

# NORTHERN ONTARIO'S BEST VALUE In Championship Golf



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#### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

As we stand on the threshold of the 40th anniversary of Huron Pines Golf & Country Club, it's a moment of profound reflection and celebration. For four decades, we've prided ourselves on exceptional golfing, meaningful community engagement, and dedicated environmental stewardship.

We begin by acknowledging that Huron Pines Golf & Country Club is situated on the traditional territories of the Anishinabek, specifically the Mississauga. We extend our respect and gratitude to the North Channel Metis Council, expressing our thanks through "miigwetch" for their guardianship of this land. As custodians of this sacred land, we pledge to honor, respect, and work toward the shared goals of truth and reconciliation.

Forty years ago, a visionary group of volunteers laid the foundation for what Huron Pines would become: a premier golfing destination celebrated as one of the finest courses in Northern Ontario. Our evolution from a modest 9-hole facility to a renowned recreational landmark showcases the power of community, vision and perseverance. The year 2001 marked a pivotal chapter in our club's history when, with the support of the Town of Blind River, we undertook a significant \$1.6 million expansion to 18 holes. This strategic move ensured our club's long-term sustainability and growth, enhancing our golfing experience and cementing our status in the region, drawing both summer tourists and new residents to Blind River.

Cameco's role as the current landowners has been invaluable, with their support facilitating numerous enhancements and initiatives. We extend our deepest appreciation for their partnership, which has propelled our growth and sustainability.

At the heart of Huron Pines lies the dedication of our volunteers, from the founders to the countless individuals who have devoted their time and energy. This spirit of camaraderie and commitment is the backbone of our club's identity, celebrated in this newsletter as we acknowledge the legacy of volunteerism that is so integral to our success.

As we mark our 40th anniversary, we celebrate not only our history and vibrant community but also the enduring spirit of golf. Our commitment to environmental stewardship, community engagement, and delivering an unparalleled golfing experience remains unwavering as we outline our future goals and visions, reaffirming our dedication to excellence and sustainability.

In closing this special edition of our newsletter, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to you - our members, staff and the broader community. Your support has been the cornerstone of our success. As we embark on the next chapter, we invite you to join us in shaping the future of Huron Pines Golf & Country Club. Together, we will continue to build on our legacy, embracing new challenges and opportunities with the same passion and dedication that have defined us for the past 40 years.

With warmest regards and heartfelt thanks,

Mark A. V. Deverell

President, Huron Pines Golf & Country Club



#### A Note from the General Manager

With a winter like we have had, I'm very excited looking ahead to spring and a great 2024 Golf Season!

2024 marks a significant milestone at Huron Pines. It's our 40th Anniversary of Championship Golf. A special thank you to all who have contributed to where we are today.

Our early bird membership discount is available until March 31st. Memberships can be paid online, mailed to Huron Pines Golf & Country Club, Box 2041, Blind River, POR 1B0 or sent by email to manager@huronpines.com

To find the 2024 Membership Form go to huronpines.com, select the Golf tab, go to 2024 Rates and scroll to the link for the form.

We have made some changes to how we do things in and out of the pro shop that will be very noticeable, to provide a better experience for every customer at Huron Pines. We will have a starter/marshall every day to help with course management.

As we say goodbye to some staff, we welcome new staff who will be significant contributors to the club's success.

As well we will be hosting a Northern Ontario Junior Golf Tour (NOJGT) event, as well as a Golf Ontario qualifier, Men's Amateur, Men's Mid -Amateur and Jr Boy's and Sr. Men's.

We look forward to seeing everyone and enjoying a great season here at Huron Pines Golf & Country Club.

**Kevin Cain** 

General Manager, Huron Pines Golf & Country Club

#### **Superintendent's Report**

It's been one of the most peculiar winters I have ever seen.

On February 28th, we had a daytime high of 10.3 degrees, an overnight forecast of -16 and a high of -7 for February 29th. That was to be followed by 8 days of mid to high single digits above 0. With El Nino expected to persist in the next couple of months, it may very well be an early spring for golf.

We closed out last fall by rebuilding the 10th and 11 th yellow tee decks, leveling them and enlarging them to accommodate the higher levels of traffic those tees are seeing, and to improve their playability. There is a bit remaining to do to them once the grass starts to grow but they should be back in play in relatively short order.

This spring we will also be leveling the #5 white and blue tee deck, and intend to add drainage to #15 and #16 in the coming fall.

We will be adding 12 new carts to the fleet this season and will have several from the older fleet for sale once the new ones arrive. We are also looking to add a new greens mower to our mowing equipment line up, to make sure the greens are the very best they can be.

In the upcoming year we will miss Bob Horton, a friend and loyal volunteer for many years, whose dedication and consistency we relied upon. We also grieve the loss of Jimmy Horton. That is a lot of loss for the Horton family in a short time. My heart and thoughts are with you.

So, we look forward to better days and times, changed, though they may be. With the weather forecast that I'm looking at for the upcoming month, it may soon be time to get the golf clubs out of storage and start polishing them up for the coming season.

I am looking forward to seeing you all out on the course this spring!

**Peter Stos** 

Superintendent, Huron Pines Golf & Country Club



## **2024 EVENTS SCHEDULE**

Cameco Charity Event	May 24 <sup>th</sup>	
Unleashed	June 8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup>	
Men's Invitational	<b>June 21<sup>st</sup>- 2</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
TKT Memorial Open	July 12 <sup>th</sup>	
Cameco Ladies Open	<b>July 26</b> <sup>th</sup> – <b>27</b> <sup>st</sup>	
North Shore Health Network	August 17 <sup>th</sup>	
Senior Club Championships	August 28 <sup>th</sup>	
Cameco Men's Senior Open	September 4 <sup>th</sup>	
Lion's Club	September 7 <sup>th</sup>	
Cameco Ladies Senior Open	September 11 <sup>th</sup>	
Men's & Ladies Club Championships	September 21 <sup>st</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup>	
Men's Closing	September 28 <sup>th</sup>	
Ladies Closing	September 29 <sup>th</sup>	
Steak and Beans	October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
Iron Broom	October 5 <sup>th</sup>	

#### **Golf Packages**

9 HOLES WITH CART	\$45.50 plus tax
18 HOLES WITH CART	\$73.75 plus tax

Book online and save 5% off green fees!

#### **Group Rates/Corporate Tournaments (carts mandatory)**

13-24 Golfers: 10% dise	count on 18-hole green fee	\$68.45 plustax
25-49 Golfers: 20% dis	scount on 18-hole green fee	\$63.15 plustax
50+ Golfers: 30% disco	ount on 18-hole green fee	\$57.85 plus tax
Green Fees Without Cart		
9 HOLES		\$33.00 plus tax
18 HOLES		\$53.00 plus tax
Book online and save 5% off green fees!		
Golf Cart and Golf Club Rentals		
Golf Cart - 9 Holes (Single User in Shared Cart)		\$10.50 plus tax
Golf Cart - 18 Holes (Single User in Shared Cart)		\$20.75 plus tax
Golf Cart - Unlimited Use (Single User in Shared Cart)		\$725.00 plus tax
Golf Clubs - 7-piece set		\$8.00 plus tax
Practice Facility		
Range Balls - approximately	y 55-60	\$6.75 plus tax