

# Member Newsletter

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The Harvest  
Golf Club



## Divots/Ball Marks


I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all of you for your cooperation over these last few weeks, we saw considerable improvements in the overall usage of sand mix to fill divots on both fairways and tees as well as a decrease of ball marks on greens. As you know since opening back on April 17<sup>th</sup> we've seen a tremendous amount of rounds played which has continued to this day increasing the wear and tear on the golf course in the process. Divots when replaced or filled will germinate in a matter of days, while ball marks when fixed immediately will heal within a day and if unfixed within 24 hours can show bruising for upward of 4 to 5 days. Thank you once more for your support in assisting us in maintaining your golf course!

## Summer Heat Wave

With temperatures now in the mid to upper 30's and expected to remain for the days to come, please be reminded to carry sufficient amount of water to stay hydrated at all times. Due to COVID-19 oncourse water coolers had to be removed for everyone's safety. After experiencing a much cooler Spring/early Summer it would be easy to underestimate these prevailing

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**Golf Shop  
Opening Hours**

**5:30 am**



conditions. Certainly not in the spirit of generating revenue, but simply for your own safety/enjoyment we recommended the use of power cart when the conditions are such. I know walking maybe one of the reasons why you joined THGC to begin with, but we simply want to ensure your comfort. Interestingly, we've also seen a direct correlation in between heat and speed of play where rounds will slow down by as much as 20 minutes when hot. While these conditions last, we will provide two beverage carts to circulate the golf course during the middle part of the day, so you may have every opportunity to replenish by purchasing water/sports drinks as required. May you remain safe while enjoying your favorite pastime.

## Tee-Times

With morning daylight now shortening; by next Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> we will have lost three morning times or 12 players (first time 6:27am) and moving toward Fall, tee time inventory will be retracting further as days shorten, while demand from members remain higher than ever before. With no one traveling & everyone wanting to enjoy outdoor, safe and social activities, golf has seen a resurgence, consequently golf courses throughout North American are facing excessive pressure for access. Golf increase in participation is at its highest rate in decades, if not ever before. This trend is expected to continue moving forward and possibly through 2021. We are mindful of the frustration this is causing. Members are still accounting for 80% of our overall daily play, a considerable increase from years previous. We thank you very much in advance for your ongoing support, patience and understanding with this issue.

## Club Championship

The Harvest Golf Club will not be hosting its Annual Club Championship in 2020. Hosted on weekend days and targeting only a small percentage of our overall membership, it was elected to cancel the event as demands from working members who may only have the opportunity to play on weekends being high still. It is our goal to be hosting it again in future years or when things return to normalcy.

## Cherries

## Driving Range Hours

As of August 3rd

Monday	7:30 - 7:30
Tuesday	5:30 - 7:30
Wednesday	5:30 - 6:30
Thursday	7:30 - 7:30
Friday	5:30 - 7:30
Saturday	5:30 - 7:30

## Restaurant Opening Hours

5:30 am

## Kiosk

Open 9 am Daily

## Beverage Cart

10 am Daily

\*Schedule subject to change without notice\*

**Last week saw the conclusion of Cherry season for THGC, so thank you to the many club members who bought some to enjoy one of the best quality cherries we might have seen in years despite losing half the crop to early season frost. Our leasee Mani Gill and Gill Family Orchards operates a Staccato cherry farm with crop expected to be ready between the 2nd or 3rd week of August. 20 pounds box will again be available for \$60 per 20 pound box (same price as ours sold last week). Should you wish to purchase Staccato cherries, please contact me personally ([gdufort@harvestgolf.com](mailto:gdufort@harvestgolf.com) or 250-862-3103 ext 221) and I will gladly add your name to our list.**

**Stay Safe & Healthy!**

**Respectfully,  
Gilles Dufort  
Executive Professional/General Manager**

**The Harvest Golf Club LTD.**