



## **ANNUAL REPORT 2011**

### **President's Message**

Rod Murray, President

Another golf season has passed and what a year it was! Early rain didn't dampen anyone's spirits as we saw a wonderful season of golf. Ken-Wo Golf Club looked and played as well as it has in years. We received compliments from the opening Apple Blossom Tournament right through to the Ironman/Ironwomen tournament from those that came to enjoy our course. I think over all, the feedback from members was positive, from what I heard. Rick and his crew are to be credited with putting in a heck of a year. We had a gentlemen come in from the USGA to help "guide" us as to the approach we should take with the course itself going forward and it was money well spent. However, we are only as good as those that maintain the grounds and I would like to personally thank Rick and Co.

It goes without saying that the quality of service and friendliness of staff is on display daily at Ken-Wo, from the pro-shop, to the Turn, to upstairs to the cleaning staff ; thank you to all who worked the Dining Room! We are lucky...and we are well managed. Rene and his management team--Derek, Deb, Brandy, Dan and Rick-- have strived to be the best in the province and that is a wonderful goal. I feel like they are but I will let each member decide for themselves.

It was our 90th anniversary and we had some terrific social events-I would like to thank all that helped in any way, especially Cheryl Hawboldt and Mary Ann Culliton whose swan song as social coordinators was this season. Thank you, ladies!

I would also like to thank all of the tournament volunteers---you know who you are---because that is the life blood of any golf course, members helping to make the club run!

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow Board members for a progressive year and I assure you that we will work diligently to represent the membership of Ken-Wo!

Respectfully submitted, Rod Murray, President

### **Director of Golf's Report**

Rene MacKay, Director of Golf

The 2011 season marked the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ken-Wo Golf Club. The playing season began on Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, the beginning of what proved to be a successful season at Ken-Wo Golf Club. One of the many highlight's from the past year was the sold out Gala Dinner that was held on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> as Ken-Wo Golf Club celebrated its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Many thanks to Mary Ann Culliton, Cheryl Hawboldt and Debbie Barclay for their efforts in making this event such a memorable evening! Another highlight of the year was the Boyd Lockhart Recognition Dinner that was held on September 1<sup>st</sup>

to recognize the great career and innumerable contributions of Boyd Lockhart to Ken-Wo Golf Club during his storied career at the club. Many thanks to the hard-working committee for their efforts in making this event such a success, with special thanks to my co-chair for the dinner Mr. David Muttart! I am sad to say that the other big story of 2011 was the weather as April and May, as well as the better part of June, were filled with cool temperatures and rain. Thankfully, the second half of the year was a little better and the finish to the season was wonderful as Mother Nature certainly cooperated throughout the fall with the course remaining open for play until Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Having played host to approximately 32,000 rounds of golf in 2011, down slightly from the 35,000 rounds 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, Brian Bartkow – Assistant 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 2011 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 continued hard work and efforts.

This past season's membership numbers were positive, but slightly down from the previous year with 560 adults and 125 juniors. The late start to the season, along with the inclement weather, certainly played a factor in the decline in membership numbers. It is also evident that the stumbling economy is still impacting many people's decisions when it comes to the use of their monies for leisure activities. Moving forward, the Director of Golf and management team, as well as the Board of Directors, will focus on the retention of existing members as well as the recruitment of new members to the club.

As was the case in recent years, the overall outlook remains positive as the two key contributors to the bottom line, revenue from memberships and green fees, were once again positive this year. With membership revenues of approximately \$508,000 and green fee revenues hovering around \$303,000, it is evident that the club had another busy season, especially when considering the challenges with the weather and the economy. 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 had an exceptional season in terms of merchandise sales with sales that were over 15% ahead of last years' pace. The golf operation was once again led by our returning professionals, Derek MacKinnon and Dan Fraser, who were very well complemented by our newest professional Fenwick Zwicker. This group of individuals did a tremendous job in all areas of the operation as this is the busiest department in the club day in and day out. The administration of the daily tee sheet, the management of the power cart fleet, the high level of customer service in so many ways and the golf "expertise" that is evident on a regular basis led to a very successful season in this department. It goes without saying that the success of the golf operation in terms of sales is directly related to the support of the membership through merchandise sales in the pro shop, use of power carts, use of club storage facilities, use of the driving range, etc! So to all of you who supported the golf operation in any way in 2011, a very big thank you!

The food and beverage operation experienced a slight decline in year over year sales and this can be directly attributed to the fact rounds played were down almost 10% from 2010. The dining room was abuzz several times this season, with the highlight's being the Gala Dinner – Club Opening held in April and the Boyd Lockhart Recognition Dinner held in September. Both of these events were planned in conjunction with the celebration of the club's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and I am pleased to say that all attendees at both events left thoroughly impressed by the efforts of our food and beverage team. The dining room and bar were also very busy with special events as the club played host to 10 weddings in 2011 with a

solid number of weddings already booked for the 2012 season. The operation performed well in many areas and it is fair to say that the newly designed canteen, now known as “The Turn”, was a great addition to the club for so many reasons and not just the simple fact that sales were up in a year with less rounds played. Although overall sales in the F&B department did decline slightly - \$311,000 in 2011 vs \$313,000 in 2010 - and overall profit also dipped as expenses continue to rise, the overall year should still be considered a success as the quality and consistency of the food service improved, the addition of The Turn was well received and our “special” event business remained strong. The continued support of our members on a daily basis, as well as via participation in “special” club events, has played a large role in the success of this department. 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!

The 2011 season was yet another season of change here at Ken-Wo Golf Club as several minor and major improvements were made to the golf course and clubhouse. The major changes to the golf course included the redesign of #10 green as well as the newly constructed practice green. The comments and feedback on both projects were very positive and we look forward to the continued maturation of these greens in 2012. There certainly weren’t many days where the new practice green didn’t get used so it is fair to say this was a much needed improvement. There was also a lot of focus on the day to day maintenance of the golf course, more specifically the season long conditions of our greens, as this was an area of concern throughout the 2010 season. Following some recommendations from Mr. Jim Skorulski, a senior agronomist with the USGA who visited the club in the spring, our aeration and top dressing programs were tweaked. The end result was much improved greens throughout the entire season, especially the second half of the season, albeit the newly implemented practices were time sensitive in terms of completion time and healing time for the greens. I would like to thank the members and guests for their patience and cooperation throughout this process as Rick and his crew learned the nuances of the new procedures (bigger cores, more sand, etc). I can assure you that the “turn around” time of the aeration process has been investigated and discussed with plans in place to speed up this process in 2012 and beyond. Another major change that took place in 2011 was the relocation of the administration offices to the main level as well as the construction of the new Stop N Go, now referred to as The Turn, now located adjacent to the pro shop in the northeast corner of the building. This project represented a major facelift to the clubhouse that was long overdue and discussed for quite some time, but never did come to fruition for various reasons. The project is now completed and I am happy to say the end result is exactly what we had envisioned and the response from everyone has been “great changes”, “job well done”, “much better location for the offices”, and so on and so on.

The club’s irrigation / watering system is another topic that has been discussed for quite some time as the club’s system was audited in 2004 with major changes recommended at that time; however, these changes were not implemented and the time had finally come where the Pump Station was in such poor condition that there were major concerns the pump would not last through the 2012 season. Therefore, the Board made the decision in August to purchase a new Pump Station with a system that is far more advanced and that will certainly be more effective and efficient moving forward. The original pumping station was installed in 1995 with a life expectancy of 15 years so the time had come to have the unit replaced. The life expectancy of the new station is upwards of 20 years so we are certain this is an expense that will not come up again anytime soon. The cost of the new station including installation and setup was \$93,500 with this amount being paid through the club’s cash, with no new debt being taken on by the club. The installation of the new pump took place in late November of this year so we head into the 2012 season in excellent shape with relation to our irrigation system. Although this is a very costly venture, and some may question the decision to make such an improvement at this cost, the club will be far better off in the long run. The new pump station will enable us to protect and continue to maintain our #1 asset which is the golf course itself. The new pump station will also reduce power

and water consumption, allow a great deal more flexibility when watering greens and fairways, limit irrigation breaks throughout the course, while also being a much safer unit to work with.

As is the case in every season, there are several competitive events held throughout the year, more specifically our Club Championships in each respective division. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and congratulate our 2011 Club Champions for their accomplishments. They are as follows:

Men's Club Champion – Allistair Tidcombe  
Senior Men's Club Champion – Ray Hogan  
Men's Match Play Champion – Steven Ward  
Ladies Club Champion – Beth Lloyd  
Senior Ladies Club Champion – Renda Vandertoorn  
Mixed Club Champions – Maggie & Sam Kenny  
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 many other club events. Without the help of our volunteers who assist with planning, promotion, preparation, scoring, registration and presentations, these events would not be as successful as they are, so to all of our volunteers a very big "Thank You!"

I would like to thank the Board of Directors for their efforts throughout the past year as they are certainly a pleasure to work with on a regular basis. Many thanks as well to the committees and divisions who worked so feverishly throughout the season to ensure that their committees and divisions, and Ken-Wo as a whole, had successful years. Once again, many thanks to the management team and their staffs for their efforts this past year! And last but certainly not least thank you to the members of Ken-Wo Golf Club for the support and loyalty shown towards "your" golf club all season long. It is the continued support of the members that impacts the club's overall success and enables the club to move forward in so many ways!

On behalf of the staff and management team I would like to wish you all a healthy, happy and enjoyable off season. We look forward to welcoming you back for the 2012 season!

Respectfully submitted, Rene MacKay; Director of Golf & Operations

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

Wayne Burke, Chair Greens & Long Range Planning Committee

Thank you to the 2011 members of GLRP committee: Bruce Fagan, Robin Hennigar, Linda Kennie, Bob Thompson and Ian Palmeter along with Rick Phelan, and Rene Mackay.

I extend a special thanks to Rick and his caring and congenial maintenance staff for their hard work in helping to improve our greens, keep our fairways lush and maintain the golf course. Also, a special note of appreciation to Mother Nature.

As has been mentioned by Rene on many occasions, the visit by Jim Skorulski of the USGA was a very good investment. His knowledge has greatly impacted and influenced and will continue to influence many of our decisions and ultimately the playability of our golf course. We have done a lot of tree cutting and cleanup, not only as a result of the December 2010 storm but also following recommendations from Mr. Skorulski.

This year, we unwrapped the new green at #10 and the new practice green and traps in late spring. We opened “The Turn” and new administrative offices and the newly designed pro shop. We began the overhaul of our irrigation system by completing “phase 1” with the purchase and installation of a new pump. We redesigned the upper tee at #8 and will complete that in the spring. We placed two fountains in the pond at #18 and have redesigned the water side of the green with a rock face which leaves us with the opportunity of enlarging and reshaping the green if desired in the future. The committee put on paper, “a want list” and worked on prioritizing that list to make “a needs list” both short term and long term.

We learned that we had to aerate larger and deeper as our greens were overrun with a buildup of thatch from past years. We achieved better greens but we learned that we were not completely prepared for the treatment of the larger, deeper aeration. . . . .we will employ new strategies in the future to do everything in our power to make the greens playable sooner after the necessary aerations. We are also intending to enhance our cart paths by trying to earmark money each year for path maintenance and improvements.

Overall, there were more than 32,000 rounds of golf played at Ken-Wo Golf Club this past season, even with the rain that we endured. We hope the membership enjoyed their golfing experiences at our course this year. Know that we, as a committee, are striving to make the course more playable for all. We will learn from experience and we are always open to suggestions.

Respectfully submitted, Wayne Burke, Chairperson of Greens and Long Range Planning

## **Membership Committee Report**

Trevor Croteau, Chair Membership Committee

The Membership Committee 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 Golf Professional and the Director of Golf.

The club celebrated its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011, with a Gala reception and dinner that was one of the major highlights of the past year. To commemorate the club’s 90<sup>th</sup> year two new fountains were installed in the pond on hole #18 with these being very well received by both members and guests. Other special events that took place in conjunction with the 90 year celebration included a recognition dinner for long time head professional Mr. Boyd Lockhart (1962-1995), as well as the addition of a bench on hole #5 in memory of the late Lillian Swanburg who was a long time and very well respected member of Ken-Wo as well as a Past President of the club.

The Membership Committee is committed to the satisfaction and retention of members, the overall maintenance and design of the clubhouse, as well as the level of communication to the members. I am hopeful that the membership sees this past year as a great success and remains fully satisfied with their Ken-Wo experience. Thanks to Rick and his crew the golf course was in great condition throughout the entire season. There were also some excellent on-course renovations completed (#10 green and practice green), the initial phase of the new irrigation system was completed, and the clubhouse received a major upgrade with the addition of the new administration offices along with The Turn. I also believe, as I have heard from many within the membership, that the communication provided by our Director of Golf and his management team was second to none.

In closing, I would like to thank our Director of Golf for his efforts as well as his management team and staff that serve our members and guests on a regular basis. I would also like to thank the many volunteers that make up this committee and do so much in their respective areas. In no particular order, Mary Ann Culliton (Social), Margaret and Angus McLean (Junior), Peter Simmons (Men’s), John

Horton (Handicap), Winnie Horton (Historian), Trevor Schofield (Building) and our Head Professional Derek Mackinnon.

Respectfully Submitted, Trevor Croteau; Chair of Membership Committee

## **Ladies' Division**

Deborah Gauthier, President Ladies Division

The Ladies' Division enjoyed another successful year of golfing even though at times the weather man seemed to be against us. During our Opening on May 5<sup>th</sup>, we were pleased to host the dedication of Lil's Bench in memory of Lillian Swanburg with members of her family present.

The ladies participated in many events this year starting off with two clinics given by the pros. They also managed to play two rounds with us on Thursdays this year that were a great deal of fun and enjoyed by the ladies they got to play with.

Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup> saw the return of the Scramble Fore Cancer Care, in aid of the Patient Navigation Unit at Valley Regional. Although the number of ladies that were able to participate this year was down we still managed to have some colorful costumes out there and were able to raise \$5460.00. Thanks again to MaryAnn Culliton, Beth Lloyd and all their volunteers for the tremendous amount of work they do for this great cause.

Our Home and Home with Oakfield this year was won by the Ken-Wo ladies that participated and we look forward to repeating our win next year as well.

August 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> our attention went to the Club Championship and an exciting playoff between Laurie Graham and Beth Lloyd where Beth emerged victorious for another year.

Several ladies participated in provincial events this year. Yvonne Wilson, Judi Thorburn, Rose Leslie and Cheryl Hawboldt attended the Bronze where Judi placed fourth. Also, Bonnie Lockhart and Elaine Craig played in the Two Ball in Annapolis winning 1st Net 1st Division. Beth Lloyd and Laura Harris played in the NS Senior Ladies and NS Amateur where Laura made the provincial team and represented NS in BC this summer.

The Closing was held on Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> and our yearly trophies were handed out and a special congratulations went out to the only person to get a hole in one this year, Elaine Craig.

Thanks to our sponsors this year the BMO, Jeff Redden of Home Hardware and Furniture in Windsor, Bruce Fagan of Phinneys' Men's and Ladies Wear in Kentville, Beleaf Spa and Salon in Wolfville, Matt Rogers from Bishop Cellars, Swimwear Hut New Minas, and Dr. T. Windslade of Wolfville.

Thanks to the ladies on the Executive that will be leaving this year for all their support and hard work over the years; Jane Cayford, Sonya Major, Bev Jodrey, Florence Douglas, Cheryl Hawboldt, Yvonne Wilson, Jodi MacKay and to those ladies who will be new members of the Executive next year; Winnie Horton, Gail Hazel, Valerie Boyce and Heather Kirby.

Thanks goes out as well to the management and staff at Ken-Wo for their support for the Ladies' Division.

Lastly, I would especially like to thank all of the ladies that come out and support this division. I look forward to seeing you in 2012.

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

## **Senior Men's**

Pat Barry, President Senior Men's

With the "Closing" Oct 5<sup>th</sup>, the 2011 season came to a close. We were blessed with fine weather for the Opening, unfortunately there was torrential rain on Closing Day and the golf portion was cancelled, Dinner and semi-annual meeting went ahead as scheduled and thanks to the generosity of Ron Giffin and the Giffin Group of Companies, all prizes were awarded on a draw basis. We will have to wait until next year to see if the Presidents Team or the Vice-Presidents Team walks away with the Giffin Cup. All year long great golf was played with a large number of competitions and regular Wednesday play days.

Osprey Ridge once again won the Home & Home competition and retained the Culliton Cup.

We had a very successful Senior Men's Club Championship. The event was rained out on Aug 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> and was rescheduled for Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> when we had another record number of 76 golfers. A very big Thank You to Barry Hennigar (Investment Planning Council & Council Portfolio Services) for their generous and continued support to this event!

A special thanks to John Horton for all the photography he has done for us, this year and in past years.

Rene, Derek and Dan, the Pro Shop and Ken-Wo Golf Club continued to donate generously throughout the year.

The Senior Men's executive for 2012 is as follows, along with myself: Dave Leslie, Vice-President; Peter Oomen, Match Chair; Andre Gauthier, Valley Seniors; Kevin MacDonald, Secretary/Treasurer; Frank Spriggs, Public Relations & Promotions; Earl Maxwell, Member at large and Bob Douglas, Member at large.

I would be remiss if I did not thank the 2011 executive for their outstanding support and contribution, particularly Bob Douglas for all his time and effort as Match Chair for the past two years.

To all Ken-Wo staff, a very sincere Thank You for making our year special in many ways.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Barry, President Ken-Wo Sr. Men's Organization

## **Men's Division**

Peter Simmons, Men's Committee

Another successful year for the Men's Division at Ken-Wo; thanks to all for a great year. Special mention to Leon's and Molson Coors for being our Major sponsors again and also, Steve Ward and Harvey Nickerson Sr for their tireless efforts with doing the scoring! Also thanks to ALL of our weekly sponsors who make Men's Day possible, you are always recognized and appreciated; please search these sponsors out on our webpage and think of them next time you require a product or service they have to offer, it means so much. Thanks again for all your support.

Special thanks also for all the support from the Pro Shop Team; Derek, Dan, Fen and ALL the gang, great job, and Deb and all her staff for taking care of all the golfers after a tough day on the links. Please see a list of all the Winners from the past season below:

The Big winners were Bob Thompson (Coors Light Fridge) and Peter MacFarlane (Leon's TV)

Ringer Board Winners....

Div 1 Bob Thompson

Div 2 Rod Murray

Div 3 Arnie Kelley

Div 4 Ron Millet

Match Play Winners....

Div 1 Steve Ward

Div 2 Carl Baltzer

Div 3 Rod Murray

Div 4 Richard Shaffner

Div5 Mark Thurston

130 participants in the Apple Blossom

180 in the Coors Light 2-Man

100 in the Members Coors Light 2-Man

Men's Club Champion Ally Tidcombe

As always the support for ALL events was tremendous: as was Ken-Wo Golf course this year, what conditions we enjoyed. If you have any comments, suggests or otherwise please feel free to contact your Men's Committee. See you all next season.

Respectfully, Peter Simmons; Chair for Men's Division

## **Handicap Report**

John Horton, Handicap Chair

Currently, there are 692 active Ken-Wo members listed on the RCGA Network handicap program. Of these, 65% posted scores; 13% posted 1-9 scores, 18% posted 10-19 scores and 34% posted 20 or more scores. These percentages seem consistent with last year's results.

The senior men had the greatest percentage of members having handicaps – 100%. This was followed by the ladies with 88%, the men with 80% junior boys with 48% and junior girls with 19%. It is noted that some of the “established” handicaps were determined from scores from previous years and that it only takes five scores to establish a handicap.

This year the names of members were again submitted to the Nova Scotia Golf Association for the provincial greatest reduction in handicap award in various categories. Twenty or more eighteen hole scores or the equivalent eighteen and nine hole combination of scores from May 1 to September 30 of the current year as well as an established Handicap Factor from the previous year were required for a member's name to be submitted. The names of our members submitted this year were: Senior Women – Audrey Ansems, Amateur Women – Sonya Major, Junior Women – Darcy Fuller, Senior Men – Bill Hill, Amateur Men – Branden Mosher and Junior Men – Drew Ward. Congratulations to these members.

It should also be noted that for members to compete equitably with their peers 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.

Thanks to all those who helped in any way in getting members to realize how important it is to post all acceptable scores and to maintain an accurate Handicap Factor.

Respectfully submitted, John Horton, Handicap Committee Chair

## **Junior Program**

Angus and Margaret MacLean

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

Ken-Wo was well represented at provincials this year. We had a record number of juniors go to midgets at Eagle Crest. We had 12 boys and 4 girls, which we are very proud of. Six Ken-Wo juniors represented us at the NS Juniors in Cape Breton.

Although the number of junior's members went down this year, we still have had a very active division. We held five in house tournaments, which were highly attended with 60 to 75 juniors attending. Our favorite one was the Delores Burton tournament. It was an opportunity to thank Delores for all her support over the years. We also held the Junior/Senior Men/Ladies scramble which was the biggest it had ever been with 82 golfers. Perhaps, we should keep it on Monday! The Lennie Smith Family Classic was another successful tournament that the junior division hosted. Many of the Ken-Wo members participated, with 59 teams entering. The Burgher King was held on July 26 under the direction of Maggie Kenny. We had many juniors from all over NS. It was exciting to see a new division created for under 12 girls at this tournament.

Girls Club continued again this year. It has been highly attended. The number of junior girls at Ken-Wo continues grow, which is exciting to see. This year we had 15 girls in the junior club championship, with the oldest being 15 years old!

We were thankful to have Tom Wilson donate a signed Olympic Sidney Crosby jersey. We raffled tickets off on this, with all proceeds going to the junior program. Thank you to our sponsors this year: Buildon Construction (Mike Ward), Bayshore Contracting (Stuart MacMillan), Wickwire Place Assisted Living Residence (Paul and Lisa MacDonald), Delores Burton, Kentville Dental Center (Yvon Belliveau), Raymond James Ltd. (Dave Deacon) and Wolfville Chiropractic Centre (Ward MacDonald).

Our skills competition and closing banquet on August 29. We had a great day. We recognized some of our juniors. Andrew Knapp received the Sportsmanship award. Taylor Brown and Sara Cumby were chosen as the most improved male and female. John Deacon and Anya den Hartog received the Clarke Vaughan award.

Derek was recognized for his dedication to the Ken-Wo Junior program by being **named the 2011 Junior Leader of the Year for Atlantic Canada**. We are very proud of Derek!

Congratulation to John Deacon and Darcy Fuller; our 2011 Junior Club Champions.

Respectfully submitted, Angus and Margaret McLean, Junior Division

## **Social Committee**

Mary Ann Culliton and Cheryl Hawboldt-Smith

The 90<sup>th</sup> Year for Ken-Wo was a very busy year with the Social Committee bring the year in with a bang on its opening weekend by hosting a Gala which 128 members and guests were gathered Ray Baltzer was the master of ceremonies and the weekend was sported the Fitzsimmons Tournament for over 100 members.

The Friday nite 9 and dine was chaired by Bob Elliot, this is a popular event 341 shared in the fun at 7 events this year. Highlight of the season was Yvonne Wilson winning the patio chairs donated by Jeff Redden. Thanks go out to him and his continued support at Ken-Wo.

We were happy to host the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Lobster Event this year with 67 members and guests taking part. We had a great team cooking, setting up and enjoying this event.

The Mixed Club Championship was held early this year July 10<sup>th</sup>, so it would not take away from the Club Champions of the Ladies and Men's/Seniors. We had 33 teams participate –Overall Champion was Maggie & Sam Kenny. Overall Low Net were Angus and Margaret McLean.

The Other Ryder Cup was once again our great culmination of a superb year here at Ken-Wo. The winner of our next year's membership was Derek Thomson. John Aker won the Dewar Award and our Volunteers of the year much deserved Winnie and John Horton.

I would like to commend the front office for all their generosity and hard work behind the scenes for which the Social Committee is most grateful.

Thanks also to Deb Barclay and her staff for tireless efforts to bring a much improved service level to our members this year.

To work as your Social Director for the past few years has been a Labor of Love working with Rene and his knowledgeable staff has made my work easy. Their generosity in bringing special prizes to our events is much appreciated by all our members.

I would like to say that it's time for a new team to be gathered for future social activities. I feel I must step away at this time. Thank you all for your kind support. I wish Ken-Wo continued success for another 90 years to come.

Sincerely, Mary Ann Culliton; Social Committee



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