

## Annual Newsletter 2012

This no doubt has become one of the strangest winters ever around here. One day the sun is shining and its warm, the next the winds are howling and the temperature is plunging. Car doors are frozen shut or we are slopping though huge puddles. What are we do to....wait for spring!!!

We sent out an eblast around the new year about going to online tee time bookings. The response was somewhat disappointing. Out of over 300 email addresses we only received about 30 responses. The majority of those who did respond were in favour of doing this. But...having considered all the good and bad points about this we have decided that PineCrest is just not there yet. So, we will continue with the personal touch in doing tee times...the old fashioned way....by phone. This does not mean that the online bookings are off the books, just pushed to the back burner for the time being.

Our maintenance crew here at Pine Crest is very diligent in keeping the course in the best possible condition. Therefore we subscribe to the "IPM" Accreditation Program. This stands for Integrated Pest Management. IPM is a process that uses all necessary techniques to suppress pests effectively, economically, and in an environmentally sound manner to sustain healthy landscapes. IPM employs a two-prong approach; managing turf grasses to prevent problems and using thresholds to decide how and when to treat pests. It is a program where as we are taught how to use "best practices" when applying pesticide. We use less than the average golf course in Ontario. Did you know that the agricultural industry uses the vast majority of all pesticides in Canada. This

fact has been provided to us from the National Golf Course Owners Association.

We have initiated a tree removal program this winter to help with our IPM program. We will be removing approximately 50 trees, the most notable being next to the first green. 3<sup>rd</sup> green, 4<sup>th</sup> green, 11<sup>th</sup> green and the 12<sup>th</sup> green. This will help promote air flow and provide more sun for the greens.

If you have checked out the web site since the new updates you will notice on the calendars of events that we have moved the Mixed League to Wednesday nights. This will open up 9 holes on Monday nights. Before we had the Business Girls and the Mixed League on Monday nights. By moving the Mixed League to Wednesday will alleviate all the congestion on Monday nights and also allow open play.

As well over 100 of you know, we have a Facebook page as well as a Twitter account. If you have news, golf stories, events or whatever that you think others would be interested in, please let us know and we will add them to our pages. As an example...last fall Brian O'Reilly was playing 17 and he hit his drive and missed the water by a foot or so, then took his 7 iron and holed it for a 2!! Then on 18 he hits his shot and it goes straight into the hole. So he played the last 2 holes...2 & 1. Pretty amazing eh!! This is just one example of the interesting things that happen at Pine Crest. If you have some interesting stories please let us know. You can email us at [pinecrest@nexicom.net](mailto:pinecrest@nexicom.net)

Now a word from John Kindred, Our Pro

*As we go through the cold, winter*

months, we start to dream about how amazing our golf game will be in the coming year. We envision how our golf game will go to the next level, where we will only have straight drives and accurate approach shots, resulting in more birdies and more pars.

The Golf Clinics has been very successful in the past years and I will again offer them this year. The Clinics are for the first 12 people to sign up in the Pro Shop.

Mondays at 5PM is for the Business Girls who would like a short tune up prior to their Monday Night League. \$5 per person.

Monday and Thursday night will be for Men and Women and they will start at 6PM. Cost for this Clinic is \$15 per night per person.

Junior Clinics are Saturday morning at 9AM and only cost \$5.

I will also continue the Saturday morning Clinic for members and friends at 10:30.

All Clinics include the use of the practice facilities and range balls. Private Lessons are also available and these can be booked with the Pro Shop Staff any time. Just a reminder that the Pro Shop Staff can assist you with those new grips that need to be installed. In most cases, same day service can be provided!

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the members and their guests for continuing support of myself and the Club. I look forward to seeing you all again in the spring, so until then, stay warm and be well!!!

John Kindred

We would like to congratulate the

winners of the Club Champs last year. The Ladies Section was won once again by Lynn Dawson. The Mens Division was won by Andrew Turner, his first win and the Seniors section was won by Bob Dixon also his first win in this division.

Some dates you may want to make note of:

April 30..Club Storage opens  
May 5..Mens Opening Day  
May 6..Ladies Opening Day  
May 13..Pot of Gold  
May 19..Lefty/Righty  
May 27..Sadie Hawkins Two Ball  
June 2..Ladies 2 person Net Best Ball  
June 3..Pot of Gold  
June 16-17..30th Wes Dixon  
June 23-24..Club Champs  
July 8..Pot of Gold  
July 14..Ladies "wine" Scramble  
July 21-22..Club Champ finals  
Aug 11..Mixed 2 Ball  
Aug 16..Senior Invite  
Aug 19..Pot of Gold  
Sept 9..L'il Abner 2 Ball  
Sept 16..Pot of Gold  
Sept 23..Ladies Closing  
Sept 29..Mens Closing  
Oct 6..Turkey Shoot  
Oct 8..Tombstone  
Oct 14..Club Storage Closes

You will find attached to this letter a new membership information sheet. We like to update our records every few years so please complete the form and bring it with you when you come to get your membership. And don't forget we still offer our 'refer a friend' program. For every NEW member you refer to us you will receive a \$100 credit which can be used in the pro shop or bar. You have to be a fully paid up member for the 2012 season for this credit to apply.

As usual the Pro Shop will open for membership payments starting April 1 from 1-6 everyday until we open for golf. We hope to see you all again...the good lord willing and the creek don't rise....

Bob and Jan