

**BOWEN ISLAND GOLF ASSOCIATION**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING JULY 19, 2019**  
**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

We are in our 13th 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. We adopted new bylaws at our AGM last year and transitioned to the New Societies Act. This year's AGM is being conducted pursuant to those new bylaws.

Monaghan Golf Inc. continues to operate our pro-shop for 2019. Cody White left us last fall to pursue his dream of golf on the professional tour. Terry Boss looked after the pro shop for us in the winter months and continues to help out with administrative matters. Thank you Terry. Monaghan Golf hired Les Meszaros to assume the role of Pro Shop Manager in March of this year and Les has fitted quite nicely into the role. Thank you to Les and the Monaghan staff.

We advertised and searched but were unable to find anyone to operate "The Cup Cutter" on a full time basis. However, Les found and negotiated with Jamie Smith who is now running the Food operation at the Golf Course. Feedback to date indicates that Jamie's food operation, Montgomery's Grill has been well received. The Golf Course continues to provide beverage service with a limited selection of beverages that includes soft drinks, beer, wine and cider. As a reminder to everyone, as we are licensed facility all alcohol consumed at the clubhouse and on the golf course must be purchased from the Golf Club.

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

- Events (Golf and Tournaments)
- Grounds/Greens
- Special Projects/Fundraising
- Food & Beverage

A continuing concern is our financial health. We continue to struggle to make ends meet with a loss on operations. Fortunately we ended up with a net profit for 2018 due to the excellent results from the annual fundraiser. Thank you to Ruth Openshaw and the BAF committee. The health of the golf industry, lack of bus service to the course and the slow development of Seymour Bay all contribute to our struggles. 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 have a wish list of projects or improvements if anyone would like to

take one on. A recent example is the beautification of the 9<sup>th</sup> Hole Swale which was underwritten by Braden Jolly. Thank you Braden.

Our course continues to be in great shape thanks to Frank Griffiths and his staff.

I would also like to thank Terry McKeown and Pat Adams for their outstanding work on the "Up to Par" publications and Lisa Avery for organizing the very popular Mixed Scrambles. Thank you to the Ladies League and Just Fore Laughs for hosting our participation in the International Women's Golf Day on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Details on this and other events can be found in Up to Par.

We are still in the process of negotiating the amount (for the second 10 year term of our 30 year lease) that BIGA pays to rent the golf course lands which are owned by the Seymour Bay Foundation. The annual rent for the first 10 years was \$100 per year and we believe this is a fair rent based on comparable courses for the second ten years.

A reminder that Reciprocal Privileges to play at Mt. Brenton Golf Course are available for members in good standing. 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.

#### Upcoming Events

- Our Annual Fundraising Tournament, the most significant event of the year is planned for Saturday September 7th. Sandra Dawson and Cheryl Bailie have graciously agreed to Co-Chair the BAF Committee this year. Mark your calendars and stand by for details.
- Junior golf lessons will be taught by Clive Scarff in July and August, details will be on the website. This is an excellent opportunity to introduce our kids and grandkids to the game.

I would like to personally thank the board of directors, David Bellringer, Bill Brown, Kathy Clarke, Peter Clarke, Braden Jolly, Cro Lucas, Rob Purdy and Bruce Russell for their never ending dedication and work in making our golf course such a great place. This year there are 5 Directors who will not be returning: Bill Brown, Peter Clarke, Cro Lucas, Bruce Russell and myself. Peter thank you for your work on the board and for being part of the pro-shop (events) committee and the grounds committees which I understand you will continue with. I don't quite know what to say about Bruce, Bill and Cro except we wouldn't have a golf course if not for you and we will all be forever in your debt. We all thank you for your commitment, time, energy, and financial support to our Golf Course. The five of us although stepping away from the board will still be available to help out as the new Board may see fit. We will be electing 9 Directors at the AGM and they will elect the officers at their first Board meeting.

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