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Home of the Lobstick

Waskesiu Golf Course

Prince Albert National Park, Saskatchewan Canada

December News & Notes

Note from the President

Your Board of Directors has had a busy fall winding up the activities of the 2009 season. We were pleased with the substantial increase in green fee rounds and expect this trend to continue in the future. With most pressure being evident in morning tee times, we hope to see bookings extend into the afternoons because of more availability of playing times. The quality of Waskesiu Golf Course will continue to improve in subsequent seasons with a consequent demand on playing times creating increased pressure on morning play.

The final monthly Board meeting in November is focused primarily on the budget. Thank you to Don Sanderson, Finance chair, for his leadership in crafting this budget for presentation to the Board. It is always a delicate balance between ensuring optimum golf course management and showing profitability to allow investment in infra-

structure, the most urgent of which is redevelopment of the maintenance compound. We are pleased to forecast a significant surplus in next year's operation for re-investment in our golf course.

The Board is pleased to announce that plans for our 75th Anniversary celebration are proceeding under the capable leadership of Marg Ravis. Details will be announced to members in due course. It is planned to attract many former Lobstick champions and participants to this weekend celebration.

Peter Anholt, general manager, has agreed to a multi-year contract. Your Board was unanimous in its ratification of the proposal offered by the Executive committee through negotiation with Peter. We feel the management has been exceptional over the past season with a strong sense of ownership of Peter's management team. Congratulations Peter!

May I take this opportunity, on behalf of the Lobstick Golf Club Board of Directors, to wish all members a blessed Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Winter well and safely.

Respectfully submitted,

Ian Gray, Board Chair



Did you know:

- Waskesiu Golf Course was Ranked #3 in Saskatchewan-Manitoba Ranking by ScoreGolf
- Waskesiu Golf Course is now offering Gift Cards. They make a Great Christmas Gift for the golfer on your list. Order by calling 306.663.5301

Message from our Superintendent

I would like to start by thanking every one for the opportunity to be involved with such a great facility and with such wonderful people.

I have nearly completed the first season of operations at the club and after a very trying few months with the irrigation system, I believe the end results were very satisfying, with the blowing of the

irrigation lines we discovered that we have very few sprinklers that cannot be worked with the automatic system. We have a few other problems that we will have to address in the coming yrs, such as, there is still a bit of work to do on the irrigation system, the drainage of the greens and the surrounds, shade and air movement issues, drainage repair,

and an over grown, ageing forest just to name a few.

I am confident that the club is moving in the right direction and with time we will once again be the most desired golf destination in western Canada. I would like to thank you again and wish you all a very merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.

Gary Cross, Superintendent



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Note from the General Manager

The 2009 season was a success in so many ways. We saw course conditions improve dramatically, food services improved, overall customer service saw a step in the right direction and our number of rounds made a modest increase. These were all mainly due to the people that were already in place from other years and also new staff members, who were brought on board for the season. For me personally, it was a very gratifying experience to watch and listen, as our course became the talk of the golf industry.

I look ahead to the 2010 with high expectations. As you're aware, 2010 is our 75th anniversary of Waskesiu Golf Course and also the Men's and Ladies Lobsticks. The official celebration is scheduled for June 25th and 26th. See additional details on our website at waskesiu.com.

The Waskesiu Golf Course is very excited about our sponsors who have come on board for 2009, 2010 and future years. Conexus Credit Union is now the lead sponsor of the Senior Men's, the Men's and the Ladies Lobsticks. Pepsi continues to be a major sponsor of the Junior Boy's and Girl's Lobstick. Our relationship with Great Western Brewing

Co. is in its infancy stages. We look forward to a long and prosperous relationship with our local brewing company. Long time sponsors Oakcreek Golf & Turf and TaylorMade, will continue to be a strong supporters of the course. Some other sponsors included Rally Motor Sports, Cowan Agencies, Clark Supply, Vaughn Wyant Automotive Group, Cherry Insurance, Early's Farm & Garden and Traxx in the Sand. A big thank you to all the other sponsors who made the 2009 season a success.

The Golf Department has seen some changes in a short period of time. Greg Salmon and his wife Mia had a baby last May, which brought about Greg's resignation so he could spend more time with his family back in Regina. Ryan Silverthorn, who took over the department on an interim basis, will also be moving on to explore other possibilities in the golf business. I want to thank Ryan for the number of golf seasons that he put in at our course and wish him all the best in the future.

Tyler Baker has joined the team as its CPGA Head Professional. It's a homecoming for Tyler as he got his start in the golf industry here at Waskesiu Golf Course back in 1991 as the Assistant Golf Professional. Since then Baker spent four years as the Head Professional at Elk Ridge Resort, and most recently the last nine years as the Head Professional at Nipawins' Evergreen Golf Course.

Last year's hire of Gary Cross was a very important hire for the golf course. This hire of Tyler Baker is as important. Tyler brings a unique combination of Waskesiu history, new ideas and experience to our golf course. I really look forward to working with Tyler to push our Golf department to another level of customer service.

Another noteworthy event from the 2009 season, Scoregolf Magazine came out with their ratings for Best Public Courses for 2009. The prestigious magazine rated Waskesiu 3rd in Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

I would personally like to thank the Board of Directors, for giving me the opportunity to be a part of the rich tradition of the Waskesiu Golf Course. It is not a responsibility that I take lightly. I am committed to leading a strong management team and building a golf course we are all proud of.

And finally, on behalf of my wife Sharon and our son, Matt, we would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Years. I look forward to seeing you up at the Waskesiu Golf Course this spring. Come play our course again for the first time.

Peter Anholt,
General Manager



Did you know:

- Registrations for the 2010 Lobsticks are now available at waskesiu.com
- The winner of the original Ladies Lobstick from back in 1935 currently lives here in Saskatchewan. Tell us who you think it is and where she currently lives. Email your answer to proshop@waskesiu.com for a chance to win a great prize.