

# *Happenings at The Club*

*May 7, 2020*

## CNCC Welcomes New Director of Golf



This past February, Cape Neddick Country Club hired **Ryne Varney** as its new Director of Golf. Ryne is a native of Naples, Maine and was an accomplished golfer for Lake Region High School where he graduated in 2003. Following high school, Ryne competed for Syracuse University, where he was team captain, and earned several individual tournament titles. During his 13 years as a professional, Ryne has gained extensive experience at Ravinia Green Country Club on the North Shore of Chicago, Sky Meadow Country Club and Lake Winnepesaukee Golf Club in New Hampshire, and most recently at Oswego Country Club in New York. Ryne, his wife Kit, and two dogs, Copper and Cali, are excited to be part of the CNCC

Family. He looks forward to meeting all of you and growing golf programs at our club.

## Course Opens with Strict Guidelines

Thanks to lobbying efforts from the Maine State Golf Association, Maine Governor Janet Mills relaxed her Stay At Home Order allowing the opening of Maine Golf Courses, with restrictions, beginning May 1st. All golf courses in the State must attest that they will execute the restrictions. Here are how the State restrictions affect us at Cape Neddick Country Club. Until further notice:

- The Clubhouse will be closed to all usage. However, there is a single porta potty in place behind the building.
- Upon arrival, you must not leave your car until 10 minutes before your tee time.
- A staffer will direct you to your sanitized cart, if riding, and to the first tee.
- When you are finished playing, you are to go immediately to your car and leave. No lingering.
- All public players must pay in advance, either online or by phone. All members must make advanced tee times.
- If you need anything from the pro shop, you must call in advance for curbside pickup.
- There will be no course accessories out until further notice. Do not remove the flagstick while putting.
- There will be no trash receptacles on the course, so please take your rubbish with you.
- Lift, clean, and place until further notice.
- Bulk scorecards and pencils are not available, so we recommend you use the app mScorecard to keep your score.
- In the event of lightning, all players must leave the course immediately and head directly to their vehicles. Golfers may not wait out the weather in the clubhouse or other structure.



## Book your tee time online

The simplest and most convenient way to book a tee time is online. At the moment, members can book a tee time five days in advance while nonmembers can do so four days in advance. Members were recently sent a temporary password in an email. Once logged in using your email address, you can update your password. Nonmembers should be prepared to prepay when they book their tee time. Click [here](#) to access the Tee time booking site.


## Projects Moving Forward

Besides the daily course mowing and maintenance, Superintendent **Todd Nichols** and his crew are currently working on completing the following projects:

- Improvement of the drainage on the 3rd hole by replacing the existing drainage pipes and installing new perforated spider drains on the 3rd hole fairway within 200 yards of the hole.
- Raising the grade of the driving range with the addition of construction fill in order to improve its drainage and consequently extend its potential use. It is a sizable project that is being outsourced and will begin once permits are acquired.
- Completion of the Black Tee Box on the 17th hole, expected to begin June 1st.
- The gravel sections of the cart paths will be graded. Isolated, uneven paved sections will be cut out and leveled.

Todd wants everyone to know that he is presently placing pins nearer to the edges of greens with the intent of protecting the main areas of putting surfaces. He expects the greens to be cut tighter once the grass becomes healthy and self-sustaining.

General Manager **Paul “Hez” Haseltine** is supervising the following work within the clubhouse:

- Interior painting of the Pub.
  - Exterior painting of the Clubhouse.
  - Installation of new carpet in the Pub and Entry Hallway.
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## Pub Opening May 8th

Cape Neddick's Pub will open for the season on **Friday, May 8th. Beginning with a limited menu, it will offer Curbside and Take Away Service.** Orders will be placed by calling (207) 361-2011 Ext. 14 and paying at the time of the order.

## New Rules of Handicapping

The World Handicap System (WHS) was adopted in the U.S. on January 1st. The WHS was crafted by the USGA and the R&A in conjunction with the existing worldwide handicapping authorities. Here are 5 things to know about the new World Handicap System:

1. **The Handicap Index calculation has changed.** Your number is now based on best 8 (rather than 10) out of your most recent 20.
2. **When competing, you will have a Playing Handicap.** Slope rating and now Course Rating and Par are used to determine your Playing Handicap, allowing players to compete from different tees more easily.
3. **Net Double Bogey has replaced ESC.** The maximum hole score for handicap purposes is limited to Net Double Bogey (Par + 2 + any handicap strokes you receive).
4. **You will have more responsive Handicap Index updates.** Your handicap index will update the day after you post a score. On days you don't post a score, no update will take place.
5. **Safeguards have been added to protect your Handicap Index.** The system accounts for abnormal playing conditions (a playing conditions calculation), limits extreme upward movement of a Handicap Index, and reduces a Handicap Index when an exceptional score is posted.

Players are expected to report every 9- or 18-hole score keeping a player's Handicap Index "accurate and up to date," says the USGA. And because of the playing conditions calculation, **it is important that players submit their scores on the same day of play.** Now that the Clubhouse is closed and the "handicap computer" is off limits, scores can be posted using the USGA/GHIN app or by visiting [www.ghin.com](http://www.ghin.com).





## Please fix ball marks on greens

With our greens in the best shape they have been in years, we are asking for your help in keeping them that way. After reaching each green, please take a moment to locate your ball mark. In doing so, it is very likely you will spot others as well. Please fix your ball mark and one other. [Watch the USGA video on how to properly repair ball marks on greens.](#)

## Employee Spotlight: Pro Shop Manager David Lynch

*Began work at Cape Neddick Country Club:* 1999

*Resides:* Cape Neddick

*Favorite CNCC Hole:* 11th. "A great New England hole with the stone wall beyond the green, the water on both sides located in the midst of a beautiful wooded setting."

*Handicap:* 18

*When he is not working:* Fishing and spending time with his family

*Previous career:* 37 years retired firefighter in Andover, Massachusetts

*Personal:* Married to Valerie, two adult daughters





## Pro Shop 100th Anniversary Specials

*Ahead* Anniversary Logo Hats - \$10

Anniversary Books - \$40

*Footjoy* Anniversary Shirts - \$45

**Purchase all 3 for \$75**

**Curbside service for this deal and all other Pro Shop products.**



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