

# Cedarhill News – June, 2020

## League Info

Our leagues provide enjoyable company for your rounds of golf on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you're looking for someone to play with, please consider joining one of these leagues within the club.

During this strange 2020 COVID-19 impacted season, the Day Ladies, Business Ladies' & Senior Men's Leagues have modified league activities and the Men's Night League are playing 'just golf' for the foreseeable future. Note - As the patio opened on June 12<sup>th</sup>, league activities may change so stay tuned!

A special thank you to Matt Willman (our new Operations Manager) and his staff for managing so well during these difficult times with the Coronavirus. Also, kudos to Mike Rennie & Mitch Rand on the fabulous conditions on the course. Drat those darn critters ripping up our fairways though...

## Modified Member Event Schedule

The Playing Committee reviewed and approved a modified 2020 Member Event Schedule taking into account the impact of Coronavirus at the Cedarhill. This schedule is subject to change as the season progresses.

<b><i>Cedarhill Member Events - 2020</i></b>				
<b><i>DATE</i></b>	<b><i>START</i></b>	<b><i>EVENT NAME</i></b>	<b><i>REG'N DEADLINE</i></b>	<b><i>OPEN TO</i></b>
<i>Sat. July 25</i>	<i>10:00am</i>	<i>Junior Club Championships</i>	<i>Sun. July 19</i>	<i>All Juniors</i>
<i>Sat. July 25</i>	<i>8:45am</i>	<i>Mixed Club Championship 1st Round</i>	<i>Sun. July 19</i>	<i>All</i>
<i>Sun. July 26</i>	<i>8:45am</i>	<i>Mixed Club Championship Final</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>All</i>
<i>Sat. Aug. 8</i>	<i>8:45am</i>	<i>Club Championships 1st Round</i>	<i>Sun. Aug. 2</i>	<i>All</i>
<i>Sun. Aug. 9</i>	<i>8:45am</i>	<i>Club Championships Final</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>All</i>
<i>Sat. Aug. 29</i>	<i>8:45am</i>	<i>Rain Date for Club Championships</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>All</i>
<i>Sun. Aug. 30</i>	<i>8:45am</i>	<i>Rain Date for Club Championships</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>All</i>
<i>Sat. Sept. 5</i>	<i>8:45am</i>	<i>Senior Club Championships 1st Round</i>	<i>Sun. Aug. 30</i>	<i>All Seniors</i>
<i>Sun. Sept. 6</i>	<i>8:45am</i>	<i>Senior Club Championships Final</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>All Seniors</i>
<i>Sat. Sept. 19</i>	<i>1:00pm</i>	<i>Year-end Golf + Party</i>	<i>Sun. Sept. 13</i>	<i>All</i>
<b><i>Closing Banquets</i></b>				
<i>Tues., Oct. 6th</i>		<i>Closing Banquet for Day Ladies League</i>		
<i>Thurs., Oct. 8th</i>		<i>Closing Banquet for Men's League and Senior Men's League</i>		
<i>Tues., Oct. 13th</i>		<i>Closing Banquet for Bus. Ladies League</i>		

## New World Handicap System (WHS)

Many of you know, there was a new handicap system implemented as of January 1, 2020. Here is some information on how it came about and what we need to know.

Golf already has a single set of playing Rules, a single set of equipment Rules and a single set of Rules of Amateur Status governed by the USGA and the R&A. Yet, before January 1, 2020, there were six different handicap systems used around the world. Each was well developed and successfully provided equity for play locally, but each of the different systems produced slightly differing results when calculating players' handicaps. The WHS unified these six systems around the world into a single system.

A few highlights of the World Handicap System include:

- Players will be able to establish a Handicap Index after as little as three scores
- A player's Handicap Index will be calculated using the best 8 out of their 20 most recently recorded scores
- The Course Rating and Slope Rating will be fundamental within the Handicap Index calculation procedure
- The maximum hole score for handicap purposes is a **Net** Double Bogey
- A Handicap Index will update the day after a score is posted to the player's scoring record, or soon after, providing players with a responsive measure of their ability
- A Playing Conditions Calculation identifies and accounts for abnormal course or weather conditions
- Safeguards limit the extreme upward movement of a Handicap Index and reduce a Handicap Index when an exceptional score is submitted

Here are a couple key differences in the old vs. the new WHS:

- **Course Handicap:** On the day you play you should determine what your course handicap is for that particular course you are playing that day. A course handicap is determined by a calculation that considers the tees you play for a particular course. As before we all will have a handicap index and that will be used to convert it to a course handicap for your round. The difference between the old and the new, is on the old the reference point to calculate the course handicap was the "course rating", while in the new WHS the reference point of course "par" is now used. Using an example, John has a handicap index of 24.8, if John was to play from the "white tees" his course handicap would have been 25, now under the new it is 23. (The 25 was calculated against a base of 67.1, while the 23 was against a par of 70.) Not to get more complicated, the calculation of course handicap also considers "slope". All this to simply say, that everyone's course handicap has gone down relative to last year.
- **Maximum Hole Score:** Another key difference is how your maximum score for a hole is calculated for the purpose of handicapping. With the new WHS, the maximum score for each hole played is limited to a net double bogey – which is equal to Par of the hole + any handicap strokes the player is entitled to receive on that hole based on their Course Handicap + 2 strokes. This score is referred to as a "net double bogey". For example, a player with a Course Handicap of 12 is entitled to one additional stroke on holes allocated with stroke index 1 through 12 on the scorecard. On a par 4 hole, with a Stroke Index of 10, the player's maximum score would be 4 (par) + 1 (stroke received) + 2 = 7 (net double bogey).

**How to Make this Easy:** to remove all the mystery out of calculating and recording your scores, it is highly recommended that you record your scores within the Golf Canada system, by either using the on-line system or the smart phone (or tablet) app, and record your score using the "hole-by-hole" (HBH) method. Record your score for each hole and the system takes care of the rest.

For more information on the WHS visit <https://www.whs.com>.

## What's happening on the Course and in the Clubhouse

Here are some protocols from our Operations Manager, Matt Willman:

When it comes to the golf side of things the main thing that we would like everyone to keep in mind is to maintain social distancing as much as possible! All of the rules in our golf protocol website apply every day of the week including league nights. We would like to maintain a social atmosphere but at this time everyone needs to remain safe for our members as well as our staff. A few notes regarding golf:

- Please keep at least 6 ft away from other groups on the course.
- Checking in will be done in the Proshop. Please only have 2-3 go in at a time and if your group doesn't all need carts it would be great if one person could try to check everyone in.
- The hitting net and putting green are back to being open. They will only be open to the next group up to golf but they are now at least accessible.
- Back 9 carts will be going back to the way they used to be. The Proshop attendant will have keys to give to any member who would like a cart for the back 9.

### **Patio:**

The patio is now open. While we are able to seat everyone on the patio, things won't be how they normally are. We can seat a max of 6 people per table and there must be 6 feet of separation between each table. We will do our best to make everything fun and social while following the provincial and municipal guidelines. For this week, we won't be offering any specials to the leagues but this will change moving forward as we get more time to complete orders and a better idea of how the leagues and patio restrictions will work. A few quick notes regarding the patio:

- We have restricted access to the public after [12:00](#) on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This may change moving forward but for now we wanted to offer the members the opportunity to run the leagues and have space to operate smoothly on the patio.
- Please be kind to the staff. The restrictions will be hard to adapt to but it is not their fault that these restrictions are in place. They are doing their best to follow my direction and keep everyone safe while still providing friendly service.
- Everyone must follow the guidelines posted on the website as well as at the front check in of the patio. You must walk down the alley between the clubhouse building and the stone wall to access the patio and wait to be seated.
- We will be taking down a name and time of check in for all of the members (as well as a phone number for public that we don't have in the system). This wasn't made mandatory by Ottawa Public Health but it is being done in other cities and provinces and we have decided that it would be a good idea to implement this for now.

### **Bathrooms:**

The bathrooms on the course at the hub are open. They will be cleaned by Cedarhill staff daily and there is sanitizer for people to use as they go in and out of the bathroom. The bathrooms at the clubhouse are also open and will be available to everyone throughout the day. They will be cleaned regularly by the staff and there will be a bathroom cleaning sheet posted for people to see that the staff are actually cleaning.

**Staff:**

At this point in time, it is still Cedarhill's main priority to keep everyone who steps on this property safe. While there are many new rules for members and customers, there are also many new rules for staff including (but not limited to):

- In some cases- Wearing a mask
- In some cases- Wearing gloves
- Sanitizing after essentially any task
- Signing a document at the start of every shift regarding health (for serving and kitchen staff)

We are working very hard on offering the services that we would like to offer to the members. Please be kind to staff as they are working under some unprecedented policies. Trust that they are smiling behind those masks and that we are working tirelessly to offer the amenities that we are able to!

Remember to keep your hands away from your face, wash your hands and be careful.

Good weather and good golfing to all.