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Home of the Lobstick

Waskesiu Golf Course

Prince Albert National Park, Saskatchewan Canada

August News & Notes

Notes from the ProShop

The Waskesiu Golf Course Pro Shop mixes old-world charm with the latest technology in fashion, equipment and game-improvement aids.

The building itself is a favorite among returning visitors every year. Small, intimate, and full of charm of years gone

by, the Pro Shop at Waskesiu remains dear to the golfer and non-golfer alike.

The Pro Shop and Back Shop is currently hiring dedicated part-time staff for the fall. Must be dedicated to excellence in customer service. If this is of interest please call Tyler Baker, Golf Professional at 306.663.5302.

Don't have time to play a round? You can still enjoy the beauty of the Waskesiu Golf Course at our full practice facility which includes driving range, putting green and a practice bunker. Everyone is welcome, a great way to introduce the entire family to golf.

Making Memories One Round at a Time.

Message from our Golf Superintendent

Did you know:

- In 2009 Waskesiu Golf Course was Ranked #3 in Saskatchewan-Manitoba Ranking by ScoreGolf Magazine
- Waskesiu Golf Course is now offering Gift Cards. Great for birthday, Mothers or Fathers Day gifts. Order by calling 306.663.5301
- Upcoming 2010 Lobstick Dates are set: Juniors August 16-20, Ladies August 23-27 & the ProAm August 30-September 1
- Did you know you can now join Waskesiu Golf Course on Facebook?
- Men's Nights are every Friday and Couple Nights are every Saturday evening through July & August.

I can't believe that it's August already!! How time flies when you are having fun!!

Everything on the golf course seems to be moving along quite nicely with the greens, fairways, and tees all in reasonably good condition. Our rough is starting to fill in very nicely and is very thick and healthy as some of the members have pointed out to me.

With the very wet spring that we all had to suffer through, it became apparent that our cart path project had to be fast tracked as some of our tournaments had to be cancelled in late May.

We have since completed a path on the following holes six, seven, thirteen, fifteen and at the time I am preparing this letter number ten will have gravel installed tomorrow and number nine is cut out with the sod ready to be removed in the next couple of days.

Having said, that if anyone is looking for sod please be prepared to load and remove the sod

with a moment's notice as we usually wait a day or two before we remove and dispose of it.

This leaves us with paths to be completed on numbers three, eight and eleven; we hope to have these completed by the end of the month of August.

Our next aeration date is set for the third of August and we hope to be done in the same day, this will limit the amount of disruption to the course & play

On a final note, I have been asked about the ropes that we ran through the trees surrounding the thirteen green area and I would like to inform you that it was a test to see if we could change the path that the Elk had created.

Not much is ever said about the damage that is caused by these animals but I would like to mention that we spent approximately 3 man hrs a day repairing hoof prints.

The test so far is very positive!!

And only one old cow found her way through the fence in the last 3 weeks.

That's been a quick snap shot of the golf course maintenance. Overall the course is in great shape. Feedback all summer has been positive and we've had a beautiful July and we're looking forward to that continuing here in August..

Looking forward to seeing you on the course.

Gary Cross, Superintendent





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19th Hole with Superintendent, Gary Cross

We are really pleased with our management team here at Waskesiu Golf Course. Over the next few months we're going to profile our managers and this month, we're talking with the most important, Gary Cross. He's responsible for the golf course, bunkers and the rough. We hope you enjoy getting to know us as much as we enjoy getting to know you. We were lucky enough to recently catch up with Gary on the 19th Hole:

Q. How long have you been at Waskesiu golf course?

A. This is my second season at Waskesiu Golf Course.

Q. Have you always been in golf course industry?

A. I started in the golf industry in 1980 so this would be my thirtieth season & I have been a golf course superintendent for the last 25 yrs.

Q. Thoughts on the Lobsticks?

A. The lobsticks are wonderful tournaments with people coming from all over to compete & enjoy the communality with friends & fellow golfers, I have heard that the Men's Lobstick is the largest match play tournament in North America!

Q. Best memory from your short time at Waskesiu golf course?

A. The best memory that I have of the Waskesiu Golf Course would have to be the day that we finished the major repairs of the irrigation system & can honestly say that every sprinkler on the golf course can be operated with the new controllers that we installed last yr :)

Q. What are your winter passions?

A. During the winter months I have been fortunate enough to be able to travel. My favorite destination has to be Thailand, I love the sunshine and the people are just amazing & the cost of living is very affordable.

Q. Favorite pga golf moment?

A. My favorite PGA moment (& believe me I have many !) would have to be that I had the opportunity to meet a local golf pro when I was working on a course in Thailand. The course was the venue for the Volvo Masters tournament, a European, Asian PG A championship, The pro's name was Thongchai Jaidee. Thongchai was a very good player & has since made the cut for the last 2 US open tournaments as well as winning the Asian Order of Merit.

Q. If you had \$10 million, what would you do?

A. If I had 10 million dollars? I am not sure what I would do with that amount of money! As long as I lived comfortably I would be happy so charities would receive some sort of donation.

Q. Your hero, and why?

A. My hero?? I would have to say that Bobby Orr would have been the first because of his love for game of hockey before the salary's got to be the reason to play the game, next would have to be Paul Henderson & then of course Sid the Kid Crosby.

Q. What will it be like in Saskatchewan when the Riders win the 2010 Grey Cup?

A. Did I mention I was from Calgary? lol

Q. Favorite pga golfer and why?

A. Freddy Couples! Most gorgeous golf swing on the planet and still a very quite demeanor, he is so cool you would think ice was flowing through his veins.

Q. If you could be a moviestar, who would you be? Why

A. Movie star would have to be Arnold Schwarzenegger & not because of his acting! I am a weight lifter & the amount of dedication that he must have had to become that large is staggering, hours in the gym!!

Q. If you could be a famous athlete, who would you be?

A. A famous athlete I would like to be is a tough one!! maybe some one like Eddy the Eagle! does anyone remember him?? I am a very low key person & the spot light is not that important for me, I love life pretty much the way it is.

Thanks Gary, have a cool one and enjoy your summer!!