

BOWEN ISLAND GOLF ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING JUNE 30, 2017
PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We are in our 11th year of operation. We continue to be very proud of our Golf Course and of all the volunteer and staff effort that has gone into maintaining it this past year.

Monaghan Golf Inc. is continuing to operate our Pro-shop for 2017. Cody White continues to be our pro. I think you will all agree that Cody and Monaghan Golf are doing an excellent job. Terry Boss looked after the pro shop for us in the winter months and continues to help out with administrative matters. Thank you Terry.

We renewed our agreement with Glenn Cormier of the Bowen Pub to operate the Cup Cutter for 2017. Frank Patt went out on his own to expand his "soup fairy" business this past winter. As I have mentioned in the past, operating a small food establishment on Bowen is difficult at the best of times. Finding staff is proving to be especially difficult as well as accommodation for them for all businesses on Bowen. Hours of operation are a challenge and we continue to try to find the optimum mix. It makes it much easier if the facility is well used and I urge you, and all of your friends to patronize the Cup Cutter.

The Committee structure continues to work well for us with all board members on at least one committee, and the work load spread amongst all the board members. We recruited members, who are not board members, to participate in some of the committees to broaden our perspectives. If you are interested in a committee please let the board know. The committees are:

- Finance/Budgets/Administrative
- Golf (Pro-Shop and Tournaments)
- Food/Beverage
- Grounds/Greens
- Special Projects/Fundraising

A continuing concern is our financial health. We continue to struggle to make ends meet, but I believe we are making progress, even though we had a loss from operations for 2016 it was much less than the previous year. The ferry fares, health of the golf industry, rain and snow, lack of bus service to the course and the slow development of Seymour Bay have all contributed to our struggles. The taxi is a welcome addition to transportation on Bowen. All departments look for ways to save money or to do things more efficiently and they have all done that again this year to help our bottom line.

As in the past we rely on members support to make physical improvements to our course and to come out for work parties. We always maintain a wish list of projects or improvements that members, a group of members or anyone for that matter can peruse to see if they would like to take one on. We have purchased two new mowers which are being financed through the friends of mowers loans.

Our course continues to be in great shape thanks to Frank Griffiths. Frank is now a father, Frank junior was born on May 16th. Congratulations to Frank and family.

We are in the process of negotiating the amount that BIGA pays to rent the golf course lands which are owned by The Seymour Bay Foundation. The annual rent for the past 10 years has been \$100 per year and we would like this to continue. This will be covered in more detail in a separate agenda item at the AGM.

I reported last year that Reciprocal Privileges with Mt. Brenton Golf Course are available for 2 tee times per week for members in good standing to play at Mt Brenton. I hope some of you have taken advantage of this. If you want to play please speak to our pro-shop to have them book the tee time for you.

BIGA hosted the B.C. Bantam Tournament on August 22, 23 & 24 last year. It was very exciting for us to host an event of this magnitude. The weather was good, it was a bit humbling to see how well some of those kids could play. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and provided billets. We had many positive comments about our course and hospitality.

Upcoming Events

- Our Annual Fundraising Tournament, the most significant event of the year is planned for Saturday September 16th. Mark your calendars and stand by for details.
- Work parties will be happening again and are a good way that volunteers can help with some of the maintenance, such as sand and seed, thistle attacks, alder control, etc.
- Junior golf lessons will be taught by Cody in July and August, details are on the website. This is an excellent opportunity to introduce our kids and grandkids to the game.

I would like to thank the board of directors for their never ending dedication and work in making our golf course such a great place. Gord Campbell moved to Calgary in January, a pretty extreme thing to do to get out of being treasurer. Gord became a director in 2010 and Treasurer in 2013. Thank you to Gord for all the work you put in. Ralph Keefer has moved to Pender Island, to try out another golf course. Ralph became a director in 2014. Thank you Ralph for your contributions to the board. All of our remaining directors have agreed to stand for re-election with the exception of Heather Coulthart and Terry McKeown who have advised that they will be stepping down from the Board as of this AGM. Heather joined the Board in 2013 and has been on the Management Committee. Heather has chaired the Fall Fundraiser and has been a very hard working member of the Board. Terry joined the board in 2015 was on the management committee, on the Pro Shop committee, the Bowen Island Golf Course Fundraising Committee and was the creator of our wonderful fly-over video of our golf course. I want to thank them both for their service to the board. Last but not least a huge thank you to all of our members for their support for our wonderful golf course that we all enjoy so much.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Morse, President