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AT THE COURSE

We are well into the first part of our season at the course. Busy days are the norm now whether the temperature is 4 or 14 degrees. After being cooped up inside all winter, golfers are enjoying a chance to stretch their legs and begin work on their swing.

There are several holes being worked on to begin the season. The most notable work is being done on holes 2,4,7 and 15 where the ground has been dug up for various reasons. With the side roads now open for heavy trucks to deliver soil, gravel and sods, the completion of this work is now being realized. New tee boxes are also being added to holes 1,3 and 13 that will change your angle and club selection while teeing off. Owners and management appreciate your patience during this time while they complete the improvements on the course.

Mid April saw the arrival of our new golf carts. They will be put into use on May 1st. As always, a credit card will be required during booking to secure a ride . Along with that, the new beverage cart we received last September is on the course most days now. New staff have been hired and are currently being trained. Their duties include marshalling the course so we ask you to follow the rules and respect the staff while on the course.

Our patio is getting back into full swing. Before or after your round, you can enjoy cold beverages and light snacks while watching golfers complete the 1st and 9th holes. The

new draft taps installed over the winter have become popular with many as they offer a great selection of domestic and foreign drafts for you to sample.

We would like to remind all golfers about some course etiquette at Indian Lake.

-Please fix your ball marks on the greens. While always important, this time of year is more so to help the ground recover more quickly.

-Replace all divots taken in the fairways while playing the course. Again, this helps the healing process begin as soon as possible improving the overall condition of the course

-Pace of play is a maximum of 1hr50m on the front 9 holes(approx 12m a hole). Time on the back 9 is a maximum of 2hrs. This includes a quick stop in the pro shop at the turn.

The course marshal will remind golfers of this timing as needed and then take the necessary action when required to bring the course back on pace.

-No more than a 5minute stop at the turn during your round of 18 holes to ensure the course continues to flow as it is meant to.

-No more than 1 minute allowed to look for a lost golf balls. This to ensure the course continues to flow as expected.

With Mother’s Day coming soon, keep your eye open for an upcoming sale on Kandy Golf clothing. This will include pants and tops. A reminder will be sent out to all in the form of social media posts before the event.

If you have enjoyed your time at Indian Lake, we always appreciate a five star review on Google.

Leave us a review!



Course improvements

As listed above, there is a multitude of things on the go to improve the overall experience at Indian Lake. Anyone who has played the course recently will have seen large work being done at holes 2, 7 and 15. In the coming days, the completion of this work will take place but in the meantime please adhere to any posted signs indicating “Ground Under Repair”

Hole 2 with a new pot bunker and shape around the left side of the green



The 7th hole with the enlarged water hazard. And the view from the new tee box area that will come into play in the coming weeks



The 15th hole with a newly designed water hazard to make that approach shot to the green more difficult. Completion of the work will be in the coming week



MILESTONES

Its unusual but we have had no reports of a hole in one in recent weeks. Nor has there been any talk of a career best score there. We always look forward to hearing from you about significant scoring events at Indian Lake that we can share with our customers. If you can, provide a picture and any details possible for us to use.



BOOKING THE SIMS

With outdoor play now in full swing, our 3 simulators are not nearly as busy as they had been. This provides you with the perfect chance during poor weather to take an hour or 2 to get out with friends and work on your swing.

We are currently working on a plan to utilize the Sims as a driving range this season to allow you to warm up before your round of golf. You would be offered a 20 minute time slot for 15\$+tax so you and your group can hit some balls before stepping onto the course. This is actually cheaper than a bucket of balls as you can hit as many as you like during your session.

If you are unfamiliar with the sims, they provide an excellent way to maintain your swing over the winter while continuing to socialize with friends. It's also a perfect place to take a golf lesson for 2024.

The hourly rate of \$30+ tax remains unchanged and is one of the best in the area. Punch cards are available now to further improve on the price.

Call the Pro Shop at 902 876 8844



Course Events

Tournament requests are coming in at a steady pace and the work of setting them up is in progress. If you want to begin the process of hosting an event at Indian Lake during 2024 season, email the course at tournaments@indianlakegolfcourse.ca for more information.



A LITTLE HUMOUR



NEW BOOKING POLICY

It is now official. From 6pm April 30th 2024, bookings for tee times can only be completed online. To achieve this, an account must be set up beforehand. While a credit card is required to secure the booking, any of the regular forms of payment can be used at the course: cash, card, or punch cards. **At no time will your credit card be charged unless the cancellation policy is not followed.** At that point it becomes management's decision whether to initiate the charge based on the reason and the frequency of this happening

If you dont currently have an account, its an excellent time to take care of this. You can set up your account [here](#).

If you need any assistance with this during the winter months, just ask the pro shop staff.

GOLF COURSE TIPS AND ETIQUETTE

Own clubs – All golfers are required to have their own set of clubs. Rentals are available, but if none are present at the time of your booking, this is waived by the course.

Single golfers- Presently the course does not allow single golfers to play. Staff does an excellent job of pairing groups up or providing solutions to ensure you get on the course. You should always call ahead to confirm the availability of a time.

Correct way to repair ball marks – Unrepaired ball marks can seriously affect your putting so should always be fixed. See below for the correct way to repair your ball marks.

How To Repair a Ball Mark



A few extra seconds is all it takes to keep the putting greens looking and playing their best.



CHOOSE WISELY

A ball mark repair tool is recommended, but other pointed devices can be used.



PUSH DON'T PRY

Starting from the back and sides, gently push & stretch the turf to the center of the mark.



WORK AROUND

Work around the ball mark until it's filled in. Avoid lifting & twisting the turf harshly.



FINAL TOUCH

Use your putter to lightly tap down the mark. Fix other marks in addition to yours.

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NEW BUSINESS

Several things to note regarding the course:

- Coming in 2024, designated tee times for golfers with mobility issues to allow a little more time to comfortably finish your round. Currently, management is deciding on **Tuesday or Wednesday** to offer a little more time for certain groups to complete their round of golf. We expect the tee times available will be around mid morning and could start on either the front or back 9 holes. There is a potential the available day would be rotated between days depending on course requirements.
- Previous newsletters are now available at the [Indian Lake website](#)
- **There was much discussion about whether to raise the price of golf at Indian Lake in 2024. Despite the increased cost of staffing and all goods and services for the club, management and owners have decided to leave the price as it is for the beginning of the season. This decision will be reviewed as the season progresses.**
- **9 holes = \$25**
- **18 holes = \$42**
- **Punch cards available for 10, 20 and 30 round packages at varying prices**



DID YOU KNOW?

Golf balls travel significantly farther in hot weather. The warmer the ball is, the more resilient the rubber becomes. A warmer golf ball has more elasticity, which causes the ball to leave the club with more force

AND

Recently, Oakland University's Kassandra Komma did something extremely rare, recording two ones on her scorecard in nine holes. The odds are incredibly low, at one in 64 million!



GOLF LESSONS

For those golfers just beginning to play or perhaps looking to improve their game, lessons are available. While the simulators are still available to be booked, driving ranges are now open for business providing another option to take a lesson.



David Perry

PGA Pro David Perry is ready to work with you to get your golf game on track. A member of PGA Canada for over 20 years, David brings his widespread talents and teaching abilities to Indian Lake Golf Course, having taught students of all ages and skill sets. Contact him at [902-441-2789](tel:902-441-2789) or djppgolf@outlook.com



MEET THE STAFF

Thomas Kowalczyk - Pro shop attendant/course marshal

Thomas joined the pro shop staff in April of 2023 after completing his school term. He became a regular of the indoor staff working through August until he returned to classes in September. He is again a member of the Indian Lake staff but he has an expanded role in 2024. He will be working certain shifts indoors but also functioning as course marshal and operating the beverage cart this season. When not at the club, Thomas can be found working elsewhere crunching numbers as a data analyst. He is an avid Buccaneers (NFL) and Celtics (NBA) fan and enjoys a round of golf when he manages the time. Since he graduated this year from NSCC, he will return to school in the fall at Dalhousie taking computer science. Welcome back Thomas!!



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