

January 2012 Update from the Director of Golf

I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season while spending some quality time amongst friends and family.....and hopefully Santa was good to everyone!! I would like to wish everyone a very safe and enjoyable 2012 on behalf of the management and staff at Ken-Wo!

As the start of the 2012 PGA Tour Season gets under way today at Kapalua I thought what better time to send a little note out to everyone. I know the "golf bug" has hit me after a little lay off and I am guessing many of you feel the same. So I am sending you some good news after waking up to a very cold morning.....believe it or not, the 2012 season is just around the corner as the golf course could very well be open again in less than 3 months from today!!! Wow! Where does the time go as it seems like the course only closed for the season a few weeks back. I guess that has a lot to do with the fact we are blessed with an eight month golf season in the beautiful Annapolis Valley!!!

The winter months have been relatively quiet around the golf club in comparison to last winter where major renovations to the clubhouse were completed - The Turn and new administration offices. There has been some work done on the golf course as a couple of projects are "in the works" so to speak, those being the new back tee on hole #8 as well as the changes made on hole #18 with the removal of the cart path to the left of the green as well as the addition of a rock wall around the pond. **I have attached some pictures to give you an idea of the changes to #18**, but seeing them in person is even better!!! The irrigation system has also been upgraded as the new pump was successfully installed in early December, this being a major improvement that will solidify our irrigation system for the next several years. Some other minor projects are also being completed during the winter months including the "tidying up" of the hill between #18 green and roadway / #17 tee and the parking lot as there was some tree removal as well as some clean-up of trees that had fallen over the years. The completion of the work on #8 and #18 will be the focus over the next few months leading into the spring followed by the start of the new cart paths that will be added throughout the Valley (holes #14 - #18). The goal is that upon completion of these paths power carts will be able to go all 18 holes regardless of course conditions following a heavy rain event.

I would also like to take this opportunity to inform you that Ken-Wo Golf Club will play host to the 2012 Maritime NHLers For Kids Charity Golf Tournament in July. (www.maritimenhlersforkids.com) The event, founded by Nova Scotia's very own Rick Bowness (Associate Coach – Vancouver Canucks) is now in its 13th year and is rotated throughout the Maritime Provinces annually. It has been held in Nova Scotia on five different occasions previously – 3 times at Oakfield Golf & Country Club, 1 time at Glen Arbour Golf Course and 1 time at Bell Bay Golf Club. And now Ken-Wo will join this fine group of courses as it plays host to the 2012 event, something that our members and staff should take a great deal of pride in. This is wonderful news for the club as this is a very prestigious event, as well as great news for the local minor hockey community. Should you have any questions about this event please do not hesitate to contact me and please check out the website for more information. Volunteers will be needed so expect to hear more about this event throughout the season.

Keep your eyes open for the 2012 membership dues packages that will be mailed out later this month. Within this package you will find information on the 2012 dues structure and categories, as well as other fees such as kaddy storage, club storage, driving range, etc. The rates for the upcoming season have increased slightly with a 3% increase in dues prices for 2012 over the 2011 prices. There was some concern that following the Annual General Meeting some members may have left the meeting thinking dues were increasing upwards of 5% to 8% as various discussions took place that evening; however, I can assure you that the increase in dues for next year is 3%.

I hope this email finds everyone well and I hope you enjoy your “off-season”before you know it the 2012 season at Ken-Wo will be under way. Should you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact me via phone or email. See you soon!!!

Thank you,
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