

# FREDERICTON GOLF CLUB

# MAY

NEWSLETTER

2020 UPDATE



Hello Everyone,

Well it has been an interesting start to my time at FGC, with the constant change and unpredictability of the whole situation. April 24th was a great day though, Premiere Higgs giving golf the go ahead in the province. With courses opening like Country Meadows, Sussex & Algonquin, golf has certainly started in NB.

We are looking at a similar time of year opening as last season and should have a firmer date by May 11th. At that same time, we will email all of our members the full info sheet on the protocols and procedures that the club will be implementing. With changes happening weekly we want to ensure everyone has the most up to date information.

Below on a separate page I have a few common questions, answers and links to provincial recommendations. These are the recommendations for us at the moment. When changes happen, we will adapt our plan. This will take full commitment from all golfers and staff to ensure the safety of everyone. We are in this together, we battled to get the courses open let's work together to keep them open.

Any questions or concerns please feel free to email me at the contact info below, stay safe everyone and remember to respect the rules and regulations when they are visiting other clubs before we open.

Alex Egan  
General Manager  
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## NOTE FROM THE PRO

BY BRETT WILSON



Good Afternoon Everyone,

Finally some good news from our Provincial Government with the re-opening of golf courses in New Brunswick! Can't wait to get our members back out on the golf course and enjoy this beautiful spring weather. As you're all aware, there will be some difficult challenges associated with opening our facility during this initial re-opening the economy phase.

In an effort to combat these challenges in our Pro Shop and to ensure the safety of our staff and members, we are going to be taking payments through our Chronogolf/Lightspeed house account system. This will eliminate the need to take any payments from members for any purchases you need to make in the Pro Shop (i.e. clothing, golf balls, carts, accessories, etc.). In order to make this process as efficient as possible, I am asking all members to please call the Pro Shop with a credit card number before your first visit to the club to set up your account (Monday - Friday between 9 - 4).

I can assure you the system we are using (Stripe) is secure and encrypted. We can also work together on when you would like your transactions to be processed (immediately at purchase or on a monthly basis). If you have any questions about this new process please don't hesitate to call the Pro Shop or me directly anytime at (506) 434-4606.

Thanks everyone and see you soon!

Brett Wilson  
Head Professional  
bwilson@playfgc.com



## NOTE FROM THE ASSISTANT PRO

BY NATHAN HARVEY



Hello FGC members,

My name is Nathan Harvey and I am the new Assistant Golf Professional at the club. First and foremost, I hope all of you are staying safe, staying home and are making the most of these weird times we are in. I'm looking forward to getting the season underway and to seeing all of you around the club for another summer. I'd also like to thank all members and staff who have taken time to reach out and welcome me back to the club, it was greatly appreciated!

As you may have noticed I said welcome me back because the FGC is actually where I grew up playing my junior golf and even worked as a club employee in the back shop as a teenager so to be able to come back to the club I grew up at and work in this capacity is a special opportunity for myself. As far as a little background information about me goes, I was born in Saint John, NB but moved up here to Fredericton at a young age and that is when I joined the FGC. I began taking golf more seriously in high school playing in various junior/high school events around the province and eventually played a year of university golf with St. Thomas while competing in a national university event. In 2018 I took a job at Mactaquac golf Course and ended up acquiring my PGA of Canada card after competing and winning the 2018 Mactaquac Invitational.

This past season I worked at Mactaquac Golf Course as the Assistant Golf Professional and assisted in the operation of the junior program at Kingswood Golf & Country Club and am committed to helping Alex and Brett giving everyone at the club the best experience possible. Looking forward to catching up with previous members and meeting all the new ones as well!

Stay safe and see you soon,

Nathan Harvey  
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## Guidance Document of General Public Health Measures During COVID-19 Recovery From Gov NB

Below is the link to the Provinces Mandate that golf courses must follow

[https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/h-s/pdf/COVID19\\_recovery\\_phase-1\\_guidance\\_document-e.pdf](https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/h-s/pdf/COVID19_recovery_phase-1_guidance_document-e.pdf)

### General Guidelines By The Atlantic Allied Golf Associations partners

Atlantic Allied Golf Associations partners (PGA Atlantic, National Golf Club Owners Association Atlantic Chapter, Atlantic Golf Superintendents Association, Nova Scotia Golf Association, Prince Edward Island Golf Association, Golf Newfoundland Labrador) and with support for Golf Canada, Golf NB is pleased to provide the following recommended best practices for New Brunswick golf facilities.

[https://mcusercontent.com/67a5e3aa55ad755bdc1328283/files/04c35e39-edd0-492f-9f54-4fb893d3052e/COVID\\_19\\_General\\_Guidelines\\_Minimum\\_Standard\\_Recomendations\\_GOLF\\_NB.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/67a5e3aa55ad755bdc1328283/files/04c35e39-edd0-492f-9f54-4fb893d3052e/COVID_19_General_Guidelines_Minimum_Standard_Recomendations_GOLF_NB.pdf)

## FGC Pro-Shop Sales

#Support Local



**Titleist Buy 3 Get 1 on Prov 1, X, or AVX  
Ends May 31st**

**TaylorMade Buy 3 Get 1 on TP5 and TP5X  
Ends June 15th**



With the current situation we took the initiative and ordered in some Clic Gears with Ewheels, They will be arriving soon and have already sold a few click the link below to see a review on the set up. Along with that ewheels we have access to PowaKaddy and MGI.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mVnLHuYPV8w>

Any questions or a product you are looking for, we have access to most items through our buying group. See something you want. Let us know. Shop is owned by the club and profits are put back into the club. Please support your shop. We will do our best to beat all prices. Contact [bwilson@playFGC.com](mailto:bwilson@playFGC.com) with any questions.

# Questions & Answers

## **Q: Is the Pro Shop Open**

A: The pro shop is currently closed we plan on opening it when we are able to, we are open virtually. Want to see what we have? let [Bwilson@playFGC.com](mailto:Bwilson@playFGC.com) know and he can set up a virtual showcase. Also, we are working on having our shop products online via our own webstore through Chrono where members will be able to purchase products and have them waiting outside for their next tee time.

## **Q. When will restrictions get lifted**

A. This question is tough because there is no way to judge this, my best response is this is a week by week basis. Things could change for the better or worse on any given day. The province is in charge. We will adapt as things change.

## **Q. Is it really 20 min tee times**

A. Yes at the current time it is 20 min intervals between tee times. We have been in contact with Golf NB, they are acting liaison between courses and the province. They have asked the province to look at changing that. Hopefully before we open it changes.

## **Q. How will I get my tee times**

A. We will be doing our standard booking process with the lottery algorithm via Chrono Golf keeping the bookings fair. The way this works is if you have played the last few days and someone else has not, they will be bumped ahead of the player that has played multiple times.

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## **Q. What about our League play?**

A. We are currently preparing the plan for this, we were waiting for some clarification from the province to come out. When we send out the info closer to the season it will be included

## **Q. Jr Program will this happen**

A. Brett and Nathan are adapting the plan and getting clarification on a few things and will be sending out emails to all the past JR members and their parents in the next week. Keep an eye out.

## **Q. Power Carts / Single Rider / Can we put 2 bags on 1 cart**

A. We will be following the mandate and only allowing single rider cart, and two bags on 1 cart is not acceptable. If you share the same address you can ride together.

## **Q. Early morning golf - Before tee times start**

A. With the restrictions, you must have a tee time to arrive at our facility. Please respect this everyone needs a tee time play. No exceptions.

## **Q. Why can't we do Split Tees or shotgun**

A. This would involve to many people arriving at the facility at the same time. Cannot be done with the current regulations

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## **Q. Will the course be taking public tee times**

A. We will be keeping all tee times for members only, allowing them full access to the tee sheet to ensure their opportunity to play. You will have to be a payed or on payment plan to play the FGC to start the season. Please contact [Diana@playFGC.com](mailto:Diana@playFGC.com) to set up your membership.

## **Q. How do I purchase my Membership**

A. Contact Diana at [Diana@playFGC.com](mailto:Diana@playFGC.com) or 443-7700 to set up your membership

## **Q. Other courses ranges are open can we open ours?**

A. We currently only have 1 deck in service, with no matts we would go through this deck very quickly. Stay tuned.

## **Q. Will lessons be available this year?**

A. Yes lessons will be offered at the club, we are lucky to have 3 PGA of Canada Professionals on staff. Contact Brett, Nathan or Alex to set your lesson plan for the season