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Semi Annual Meeting

Westfield Golf & Country Club Inc.

AGENDA – Tuesday May 23rd, 2017 @ 7:00pm

1. Duly Constitute Meeting (May 23rd, 2017)
2. Call Meeting to Order
3. Approval of Minutes of Annual Meeting of November 29th, 2016
4. Business Arising from Minutes
5. President's Report
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Golf Course Update (Staff)
8. New Business
9. Adjournment of Business Meeting

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By: John Murray

I'm sure that by the time we go to press, the birds will be singing, the sun will be shining and green grass will cover the entirety of the beautiful piece of real estate we know as the Westfield Golf and Country Club. As I struggle to find a suitable prologue to the 2017 season, such is not the case. Like everyone around us, we have been waiting for the warm weather to turn our course into the gem that we know it to be. But fear not, our fortunes will change as they always do and we'll look back at the beginning of May as Nature's way to save golf balls.

We have much to look forward to as we approach the new season. Course improvements continue with replacement of sand traps on 16 and 18 and upgrades to others which have fallen to a state of ill repair. Further renovations will occur as financial obligations permit, but will definitely include a few coats of paint in lesser attractive areas of the clubhouse. Carpet replacement has already taken place and gives the whole area a fresh new look. We probably won't replace the carpet every year, but that does seem to be the pace we've set for ourselves thus far.

A new season brings fresh faces to the Board in the form of Peter McCarthy, Laura Mills, Blaine Walsh and Terry Cunningham. Thank you all. With new faces come new ideas, the first of which will be seen in our revised approach to the "Get Acquainted Scramble" which seemed to be teetering on the brink of extinction in its existing form. We have decided to go big with this one and are excited to introduce the "Get Really Acquainted Scramble", where the object will be to throw everyone in the deep end by providing a day's worth of entertainment which will pretty much ensure you know a little something about everyone who chooses to take advantage of a full day of events by the time we call it a night. Instead of using a Sunday morning to get members together for a new year, we will be kicking off this event with an afternoon scramble for members and guests on Saturday, June 3rd. The golfing will be followed by

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food and beverage to get everyone refueled for an early evening of live entertainment and dancing. Details of the event will be released in the time leading up to the big event, but all signs point to a barnburner.

Now, on to some business. Please mark the evening of May 23rd on your calendar and make a point to attend our Semi-Annual Meeting at the club. A select few of you (25 to be exact) will remember that last November's AGM required a late full court press to arrive at a quorum which allowed us to conduct business as required by club by-laws. Let's not cut it as close this time. Everyone should want to arrive early to ensure they don't miss a word of our featured speakers Kendall and Steve along with the numerical stylings of Mr. Terry Totten.

I would feel like I haven't done justice to this newsletter if I didn't take a moment to reflect on the loss of two key members of our golfing family since last year's closing. During the past few months we said goodbye to both Marilyn Evans and Doug Campbell. Both were very active in WGCC and represented the epitome of what a good member looks like. Marilyn had served both as Ladies Match Captain and President of the Ladies Association while Doug filled many positions in the Executive, including that of Club President. Doug expanded his role even further than our golfing circle, having also served as President of the NBGA, eventually being recognized for his contributions by having his smiling face placed on the WGCC Wall of Fame. Both Marilyn and Doug were known for their pleasant dispositions and their desire to make WGCC a better place to be and both will be sorely missed.

That's about it for my first contribution of the year. Five more to go. Keep the faith and know that we will be open in the very near future. Promise.

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COURSE NOTES

By: Kendall Costain

The 2017 season is upon us and we are facing a completely different outcome than the last spring season in which we were able to give our members a significantly early start date. Such is the nature of this business, and we have experienced a tremendous amount of challenges with turf loss on our greens and tees this past winter, due to the extended period of time that ice accumulated on the greens covers.

Some people have shown concern and have asked if straw was used this winter on our greens. I made the decision not use straw this season based on my historical knowledge of practices and what were the predictions for this past winter at that time. With the awareness of ever changing weather patterns, consultation with professional partners and many educational seminars, I made the choice to adapt and utilize another method. As hard as it may be to believe, I do in fact feel this year was very successful! If it wasn't for the 118 days of ice cover we would have been in great shape. The grass type on our greens have a winter survival rate under ice of between 30-60 days so the in my eyes we were in much better shape than I sincerely expected.

I always make the best decisions in the interests of the golf course and take complete responsibility for what I choose to implement and its results. I enjoy educating others regarding the ongoing issues that turf managers face, the decisions that we must make based on imperfect upcoming seasonal predictions and the ever-relentless Mother Nature. I am out on the course on a regular basis monitoring conditions all winter long even though there is very little within my control. Weather conditions play such a factor in these outcomes, and once we put the course to bed in autumn our hands are completely tied until we peel back the covers in spring.

The golf course staff has been diligently and meticulously embracing the amount of work that needs to be completed before we open. We enjoy seeing the turf improve every day, and can assure you that we take this setback very seriously and all measures are being taken to recuperate from this challenging

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winter. We continue to aim to provide each of our members the playing surface they have grown to expect from WGCC as quickly as possible.

Greens/tees have been over seeded and fertilized and all ready for better growing conditions. We also have our breathable covers on all greens to retain heat and stimulate recovery.

I encourage all members to ask questions regarding WGCC before jumping to conclusions regarding course issues.

Important – Please Note: Member accounts will not be activated in the “Jencess System” until membership dues are paid in full or the member is on a pre- authorized monthly payment plan. Only active member accounts will be able to book on the Jencess Tee Time system – thus playing privileges will be suspended until such time a member’s account is in good standing.

Charge Accounts: Members may have charge accounts to cover all golf/clubhouse related expenditures with an up to date credit card on file. **Please ensure that your card on file is up to date by checking with the office.** Statements will be mailed/e-mailed immediately after the end of each month in which the indebtedness was incurred. Any member failing to pay their account before the 30th day of the month will have the balance debited from their credit card, which **MUST** be left on file with the Office Manager. Credit Cards declined for payment will result in suspension of playing and charging privileges until the account is paid in full.

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WESTFIELD GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB 2017 DUES STRUCTURE

CATEGORY	2017
Adult 26-45	\$1,040
Adult 46-60	1,355
Adult 61-79	1,585
Adult Monday-Friday	1,380
Senior 80+	885
Intermediate (19-25)	680
Nine Hole	895
Twilight after 5:30	480
Afternoon after 3:00 – All Ages	860
Wednesday Morning Lady	485
Junior (8-18)	480
Social**	172
Get Acquainted with Westfield Pass (10)	460
Corporate Pass (15)	660
Family Packages – See details below	
Club Storage	149.50

New INTRODUCTORY RATE FOR NEW MEMBERS (WAS NOT A MEMBER IN 2016) \$1,000
A GRADUATED SCALE UNTIL YOU REACH FULL MEMBERSHIP PRICE – INCREASE 15%/YEAR

GRADUATE PROGRAM FOR JUNIORS MOVING TO INTERMEDIATE CATEGORY
15% A YEAR INCREASE UNTIL THE COST OF 19-25 CATEGORY

NOTE: AGE IS AS OF DECEMBER 31ST
DUES INCLUDE 15% HST, GOLF CANADA FEES, AND LOCKER

Family Packages:

***Package 1** – Any combination of a 2 full member family unit with children 25 years of age and younger, residing at home and attending school.

Membership Rate: Child - \$90.00

***Package 2** – Any full single adult membership with full playing privileges.

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Membership Rate: 1st Junior - \$255.00. Each Additional Child - \$90.00

Students (19-25) \$355.00 Residing at home and a full time student.

Package 3 – Any single adult membership (excluding full members) with children enrolling in the Junior Program (8-18).

Membership Rate: Child - \$315.00 Each Additional Child \$185.00

****Social Memberships will receive 3 complimentary green fees.**

Other Fees – All Prices Include HST

CLUB STORAGE	\$149.50
3 WHEELED & ELECTRONIC CART STORAGE	
3 Wheeled Cart Storage – with Club Storage	No Charge
3 Wheeled Cart Storage	\$46.00
Electronic Caddy – Storage/Power with Club Storage	46.00
Electronic Caddy – Storage/Power	69.25
TRAIL FEES	
For existing registered owners (2 Names per Cart)	\$488.75
For existing registered owners (1 Name per Cart)	362.25
POWER CART RENTAL	
Member 18 Holes/Per Seat	\$20.00
Member 9 Holes/Per Seat	12.00
Non-Member 18 Holes/Per Seat	22.00
Non-Member 9 Holes/Per Seat	14.00
CART PACKAGES	
20 Rounds (9 Holes)/Per Seat	\$180.00
20 Round (18 Holes)/Per Seat	340.00
UNLIMITED CART PACKAGES	
Individual Member/Per Seat	\$585.00
Two Members – Residing in same household/Per Seat	918.00
9 Holes Unlimited Package	340.00
HAND CARTS	
Member with Club Storage	No Charge
Member/Non Member	\$5.00
LOCKER RENTAL	No Charge
DRIVING RANGE – PER BUCKET	
Member with Club Storage	No Charge
Member/Non-Member	\$5.00

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PRO SHOP NOTES

By: Stephen LeBlanc

Happy Spring everyone!!

The first newsletter of the year is always an exciting one for me after a long winter. I am really looking forward to all the friendly new and old faces to be strolling into the Proshop, eager to start the 2017 season.

The shop is all setup and fully stocked for all your needs this season. I even brought in a couple new lines of clothing, like Under Armour, Puma, Adidas, along with Levelwear, FootJoy, Sunice and Nancy Lopez. For clubs, I have a good selection of Titleist and Callaway products, but have access to all brands. Remember, all members will receive a better price in our shop than you would receive at GolfTown. Just give us a chance to serve you.

We also have a big selection of wedges, from Titleist Vokey, Callaway and Cleveland. Wedges are one of the most important clubs in your bags, and once they have more than 100 rounds on them, you lose most of the benefit from your grooves and your ball can roll out as much as 40 feet more from your target. Some players on the PGA Tour change their wedges every tournament. I know we don't have the luxury of getting free clubs handed to us each week, but upgrading your wedges once every couple years is definitely recommended.

The staff in the golf department are the same ugly old mugs you have been seeing over the years. Mike, Doug, Craig, Braden are back in the Proshop and Warren has most of his crew back as well in the backshop. Stuart Earle will be jack of all trades working both backshop, Proshop and junior coordinator with Braden. Chris, Clara, Francis will also be back, with the addition of James Quinn in the backshop as well. Matt Mason, who was with us for years has accepted a position in his field of engineering for this summer and we wish him best of luck. Colin Black will be missing as well, as he is an excellent athlete and will be busy with baseball this summer.

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This Friday (May 12) Taylormade will be on the first tee for a demo day. They will be there from 12:30-3:30 and will have the trackman radar setup so you can try out and get professionally fit for all the latest in equipment. This event is open to members and guests, so please come by for a visit.

Titleist will be on the range next Thursday (May 18) from 12-3 as well by appointments. Please call shop to set up a time.

Callaway was scheduled for this Thursday, but will be rescheduled due to poor weather forecasted.

We are looking at revitalizing the Get Acquainted Scramble this season, which will be scheduled for Saturday, June 3rd this year. We will have a new fun format that will sure to be great for all new members and old. It will be in conjunction with the Grass Roots Grill Spring opening and there will be live music as the evening progresses. Mark the date on your calendar and keep your eyes peeled for more details to come soon.

Pro Golf Tip:

Start the Season by Focusing on Short Irons and Wedge Shots

As we come out of winter and into spring each season, our bodies have changed more than we generally like to admit. Most of us are less active in the winter than in the summer. Therefore, our body goes through several changes including weight gain or loss, loss of flexibility, and a little bit of aging. All of these changes will affect your golf swing. By starting out the season focusing on your short irons and wedge play, you perform many useful functions:

1. You retrain your golf muscles in a safe, controlled manner that you would not do by starting out trying to hit a driver as hard as you can.
2. You regain some of your flexibility, timing, and balance.
3. You practice more common shots that will improve your scoring average.
4. You build your confidence by working on shots that are easier to hit straight and easier to get in the air.

So, start your golf season by working on your wedges and short irons. You will play better and enjoy the game more this year!

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MEN'S MATCH COMMITTEE

By: Craig Bird

Hello everyone - I hope you all had a great winter, and are as anxious to hit the links as I am. I'm very excited to be back as your Match Captain this year and welcome everyone to the 2017 golf season!

As Match Captain, I assist Steve with organizing and running all men's golf events - including tournaments and Men's Night. I am also responsible for ensuring our Golf Club and its members follow the Golf Canada rules and regulations as they pertain to entering scores and calculating/reporting handicaps for tournament play. This includes educating new/existing members on how to properly use the Handicap System.

It is important that every golfer establish and maintain a handicap as most golf events offer low handicap score prizes and qualifying for these prizes requires each player has an established handicap. In fact, the majority of golf tournaments require participants to have an establish handicap to even register for the event.

The complete Handicap System Guide is available on the Golf Canada website. Simply go to -> <http://golfcanada.ca/handicapping/> and the easy to follow guide will take you through the manual step by step. Also, for more information on the Handicap System and how to enter your scores drop in and see the Pro-Shop Staff; or, contact me directly at 647-5550 or gussbird@hotmail.com.

Moosehead Men's League - we will be starting the third year of the Moosehead Men's Team League in June. Again this year, we will have the yearlong team component in addition to weekly individual prizes. The format will include weekly team versus team competition with up to date / live scoring available on your smart phone and on the TV Screens in the club house – A Very Fun Event. For more information on this year's Men's League and to register go to our website homepage and click on – “Moosehead Men's League – 2017 Update!!!”, or click on the following Link -> <http://www1.golfscoring.net/westfield/mens/2017>.

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Molson Canadian Cup - this is a big year for our flagship tournament as 2017 marks the 20th year of the event. To plan for this major milestone Terry Cunningham has graciously offered to head up a committee to ensure this year is indeed a celebratory event. I will be assisting Terry on the committee and we will be actively looking for others to help. So get involved and make this milestone a memorable occasion for all.

I hope to catch up with you all very soon

SUPER SENIORS

By: Gary Macfarlane

Welcome to the 2017 Super Seniors season. For those of you that do not know, my name is Gary Macfarlane. I have been anointed by the sheriff to run the Super Seniors this year, hopefully not into the ground. The dues will be returning to the 2015 price of \$30.00, to cover the rising costs. This will give enough money to have great meals and good prizes for our group. This year I would like to try and have a weekly tournament to get more seniors out playing with our group. More details to follow on this. Let's hope for a good season with lots of rounds played.

Our opening is scheduled for Thursday, May 25th with an 8:30 shotgun. The cost this year will be \$25 and please sign up in the office.

LADIES ASSOCIATION

By: Nancy Steele

Hello spring and welcome! The temperature is slowly rising and the grass is getting greener, all good signs for the start of another great golf season at Westfield Golf and Country Club.

The Ladies Executive has met since the closing of last year and continues to plan events for the 2017 golf season. Upcoming golf activities will be reported by the Match Chair Ruth Ross and will be listed on the 2017 Ladies Fixture Card

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available in the office as well as the website. Thanks to Ruth and her committee for the Ladies addition to the website and all the information provided. If you haven't viewed this please do so the information is current and very informative.

Now a message from Ruth your match chair and Mary Hogan.

At last, the 2017 golf season begins!!! For me, this is the very best time, full of dreams about long straight drives and tricky putts curling into the cup--no nightmares about water hazards, sand traps or the forest. And if you are reading this, I believe it is the best time for you too, so welcome back.

I am looking forward to an exciting year for Westfield Ladies' golf and Jennie Duncan is planning a fabulous opening party, a Fun Brunch on Saturday May 20th, to kick it off. You should already have your "invite" to sign up for a lovely brunch at the Grass Roots Grill, a 9-hole fun scramble, a great many laughs and some allegedly fabulous prizes. Every lady member is welcome, and it is a great opportunity to re-connect with old friends and to make new ones.

The 2017 golf season will include all our old favourites, including both 'singles' and 'doubles' match play flights and the Tim Horton's Open on 28 June. We are introducing some new events into the schedule, including playing the Molson/Harrigan Insurance competitions in a new Stableford format. In memory of Marilyn Evans, our Past Match Captain and long time member of WGCC, your Match Committee has introduced a Most Improved Golfer Trophy which will be presented to that member of Westfield Ladies who lowers her 18-hole handicap the most over the course of our season. Also new this year is our very own section on the WGCC website; check it out for upcoming tournaments, background history, fixture cards, news of who is winning on-going competitions, all the interesting details.

The sign-up sheets for the Fun Brunch, and the first official Wednesday/Saturday competitions are on the pink bulletin board in the Ladies Locker Room—check it out! For those ladies who want to follow the 18'ers on Wednesdays, you have a sign-up sheet on the pink bulletin board as well, on the Wednesday side, so sign up and your group will be added to the draw.

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Finally, I will need lots of help this year, and I will be calling on experienced Tim Horton's Open hands to help organize this year's event. Also, I am asking for volunteers to organize and do the draws for the Wednesday and Saturday events; if you are able to help out there will be a sign-up sheet for that too. Welcome back, and I will see you in the clubhouse or on the course.

Mary also welcomes back all those ladies interested in playing 9 holes Wednesday mornings and these ladies will follow the gals playing 18. First event will be the Ladies Brunch May 20 and details will be on the board in the ladies locker room. Hope to see many ladies who are interested in 9 holes and there will always be room for more. Let's see if we can encourage former members to come and play with the nine hole ladies and remember fun and laughter is our game with no skill required!

Ruth Ross, Match Captain and Mary Hogan, Nine Hole Ladies

As the season begins please feel free to approach any Executive Member with any suggestions, concerns or comments you may have. We want to make your Westfield golfing experience the best !!!

Ladies Association Executive

President	Nancy Steele
Past President	Cathy Hutchinson
Vice-President/Treasure	Karen Walsh
Secretary	Pat Loughery
Match	Ruth Ross
Sundries	Trudy Comeau-Roper
	Cindy Donaldson

See you on the course ladies.

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JUNIOR PROGRAM

The Junior Program for 2017 is looking good with many keen juniors already signed up for our preseason clinics. Our Information Evening will be held on May 25th at 7:00 pm. All juniors and parents are encouraged to attend.

Braden Duffley will be our Junior Coordinator this year. Braden has come up through our program at Westfield and has a great deal of insight and experience to share with the new group.

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MAY PLANNER

The following provides an overview of activities scheduled at Westfield for May. Please refer to the website for potential changes to this schedule.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	01	02	03	04	05	06
07	08	09	10	11	12	13
14 Mother's Day	15	16	17	18	19	20 10am Ladies Fun Brunch & 9 Holes Fun Golf
21	22 Victoria Day	23	24 9am LD	25 8:30 am SS Opening Scramble	26	27
			1:30 am MN	7pm Junior Info		
28	29	30	31			

LEGEND: LD – Ladies Day/LN – Ladies Night/ MN – Men's Night/ SS – Super Seniors

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JUNE PLANNER

The following provides an overview of activities scheduled at Westfield for June. Please refer to the website for potential changes to this schedule.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31 9am LD	01 8 am SS	02	03 Get Acquainted Golf & Social
			1:30 am MN	5:30 pm Shotgun start LN		
04	05	06	07 9am LD	08 8am SS	09 9pm	10 Masters Golf
			1:30 am MN	5:30 pm Shotgun start LN	Night Golf Glow Balls	
11	12 5 & 6pm Junior's Preseason Clinics	13	14 9am LD	15 8am SS	16 1pm Tee Sign Golf & Dinner	17
			1:30 am MN	5:30 pm Shotgun Start LN		
18	19 5 & 6pm Junior's Preseason Clinics	20	21 9am LD	22 8am SS	23	24 7am Men's Club Qualifying
			1:30 pm MN	5:30 pm Shotgun start LN		
25 7am Men's Qualifying	26 10am Junior Field Day	27	28 9am Shotgun Tim Hortons Ladies Invitational	29 8:30 am SS <u>shotgun</u> Fusion Tourney 12:30shotgun	30	
			1:30 pm MN	5:30 pm Shotgun start LN		

LEGEND: LD – Ladies Day/LN – Ladies Night/ MN – Men's Night/ SS – Super Seniors