

The Niblick August 2024

Your Turner Valley Golf Club news source.

Welcome to the August 2024 edition of “The Niblick”.

A Board meeting was held on August 8th, 2024. A full copy of the Board Minutes and other key club info can be found on the TVGC Member’s website under the Board Documents header. The next Board meeting is currently scheduled for October 3rd, 2024.

2024 Monthly Photo Contest

Congratulations to our July photo contest winner Andrew McRae, his shot of a beautiful sunrise from hole #13 beat out a couple of other excellent pictures from Peter Keenan and David Watts among others.

Our August contest closes Saturday night at midnight, send your pics to turnervalleygc@gmail.com to be entered!

A reminder this contest runs until September and each month we will award a \$25.00 TVGC Gift Certificate to the photographer of the photo chosen as the photo of the month.

A reminder on the “Official Rules”:

- Only photos of the course, wildlife, flora, and scenic views will be considered. Photos with identifiable faces will be disqualified.
- Submissions should include the photographers name and the hole the picture was taken on.
- Submitting a photo means the individual submitting agrees to have their photo and name published, and TVGC reserves the right to reproduce, sell, distribute, and publicly display any photo that is submitted (*Note: credit will be given in the latter case*)
- Winners will be chosen by a “judging panel” and the winner to receive a \$25 gift certificate usable anywhere at the club (Pro Shop, Royalite Grill, and of course Golf!)
- Contest runs until September 30th, 2024.

Good luck to those who participate, we look forward to seeing your shots!



BIRTHDAY GIRL APPRECIATION POST

On Monday, our fabulous Renee celebrated a very special birthday. While we won't count candles, we will say that Renee's been with us for 13 years and her dedication goes mostly unnoticed by our guests. Donning many hats, she not only works in the Pro Shop and keeps it looking good, but she also handles most of our shipping and receiving, merchandizing, and purchasing to go along with work upstairs in accounts payable and helping food and beverage when needed.

From running a successful business ladies league to being great with staff, members, and all the customers she encounters, we're lucky to have her as part of our Turner Valley Team.

PRO SHOP SALES

Visit the Pro Shop to take advantage of our ongoing sales for demo clubs and hats!

Offering a good selection of Taylor Made, Mizuno, Cobra and Ping clubs, there's also training tools available as well. Visit or call the Pro Shop for prices and availability.

Beat the incoming end of summer heat with our 2-4-1 hat sale. Grab a hat from our impact table and receive a second hat (of equal or lesser) value for free. Lots of styles available, but don't miss out as once they are gone so is the deal!



DID YOU KNOW?

That Canadians play the 2nd most golf in the world per capita. Only Ireland plays more.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS:

- 5th - Corporate Event 11:30 AM Modified Shotgun Start
- 8th - Men's Team Challenge Final 10:00 AM Modified Shotgun Start
- 11th - AM Ladies Final 10:00 AM Modified Shotgun Start
- 11th - Business Ladies Final 5:00 PM Shotgun Start
- 12th - Corporate Event 10:00 AM Shotgun Start
- 17th - Senior Men's League Final 9:30 AM Shotgun Start
- 17th - Sandbaggers Final 2:30 PM Shotgun Start
- 18th - Corporate Event 10:00 AM Shotgun Start
- 30th - Shotgun Starts Begin 11:30 AM

Schedule Subject to Change

A list of full events can be found at <https://turnervalleygolf.com/members-golf-copy/#events>

FAIRWAY AERATION

As our season starts to wind down, we will be starting to aerate some of our fairways during the first week of September. While the temperatures are above seasonal for the next week or two, it won't take long for our Alberta Fall to settle in and our days to get shorter, nights to get cooler, and of course frost delays to enter the picture...

UNDERSTANDING FROST DELAYS

Presented by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America

As summer starts to give way to fall-like temperatures, the desire to hit the golf course intensifies for those eager to get their final rounds in. It also signals a change in golf course management activities that can affect one's game and the conditions found on the course.

In many regions of the country, golfers occasionally face frost delays in the fall, thus pushing back starting tee times. When frost is present golf course superintendents delay play until the frost has melted. This is done to prevent damage that affects the quality of the playing surface and could potentially be very expensive to repair.

Frost is basically frozen dew that has crystallized on the grass, making it hard and brittle. A grass blade is actually 90 percent water; therefore, it also freezes. Because of the short mowing height (sometimes as low as 1/8 inch) and fragile nature of the turf, putting greens are most affected by frost. Walking on frost-covered greens causes the plant to break and cell walls to rupture, thereby losing its ability to function normally. When the membrane is broken, much like an egg, it cannot be put back together.

Golfers who ignore frost delays will not see immediate damage. The proof generally comes 48-72 hours later as the plant leaves turn brown and die. The result is a thinning of the putting surface and a weakening of the plant. The greens in turn become more susceptible to disease and weeds. While it may not appear to be much of an issue if a foursome begins play early on frost covered greens, consider the number of footprints that may occur on any given hole by one person is approximately 60. Multiply that by 18 holes with an average of 200 rounds per day and the result is 216,000 footprints on greens in a day or 6,480,000 in a month.

As golf enthusiasts, superintendents do not like to delay play, but they are more concerned about turf damage and the quality of conditions for the golfer. Frost also creates hardship on a golf facility's staff as all course preparations are put to a halt until thawing occurs. Golf carts can cause considerable damage; therefore, personnel cannot maneuver around the course to mow, change cup positions, collect range balls, etc.

One technique employed to reduce possible frost damage is to raise the cutting height of mowers to create a hardier surface. It may also be possible to reroute play to holes where the frost melts more quickly. But regardless of these methods, the best medicine is for all to understand the hows and whys of the delay and in turn gain a greater appreciation for the golf course. It would also be wise to give the course a phone call before heading out to play to see if tee times have been pushed back due to frost.

BACK TO SCHOOL FOR SOME OF OUR STAFF

By the time we get the next Niblick out in September most of our summer students will be back doing their online classes or back on campus furthering their education. Stop and thank them before they leave. Once again, they have done an unbelievable job this year.