



March 2022 Newsletter

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Over the winter, Mr. Sam Cha decided to end his management time at Edmonton Springs and we all wish Sam the best retirement possible. You will still see Sam around the course as he plans on playing every day now that he is not required to work. If you see Sam out there this summer please say hi and wish him all the best.

Mr. Wayne Barry has leased the course for the next 10 years. Wayne has hit the floor running and is introducing new ideas and concepts with the major goal of improving course conditions, services and overall enjoyment for everyone, all while offering low prices that you have not seen since 2010. Wayne started

everything by hiring a course superintendent with a history of developing high standards of greens, tee boxes and fairways. Keith Melnyk will begin his quest on April 1 and barring any severe winter deterioration or unseasonable weather he hopes to have the course playable by mid- April.

His job will not end there as he has plans to improve the greens, tee boxes, the fairways and finally course surroundings and treed areas. He has started already by carrying out service and major repairs to all course equipment so that the season can get started efficiently. I know everyone will be urging him along and will support his efforts by helping out and treating the course with the care and attention it deserves as we play our rounds.

The Pro Shop and Dining Area have also seen major change with the hope of improving check-in, food service and making your in house dining more flavorful. Bill Bauer will be back as Manager and is happy to help you with all of your needs and questions.

Of course our Men's league will be back of Thursday evenings with tee offs starting at 2:30 pm and we are happy to say that Brian Stecyk will be back as Men's League Coordinator. We all know how well he looks after everyone and everything. Brian tells me that the group has grown to well over 110, I guess that shows he is making a name for himself out there. So you know, the very affordable price of \$39 with cart remains unchanged. I personally cannot wait for the first round as it has been a long winter. Unfortunately we still do not have a Ladies League but if anyone has the urge to get one started and will coordinate it, we are all in with the support. Just call the pro shop and ask for Bill and we can get things going.

We are very pleased to tell you that we will be offering golf lessons provided by Mr. Sam Fix, PGA Professional Instructor with Alberta Golf. Sam will be available for lessons and will help you develop your swing so you can master our challenging but fair course layout. Sam has been training juniors for many years and is looking forward to offering lessons to all juniors at very favorable rates. Welcome to Edmonton Springs, Sam. Sam will help Edmonton Springs achieve the goal of developing junior golfers. To make sure the young are recognized,

Edmonton Springs is offering kids under 12 free golf when accompanied by an adult during designated hours and so the juniors will not be left out, Edmonton Springs will be part of the "Youth on Course" program offered by Golf Canada. By joining this program, juniors can play for \$5. Please join us in welcoming the kids & juniors to the course whenever you have a chance. They are the future and we all need to make their experiences happy ones so they will grow up to support our game.

The course has hired former Canadian Heavy Weight Boxing Champion, Mr. Ken Lakusta to be our Tournament Coordinator as well as assisting in the clubhouse. Please welcome Ken when you see him at the course. Ken loves to talk so do not be shy to introduce yourself. He will be hard to miss as he is the Big Guy.

The best news is on the price side of things. All golf prices have been lowered as it is felt that lower prices will lead to more golfers playing more frequently at Edmonton Springs. Wayne has asked everyone to focus on improving the volume of golfers playing rather than high rates. Volume will keep the course in a profitable position and supply the capital to make even more improvements while keeping prices low.

Please come out and we will make your golf experience even more enjoyable every-time and that will make you want to be back more often. We cannot make all of the changes planned immediately but we promise to have most completed by end of May. That to will make your rounds at Edmonton Springs even more exciting as you see change happen. Many of you want to see the course certified by Alberta Golf, while this is one of our major goals this year. We see a window for opening in mid-April, but keep monitoring our website for updates.

Who wants to be first out?

Bill Bauer, Manager

Golf Balls will be showing soon versus that cold white stuff!

