



Looking Ahead as Partners in Golf

The 2018 season was a great success thanks in large part to the continued support of our membership. We are thankful to the many member club facilities across the province who hosted a charity, local, regional, provincial, national or international championship this past season, including the Wascana Country Club who welcomed the global stars of the LPGA Tour and set the stage for Brooke Henderson's historic CP Women's Open victory on home soil.

Our continued investment in the sport is only possible through membership dues and we thank the members and member clubs for supporting our respective associations. Many of our member clubs have asked if we could communicate our membership dues intentions earlier and over a longer time period so budgets can be prepared accordingly. Golf Canada and Golf Saskatchewan will also plan our respective budgeting processes over the same three years to execute our strategic plans. Therefore, the membership dues through 2021 will:

- increase by \$2 per member per year: 2019 = \$32; 2020 = \$34; and 2021 = \$36
*plus GST/per member

Our investment through membership dues supports the game as follows:

- Technology improvements to website platforms, E-Newsletters and Golf Canada Score Centre.
- Golf Canada Incident Protection and Equipment Guarantee (insurance covering theft and damage of clubs, glass breakage, golf cart incidents, etc.). To date, 189 claims have paid out \$115,000 in Canada and the program will continue to grow in 2019 any beyond.
- Tournament Management Software (TMS) included as part of our club membership offering is saving golf clubs time and resources from existing software programs.
- In 2019, the Rules of Golf will under go its most significant overhaul globally and we are pleased to deliver Rules Education and Training in 2019 as part of the Rules Modernization initiative. This requires and investment in educating volunteers, staff, club officials, golf professionals and members.
- In 2019, almost \$100,000 will be distributed to member clubs through the Membership Assistance Program (MAP GRANT) with more than \$1.3 million dollars invested since 2001.
- In 2020, the World Handicap System will come into effect and we are working with international partners towards a successful launch of the new global platform. The program requires a significant investment into our digital platforms as well as enhancements to the Golf Canada Score Centre.
- Developing the sport continues to be a focus and we are pleased with the growth in participation, especially among junior golf initiatives. Participation initiatives include delivering *Golf in Schools* and the *Future Links* golf programs with a focus on new-to-the-game participants, life skills integration and junior competitions.

Golf Canada and Golf Saskatchewan are investing in golf programming, technology, championships, member services, advocacy, education and junior initiatives to enhance the sport. We are proud to share the investment with our members and encourage all member clubs to itemize the joint membership fee so golfers are aware how their dues are supporting the game. We trust that the three-year pricing schedule outlined above as well as the numerous membership benefits will assist in a deeper engagement with golfers and club members across the province.

Thank you for your continued support of the game in Saskatchewan.

Sincerely,



Brian Lee



Laurence Applebaum

About Golf Saskatchewan

As the governing body of amateur golf in Saskatchewan, our mission is to grow participation in, and passion for golf while upholding the integrity of the game.

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