

# *The Niblick, July 1, 2020*

**The Niblick!** Your TVGC Board, Member & Volunteer news link.

**Niblick:** A trouble club and pitching iron and generally the most lofted of the 19th century irons, with a very small rounded head and a loft equivalent to a modern nine iron or wedge.

**Question of the Month, July 2020:** How would you rate our Club's response to the COVID19 requirements? Do you have any feedback or suggestions for the remainder of the season?

## **BOARD MEETING June 8, 2020**

### **Correspondence**

- After reviewing & discussing the letter received from a Legal firm regarding Visage, J.D. will be contacting our legal Counsel to get a legal opinion.
- The Town of Turner Valley has sent the club a letter thanking TVGC for allowing pedestrians access to use the roadway at their own risk. This is until the Towns determine & build an alternate pathway.

### **Business Development**

- AGM was hosted the evening of June 25, 2020.
- The TVGC Strategic Planning Session will be held on September 26 & 27.
- The Club qualified for the CEWS subsidy for April to May but we did not qualify in period 3.

### **Course, Grounds & Clubhouse**

- As you know, the #2 green & putting green have been resodded.
- Gary & crew would like to thank the members who have volunteered over the past couple of months on helping clean flower beds & the courtyard, not to mention other areas of the course. Your help is truly appreciated.

### **Finance**

- Reviewed the May financials & long term financing has been finalized & transferred to bank accounts.
- Did you know.....Over the past 5 years Course & Grounds & Food & Beverage wages have stayed stagnant while the Proshop's wages went down 36% and Admins have gone down 23%?

### **Member & Volunteer Liaison Committee**

- We love our volunteers and work is in progress to formalize a volunteer recognition program. Volunteering not only provides immense satisfaction in helping out our club but also assists us in securing grants to pay for course improvements. We estimate over a hundred man hours have been volunteered already! Look for an email coming out very soon on our new program.
- To all our new members, a very hearty welcome to you! To help you understand the workings of the club & familiarize yourself with the expectations of the membership, we would like to refer you to the Member's Handbook located on the TVGC Member website.

## Communication

- Your Board Members are: Gregg Undershute, Tracy Bertsch, John Burke, J. D. Scheller, Kathy Jessop, Joe Fenton, Kevin Farr-Jones, Kevin Franson, Roberta MacKenzie & Tamara Robbins.
- We really hope that Members step up and input a message for The Message from a Member. Modelled after "Letter to the Editor", it's your opportunity to tell all other members your thoughts, ideas & any other relevant TVGC club items of importance. Guidelines in this area:
  - Keep your note to a maximum of 150 words
  - Please expect your name to be published with the Message
  - Submission to be sent to [admin@turnervalleygolf.com](mailto:admin@turnervalleygolf.com)

## Historical Committee

- Take a look around the course! Some of the historical signs are complete and installed. Quite the history we have! Signs are located by #11 green, by the derrick between #9 green & the clubhouse & by the driving range.
- Please take a look at the new Living History area of the TVGC Website. What a great job in pulling this information together! The link is at <https://turnervalleygolf.com/contact-us/our-story/>.
- For those members who have already shared their & their family's history for Our Story, thank you! If there are any more members with history & memories of our course, please share them and send to [admin@turnervalleygolf.com](mailto:admin@turnervalleygolf.com).

## New Business

- Please join the Board in welcoming 11 new Shareholding Members: Garry Raab, Garry Jones, Shauna Chase, Robert Flett, Don MacEachen, Rob MacEachen, Mike Libbus, Larry Rosell, Ken Truscott, Nancy Truscott, & Doug Short. Stay out of the bushes!

A complete copy of the minutes & replies to the QotM can be found on the TVGC Member website <https://turnervalleygolf.com/member-login>.

### **A Message from the President, Gregg Undershute**

Hello to our valued membership!

For this month I would like to welcome all new Turner Valley Golf Club Members. All members are urged to review the Member's Handbook. Link is:

[https://turnervalleygolf.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Membership-Handbook-Approved-04\\_25\\_19.pdf](https://turnervalleygolf.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Membership-Handbook-Approved-04_25_19.pdf)

Please review the "General House Rules" and "Membership Rules and Regulations" area.

A number of topics are covered within and I would like to remind you all of a few. Under General House Rules you will find information on how to deal with concerns to where not to park any personal or club carts. Board members do not take praise or criticism on club grounds unless it is related to our golf swing. Compliments and concerns go to the department head or General Manager please. Please review the cancellation and no show policy. Tee times remain in high demand, so if you need to cancel because you are feeling unwell or cannot make it for whatever reason, please be considerate to your fellow members and operations and remove your name from the tee sheet. If another member booked that tee time for you, that is a phone call to the proshop and they can remove you from the tee time.

This past Thursday was our Annual General Meeting, the documents are now on the website:

<https://turnervalleygolf.com/members>

Happy Canada Day everyone and let us all hope that July brings less rain and great drives.

### **A Message from the General Manager, J.D. Scheller**

Happy Canada Day Everyone,

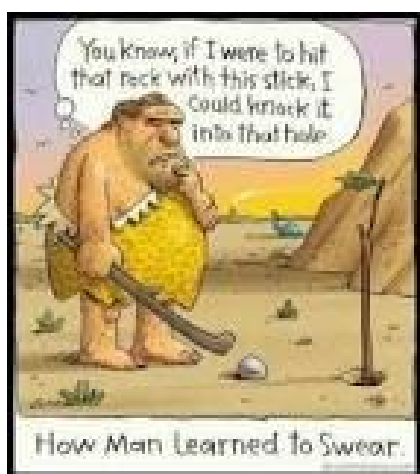
Another month in the books for the 2020 season and the days are already getting shorter. It feels like we just got going. It's sure good to see a bunch of new faces at the club. The club has been busy in June, when the weather permits. The Junior program now has 80 plus Junior Members and you will see the majority of them on Monday afternoons. I would like to thank all the volunteers that make running the Junior League possible.

Speaking of volunteers, we have had a few volunteer work crews out and helping with various tasks at the club. Most of us know who they are so make sure you thank them for their time. I know it has been greatly appreciated.

Our Historical Committee is in the process of getting plans together for our 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. We will pass on the details as they come available.

We will also be running a few Club Tournaments this year. Starting with the Foothills Scramble in July and ending with the Club Championships in September. Please stay tuned for registration details.

I know everyone is tired of hearing about COVID-19. Just a reminder to stay diligent and not to let our guard down. We have seen in the U.S. what can happen if we become complacent.



### A Message from Course & Grounds (Gary McGonigle)

Retirement: I would first off like to thank George Farr-Jones for all his hard work and dedication. George retired this Spring and we will miss him on our Course and Grounds staff.

Volunteers: A special **Thank-You** needs to go out to the members who volunteer their time and skills to improve the look and workings of the Course and Grounds. I will expand on this at a future date.

I still remember volunteer Caddying as a Junior in an event the club held. (I think it was an Alberta Amateur event). Boy was I scared! My parents weren't golfers, so I relied on the Junior Volunteer Members for guidance. This Club has been extremely fortunate to have had so many dedicated members over the years. Watching my son and seeing all the Juniors and volunteers this past Monday really feels like we are on the right track.

**Power Carts:** A reminder to power cart users to use the cart paths when provided. As the temperatures heat up and the amount of play increases, it becomes more important to use good power cart etiquette. Power carts should not be driven up on the mounds, or closer than 30 feet from the greens. We see many carts drive through the cart arrow painting that is on the fairways and then continue down the fairway in front of the green. These areas are off limits to carts and the carts should remain on the path and park beside the green. As well on the Par 3's - 5, 7, 10 & 17 we ask you to remain on the path for the entire length of the hole.

**Mosquitos:** Bug season is upon us and we have noticed quite an increase in activity over the past week. We use a biological mosquito control to help control our insect populations. We have also checked our nest boxes this season and we are once again seeing mostly Tree Swallows. Tree Swallows can eat up to 1000 insects a day so give them a thumbs up as you drive by their houses.

Please remember to apply bug spray on cart paths as the spray can kill our turf grass.

**Did you know:** We have over 85,000 sq ft of bentgrass (and Poa Annua) Greens which averages out to over 4400 sq ft per green. Our largest green is #16 at approximately 6200 sq ft and our smallest is #7 at 3168 sq ft.

### **A Member / Volunteer Message from ??**

What Member would like to share their thoughts??? Give us your "letter to the editor" version about happenings around the club.

#### **Board of Directors**

Gregg Undershute President	Tracy Bertch Vice President	J.D. Scheller General Manager	John Burke Secretary-Treasurer	Roberta MacKenzie
Kathy Jessop	Kevin Farr-Jones	Joe Fenton	Kevin Franson	Tamara Robbins

#### **Business Development**

Gregg Undershute	Tracy Bertsch	J. D. Scheller		
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#### **Finance Committee**

John Burke	Kevin Franson	J. D. Scheller		
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#### **Course, Grounds & Clubhouse**

Gary McGonigle	Kevin Farr-Jones	J.D. Scheller	Joe Fenton	
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#### **Member & Volunteer Liaison & Food & Beverage**

Kathy Jessop	J. D. Scheller	Dan Heyde (Member volunteer)		
<b>Historical Committee</b>				
Tracy Bertsch	Kevin-Farr-Jones	J. D. Scheller	Gary McGonigle	Al Lamden
Tracy Larson (Member Volunteer)	Ron McLaren (Member Volunteer)			
<b>Communication</b>				
Kathy Jessop	J.D. Scheller			
<b>Golf Committee</b>				
J.D. Scheller	Cory Seaman	Wanda Nobert, Handicap Chair	Debb McLaren, Women's Club Captain	Gord Rhodes, Men's Club Captain