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## **2009 FALL / WINTER NEWSLETTER**

### **Thank you everyone for a much enjoyed 2009 Golf season!**

As usual the golf season has flown by and the cold weather is on its way. Although it is already November we still have some work to be done before the end of the year.

Some tree planting is still planned on a couple of holes and efforts continue to obtain a building permit for our clubhouse expansion.

I would like to say thanks to all the members who helped make 2009 a successful golf season at Millcroft and hopefully we will see you all back in 2010. I would also like to acknowledge all of the hard work put in by the many members of the Millcroft staff. Your dedication and enthusiasm is greatly appreciated.

Winter Well & Happy Holidays everyone,

Ed Liptay  
General Management

### **FROM THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT**

Once again another outstanding year of golf is unfortunately coming close to the end.

From a golf course maintenance standpoint we have had a very successful year. Timely rains, below normal summer temperatures and humidity allowed us to keep the course green and well maintained in normally stressful months.

This year we were finally able to add sand to the majority of our greenside bunkers and repair drainage pipe in various ones. We also created new naturalized areas to offer a bit of contrast to the standard park like appearance the course normally has.

2009 has marked my tenth year of employment as Golf Course Superintendent at Millcroft. I have enjoyed the experience immensely and look forward to continuing here in 2010 and beyond. We have always been fortunate to have a good maintenance crew that returns year after year and we are very proud of their accomplishments. Currently we are preparing the golf course for next year doing very important cultural practises such as verti-cutting and aerating.

In 2010 we will continue to try and provide some of the best playing conditions in the area with our main emphasis being consistent and quicker than normal greens' speeds.

Finally I would like to thank all the staff and members at Millcroft for a fantastic season. I would especially like to thank the 2009 Mens' section for their token of appreciation and for naming one of their tournaments after me, Martin's Revenge. It has nice ring to it and we hope that our course conditions prepared for this tournament lived up to its name!

I look forward to seeing everyone here again next year and wish you all a safe and happy holiday.

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## FROM THE PRO SHOP

On behalf of the pro shop I would like to thank the membership for an enjoyable 2009 season. I would also like to recognize our staff in the pro shop, back shop, marshals, and eti-kids for doing such a great job throughout the season, we couldn't have done it without you.

Club championship weekend was filled with fantastic golf, and outstanding wins by a new ladies champion Janice Rowe and once again the unstoppable Mark Raven. For 2010 we would like to invite the Sr. Men to play a two day event on the Sunday & Monday from the white tees and incorporate you back into our Club Championship weekend. Those of you who play in both leagues will have a big decision to make in terms of which title you would like to play for. This will be addressed further in the spring newsletter.

The Pro Shop will be fully stocked with some new & exciting products in 2010. As usual the members will receive 10% off the retail price of most products to keep us competitive with all the big stores, so keep us in mind first and support your shop. Don't forget that if we do not carry a product that you are interested in, and I have an account with that supplier, please come and see me to order it in and apply your member discount.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we'll see you all in 2010!

Sincerely,  
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Hello Millcroft Members,

I would like to thank all of you for making this year fantastic. I can truly say that the members and staff make coming to work everyday pleasure. I'm happy to say that I will be returning next year working alongside Natalie, assisting the pro shop in operating to the best of its ability for all of the various sections and members.

On a side note I will be teaching and working at Oakville Indoor Golf in Oakville over the winter months. If anyone is interested in golf lessons and times, please email me at: [millcroftproshop@bellnet.ca](mailto:millcroftproshop@bellnet.ca). I can help fine-tune your golf game on the simulators using swing analysis.

If anyone is in need of club repairs, new grips or club fitting, please feel free to contact me as well. We will be happy to sort out all of your golf needs for the new golf season.

I look forward to seeing all of you soon or at the start of what will be another great year at Millcroft Golf Club in 2010.

Happy holidays everyone,  
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## FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

I'm happy to say that as I write this and look out the window, the grass is still green and the clubs are still being swung out on the course! Here's hoping that Mother Nature still has many more sunny & warm days to come before the end of the season!

Thank you everyone for a great season at Millcroft Golf Club. It is a pleasure to come to work everyday when you are surrounded by a wonderful group of members, public golfers and a great team of staff who all become your Millcroft family each year! We hope all of you enjoyed your season this year & we thank you for your business! Also, a special thank you to all of our much appreciated section captains & their executives that keep the various leagues operating so efficiently and organized each year for all our members to enjoy! Congratulations to all of our various winners throughout the year in tournaments, league play and our lucky hole in one golfers!

On review of the club's 2010 Membership packages you will note a few changes to our offerings. Many of our members voiced their requests for the Club to offer a smaller membership game package, and we've listened! Our previously offered thirty round Limited Membership had been discontinued, and in it's place we are now offering two types of twenty-five round Limited Membership that can be used Monday to Friday or used seven days a week. We hope that these two new membership offerings will provide good value for your money & serve you better!

The 2010 season will bring on many new changes to how the club will charge for memberships, green fees, club storage, to name a few. These items mentioned are currently only taxed at a rate of 7% (GST). However, at certain dates/deadlines within 2010, the new OHST (Ontario Harmonized Sales Tax) will come into affect, which will ultimately mean that an additional 8% tax will be applied to these purchases, unlike in past years. The official date on which the OHST will be charged on everything going forward is July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. However, some items, like golf memberships & club storage, will be subject to a pro-rated OHST as of May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 to account for the fact that the "service" will be used throughout the year, so a portion of tax would need to be collected in May for the balance of the season, July through November.

For annual golf memberships, like ours at Millcroft Golf Club, for all memberships purchased & paid for up to April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 we are able to sell our memberships with only GST (7%) applied to the cost, so if you are looking to save some money, naturally your best option is to purchase before this date. As of May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010, we will release newer increased membership rates to cover the pro-rated OHST (the additional 8%) tax that would be applicable on the membership cost from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 until the end of the golf season.

With the new implementation of the OHST in 2010 and variances in terms of membership prices & pro-ration of tax at certain times, **we will not offer membership upgrades from one membership to another at any point in 2010** due to the complexity in purchases, refunds & the accounting of the taxes, so please review the membership offerings carefully and decide which membership will be best suited to your frequency of playing golf.

For those of you that choose to purchase a Limited Membership and find you are running out of your games of golf, your option will be to either purchase a Guest Green Fee which is \$5.00 off during prime-time and \$2.50 off during early bird or twilight to close, OR, you would be welcome to purchase another entire Limited Membership with additional rounds, however keep in mind that the rate would be increased as of May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 so it would not be the same rate you initially purchased your first membership at.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us, as we will be more than happy to assist you. Generally throughout the winter months the administration office will be open from Monday through Friday from 10am to 3pm. You are always welcome to drop off your membership application/section sign-up in person (during the winter months, however, it may be best to call or e-mail in advance to ensure someone is here), fax it in to our office or mail your application(s) to the Club which is delivered to a secure locked mailbox. Naturally if you are joining a section, faxing this form is not possible as a cheque payment is required, so please mail or drop off your form.

Wishing everyone a happy & healthy holiday and a Happy New Year! See you in 2010!

Warm regards,  
Jennipher Orr  
Manager of Administration  
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Once again our annual staff golf tournament in August this year a wonderful day enjoyed by all. A gracious big "thank you" to all the members who were so kind to donate prizes for our prize table. All forty-five staff members in attendance went home with a gift in hand and a smile on their face! Thank you again for your support!

## SENIOR MEN'S SECTION

This year we had another great season of golf with a course in absolutely superb condition. Although summer didn't really start until August, with June cool and July being one of the wettest on record forcing some reduction in playing time, the positive side was the course remained lush and green throughout the entire season.

Thanks to Martin Kastrau and his crew who deserve full credit for handling such diverse weather conditions; keep up the good work.

The section competitions this year consisted of Match Play, Stroke Play, Dream Team, and various weekly competitive games.

MATCH PLAY TOURNAMENT, Net winners consisted of JOE PUSZTAI "A" Flight, TOM WALKER "B" Flight, and JOE DOWNEY "C" Flight. Runners up in their respective flights were; PHIL PSUTKA, PETER NIGGEMANN, and ERNIE DAVIS.

STROKE PLAY CHAMPION was JOE PUSZTAI. STROKE PLAY GROSS winners were; PETER PERRONE "B" Flight, DON LEVESQUE "C" Flight. Runners up in their respective flights were; GRANT WALTON "A" Flight, FRED IRWIN "B" Flight, and JAMES WHITE "C" Flight.

Congratulations to our HOLE-IN-ONE winners; BOB JOHNSON, JOHN HENDERSON and JOE PUSZTAI (2).

The HAROLD COLES TROPHY goes to BOB JOHNSON, who ran away from the field with the exception of ANDY BLEW who tried valiantly to catch him.

We also had our annual RINGER BOARD competition. The winners in each of the six flights were; LOUIS BLANCHETTE "A" Flight, BOB JOHNSON "B" Flight, GUNNAR BOESKOV "C" Flight, LARRY DUNSDON "D" Flight, BRIAN NUTTER "E" Flight, and RICH McELWAIN "F" Flight. Congratulations to all our winners, and to those who came up short we will have to try harder next year.

Special thanks to NATALIE and JAMES, along with their Pro Shop staff for the solid assistance they provided throughout the season. To JUSTIN & MIKE of "*Creative Catering Concepts*" who did a great job providing superb food quality and variety along with personable servers, seeing that our members were well looked after, and to JENNIPHER ORR, who continues to work behind the scenes providing support services for our sections.

If you are a senior male and wish to participate next year, be sure to join our section. Contact us at any time through Millcroft Golf Club for a written outline of our annual activities. We are always looking for senior men of good character, proficient at golf and a willingness to lose gracefully. We might even forego a couple of the aforementioned criteria if you bring along a fat wallet and the desire to participate in a few friendly games involving a wager or two.

A very special thank you goes to our convenors for a great effort in putting on the weekly games, etc. PETER NIGGEMAN, ANDREW HALLETT, BRIAN NUTTER, DAVE POPE, CYE BEECHY, & BILL LEITHEAD, without their help the season would not have run so smoothly.

I wish you all a great winter and look forward to spring and another season of golf, stay healthy.

Thank you all for your support.

### **Ed Davies**

#### **Captain: Senior Men's Section**

*Serving at the pleasure of our members*



## FROM THE BUSINESS LADIES SECTION

It is the time of year when the golf clubs are inching closer to the basement and we think how much we will miss our golf friends over the winter. The Business ladies league had another great season of good golf, good times and good friends. Even the many wet Mondays didn't dampen our spirits.

This season we had a variety of creative games and our skills were challenged in many ways. We had quizzes, were awarded for being closest to everything from ducks to trees and mastered playing with three clubs. Many of us found our score pretty similar when playing with three clubs or fourteen clubs! Our member guest tournament was a lot of fun with a Mexican theme. The cart decorations were terrific and sombreros do make great golf visors!

Dia Pembleton was our "A flight" match play champion and Kathleen Perrone was the match play winner in "B flight". Congratulations to both of these ladies who were new to match play. Not surprisingly Pierrette Jomphe was the ringer board leader she just keeps racking up birdies!

The business league would also like to congratulate our club champion Janice Rowe. She is an inspirational golfer. Our league also congratulates Deb Finesilver as runner up in "A flight" and Marg Bickerton who won "B flight" with Linda Price as the runner up.

There are many people who we are so thankful to for helping us to make this such a great golf season. Natalie, James and Ryan in the pro shop kept us organized and helped so much with our weekly events. Thanks also to our starter Norm and the marshals who encouraged us throughout the game. Martin and the grounds staff did an amazing job keeping the course in perfect condition all season. Justin and Mike just kept making more and more amazing meals which were served by a friendly and very capable group of servers.

Next year Jackie Barrington and Marny Woloshyn have offered to be part of our executive. Thanks to Doreen Pomeroy and Janet Hutter for their leadership this year we will miss them on the executive.

The executive would like to thank all the ladies who participated in the league this season. You are what makes the league so much fun. Your willingness to plan and organize the game each week means that we all have a great variety of games, new and different challenges and super prizes. We hope you have a wonderful healthy winter and look forward to seeing you back on the links in the spring.

Doreen, Janet, Muriel and Marg

## FROM THE MEN'S SECTION

And so another season comes to a close. This year we were successful in launching an opening scramble with men who were neither members of the men's section or of the club. We gained 5 new members from that endeavor. We also approached our juniors and recruited new members from them as well. Additionally, we instituted a program whereby members of the Senior Men's Section could play with us on Wednesdays without having to pay our section fee and a few members took advantage of this offer and one even won our 50-50 draw.

Next season looks very promising. Not only have we succeeded in bring in new members but we also have brought in a much younger leadership to the Men's Committee. Mark Raven takes over as our 2010 Captain, Costa Schizas becomes our First Vice Captain and Scott Irving, our Second Vice Captain. Ryan Leeming also joins our committee as our Secretary. Not only are these men excellent golfers but they bring to the section a youthful leadership that will carry us forward into the next decade at Millcroft. I so look forward to working with them as Past Captain in 2010. We also have a number of new helpers for next year. They include: Rod McKeown, Kirk McKay, Terry Youngs, Dennis Willis, Gary Raulino, Dean Stavro, Scott Prince and Gene Jamieson. The fact that all of these men were willing to sign up for our committee indicates to me that our section is in good health for the coming years. I wish to congratulate all of them for coming forth to offer their services for 2010.

I also want to publicly thank the 2009 committee for their dedication throughout this difficult year. Jerry MacDonald, Mark Raven, Walt Chapatis, Scott Irving, Terry Gill, Don Levesque. These were the men that guided us through the year. Then there were the convenors and helpers like Terry Friel, Rick Stefiszyn, Ebrahim Gomez, Ross Bamford, Peter Perrone, Bill Reck and Duncan Chisholm who worked hard to conduct all our tournaments during the year. A big thank you to you all.

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## MEN'S SECTION CONTINUED

### Here are some of our tournament winners for 2009:

- Handicap Match Play Champion, Costa Schizas who also won in 2008
- Senior Men's Club Champion, Duncan Chisholm
- Men's Club Champion, Mark Raven and runner-up, Ryan Leeming
- “A” Flight Champion, Kirk McKay and runner-up, John Giandomenico
- “B” Flight Champion, Win MacInnis and runner-up, Dennis Willis
- “C” Flight Champion, Bob Johnson and runner-up, Don Green

Finally a special thank you to Win MacInnis who stepped up and sponsored our MacInnis Cup Tournament with the largest contribution ever to our prize table and for the purchase of our team hats and shirts.

Hope to see you all in the spring.  
John Giandomenico  
2009 Men's Section Captain

## FROM THE LADIES SECTION

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the 2009 Ladies Executive that helped this golf season to be so enjoyable and successful for everyone. Thanks also to the gentlemen that looked after our clubs, the people behind the desk in the Pro Shop, the dining room staff and especially to the maintenance crew for maintaining the course to perfection.

Although the season started out to be cool and wet with many rainouts, we managed to bring things together and have a very successful season. Muriel MacLaren and Sheila Finn, as games captains, ensured that regular and fun days were run smoothly and enjoyably for everyone. This year we changed Pin Days to be Handicap Days and Betty Cushing and Pierrette Jomphe organized these so that everyone had the chance to play with their par equals.

On June 24, the Ladies at Millcroft Golf Club had another very successful “Golf Fore the Cure” Tournament. The committee of Sue Bond, Heather Buchanan, Deb Finesilver, Sheila Finn, Kathleen Perrone and Doreen Pomeroy had tremendous support from sponsors, club members and donors which helped to raise \$40,038. In a year of financial difficulty everywhere, we were thankful for such support. In the five years that we have run the “Golf Fore the Cure” Tournament, Millcroft has raised over \$139,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society.

Although rain was all around us, the Club Championship was played on a beautiful weekend. Janice Rowe from the Business Ladies Section won the Ladies Club Championship with Arlene Real winning the “A” flight. Arlene represented Millcroft at the Hamilton District GAO Champion Challenge at Mystic Golf & Country and came in a respectable second. The “B” flight champion was Marg Bickerton.

Winners for the Ladies League Awards were: Match Play – Gail Hedderson with Marilyn Bittner the runner-up. Ringer Board Gross Winners were “A” -Pierrette Jomphe; “B” -Marilyn Bittner and “C” -Kathleen Perrone. The Net Winners were “A” Doreen Pomeroy; “B” - Gwen Johnston and “C” Kathleen Perrone. The Handicap Day Winner was Diane Lundy and the runner up was Rosemary Carr. Congratulations to Cindy Clark for being the “Most Improved Player” by reducing her handicap factor by 5.2 strokes throughout the 2009 season.

We had two members of the Ladies League hit the ultimate “Hole in One”. Even though neither fete was accomplished during the Tuesday Ladies League, we still want to congratulate them. On June 25<sup>th</sup> Dianne Prentice dropped her ball in Hole #8 with one shot. The second member, Livia Pusztai shot her “Hole in One” at the 13<sup>th</sup> hole on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Neither of these holes are pushovers and for both Livia and Dianne acknowledgement of their accomplishment is well deserved.

So Ladies, have a wonderful winter, wherever you may be and let's see you all healthy and happy for the 2010 Season.

Doreen Pomeroy  
President – Millcroft Ladies League

## THE SENIOR MIXED SECTION

The Senior Mixed section had thirty-six golfers signed up for 2009 and despite not being a big group we had a very good season. 2009 was an interesting season with lots of fun.

Maysie & I agreed that each weekly game should be based on Handicaps, and as a result we are pretty sure everyone won at least once.

The golfing highlight was a hole in one on hole # 17, by Livia Pusztai, well done! There was some excellent net couples scores over the season, as higher handicap golfers had some good days out on our lovely course. Everyone had a great time at the fine closing dinner, it was a wonderful way to end a fun year.

Thanks must go to everyone associated with the 2009 season! The Course was always in fine condition, the admin was as usual, efficient & friendly, the food & drinks team were great as was everyone in the Pro shop.

Maysie was a huge help in organizing the weekly events, & looking back we thoroughly enjoyed working together as Co-ordinators.

To everyone, Winter Well & come back with your Golf swing in shape.

Sincerely,  
Cye & Maysie Beechey

## FROM THE MIXED SECTION

Thank you to all the members of the Friday Night Mixed Section for another great season. This league continues to be a great way to end the week and kick off the weekend. We were fortunate that the rain held off most Friday afternoons.

There were three tournaments this season. Our spring tournament was a modified version of alternate shot otherwise known as "Sorry Honey". There were great tales about which player created the most grief for their partner. Our member guest was a Mexican Fiesta. Folks got much closer to the bucket of Margaritas than they did to the flag! All of us will remember the attempts to open the piñata for years to come. The fall closing "666" tournament was also a lot of fun.

Throughout the season we had many fun games and challenges as our weekly hosts were incredibly creative in devising new games to test our skills. The league would like to congratulate several of our members for some great golfing achievements. This season, Ross Bamford won the Men's Putting Championship with an impressive 13.75 nine-hole season average of putts. First prize for the ladies went to Marg Bickerton with 16 putts. Bill Reck came in second in putting for the men and Linda Price was second for the ladies. Scott Irving with pinch hitter Muriel MacLaren won the section championship.

Our thanks to all of the Millcroft team for making this a memorable season. James and Natalie in the pro shop always supported our league and accommodated our many requests. Martin and his grounds crew worked hard against the elements all season to keep the course in such great condition. Creative catering continued to provide us with epicurean delights after our round served by a wonderful group of young women.

We wish everyone a wonderful winter and a joyous holiday season. We look forward to seeing you back in the league next season.

Marny and Bill Woloshyn  
Rick Mclsaac and Marg Bickerton  
Pat and Ross Bamford

FROM THE DINING ROOM

We hope everyone had a great time this year at Millcroft Golf Club!

With the season coming to a close we will be updating our members with our renovation schedule as we move forward into next year. We look forward to a new expansion for the clubhouse sometime next season. In the spring, keep an eye out for your invitation to our member open house in our new facility.

Just a note to those that have money left in their food and beverage accounts. We are now operating on a reduced menu and reduced schedule for the remainder of the season. Those that have topped up their accounts this season will have balances carried over to next season if you are planning to return.

On behalf of Mike Breadner, our executive chef, and our servers in the dining room, we would like to thank you for your continued support of the dining room over the season. As many of you already know from speaking with our team, many of our servers you've come to love are moving on to new and exciting ventures. Tamarin recently moved overseas to England to start a new path in life, Elise journeyed off to Teachers College, and Megan & Sarah are off to work and live in beautiful Banff, Alberta. The girls wanted to ensure that we passed along their fond times they've all shared with you this season and thank you for a great year. Who knows, we may see some of them return for next year!

Thank you very much and have a wonderful holiday season and winter.

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*Happy Holidays  
& Happy New  
Year Everyone!*

*Looking forward to  
2010!*

