

**BOWEN ISLAND GOLF ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING JUNE 29, 2018  
PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

We are in our 12th 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 2018. 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 advertised and searched but were unable to secure someone to operate "The Cup Cutter" on a full time basis, so we contracted with Monaghan Golf to organize and administer a "Grab & Go" food offering. I want to thank the Hayes family "The Snug" for providing the "Grab & Go" food and for their special events catering which has been excellent! Everyone should be aware that there is a cost to providing this which is being borne by the Golf Club. We are learning as we go as to the right amount of stock to have on hand, and keep our financial exposure for left-over food items to a minimum. 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 with the work load spread amongst the board members. We 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 and a special thank you to Terry McKeown who chairs the Pro- Shop Committee. If you are interested in a committee please let the board know. The committees are:

- Pro - Shop (Golf and Tournaments)
- Grounds/Greens
- Special Projects/Fundraising

A continuing concern is our financial health. We continue to struggle to make ends meet, we continue a loss on operations and had an overall net loss in 2017 despite the excellent results from the annual fundraiser. The health of the golf industry, lack of bus service to the course and the slow development of Seymour Bay have all contributed to our struggles. The recent reduction in ferry fares hopefully will assist in increasing off island golfers along with the great weather we have been having this year compared to last. The taxi is a welcome addition to transportation on Bowen and is listed on our website. 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. 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.

At the AGM we will be asking the members to vote on resolutions to transition to the new Societies Act and adopt new bylaws. As everything has to be in electronic form and our existing bylaws are not we developed a new set of bylaws. We started with the standard/model bylaws from the Societies Act and customized them to reflect our needs including provisions from our old bylaws which were developed in 1988. The special resolutions to implement the new bylaws and transition under the Societies Act were posted on the website in the membership section on June 13. While preparing for our annual meeting we realized that the provision from our old bylaws that a section from the old bylaws that a director must be a member had not been put into the new bylaws and the directors on further reflection agreed that the maximum number of terms a director can serve should be increased to 8. The directors are recommending to the members that these changes to the new bylaws be made at the AGM before we vote on the special resolution

We are still in the process of negotiating the final lease arrangements for the amount 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 would like this to continue. This will be covered in more detail in a separate agenda item at the AGM.

A reminder that Reciprocal Privileges with Mt. Brenton Golf Course are available 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.

#### Upcoming Events

- Our Annual Fundraising Tournament, the most significant event of the year is planned for Saturday September 15th. Ruth Openshaw has graciously agreed to Chair the BAF Committee this year. Mark your calendars and stand by for details.
- 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. Eight of our directors have agreed to stand for re-election except Bob Sangster who has advised that he will be stepping down from the Board as of this AGM. Bob has been a key member of the Board since 2003. He was our Treasurer from 2005-2013 and then served as our Secretary. He will be missed! 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