



POPPY ESTATE SENIOR MEN'S GOLF CLUB
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2012 SPRING LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

This is my first letter to members as Club President and I wish I could say 2011 ended on a high note. Sadly, that was not the case - November and December 2011 were not good months for the Club. Slim Neufeldt passed away in November. Slim had been a long-time member of the Club and served tirelessly on the Executive from 2006 onwards. John Stewart also a long-time member of the Club passed away in mid-December and Ole Slatta, a member of the Club since 2007, passed away on Christmas Eve. Our condolences go out to their families – they will be missed.

The 2012 golf season is still two months away but I am sure many of you are enjoying an extended golf season in warmer areas and keeping your golf skills honed so that you can start out burning up the Poppy Estate Golf Course in March.

Special Thanks:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of last year's Executive for all the work they put in throughout 2011:

- **Jerry Fisher** - after many years as President and Past President Jerry is finally getting his wish to retire – thanks for all your good work Jerry – we may have to call on your expertise at times;
- **Dave Thomas** - for serving as President of the Club for the past two years as well as Membership Chair for many years. Dave will continue as Past President this year and also will continue as Membership Chair;
- **Bayne Vance** - for agreeing to continue as Club Treasurer and keeping a firm grip on the Club finances;
- **Peter Chesworth** and **Trevor Files** - for performing this year's audit of the Club's finances;
- **Garth Holfeld** - for continuing as Club Secretary/Health & Welfare;
- **Jack McEwen** - for taking over the duties of Club Captain;
- **Tom Reibin** - for continuing as Rules Chair;
- **Slim Neufeldt, Ken Mills, and Al Craig** who, through very hard work, solicited a phenomenal array of prizes from local businesses for the Club's fall banquet – the list of donors is on the Club's website <http://www.poppyseniormensgolf.com/>. Sadly, Slim's passing leaves a giant void in the Executive. Slim was a great guy and will be missed! Al, unfortunately, has left the Club because of personal reasons.
- **New to the Executive** this year are **Ted Smith**, serving as Vice-president, and **Dennis Davidson**, Member-at-large. I would like to take this opportunity to ask for volunteers to come forward and join the Executive. With the loss of Slim, Ken Mills will be hard pressed to continue as in past years. Slim will be difficult to replace, but someone with an outgoing personality would help. As well, the position of Club Captain takes a fair amount of time and a full-time assistant would be greatly appreciated.

Our **2012 season** begins on Wednesday March 28 with a shotgun start at 07:45 and will end on Wednesday October 3 with another shotgun start (please refer to the attached schedule or check it out on the Club's website). The Spring Information meeting will be held around 13:00 following the first day of

play but, *if there is a rainout like last year, the Spring Information meeting will be held at 08:00 to save people unnecessary travel.*

Club Membership

Our current membership is 99 with 12 unpaid at this time. Club dues are payable by December 31, 2011. This year's dues remain at \$100.00 and include the \$20.00 surcharge required by Poppy Estate management. Members who have not renewed their PESMGC membership by December 31, 2011 risk being purged from the handicap database and may have to reestablish their handicaps.

The Club has a membership cap of 130 and, as you can see, we are well below that level. I urge all members to try and convince a neighbour, a friend, or a relative to join the Club. The minimum age for membership in the Club is 55.

Club membership cards will be available at the 'sign-up' table with your scorecard. New members will also be provided with the booklet "*Easy Way to Learn Golf Rules*". Remember, Club rules state that a member can only sign up one other member for a tee time.

Game Pass Offer

Poppy Estate management will be making game pass packages available for purchase at a reduced rate from January 15, 2012 to February 15, 2012. Originally Poppy was going to charge higher rates, but after a conversation with Laurel, the Course revised the rates downward (slightly). A senior will save \$1.75/game on a 20 game pass and \$1.50/game on a 10 game pass. Those under 65 will save \$1.00/game on both the 20 game pass and the 10 game pass.

Sale Price	Regular Price
• Senior 10 Game Pass at \$305.00	• Senior 10 Game Pass at \$320.00
• Senior 20 Game Pass at \$585.00	• Senior 20 Game Pass at \$620.00
• Under 65 10 Game Pass at \$330.00	• Under 65 10 Game Pass at \$340.00
• Under 65 20 Game Pass at \$640.00	• Under 65 20 Game Pass at \$660.00

HST is included in the above prices. Poppy Estate management defines a "Senior" as someone at least 65 years of age. Passes may be purchased from Laurel at the Poppy Pro-Shop. If you are away during that period, you can make arrangements with Laurel to buy a game pass by giving her your credit card number and she will hold on to the pass until you return. If you have any questions please call Laurel at Poppy Estate Golf Course (604) 856 - 1181.

Club Handicap

The Club maintains member handicaps on the Club's computer and uses them for our weekly games and tournaments. The computer will be available to enter scores on March 1, 2012. Please enter all your scores from games played in the sunny south. If you have a problem entering a score from a particular course, please contact Dave Thomas. The program the Club uses emulates the CGA handicapping system and the handicaps generated can be used for establishing a handicap at a different course. A minimum of 5 games is required to establish a club handicap, which is needed to be eligible for prize money. Member's handicaps are automatically updated using the ten best of the last twenty rounds played. For those members without a Club handicap, there are two ways to establish one:

1. Play in five games in Flight "C" with an assigned handicap of 32 (no eligibility for prize money for the first five games) or;
2. Provide a validated handicap factor, five validated scorecards, or a printout of the score of games at the course previously played.

All members are automatically assigned to one of three "Flights" (A, B, or C) based on the member's club handicap. Assignment to Flights is adjusted as necessary to keep approximately 1/3 of the membership in each Flight.

Members desiring an official CGA handicap can obtain an individual CGA membership. There is a link to the CGA website on the Club's website <http://www.poppyseniorgolf.com/>.

Score Cards

Prior to each round of golf **members must exchange scorecards** – no member is permitted to fill out his own card during Club play (CGA Rule 6-6.a). Following each round, members must enter their scores into the Club computer and the scorecard left in the box provided for the Club Captain. The scorecard must be signed by the member, dated, and attested by the marker. The name on the scorecard must also be legible. To this end, the Club Captain and his Assistant provide pre-printed scorecards for all members. If cards are not exchanged, legible, signed, dated, and attested the card will be disqualified and that member will not be eligible for prize money for that day's play.

Pace of Play

Here are some tips to make your round, your group's round, and the rounds of those on the course behind you, more enjoyable.

1. Play "ready golf" - i.e. - know when you can play, be ready with your club selection, and plan your shot while getting to your ball. Focus on the group in front of you - the group behind you will take care of themselves.
2. Read the local rules (bottom of score card). Know where the drop areas are.
3. Always carry an extra ball in your pocket, in case you need to hit a provisional ball, and always hit a provisional ball if there is any question that your ball is lost, in an unplayable lie, or out of bounds.
4. Watch the drives of the other members of your group in case they hit an errant shot.
5. As a Marker, exit the green and enter scores on your opponent's scorecard at the next tee box.
6. If a golfer plays from a bunker, others should putt while the bunker is being raked and while the bunker player is getting to his ball.
7. While others are putting, read your own line. Putt out short putts if you do not interfere with another's line.
8. If you know where your ball is, help another player find his ball but, if it is your turn, take your shot before helping to search.
9. Mark and clean your ball as soon as possible and fix ball marks as soon as you get to the green.
10. Park your cart so you will be moving away from the green after putting. This will get you out of the way of approaching shots as you move to the next tee. Do not drive your cart up to the green – stay at least 20 feet away from the edge of the green.

For comments, questions or additional information, please contact me:

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Regards,



Scott MacLean
Club President and Asst. Club Captain.



Poppy Estate Senior Men's Golf Club

Schedule for the Year 2012

March 28	K.P.s, Qualifying (new members) and individual stroke play Shotgun start 07:45 <i>Spring information meeting to follow</i>
April 4	K.P.s and Monthly Stroke Play
April 11	K.P.s and Yellow Ball (Team Event)
April 18	K.P.s and Two Hole Throw Out
April 25	K.P.s and 2 Partners Against the Field (Team Event)
May 2	K.P.s and Monthly Stroke Play
May 9	K.P.s, Fewest Putts (by Flight) and <i>Match Play Qualifier (Stroke Play)</i>
May 16	K.P.s, 2 Hole Throw Out, and <i>1st Round of Match Play</i>
May 23	K.P.s and <i>2nd Round of Match Play</i>
May 30	K.P.s, Fewest Putts, and <i>3rd Round of Match Play</i>
June 6	K.P.s, Monthly Stroke Play, and <i>4th Round of Match Play</i>
June 13	K.P. s
June 20	K.P.s, and Yellow Ball (Team Event)
June 27	K.P.s and Fewest Putts
July 4	K.P.s and Monthly Stroke Play
July 11	K.P.s and Partners Odd & Even (2-Man Team)
July 18	K.P.s and 2 Hole Throw Out
July 25	K.P.s and Best Ball (Four Man Teams)
August 1	K.P.s and Monthly Stroke Play
August 8	K.P. s and 2 Partners Against the Field (Team Event)
August 15	K.P.s and 5 Club Event (only 5 clubs allowed) (not counted for HCP)
August 22	Shamble (Team Event) (not counted for HCP)
August 29	K.P.S, Club Championship and Senior's (over 74) Championship (1st Round)
September 5	K.P.S, Club Championship and Senior's (over 74) Championship (2nd Round)
September 12	K.P.s and Monthly Stroke Play
September 19	K.P.s and Fewest Putts (by Flight),
September 26	K.P.s and Turkey Shoot
October 3	Texas Scramble (Team Event) (not counted for HCP) Shotgun start at 07:45 <i>AGM and Banquet to follow</i>

Winners of Low Gross prizes are not eligible for a Low Net prize in the same game. To be eligible for prize money, you must have an established handicap (minimum 5 games). Match Play participants must have played a minimum of 10 games with the club. Club/Over 74 Championship participants must have played a minimum of 10 games with the club.