

# Ken-Wo

## GOLF CLUB



## ANNUAL REPORT 2010

### President's Message

Phil Feely, President

I trust you would all agree that we have had another great golf season at Ken-Wo. The positive experiences of 2009 continued throughout 2010 and I am hopeful that the membership as a whole had another successful and enjoyable golf season at Ken-Wo.

Ken-Wo's 2010 financial statements have been prepared. The operating results are once again very strong thanks to Rene's leadership, his dedicated management team of Rick, Deb, Derek and Brandy, as well as the especially hard working, dedicated staff. Thank you to every Ken-Wo employee!

The Board worked well together and I would like to express my appreciation to each of the other Board members for everything we were able to accomplish at the Board level. A special thanks to Gwen Phillips, Trevor Schofield and long time Board member Bruce Fagan, who are retiring from the Board, for their invaluable contributions to the Club.

We continued to make improvements to the golf course including the sand traps, a new washroom on the back nine, the new green on hole number 10 and the new practice green. We will soon be commencing some significant clubhouse renovations that involve moving the administrative office downstairs while also moving and expanding the Stop and Go. Going forward, there are still things to finalize and discussions are currently underway as to where we need to focus our attention.

Once again, a major reason for this year's success is the membership whose support is so crucial to our success as a golf club. I encourage the members to continue to support Ken-Wo, which I think we all agree is a great place! Also, we would not be successful without the behind the scenes volunteer work of many of our members. Thank you to all the membership and guests. A special thank you to all the volunteers and committee members because without you we would not be nearly as successful.

My two years as President have been very rewarding and enjoyable. Rene MacKay, as the Director of Golf, continued, in 2010, the great job he did in 2009. Rene remains committed to Ken-Wo and I am sure he will continue to do a great job in the years to come. I think it goes without saying that we all need to support Rene and his management team in hopes of continued success.

I am sure we are all looking forward to 2011 being another positive year led by strong membership and management! Have a great winter and we'll see you in the spring!

Thank you!

Phil Feely, President

### Director of Golf's Report

Rene MacKay, Director of Golf

The 2010 season, Ken-Wo's 89<sup>th</sup> season in total, began on Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, the beginning of what proved to be another successful season at Ken-Wo Golf Club. Having played host to over 35,000 rounds of golf in 2010, the management and customer service teams in all departments were kept busy from the onset of the season. I would like to recognize our management team of Rick Phelan – Golf Course Superintendent, Brandy Martin – Administrative Assistant, Debbie Barclay – Food and Beverage Manager, Derek MacKinnon – Head Golf Professional and Dan Fraser – Associate Golf Professional, for their efforts and leadership throughout the 2010 season. We are very fortunate to have these high quality individuals as part of our management team as they each play a vital role in the success of the club and overall satisfaction of our members and guests. I would also like to commend our clubhouse custodian, Annette MacGillivray, for her hard work and efforts in maintaining each of our building facilities throughout the year. Please join me in thanking these individuals for everything they do for Ken-Wo and its' members and guests!

This past season's membership numbers were once again very positive as the club was blessed with a full membership base for the second consecutive year, consisting of 575 adults and 150 juniors. These numbers are very encouraging and vital to the long term health of the club! Even more encouraging is the fact that there are now more than 135 members under the age of 40 which bodes well for the future of the club. As the strength and annual success of the golf club, both present and future, is driven by the membership base, a fully subscribed membership in 2010, along with a current waiting list of 25 individuals for the 2011 season, is very positive news for the health of Ken-Wo Golf Club.

As was the case in 2009, the overall outlook remains positive as the two key contributors to the bottom line, revenue from memberships and green fees, were once again very positive this year. With membership revenues of approximately \$518,000 and green fee revenues hovering around \$322,000, it is evident that the club had another busy season. This is very promising news to report, as it is these numbers that have a direct impact on the success in all revenue departments such as pro shop, power carts, food and beverage, etc, so to our members and guests, "thank you" for your continued support.

The golf operations department (pro shop) had another strong season in terms of merchandise sales and service with sales that were slightly ahead of last years' pace. It was certainly a challenging year in this department in terms of staffing and training as there was a great deal of staff turnover from the previous year; however, the "new" additions to the team did a wonderful job in learning their new roles very quickly and eventually "settling in" to their positions. This past season also saw the introduction of a new power cart fleet in mid-season, as the number of carts rose from 30 to 36 in total. Many thanks to our members and guests for their continued support of the golf operation through merchandise sales in the pro shop, use of power carts, use of club storage facilities and use of the driving range!

Once again, the food and beverage operation was a success as overall revenues experienced a growth of approximately \$25,000 year over year. This marks the second consecutive year of growth in this department with revenue numbers from recent years being \$251,000 (2008), \$288,000 (2009) and \$313,000 (2010). Even more exciting is the fact overall profit in the food and beverage operation has climbed from a loss of \$10,200 in 2008 to a profit of \$32,000 in 2009 and an even larger profit amount of \$40,000 in 2010. A great deal of this success can be attributed to the growth in our "special" event business such as weddings, banquets, etc; however, the continued support of our members on a daily basis through regular play and participation in "special" club events, has played an even larger role in the rebirth of this department. The recent string of success in our food and beverage operation is very encouraging; however, as we do in all departments, we will continue to look at ways to improve moving forward as we realize that we can always improve our operation in terms of service, quality and efficiency, and have thus set a goal to do just that in 2011! To those of you who regularly support the Ken-Wo food and beverage operation via Friday Social Golf, Ladies Day, Sr. Men's Day, Men's Night or just regular daily play, Thank You! And to those of you who have yet to experience our excellent food and service, with very reasonable pricing, we look forward to seeing you in the dining room in 2011!

Not only did the 2010 season come with success in terms of finances, but several improvements were completed on the golf course, as well as around the clubhouse. Included in these projects were the renovation and upgrade of our bunkers, the construction of a new washroom on the back 9, the continued landscape work around the clubhouse, the mounding work along side #15 green, and last but certainly not least, the construction of a new green on hole # 10 and a new 6,500 square foot practice green located adjacent to #10 tee on the way to the driving range. There were also several minor improvements completed on the course and within the clubhouse with the renovation of the bar area being the most noticeable difference – a change that was very well received by members and guests! To go along with these improvements, the grounds crew remained busy with the day-to-day maintenance of the golf course. As I stated earlier, there was a great deal of play throughout the year and for the most part the golf course held it's own amidst the steady flow of traffic; however, the condition of our greens was certainly a concern during the latter half of the season. Having said that, rest assured that this concern will be addressed heading into the 2011 season as planning and preparation is already under way in an effort to improve the long term health and consistency of our greens.

As is the case in every season, there are several "competitive" events held throughout the year, more specifically our Club Championships in each division. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and congratulate our 2010 Club Champions for their accomplishments. The 2010 Club Champions are as follows:

- Men's Club Champion – Allistair Tidcombe
- Senior Men's Club Champion – Bruce Fagan
- Men's Match Play Champion – Peter Gaul
- Ladies Club Champion – Beth Lloyd
- Senior Ladies Club Champion – Winnie Horton
- Mixed Club Champions – Ray Ivany & Laurie Graham
- Junior Boys Club Champion – John Deacon
- Junior Girls Club Champion – Darcy Fuller

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers who played such a huge role in the success of all club championships, as well as other club events. Without the help of our volunteers who assist with planning, promoting, preparation, scoring, registration, presentations, etc, the success of these events would be limited, so to all of our volunteers a big "Thank You!"

I would like to thank the Board of Directors for their support, patience and direction in my second season as Ken-Wo's Director of Golf. Many thanks as well to the various committees and divisions who worked so feverishly throughout the season to ensure that these committees and divisions, and Ken-Wo as a whole, had a successful year. Once again, many thanks to the Ken-Wo management team and their staffs for their efforts throughout the season! And last but certainly not least, I would like to once again thank the members of Ken-Wo for the support and loyalty shown towards "your" golf club all season long. As mentioned earlier, Ken-Wo would not exist or succeed without the support of its membership. Each and every one of you has played a major role in the club's success in 2010. Thank You!

So there you have it, the end to another exciting season at Ken-Wo Golf Club. We can only hope that our members and guests had as much fun on and off the golf course as the Ken-Wo team had in delivering the product we so dearly cherish, Ken-Wo! The planning and preparation for the 2011 season is already well under way as we move into the winter months. It is with great excitement that I inform you, following recent approval by the Board, that the plans are in place for the construction of new administration offices on the ground floor level, as well as the redesign and relocation of the often visited Stop N Go. This will make for a very busy off-season at the club, but in the end this is a project that has been on the radar so we look forward to its completion prior to the start of the 2011 season.

On behalf of the staff and management team I would like to wish you all a healthy, happy and enjoyable (and short) off season. We look forward to welcoming you back for the 2011 season as we celebrate Ken-Wo Golf Club's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!  
Respectfully submitted, Rene MacKay; Director of Golf

## **Greens & Long Range Planning Committee**

Ian Palmetter, Chair Greens & Long Range Planning Committee

I hope you all enjoyed another season of great golf at Ken-Wo! With over 35,000 rounds of golf played over the season I would like to extend a great big thank you to Rick and his crew for the product they provided for us throughout the season.

I would also like to extend a thank you to the Millett Trust for the work they completed on their property behind the Flower Cart. This should help to improve our drainage situation on number 4 fairway.

The construction of a new washroom on the back nine (behind #18 tee) was completed in early June and this has been a very nice addition to our golf course. One of the highlights of this past season for the Greens & Long Range Planning Committee was the construction of the new green site on # 10 and the new practice green between hole # 10 (tee) and hole # 12 (green). The project began in early September and was completed in early October. Both green sites, including the surrounding areas of the green, have been sodded to assist in reducing the length of time these areas will be closed in 2011. With a little luck, some "tlc" from Rick and his crew and some cooperation from Mother Nature, we are hopeful that play will begin on these greens in June of 2011.

Rick's crew also worked very hard this year on improving the overall condition of our sand traps in terms of drainage, rocks, etc. The feedback from both members and guests has been very positive and we are hopeful that everyone did notice a vast improvement in our sand traps, unless you managed to stay out of them all year!

Numerous other improvements were also made throughout the season including extending the tee box on 5, new cart paths and cart path upgrades, landscape work around clubhouse, reconfiguration of front left bunker on # 7, new mounding along side # 15 green, as well as a great deal of tree planting and tree cutting.

We continue to upgrade our maintenance fleet with the purchase of 4 major pieces of equipment taking place in 2010 including a fairway mower, rough mower, a blower and a tractor. The upkeep and continual improvement of our maintenance fleet is very important with a greens mower and a sidewinder rough mower on the wish list for 2011!

We hope everyone enjoys a happy and prosperous off season and we hope to see everybody out early in the spring.  
Respectfully, Ian Palmetter

## **Membership Committee Report**

Gwen Phillips, Chair Membership Committee

The Membership Committee prepares policy to help guide the Club in its work with members. It is comprised of the Chairs of various sub-committees which work on behalf of the members of Ken-Wo – the Social Committee, Junior Committee, Men's Committee, Handicap Committee, Building Committee, the Club Historian, the Head Pro and the Director of Golf.

The Committee discussed next years' celebration of Ken-Wo's 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of incorporation. The Committee has recommended to the Board that a small sum of money be set aside for the celebratory dinner which will be held on the Club

opening date, and actual anniversary, April 29<sup>th</sup> 2011. In addition the Committee has recommended that the Club purchase and install a fountain in the pond on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole to mark this special anniversary.

The Committee worked on and presented for approval to the Board, two policies. Policy 4.5a, entitled *Membership Class, Fees and Dues* serves to make the policy more readily understandable by staff and members by organizing, clarifying, simplifying and updating a previous policy. Policy 4.4a, entitled *Memorials* was created to provide guidelines for memorial recognition of former members by the Club and by individuals.

I would like to thank Mary Ann Culliton, Angus McLean, John Lawrence, John Horton, Trevor Schofield, Winnie Horton, Derek MacKinnon and Rene MacKay. Their invaluable input and keen interest in the well-being of Ken-Wo is very much appreciated.

Respectfully, Gwen Phillips

## Ladies' Division

### Deborah Gauthier, President Ladies Division

The Ladies' Division enjoyed another successful season with several memorable highlights. Our Home and Home with Paragon in June saw the Ken-Wo ladies' successfully winning the Golden Tee plaque for another year. On June 26<sup>th</sup>, we hosted the Scramble Fore Cancer Care tournament again with our special guest, Cindy Day, of CTV in Halifax. Due to the remarkable participation of all those involved we were able to donate \$6250.00 to the Cancer Patient Navigation Unit at the Valley Regional Hospital bringing our total, the last eight years, to over \$25,000.00. On July 7<sup>th</sup>, we participated in the Senior Men/Ladies Junior Scramble and saw first hand that the Junior program at Ken-Wo is still producing great golfers and the future looks bright for representation on provincial and national teams. August saw our Club Championship being victorious for Beth Lloyd for another year. I would be remiss not mentioning that we lost one of our treasured matriarch golfers in Lillian Swanburg during this championship and her loss was deeply felt by the members and ladies in golfing around Nova Scotia.

We had several ladies participate in tournaments throughout the province:

- The Bronze at Oakfield: Cheryl Hawboldt-Smith, Elaine Craig, Bev Jodrey, Florence Douglas and Audrey Ansems finished 16<sup>th</sup> out of 26 groups.
- The NSGA two ball at Lost Creek: Renda Vandertoorn, Pat Wirvin, MaryAnn Culliton, Cheryl Hawboldt-Smith, Bonnie Lockhart and Elaine Craig.
- The Paradise Classic in Eden: Beth Lloyd and her partner Leslie Houde won 1<sup>st</sup> Gross 1<sup>st</sup> Division. Winnie Horton and her partner Wendy Baltzer won 3<sup>rd</sup> Net 1<sup>st</sup> Division. Linda Kennie and Josie Jodrey won 1<sup>st</sup> Gross 3<sup>rd</sup> Division and Bonnie Lockhart and Elaine Craig won 2<sup>nd</sup> Gross 3<sup>rd</sup> Division.
- Texas Scramble in Digby: Janet Swift, Bonnie Lockhart, Elaine Craig, MaryAnn Culliton, Renda Vandertoorn and Cheryl Hawboldt -Smith all placed.
- The N.S. Ladies Senior: Winnie Horton won the Super Senior Division.

On average, 44 ladies participated on Ladies Day Thursday mornings and the newly formed Tuesday evening ladies golf group saw their numbers remain constant as well. Thanks to all the ladies that embraced the 50/50 weekly draw, with their support we were able to purchase a large banner for our Club championship.

At our closing, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>, an Emeritus Membership Award was presented to Margaret Bishop in recognition of her golfing career not only at Ken-Wo but provincially and nationally as well.

Thanks to our sponsors this year BMO, Jeff Redden, Beleaf Spa and Salon and Matt Rogers from Bishop Cellars. At this time, I would like to thank all of the Ladies' Executive for their hard work over the season and a special thanks to Martha Barry and Gail Hazel who will be stepping down this year after many years of service. We welcome Cathie Snair and Sirpa Winslade on the executive next year in their place. I thank the staff of Ken-Wo for assisting me as well this past year and look forward to working with everyone in the 2011 golf season.

Respectfully submitted, Deborah Gauthier, President, Ken-Wo Ladies' Division

## Senior Men's

### Robert Fraser, President Senior Men's

With our "Closing" October 6th the 2010 season was brought to a close. It was fortunate this year that the "Opening" and "Closing" events were both blessed with wonderful weather and a great time was had by all. Between those events great golf was played with a large number of competitions intertwined with regular play days.

Generosity prevailed this year for the Senior Men's. Gift certificates donated by Valley Stationers Ltd. were drawn for at our "Opening". Prizes donated by CIBC, Scotiabank, TD Canada Trust, RBC Financial and Best Toyota in Kentville and Kia Motors in New Minas contributed to our prize package for the "Home & Home Competition" with the Senior Men of Osprey

Ridge, who once again won the "Culliton Trophy". Rene, Derek and Dan, the Pro Shop and Ken-Wo Golf Club donated generously to our group.

Ron Giffin, President of "The Giffin Group of Companies" sponsored "The Giffin Cup" again this year. The President's and Vice President's teams battled it out with the Presidents Team winning for the first time in this our "Closing" Match Play Competition.

Pat Barry chaired the organizing committee for the very successful Senior Men's Championship. This year's sponsors were The Investment Planning Council, Wolfville Office, Council Portfolio Services and Ken-Wo Pro shop. Many thanks to Barry Hennigar of IPC; CPS and Derek MacKinnon, Head Professional for their generous support.

Emeritus member Reginald Boates hit the ceremonial first tee shot to start the competition. Bruce Fagan was the overall winner (2nd time) and our own Stuart Huestis was the overall low net winner (2nd time).

Peter Oomen, the Promotions/Public Relations person for KWSMO has brought up to date "The Memory Book". This has biographies of KWSMO "trophy" donators as well as many of our Past Presidents since 1986. He also continued the tradition of adding photos from this year's activities to our Photo Binders. All these "books" are located in the alcove, second floor of the club house. A new Administration Binder will soon be available. Check them out.

A special thanks to John Horton for all the photography he has done for us over the past number of years. Very Much appreciated.

I would be remiss not to thank my executive for their outstanding commitment to the Ken-Wo Senior Men's Organization.

To all the Ken-Wo staff, a very sincere thank you for making our year special in many ways.

This is my final report. My term as President has been completed and as of October 6th Pat Barry is KWSMO new President. Thank you for the privilege of serving on the executive these past six years. Best of luck in the future. I hope to see you all next year and have a safe winter.

Respectfully: Bob Fraser, President KWSMO 2009 & 2010

The 2010 Executive:

Vice-President-Pat Barry, Secretary Treasurer-David Leslie, Match Chair- Bob Douglas, Promotion-Public Relations-Peter Oomen, Valley Seniors Representative-Andre Gauthier, Members at Large (+match committee)-Wayne King & Earl Maxwell

The 2010-2011 Executive:

President- Pat Barry, Vice President- Ray Hubley, Secretary Treasurer- Dave Leslie, Match Chair- Bob Douglas, Members at Large (+match committee)-Peter Oomen & Earl Maxwell, Promotions/Public Relations- Frank Spriggs, Valley Seniors Representative-Andre Gauthier

## **Men's Division**

### **Trevor Schofield, Men's Committee**

On behalf of this years Men's committee, I would like to thank all of you for another successful year. Thank you to Leon's and Molson for being our major sponsors and also a number of weekly sponsors found on our website. These sponsors provide great weekly prizes and should be recognized for their support.

Congratulations to Malcolm Darnley for winning Leon's 50" plasma giveaway and to Kevin Newcombe for winning the Molson Canadian fridge.

Thanks to Rene, Derek, Dan and Pro-shop Staff for their contributions all year long. Thank you to Deb and the Food & Beverage staff for great meals and service. In efforts to make Men's Night even better, please contact your Men's Committee with any suggestions, comments or issues. They will be more than happy to hear from you. Have a safe and short winter. See you next year

Respectfully, Trevor Schofield

## **Handicap Report**

### **John Horton, Handicap Chair**

Currently there are 752 active Ken-Wo members listed on the RCGA Network handicap program. Of these, 588 are males with 219 (37%) posting 20 or more scores. Eighty-one (14%) managed to post only 1 to 9 scores, eighty-three (14%) posted only 10 to 19 scores and that left 205 (35%) members to post no scores at all. This is not at all good.

The female part of the membership didn't fare any better. Of the 164 women fifty-four (33%) posted more than 20 scores, twenty-three (14%) posted 10 to 19 scores, 17 (10%) posted 1 to 9 scores, and seventy (43%) managed to post none.

It should be noted that for members to compete equitably with their peers and others it is necessary to maintain an up-to-date Handicap Factor. This Factor comes about by posting all eligible scores and for most Ken-Wo members that would mean posting at least twenty scores during the season. Remember that it is the individual member who can check on the others that he/she plays with to ensure that they are posting all acceptable scores. This Peer Review is the basis of an accurate and up to date Handicap Factor. It is not difficult to post scores and by doing so you will have a better idea of your capabilities and whether there is improvement or not, in addition to being fair to yourself, and more importantly to those who you compete with. You can post in the comfort of your own home at your own computer or at the golf club. If you have questions, there are many people who would be glad to assist – just ask.

Members who would like to compete in the various club competitions are reminded that they must have an up-to-date Handicap Factor. If not, they may be permitted to play with a 0 handicap for gross only. It is also important to maintain an accurate Handicap Factor for competitions outside the club.

This year names of members were again submitted to the Nova Scotia Golf Association for the provincial greatest reduction in handicap award in various categories. Unfortunately it was found that some candidates for these various categories came from quite a ways down our lists because not enough scores, twenty eighteen hole scores or the equivalent eighteen and nine hole scores, had been posted during the season. Last year Ken-Wo was fortunate in winning in two categories (Nick den Hartog – Junior Boys and Rick Griffis – Senior Men).

Thanks to Bill Hill, Cheryl Smith, Earl Maxwell, Andre Gauthier and the Pro-shop Staff for their efforts in helping members realize how important it is to post scores and maintain an accurate handicap factor.

We as a club can do much better!

Respectfully submitted, John Horton, Handicap Chair

## Junior Program

### Angus and Margaret MacLean

The Ken-Wo Junior division has had a very successful year, under the direction of Tom Thomson, Nic den Hartog, Greg Brown, Heather MacKay, Margaret and Angus McLean. Congratulation needs to go to the coaching staff of Derek MacKinnon and Dan Fraser for their dedication and support to all of our Ken-Wo Juniors.

Ken-Wo was well represented at Provincials this year. We had many competitors at the midget and juniors levels. Next year we hope to have some of our Ken-Wo girls at provincials.

We had five in house tournaments this year. These were all highly attended, with new golfers at every tournament. The Burger King was a success. The Junior/Senior/Ladies scramble was another highlight for the juniors. We had a wonderful day.

The junior committee was pleased to host the Lennie Smith Family Classic with the sponsorship of the Ennis Group. This tournament was a huge success again, with 43 teams entering. We look forward to hosting this event again next year.

The **Girls Club** continued this year. It was highly attended by many of our girls. We closed our year with the **Ennis Group Ken-Wo Junior closing banquet**. Everyone had a great time. It was wonderful to see the families out supporting their children.

Thank you to all our sponsors this year: Build-On Construction (Mike Ward), Russell Investments (Lars Nichols), Vision Care Centre, Wickwire Place Assisted Living Residence (Paul and Lisa MacDonald), Bayshore Contracting (Stuart MacMillan) and Ennis Group (Sean Ennis).

Congratulation to our 2010 Boys and Girls club championship winners: **John Deacon and Darcy Fuller**.

Other award recipients were:

Sportsmanship: Cody Holland

Most Improved: Gillian Cumby and Nic den Hartog

Clarke Vaughan: John Deacon and Meghan McLean

We look forward to another successful year next year.

Respectfully: Angus and Margaret McLean

## Social Committee

### Mary Ann Culliton and Cheryl Hawboldt-Smith

The Social Committee continues its quest to provide a hospitable atmosphere for all Ken-Wo Members.

An Opening Cocktail party was held on Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. This was very well attended by both returning and new members. On the following Saturday, 140 golfers participated in The Fitzsimmons Opening Tournament.

The Friday Night Socials: This event has been well attended with a full field of 60 golfers participating on most Friday evenings. Pat and Martha Barry have organized the Friday night Social golf for the past several years, but they will not be

returning as organizers in 2011, so we are looking for another couple to assume this responsibility in 2011. Please contact a member of the Social Committee or our Director of Golf should you be interested in overseeing this event in 2011. Your assistance is needed to ensure this very popular evening of golf continues. We thank the Barry's for their many years of dedication to this event.

The Canada Day Celebration was well supported and the BBQ, as always, was a popular draw for the day.

July 17<sup>th</sup> was the date for the second annual Lobster Boil. Approximately 90 participants enjoyed Social hour followed by a shot gun 9 Hole Golf Tournament and then the delicious lobster dinner. This was a huge success and many new faces helped with this event.

The Mixed Club Championship, held on August 8<sup>th</sup>, was won by Ray Ivany and Laurie Graham and Overall Low Net winners were Richard and Deborah Shaffner. 22 teams took part in this competition. **\*\*\*\*Please see recommendation..**

The Applefest Mixed Tournament was held on Oct 2 & 3rd with a shot gun start at 1 PM with a Pinehurst Format. A sit down dinner was served Saturday evening. Kenny's Farm Market sponsored this event with unlimited apples and supplied all the fall ingredients for the club trimmings. It is a disappointment that only one Ken-Wo team entered out of the 44 teams entered. Winners: Adam Morash & Sue Bradley - Granite Springs **\*\*\*\*Please see recommendation.**

The Other Ryder Cup was held in September, for the first time. There were several factors which were considered when making this change: the possibility of better weather, more likely to have higher numbers of member's still playing golf and less likely to lose participants to events like Acadia University "Home Coming" weekend. Over 100 participants enjoyed the day and many people benefitted from the generosity of Ken-Wo's management. The big winners of the day were John Aker with a full membership and Mary Ann Culliton with a half membership for 2011 season. Many thanks to our Director of Golf, Rene MacKay, for his support and generosity! It is much appreciated by all the members. This is an extremely popular event, and a wonderful turkey dinner was enjoyed to cap off the day.

#### **Recommendations for 2011:**

Mixed Tournament: To adjust the date for this event; consideration being given to moving the event to a mid July date for 2011 year! This would hopefully cause less playing conflicts with the divisional championships (Sr Men's and Ladies) that are also held in August.

Applefest Tournament: We propose to change this to a one day tournament as the numbers do not support a two day event. We recommend a shot gun start, **only** with a full field registered. This would include a dinner but no practice round. The entry fee could be \$100.00 per team. Team Handicap should be calculated 50/50 with a maximum 10 point spread for handicap differential. The Posters should be made available for the May NSGA meeting for distribution.

2011 Season: The 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club will be celebrated in 2011 and celebrations will start on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> with a Gala Dinner. The posters are in place and tickets are available through the administration office. We hope to promote this event to our membership during the winter months. The fee is set at \$30.00 for the evening, including dinner. All past Presidents of the Board will be our invited guests. On the Saturday to follow the Fitzsimmons Golf tournament will be held for all members. The entry fee will be \$10.00 per person with all proceeds going toward prizes.

We have received positive feedback from our members about these events and certainly appreciate all who participate and help make these events a success.

We hope to keep our moral high and continue to encourage our members to become involved.

Thank you for your continued support

Respectfully, Mary Ann Culliton and Cheryl Hawboldt-Smith



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