



Seven Hills
Golf & Country Club

2021 Season Summary and 2022 Renewals

2021 is drawing to an end. Once again, we were able to provide a safe outdoor activity for local residents and visitors during the pandemic. Membership numbers, greens fee, cart and RV rental revenues all increased as a result. We hope that our new members and visitors enjoyed themselves and will be back in 2022 (and beyond). Here are some year end highlights and information about next season.

Course maintenance A big thank you to Garry, Audie, Carson and our hard-working crew of summer students for keeping the course in great condition despite some wetter than usual weather. We received many compliments on the course and the greens in particular.

Volunteer efforts Board members and several dedicated volunteers were also busy this season on a variety of course improvement projects, most notably the renovation of the upper portion of the 9th fairway. Thanks to timely watering and two doses of fertilizer, a good crop of new turf has been established and we were able to mow the area for the first time in October. We will fertilize again in the spring and the new fairway should be back in play shortly thereafter. Other notable accomplishments in 2021 included replacement of 38 greenside sprinklers and 20 control valves, construction of a new cart path on #7 fairway, renovation of the greenside bunker on #3 and some landscaping work beside the driving range. A full summary of volunteer work accomplished has been prepared and shared separately. An Appreciation dinner was held for our great volunteers on October 15th with Sharon preparing a delicious turkey dinner.

Restaurant Continually shifting public health regulations made the season challenging once again for the bar and restaurant. We were happy to be able to host a modified version of the Logger's tournament in August and resume a few small functions at the club. We greatly appreciate Sharon's willingness to adapt so she was able to provide members and guests with great food and hospitality while keeping everyone safe. Thank you to all the members and visitors that gave Sharon your business over the year. Sharon will be operating on a limited basis on sunny weekends and afternoons over the winter months as well as hosting several meetings and our inaugural pre-Christmas craft fair on November 27th.

Pro Shop and management Doug's first season as our Pro/Manager was a big success. He was able to get our new POS system up and running, stocked the Pro Shop with a variety of clothing and gear, all while juggling some staffing issues, relocating his family to Port Hardy and

welcoming a new baby! The Board appreciates Doug's dedication to his role and are happy to have him as part of our team.

Club programs and events In addition to his management responsibilities, Doug organized our weekly Men's Night on Wednesdays and worked with Cyndy Grant to resume Ladies' Night on Thursdays. We were unable to get a Junior program running as hoped, but did successfully run an 8 week Intro to Golf session for Gwa'Sala Nakwaxda'xw youth. We expect to have Junior programming in place for 2022.

Finances and expenditures Thanks to two successive busy seasons at the club as well as an extra \$20,000 grant from the Regional District, we are finally in the financial position to begin updating our maintenance equipment. In October we took possession of a near-new Toro utility vehicle as well as a mint condition Toro fairway mower. These machines have been financed over a 36 month term. We are also actively shopping for a newer rough mower and greens mower and hope to receive both before next season. With four newer units in our equipment fleet, down time, repair costs and frustration levels for staff should be substantially reduced going forward.

2022 Memberships and fees We have made some minor changes to the 2022 fees for memberships and golf services. The biggest change is that early registration discounts are reduced from their previous levels. Membership fees must be paid in full by January 31st to receive a discount. Full rates (i.e. paid after January 31st) for Regular, Returning Senior and Couple/Family memberships remain unchanged from 2021. Small increases have been made to Intermediate memberships and other fees. Cart shed, trail and locker fees are due on April 1st. Not all fees are going up; we have reduced the cost of locker rentals to encourage better use of our Locker Room facilities. More information on 2022 fees can be found on the Membership Renewal form.

Cart owners The Trail Fee Agreement and sticker system implemented in 2020 will continue. Trail fees ONLY cover the cart owner and a designated 2nd driver. Other occasional drivers are permitted to use private carts but must be identified on the Trail Fee Agreement and are expected to pay the club \$10 per use. Or you can avoid the hassle and purchase an Unlimited User pass for your cart; only \$50 for the season. Stickers must be displayed in a visible location on your cart.

Winter operations The Pro Shop will be closing at the end of November and the honour box will be in use for visitors. We are offering \$20 a day greens fees and reduced cart rental fees over the winter months, so spread the word! Dave is available to rent power carts; just knock on the trailer door if he's not in the Pro Shop. Cart path only rules are in effect.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Seven Hills and we look forward to seeing you on the course in 2022. Stay healthy and safe and have a good holiday season.

The Seven Hills Board of Directors