



NORTH HATLEY GOLF CLUB
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Potential Members,

As the holiday season approaches, we wish you a happy holiday and a great 2019. While winter is difficult for golf lovers, we can take some hope in the fact that the days start getting longer after December 21st. The 2019 golf season looms as a promising result of the change in seasons. Let's hope for an early start to the season, and for good weather throughout the year!

This year, the Club has decided to not increase membership dues for all categories in order to increase our competitive position. In fact, to attract more juniors, we have reduced the membership fee for the 15 to 18 year old group from \$175 to \$100 (taxes included) for 2019.

Since relatively few members wish to play golf in formal Golf Quebec tournaments such as the Interclub events or other formal Golf Quebec tournaments, as a saving to the Club, we are asking those who wish to qualify for formal Golf Quebec events to pay for their own Golf Quebec membership. As shown on your membership application form under "Golf Quebec Membership" if you wish to play in formal Golf Quebec tournaments, please tick the appropriate box and add \$36 to your membership payment. This will qualify you for such tournaments and allow you to maintain an official Golf Canada Handicap for such purposes by entering your scores for each round played.

Meanwhile, we are continuing to invest in improving the course. We plan to continue paving with recycled asphalt the cart paths that are most vulnerable to washouts during heavy rains, a project begun when weather permitted in October.. This is the same material we used to pave the parking lot 2 years ago. The approach to the 8th green over the former Highland Road will be improved by natural maturing and grooming and other improvements to the course will continue to be made.

Our Manager of 22 years, Louis Grenier is retiring as Manager at the end of 2018, but has promised to provide advice to the Club throughout 2019 as required, and schedule permitting, he will continue to provide lessons at the Club on the same basis as before.

Lastly, we are trying to find someone reliable to run our kitchen during the 7 to 2 hours during the prime part of the season. There are some strong possibilities, but nothing definite yet. Catering events will not be a problem as many firms are interested in providing that service, and the Club is interested in booking as many events as possible.

On behalf of the entire club team, I wish you a great golf season.

Georges Marceau
President
North Hatley Golf Club
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