

Why Settle For Less When You Can Play The Best

Huron Pines 2018

Presidents Message



I would like to start off thanking those who continue to support Huron Pines. We have many volunteers, sponsors, members who go that extra mile to make our course the best in the north. I'm sure everyone would agree that our course condition this year was far above what someone would expect from a golf course in a small northern town. Peter Stos and his staff along with the volunteers work tirelessly to produce a product that we have become used to. I have golfed on many courses in Michigan, northern and southern Ontario; and Myrtle Beach over years. Some were inexpensive while others were very expensive to play. On every course I've played I always compare them to our course based on layout, rough, fairways, greens and overall experience. It is very hard to find another course that compares to Huron Pines when you look at our conditions compared to what you pay for membership or green fees. Some people have never golfed anywhere else and think that our course is what a regular golf course is like. But trust me, it is not. We have a spectacular gem here in Blind River at a fraction of the price that it is worth. With our current economy, aging population and the abundance of other activities available in the area, it makes the cost of a membership difficult for some. The cost of operating the course goes up every year while we are always looking at way to bring in extra money or reduce costs. We are looking at some changes to the operation that could save us money without having a huge impact on the day to day operations, such as only picking range balls every few days (or get volunteers to pick range daily), reduce the hours of staff, not wash carts every day. We are trying to come up with ways to attract new golfers while keeping our current membership and green fees. In January the minimum wage will be increased to \$14.00 per hour. That is a \$2.60 increase since we closed in October. That will translate to over \$31,000.00 increase to our wages for the operation of Huron Pines for 2018 or \$256.00 increase to memberships just to remain revenue neutral. There is no way we could expect our membership to shoulder the entire cost of the wage increase and we are trying to find a way to come up with this extra needed cash. I understand that at our current membership and green fee rate we are close to the top of what people are willing to pay, but we hope that as a member of Huron Pines you'll take pride in knowing that you are a member of the best course in Northern Ontario and it is worth every dollar. If you have any ideas that you think would benefit us please feel free to contact any board member or Trevor.

Wayne Berthelot
President Huron Pines

Cameco Junior Program for the 1st year was huge a success under the guidance and training of Liam Hamlin. The program ran 10 weeks and they averaged 14 to 16 children each week. All we can hope is they had fun and will return in 2018, dates and times will be posted at a later date .



Gilbert Harris Junior Champ



Thank you Cameco



A golden award to Cameco for all that they do, rebuild flower boxes, fixed all electrical problems, etc. Thank you



Pay your membership in full by January 15th and have a chance to win a free membership. Thank you Cameco for Sponsoring this event.

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Rates for 2018 up 4.5%

Single Adult \$1149.00 Plus HST Total Cost \$ 1298.37 Must Pay by January 15th

New Member Adult. \$860.00 Plus HST Total Cost is \$971.80

50 Km Member \$722.00 Plus HST Total Cost \$815.86

Single Adult \$1299.00 plus Hst if you are paying with 6 post dated of \$244.65 each starting January 15th. Total Cost is \$1467.87

50 Km Member \$772.00 plus HST if you are paying with 6 post dated cheques of \$145.39 each starting January 15th Total Cost is \$ 872.36

Don't forget to **add your \$5.00** for reserved Tee off time for ladies and Men's Nights.

Please give me your email address as I want to send out a monthly update to you in 2018 Please !!!!!

Ladies Night

Ladies Night was run by the pro shop again this year. We had 22 events for a total of 264 Ladies, or an average of 12 players per night, compared to 18 the year before.

Cameco Ladies Open was another huge success with a total of 80 ladies, up from Last year. Our Senior Ladies Open had 80 players ,up from 40 last year. Due to numbers this year, the Ladies closing will be called Club Championship Closing. Also for ladies night we will try some 2 person scrambles, and Ladies night hours will change to 4pm to 6pm, and the cost will increase to \$6.00 plus 50/50 and skins for a total of \$8.00



Men's Night

Men's Night had 23 events for a total of 1579 participants, or an average of 68 players per night compared to 77 the year before. I would say the weather was the main reason for the drop in men's night.

This year we will try and have a one day club championship, as many members said they do not want to kill their whole weekend.

Congratulations to Trevor's team winner of Steak & Beans



IF YOU PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP BY JANUARY 15 IN FULL, YOUR NAME WILL BE ENTERED INTO A DRAW , FOR A FREE MEMBERSHIP COMPLIMENTS OF CAMECO



Mr. Green Thumb by Peter Stos

Despite the strange weather this year, with consistent rain then the best golfing weather all year towards the later part of September, I would not have thought that we'd see such an abrupt end to the golfing season as we have. Normally I am accustomed to seeing people from all over the place coming out to play in the fall after we've closed up. This year, unsurprisingly I suppose, there's hardly been a soul out on the course this late fall and as I write this in early November, I am watching snow fall and accumulate. It seems that's just the kind of weather we have come to expect where it's substantially different from year to year, one year very hot with no precipitation, the next cool and wet. I always seem to carry on about the weather but the reality is that it is crucial to our business and yes I know I complain about the weather but never do anything about it.

This year when we were able to get out to play without rain, we had great conditions out on the course and once again I have to say that it's a testament to the consistent and meticulous care of all the staff and volunteers at Huron Pines, the effort these Ladies & Gentlemen put in is always appreciated. Every year we have assistance from the Town of Blind River to put our pumps in the water and take them out and I would like to thank them for that. As I write this, two electricians from Cameco are completing almost a month and a half of labour, parts included that would have been an unbearable burden to the club. There aren't words to express the appreciation that I have for Chris Astles and Cameco but I have to say a HUGE THANK YOU!!! nonetheless!

As always, Trevor has been a pleasure to work with and we seem to be able to sort out scheduling of maintenance events so as to impact play as little as possible. This fall I had a bit of help from RJ who volunteered time to help with irrigation blow out and I have to say he was invaluable! Thanks very much RJ!

This year, somehow, we have a new Senior Men's Club Champion at Huron Pines. For those who weren't aware, I'll keep you in suspense until the name goes up on the board (maybe I'm only keeping you in suspense because I'll only really believe it then!)

I wish you all a warm and safe winter and hope to see all of you out on the course early in the spring!

Cheers
Peter Stos



MANAGERS



THOUGHTS

Wow!

We are so lucky. Where else in Canada can you leave your house and within 5 minutes be at your own Stanley Park or Botanical Gardens. A setting of beautiful green fairways, trees, running water and peaceful tranquility right at your door step, and yes even just to take a walk or play a game of golf or eat at Monique's Fairway Bar and Grill all at Huron Pines. You as a member or just a person in our community you should be so proud of what we have.

Just think you're sitting on your couch at home, and as an individual you can go out basically any time and play with your friends, and if you are a couple what a great place to share each others company, and get that exercise you want. Sure golf has a score base challenge on all levels and all ages or genders, but this is not what is most important. What is important is sharing your friendship with others, the fresh air and your membership to maintain this beauty of our hidden gem in the north.

Members are so important. We cannot survive without you! Sure golf is not cheap but what is nowadays. The board of directors would love to let everyone pay \$500 per year to be a member, however our overhead will not let us do that, even when we have one of the lowest operating budgets and fewest employees in Northern Ontario. We are the only course in Ontario and maybe Canada that gives free golf to children up to 18 years of age.

We have a total of 158 members which includes lifetime, employees etc. For actual paid members we have 92 regular 9 preferred couples, and 20 out of town members for a total of 121. So lets do some calculations based on \$1100 per member, Hydro cost \$38000 per year, represents 38 members, Fuel cost \$21000, represents 21 members, Seed & Fertilizer \$24000, represents 24 members, Top dressing equipment maintenance \$25000, represents 25 members. This total is 108 members so it leaves us 13 members to pay the wages of \$138000 hm! Just wont work. **So if you are not sure if you are going to be a member, just remember we need you! & we hope you will be part of the Huron Pines great family.**

Congratulations to Alex Berthelot III and Joe Degraw for Holes in Ones this year

2017 Winners Circle



Cameco Ladies Open
Champions Fitr Battah &
Michelle Legualt



Cameco Men's Open Champion
Arjun Wallia



Earl Patterson Senior Net
Champion



John & Judy Taylor Pier 17
Mixed Champions



Rotary Champions
Gilbert Harris, Cody Billingham
Liam Hamlin & Eric Simon



Rick Cosgrove Men's Net
Champion



Men's Club Champion
Ryan Hagger



Senior Club Champion Men
Peter Stos



Senior Club Champion & Ladies Club Champion
Mary Shamas



Cameco Senior Men's
Brent Hatton



Jacob & Samuel
Senior Ladies Open
Marlene Rivet



Sue Ashdown Net Champion
Ladies Club



Chamber Champions Curtis Chow-
Marshall Chow, Kelly James
& Joe Degraw

Board of Directors



An Oscar is awarded to the Town of Blind River for all the help they give us

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Managers Wisdom

Another season is over, and from my perspective it was hampered with rain.

I would like to thank Peter Stos and his crew for their dedicated work to Huron Pines . I would also like to thank Monique for her wonderful service and food for our members and guest this year. Thanks to RJ and pro shop staff for all their hard work and support.

I would like to thank the Board of Directors 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, Elnos, AJ Bus Lines, Milltown Motors, IDA , Town of Blind River, Dr Mary Shamas, Blind River Home Hdw, LeRoy Construction, Jacob & Samuel Drilling, Broken Canoe & Pier 17, Dr Chris Barnes, & I look forward to our continued working relationship for the 2018 Season.

I would like to thank Dr Deverell for his continued computer work on our tournament programs.

I would like to thank Dr Mary Shamas for all the secret help she gives.

I would like to thank Shane Boyer and Bill Noel for keeping our water safe and our appliances working.

Would like to thank Annette, Charlene & Tom St Jules for the flowers, and to JC & Cecil for their assistance.

Most of all I would like to thank you the members and Golfers for making each year a pleasure to work with.

Yes, this will be my 13th year as manager ,and the challenges never stop coming.

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.

Stay Healthy and see you all in the Spring.
Trevor Kerr-Taylor





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2018 SUGGESTED TOURNAMENT DATES:



May 5th or 12th	Opening Special	11am Shotgun
May 26th	Rotary Four Person Scramble	11am Shotgun
June 23 th 24 th	Cameco Keith Fullerton Men's Open	
July 14 th 15 th	Pier 17 Mixed Invitational Open	
July 6th	AJ Charity Tentative	11am Shotgun
July 28th	Cameco Ladies 2 Person Scramble	10 am Shotgun
Aug 18th	IBEW	
Aug 25th	Blind River Chamber	
Aug 29th	Senior Club Championship	
Sept 8th	Men's Club Championship 1 Day	Tee Times
Sept 10th	Cameco Men's Senior Open	10 am Shotgun
Sept 12th	Ladies Senior Open	10 am Shotgun
Sept 22nd	Men's Closing	11 am
Sept 23rd	Ladies Club Champion Closing	11 am
Sept 27th	Steak & Beans	

New for 2018: If you take out a yearly cart unlimited package, you can use the cart until the end of October. Also just a reminder that if you have an unlimited cart package ,your spouse can ride free if she plays with you.



Chris Astles & Cameco you are a rare kind of generous. We at Huron Pines are having a hard time putting our gratitude into words, but we hope you know how much we appreciate all of your help. Thank you so much. When it is just not possible to do it, you just do it and make it happen Wow!.

**HURON PINES GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
2018 MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM**



1ST Adult _____

2nd Adult _____

Street Address _____ Child _____

Mailing Address Box # _____

Town & Postal Code _____ **Please give me your email address PLEASE !**

Phone Number _____ Email _____

DESCRIPTION	RATE	AMOUNT
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Adult	x _____	\$ 1149.00 (After January 15th \$1199.00)	\$ _____
New Member	x _____	\$860.00 (If you have not been a member for 2 years)	\$ _____
Student	x _____	\$ 502.00 (age 19-23 enrolled in school)	\$ _____
Junior	x _____	\$ Free (Must live within 50K of BRiver)	\$ _____
50 K Mem	x _____	\$ 722.00 (After January 15th \$772.00)	\$ _____

If you pay your membership in Full by January 15th, your name is entered into a draw for a free membership. If you are Paying with 6 post dated cheques you must pay the after 15th rate.

Club Storage	Locked x _____	\$ 55.00 (Lockers)	\$ _____
Club Storage	Locked x _____	\$ 65.00 (for 3 wheel cart room)	\$ _____
Power Pull Cart	x _____	\$ 110.00	\$ _____
Power Cart Storage	x _____	\$ 585.00	\$ _____
Power Cart Rental	Unlimited 1 rider only	\$600.00	\$ _____

(Spouse rides free when playing with you & you get to use the cart until end of October)

NOTE NEW FOR 2018 WHAT EVER YOUR TOTAL IS DIVIDE IT BY 6 MONTHS IF YOU WANT TO GIVE POSTDATED CHEQUES STARTING WITH JAN 15TH. AND ENDING JUNE 15^H 2018

SUB TOTAL	\$ _____
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Everyone must pay Hst No exceptions 13% HST Applicable to all rates \$ _____

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP COST \$ _____

Reserved Tee off time Ladies or Men's Night \$5.00 Time Requested _____ Paid Yes _____
No HST on this amount

OFFICE USE:
Method of Payment Cheque Number _____ Cash _____

RECEIVED BY _____ Date _____

MEMBERSHIPS CAN BE PAID AT THE TOWN OFFICE (They only take cash or Cheques) OR MAILED TO HURON PINES BOX 2041 BLIND RIVER.