golfers either choose not to or don't know how to input scores for the current season in the CPGA handicap system. This results in golfers potentially playing off a handicap which is not an accurate reflection of their current level of skill. This becomes an issue when putting together teams in scramble tournaments, and also with regard to individual net score prizes during stroke play events. We will be providing information to everyone on how to input scores and thereby keeping an up to date handicap on the books for all competitive golfers.
 - Earlier this Spring our committee met specifically to discuss handicap rules for 2023 tournaments.
 - For all competitive events played in 2023, golfers **must have a minimum of 3 current season scores, and a total of 5 scores over the previous calendar year** in order to have their handicap in effect. Any golfer without 3 current season scores will be allowed to compete, but with a zero handicap. These thresholds may be adjusted from year to year due to the possibility of a later-in-the-season opening day.
 - Any golfer wishing to have their handicap in effect while competing in competitive events but having valid reasons for not meeting the minimum score threshold(s) can apply to the handicap committee for an exemption. Each application will be considered by the committee in an expedient manner, and the decision of the committee shall be final.
 - Information will be made available to everyone on how to sign up and input scores. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kylie in the pro shop or myself (Clem), and we will help you get set up so you can enter scores and have a valid handicap.

Thanks to everyone for participating and continuing to support the Yellowknife Golf Club – best wishes for a great season here in 2023!

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Tournament Committee Report - 2023 YKGC Spring Meeting

Another tournament filled season is about to commence, please see below for a list of all currently scheduled/confirmed tournaments:

2023 Yellowknife Golf Club Run Tournaments

- Opening Scramble (May 27)
- Pride Golf Tournament (June 16) ****NEW****
- Canadian Amateur Qualifier (June 17)
- Midnight Classic (June 23 & 24)
- Couples Tournament (July 1)
- Par 3 Fundraiser (July 8)
- Juniors Tournament (July 9)
- RBC Scramble (July 15)
- Ladies F*CK Cancer Tournament (July 29)
- August Long 54 Hole Tournament (August 4-7)
- Junior Drive, Chip & Putt (August 12)
- Adlair Air Ladies Tournament (August 19)
- Men's FU Cancer (August 20)
- Club Championships (August 26 & 27)
- Rent Midwest Glowball (September 15 & 16)
 - ****NEW**** - due to its popularity a second night has been scheduled
 - Members will have an exclusive window to enter prior to non members.

2023 Non-Yellowknife Golf Club Run Tournaments

- Rebel Beach Am Am – MGA (May 28)
- Hub International (June 2)
- Sir John Franklin (June 3)
- The Bastards – MGA (June 4)
- Century 21 (June 9)
- SWANA Conference (June 13)
- The MGA – MGA (June 20)
- RCMP Tournament (June 30)
- KidSport (July 7)
- Basketball NT (July 14)
- F.U. Open – MGA (July 16)
- NWT Construction (July 21)
- NWT Law Society (July 28)
- Bratish Open – MGA (July 30)
- FORE! – MGA (August 13)
- NWT Chamber of Commerce (August 18)
- City of Yellowknife (August 25)
- Ladies Tombstone (September 2)

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- Cash Scramble (September 4)
- Men's Tombstone (September 9)
- Douchebag – MGA (September 10)
- Last Gasp – MGA (September 24)

Volunteers are always welcome to assist in preparing for YKGC Run Tournaments, especially for the Par 3 as spotters will be needed on each hole. If interested in any of the above tournaments, please do not hesitate to reach out to myself or the Proshop and we will get you in touch with the correct organizer.

Implementation of Handicaps for tournaments – see Handicaps and rules report

75th Annual Midnight Classic – see respective report.

Cheers,
Damon Crossman
Director - Tournaments



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Midnight Classic Tournament – 2023 Spring Meeting

The Midnight Tournament Committee comprised of Shaun Morris, Kylie Frederick, Robert Redshaw, Leslie Goit, Leslie Caines, Seana Stewart, Renee Jones, Hughie Graham and Conan Donahue has been meeting over the winter to work on special events and sponsorship opportunities to make the Midnight Classic for the YKGC 75th Anniversary a fantastic event. We also have some unique 75th Anniversary commemorative items that will be included in the registration package for each participant.

Once again Canadian North Airlines has signed on to be the title sponsor of the event and Aurora Ford has also returned as the food sponsor. This year we have added SMS Equipment and Northway Refrigeration as sponsors of the Canadian North Midnight Classic as well.

The big addition this year is the opening party to be held on Thursday June 22nd. The opening party will include live entertainment provided by “Gravy by the Cup” (Kevin Cummings, Noha Elhakeem and Eugene Foisy) followed by Cynergii (Chad Hinchey). We will also have the One of Thai food truck on site, which is an extra bonus as they will not be operating their food truck downtown this year. While this is all going on we will be having a driving range challenge with events like bucket chip, target shots and other fun games. We will also be hosting a Junior Golf Day as part of the Midnight Classic on Sunday June 25th.

The Canadian North Midnight Classic will be made up of the following events:

Thursday June 22	5:30pm	Opening Party & Driving Range Games
Friday June 23	6:00pm	18 Hole 4-person Scramble
Friday June 23	11:59pm	9 Hole 4-person Scramble (front & back 9 flights)
Saturday June 24	10:00am	18 Hole championship flight
Saturday June 24	3:30pm	Prizes & Dinner followed by Horse Race
Sunday June 25	1:00pm	Junior Golf Day

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Sales and Marketing Report - 2023 Spring Meeting

The 2022 season was another successful year for the Yellowknife Golf Course from all aspects including sales & marketing. 2023 However has been a little slow with some sponsors stepping away from their partnerships with the Course.

Currently 16 past hole sponsor have committed to their sponsor of a year long hole sponsor package. With the two vacant holes currently being negotiated, with expectation to be sold out by the end of May.

The Sales and Marketing team have also joined forces with the Junior Director and the tournament director, to start in the process of attaining funds for the Mens F Cancer tournament and the Par 3 scramble. The goal this year is for both the Mens and Ladies F cancer tournament to exceed the totals from last year and continue the success of last year's tournaments.

To date 5 of the 6 Clubhouse signs have been committed from last years sponsors. There is a also a corporate business waitlist for these signs and are looking into other locations around the course to add more signage, and revenue possibilities.



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Mark Whitehead

Sales and Marketing Coordinator

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Volunteers – 2023 Spring Meeting

The volunteer committee completed the following for the 2022 season:

2022 – Volunteer garbage pickup May 29. Adopt-a hole is back for interested members looking to help adopt a hole and help with general clean-up. The committee is also looking for help for large tournaments for hole in one spotting and set-up take down help. Please contact the appropriate Director if interested in helping.

Damien Healy

Volunteer Committee



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Advancement of Junior Golf - Spring Meeting Report

The 2023 season is looking to be an exciting year for Junior Golf at the Yellowknife Golf Club with 3 new Junior programs/events scheduled to take place this season to enhance the current programs that the club runs at this time. Joining the City Golf Camps and the Drive, Chip, and Putt event that take place every summer the golf club will be adding a Junior Golf Program, Family and Youth day during the Midnight Golf Tournament, and a Junior Golf Tournament on July 9th. We are also going to have a high school golf challenge in the fall between the two schools in Yellowknife.

Junior Golf Program

- Ages 7-18
- Will take place on Monday evenings
- Driving range sessions:
5:00pm – 5:20 7-12 years
5:20pm – 5:40 13 -18 years
- Tee Times: 5:30 - based on numbers. Will send out 3 Juniors at a time with hopefully 2 adults to supervise. Groups will tee off at different locations based on age and ability. (example: 7 -9 will be teeing off at the 100 yard marker on each hole, 10-12 from the 150 yard marker etc) Groups will also be given 12 minutes to complete each hole. If they have not finished they will go to their next tee area. Areas of focus while on the course will be golf etiquette, ready golf, rules, and how to safely navigate each hole. Areas of focus on the driving range will be fundamentals and safety.
- The times mentioned above are subject to change as we go forward and see how things flow.
- We will be looking for volunteers to assist with the program. Volunteers will need to provide a CRC with the vulnerable sector check. We will provide a letter to take with you that should waive the fee. If you are interested in helping with the program please let us know.

Junior Golf Tournament July 9th

- On Sunday July 9th the Yellowknife Golf Club will be hosting a Junior Golf Tournament
- This will run similar to the program in regards to where they are teeing off and categories.
- We have some interest from other clubs that may bring some junior players to the tournament.
- We will be looking for volunteers to score keep and to help keep groups moving.

Family/Youth Day

- During the midnight golf tournament there will be a Family/Youth Event
- Details will be provided in the midnight golf tournament information

High School Fall Golf Challenge

- Details are still being worked out with the two high schools.
- Will take place in September

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Drive, Chip and Putt

- Will once again be hosted by the YKGC and will take place August

The YKCG Junior Golf Program will hopefully grow the game of golf in Yellowknife and appreciates the support of both the board and the membership. This all would not be possible without the buy-in and leadership that Kylie has provided in this area. Thank you!



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