



April 23, 2019

Dear Oak Bay Members and Residents,

What a winter! For most of us, warmer temperatures cannot come soon enough. For those of us that were in Ontario watching all the great televised golf over the past two weeks, gazing outside to snow covered fairways and frozen waterways was a bit frustrating but the beginning of a new golf season is just around the corner!

As we slowly move towards spring conditions in Port Severn, the Oak Bay grounds crew led by Owen Ledwith are finally able to access the course and begin the clean up and preparation for what we all hope will be an outstanding season at Oak Bay. The bunker renovation project is the first undertaking you may notice on the course as the frost finally leaves the ground. The front nine bunkers are the focus this spring along with the troublesome greenside trap on hole number 10.

Oak Bay's turf team is also going to be busy getting the entire course ready for play, however the wet conditions are limiting access to various parts of the property which will no doubt affect our targeted course opening date of May 1. As the days unfold, we will be monitoring course conditions and progress and will let you know our Opening Day as soon as we can. The present conditions point towards an opening date no earlier than May 10.

The restaurant is scheduled to open for business at 5:00 on Friday, April 26! Chef Luigi and his team are excited to present our 2019 menus which will feature the traditional favorites as well as a few new entrees and additions to our wine list and cocktail options.

We are also very pleased to announce that Julia Garibaldi has joined our team as our Food and Beverage manager. Julia brings a great deal of experience in the restaurant industry and is going to be a fantastic addition. Julia is presently rounding out her hospitality team and we will have a number of bright, new faces to take care of our restaurant guests.

Around the clubhouse the landscaping will start up once ground conditions are dry enough for the heavy machinery required to complete the sod work and other garden and pool features. Inside the clubhouse we are busy finishing up a number of additions and enhancements including pool change rooms and "grab and go" kiosk renovations. All of these and other projects are designed to improve the golf and dining experience at Oak Bay.

Oak Bay is also expecting delivery of a new fleet of Club Car golf carts complete with i3 display screens which will show hole layouts, yardages and flyover videos to help you navigate our challenging course. These carts will also come equipped with a cooler which will help us ensure our liquor licence policy is not violated by outside alcohol being brought onto the course in private coolers.

Early in May, the team from earthnetworks will begin installing our new weather detection system. Oak Bay will be a regional satellite center enabling our residents, members, guests and staff to receive alerts and conditions in “real time”! Any weather alert can now be announced on our golf cart screens and on handheld devices which will help to ensure adequate notice to find cover from oncoming systems.

As our community grows so does the non-golfer access to the golf course. The number of dog walkers, joggers, and cyclists have increased and have caused disturbances to the registered golfers at Oak Bay. The danger to the non-golfer is far too great to continue to allow this access unfortunately. Due to these safety concerns, Oak Bay will be posting signage warning of the dangers and as of May 1, we are asking all non-golfers to use the surrounding trails and to please stay off golf course property from dawn to dusk. We ask for your cooperation in this matter for the enjoyment of our golfers and the safety of all residents and guests of Oak Bay.

Our turf crew will be clearing our designated walking trails and updating the signs associated with each path throughout the property. There is a map attached that highlights the existing trail system. Thank you all in advance for your cooperation.

On Sunday, May 12 Oak Bay is once again preparing a special menu for Mother’s Day! Seating will begin at noon and continue to 9:00! Please reserve in advance as we expect another great response to this special celebration! For the Mother’s Day menu and information on all the events both in the restaurant and on the course this season, we invite you to go to www.oakbaygolf.com and scroll through our revised website! The 2019 season is shaping up to be full of fun events, please contact myself or Jason Bennett for more information on anything Oak Bay related.

We look forward to welcoming you at Oak Bay Golf & Marina in the very near future.

Yours in Golf,

Keir Smith



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