

# Huron Pines

December | 2008

## 2009 Rates

- Single Adult     \$890.00
- Children         \$84.00
- Student          \$445.00
- Junior            \$150.00

Registration Payments  
Can be Made at the  
Town Office or Mailed  
to Huron Pines Box  
2041 Blind River

**If you want to Pay  
your membership  
in one full Pay-  
ment by December  
31st 2008, you will  
pay Last years  
rate.**

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## President's Message

Dear Fellow Golfers

The 2008 season is over, although with the weather being so mild I've been able to get out a couple of times in November. In 2008 we had some ups and downs. The beginning part of the year was a complete write off due to the terrible weather in April and May. It put us behind the eight ball right away and we were never able to make up the lost ground. Peter and his staff were able to return the damaged greens to perfect condition which shows the quality of staff we have working at Huron Pines.

We once again had many volunteers who gave their

time and expertise to help out. In fear of forgetting someone I would not attempt to name everyone. We see you out there all the time and you know who you are and I want to say a heartfelt thank you for all that you do to make Huron Pines the best course in the area. I would like to say a big thank you to Chris Astles and Cameco for everything they do for us.

In 2009 we will be facing a very difficult year as we try to overcome the bad start to last year. We will be negotiating with the bank for our long term long and cart lease as well as a loan for the new rough mower that was purchased mid season.

Again at the fall board



meeting there were few members in attendance and the same board was appointed. I feel we work very well together and are able to bring a lot of experience and knowledge to the table. We all have the same goal which is continuing to make Huron Pines the best course in the north.

I hope everyone has a safe winter and look forward to seeing you all out on the course in the spring.

Wayne Berthelot



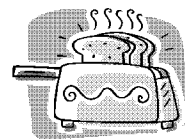
2009

Will be Huron Pines 25th Anniversary, so if you

have some ideas on how we can celebrate our anniversary please let me know, or one of our Board Members.

One thought was a free day of golf 9 holes with hot dogs and tours etc.

## PJ's Catering



Judy Simms will be returning for the

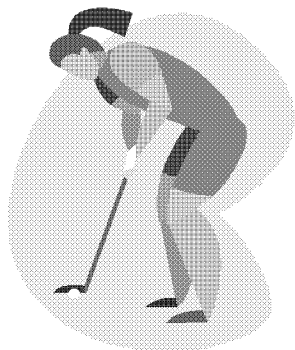
2009 Season and we thank Judy and her staff for their continued dedication and good food.

# Ladies Night

## LADIES NIGHT

Unfortunately, there is no Ladies Night Committee this year but if anyone wishes to help Trevor and/or the Pro Shop staff out, by all means step up.

If anyone has any suggestions to make these nights more enjoyable or has any



different games we can play, please do not hesitate to let the Pro Shop know.

We encourage all interested ladies, and bring friends, golfers or not, to come out and join in the fun. We are only there for a good time and of course, the food.

The Ladies Invita-

tional, under the planning talents of Anne Astles, is scheduled for the second weekend in August and we hope to see the tournament grow in 2009 as it will be the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Huron Pines. Last year, we saw 100 ladies participate and we would like to see more this year. Spread the word, it's a good time.

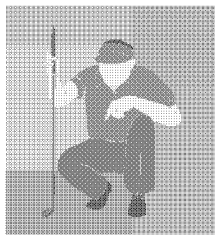
## New Improved Payment Plan:

For the 2009 Season you will have two choices for your membership Payment.

1. Give us one cheque in the full amount by March 1st 2009.
2. Or you can give us 4 post dated cheques, One for January 31, One for February 28th, One cheque for March 31st and One cheque for April 30th.
3. These Cheques are in 4 equal payments and must be given with your registration form by your first Payment of January 31st.
4. After March 1st the \$100 late fee will be applicable, so please select your payment plan ASAP.

## Men's Night

Men's night was very successful for the 2008 season thanks to RJ Morningstar, Shane Boyer & W Berthelot. The number of participants was very high, and we averaged 88 players per week.



the sponsorship program for door prizes.

However!, if there is a Sponsor who wishes to sponsor a Men's Night , all they have to do is Pay in advance.

I would like to thank the sponsors for last season.

Would like to Congratulate our 2007 winners:

Jon Groteluschen Senior Champ

Ryan Hagger Club Champion

Brian Olson Match Play Champ

This year 2009 we are discontinuing

# Junior Golf

## Junior Golf

Last year I started up the junior golf program again. It took place on Sunday afternoon and I feel was a good start and learning experience. For the first two months we were averaging about 20-25 kids each week. Then, when July and August hit the numbers



A small Tiger Woods

dropped to 4-6 kids. I am going to run the program again in 2009 but will try a different approach in the summer months. We had a lot of parents who wanted to go out with their child so, I am looking at offering free golf for a junior when accompanied by an adult on the Sunday. The adult would either have to be a member or pay a green fee or part green fee depending on the number of holes

they complete. I hope we can continue the junior program as these are the members of the future.

Wayne Berthelot

## Mr. Stos Green Thumb

Another golf season has come to a close, most people (save a persistent few) have their clubs away and are now turning their attention to curling or are getting out skis in anticipation of a snowfall.

After a grim start to the golf season, the course maintenance staff were able to bring the course back into fine playing form. I would like to acknowledge all those on the crew for their tireless work and the volunteers who came out to mow rough and do other jobs, allowing us to focus our attention on the labour intensive task of bringing the greens back. Networking with others in the industry, I have been delighted to find that, at different

clubs in the north, we have come to the same conclusions about the nature of the damage we experienced and seem to be taking similar steps to reduce the likelihood of that kind of damage in the future. To this end, you will notice that we have done some thinning of tree stands where sunlight penetration is poor in the areas of #9, 13, and 17 greens. Additional tree thinning is slated to be done in the near future on #12 green. All of these greens were damaged for the most part, in the south-east most portion of the greens. The anomaly to this trend is of course #14 green which has always had something of a puffy, thatch character, I have used as an indicator that our turf maintenance

practices needed to improve. Adjustments were made to our maintenance practices this year, which were facilitated by the purchase of our new top dresser last fall, enabling more frequent, light applications of topdressing sand. This topdressing, coupled with other cultural practices known to be beneficial to turf health will be implemented in earnest in the years to come and will produce healthier, more uniform playing surfaces.

Stay well and warm this winter

See you in the spring

## Reduced Membership for non residents: Suggestion Only!

With our ever aging membership and high cost of gas, not to mention our limited population in Blind River, the board is looking at introducing a reduced Membership for

golfers who live over 50 km We would try this for 1 year and the cost for an Adult would be \$700.00 per year. If we can generate enough of

these member it is just another way of keeping our local memberships at a lower level. Your comments or views on this suggestion would be appreciated.

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# Manager

Another season is over, and from my perspective July, Aug & Sept were successful, however as we all know April and May were disastrous.

I would like to thank Peter Stos and his crew for their dedicated work to bring Huron Pines back on track after such a harsh winter.

I would like to thank the Board of Directors and Staff for their continued support and hard work that goes unnoticed by many.

A very special thanks to all members and non members who make Huron Pines a place of enjoyment to work, and a place to play.

A huge thanks to our Partners in

Golf, Cameco, AJ Bus Lines, Berthelot Insurance, Milltown Motors, Mitchell's Phy, K-Way, and Town of Blind River. I look forward to our continued working relationship for the 2009 Season.

Yes, this will be my fourth year as manager, and the challenges never stop coming. This year will be very challenging because of our Financial Commitments, our slumping economy, Our decrease in Memberships, and mother nature.

I am very confident with our dedicated and positive Staff, our dedicated and positive members, we will achieve excellent service and good

golfing to everyone who visits Huron Pines.

Once again I look forward to working with you all and please remember that I have an open door policy so if you have concerns or suggestions please bring them to my attention or to any Board Member.

Trevor Kerr-Taylor

