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*The Sawmill Family Newsletter*

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## 🌿 Welcome, Sawmill Family! 🌿

Spring is just around the corner, and we couldn't be more excited to welcome you back to the course with open arms (and vibrant greens)! As we gear up for another golfing season, the March edition of our newsletter is packed with exciting updates and opportunities to reconnect with your fellow members.

In this edition, explore "The Sodfathers" section to see the work our team has accomplished over the fall/winter. Don't miss a teaser about our Adult Competitive Teams as we prepare for a new season of success. Plus, a reminder of our upcoming Get Acquainted Tournament—it's the perfect chance to tee up with both familiar faces and new friends!

Our "Golf in Schools" program is inspiring young golfers, fostering the next generation of golfing enthusiasts. Meanwhile, our Collective Responsibility initiative highlights the ways we can all contribute to the beauty and camaraderie of Sawmill.

Make sure to check out the "Last Call" section to secure your memberships and register for events before the March 31st deadline. From new equipment to fresh opportunities, our "Miscellaneous Updates" are overflowing with excitement. And to cap the March issue off, we're thrilled to introduce you to our 2025 Team.

Here's to another memorable year of golf and friendship. Let's make the 2025 season unforgettable! 🏌️‍♂️

## THE SODFATHERS - COURSE UPDATE (NOV-FEB) 🌱

While most golfers have been dreaming of spring, The Sodfathers (our legendary turf team) have been hard at work keeping Sawmill in top shape! Here's what's been happening on the course this winter:

### 🚶 Smoother Walkways & Range Upgrades

- ✓ Paved path from the parking lot to the driving range
- ✓ Expanded driving range tee for more space to practice
- ✓ New concrete paths (no more loose stone!) from #4 green to #5 tee and along #7 tee

### 🏌 Major Tee Rebuilds (A massive job—completed in-house! Few courses in Canada have a team with this level of skill!)

- ✓ #7 - All tees rebuilt
- ✓ #17 - Green tee rebuilt
- ✓ #6 - Green tee rebuilt
- ✓ #3 - Expanded green tee

### 🔧 Essential Winter Maintenance

- ✓ All equipment, mowers & carts washed & stored for winter
- ✓ Irrigation system winterized (blown out lines)

### 🌿 Course Care & Aeration

- ✓ Fairways & rough aerated
- ✓ Greens vertidraind & top-dressed
- ✓ Perennial gardens cut down & cleaned up—a HUGE job, but worth it to keep Sawmill one of the most beautiful courses around!

**A massive shoutout to our turf team for their incredible work this offseason!**

## ADULT COMPETITIVE SIGN UP FOR SR RYDER, RYDER & SOLHEIM

We have 3 opportunities for adult competition: the Niagara Solheim; the Niagara Ryder Cup; the Senior Men's Ryder Cup. Full details including registration will be included in the April newsletter!

**Ladies' Solheim** - 4 ladies make the team and 1 alternate. Last year we didn't need a qualifier. After registration, we'll determine s date if needed (will be early May).

**RYDER** - Team qualifier is Saturday May 10th. 6 men (+ Jeremy & Brett DeBastiani - our 2025 club champ!) make the team and 1 alternate.

**SR RYDER** - Team qualifier is Monday May 12th. 7 men (+ Brian - your Captain) will make the team and 1 alternate.

Since this is the 1st Member Event of the season, you'll use your \$40 event credit (was paid with your membership). The online store charge will be \$10 (\$40 CREDIT + \$10 = \$50)

**GET ACQUAINTED TOURNAMENT  
SATURDAY APRIL 26TH**

**DETAILS**

- 7:30-8:30AM DONUTS & COFFEE
- 8:30AM SHOTGUN - 4-PERSON SCRAMBLE
- LUNCH TO FOLLOW
- THE GOAL OF THE TOURNEY IS TO MEET NEW FAMILY MEMBERS
- CARRIE MAKES THE FOURSOMES (1 JUNIOR PER FOURSOME!)
- NO REFUNDS (FOR OUR FAIR WEATHER FRIENDS)

**COST \$50 P.P. INCLUDES DONUTS & COFFEE, GOLF, CART, LUNCH & PRIZES**



**1ST COME, 1ST SERVE - 116 MEMBERS  
REGISTER (ONLINE STORE) ON MON APRIL 7TH AT 8AM**

## *golf in* **SCHOOLS** 2025

We've added another school in 2025! We're now introducing golf to children at St Ann (Fenwick), Wellington Heights (Fenwick), and St Edward (Jordan)!

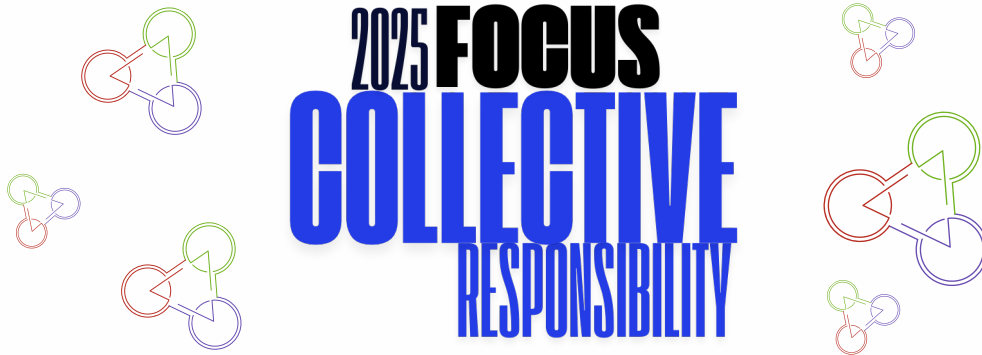
**SCHOOL VISITS** - Jeremy, Carrie, & Alyssa taught in the schools on March 3rd & 7th... and will be out in the community again tomorrow!

**GOLF COURSE FIELD TRIP** - the buses are booked and WE NEED YOU!! For the Members newer to Sawmill this is how it works: each class is bussed to Sawmill (100% paid for by us). The kids are divided into small groups and each group is led by a Member volunteer. You lead your group around 3 stations- putting, chipping and driving. The goal is to introduce the kids to golf, keep them safe, and MOST IMPORTANT have some fun.

**SAVE THE DATES:**

May 28th (am) AND/OR Mon June 2nd (pm) AND/OR Wed June 4th (am)

Sign up will be in early May- Volunteer Manual will be sent once registered.



As we embrace the theme of '**Collective Responsibility**' for 2025, we recognize the vital role our Members play in maintaining the beauty and sustainability of Sawmill Golf Course. Here's how you can contribute to **Caring for Our Course** 🌱

### **1. Repair Ball Marks**

- Always carry a repair tool to fix ballmarks on the greens. This small action keeps our playing surfaces smooth and healthy. Remind your playing partners to fix their ball marks - calling them out will bring awareness:)

### **2. Observe Cart Paths and Regulations**

- Use the designated cart paths and adhere to cart regulations to protect our fairways and greens from damage.

### **3. Respect Tee Times and Pacing**

- Arrive at your tee time and maintain proper game pace to ensure everyone enjoys a smooth, uninterrupted round.

### **4. Support and Engage with Your Community**

- Join course events and volunteer for community activities to enhance the Sawmill family bond.

By taking these steps, Members not only help preserve the course's natural beauty but also promote a strong sense of community and pride in our shared environment.

*Together, as Members, staff, and owners, we contribute to a vibrant and welcoming atmosphere that reinforces our collective mission: to make every visit to Sawmill a memorable and enjoyable experience.*



## REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 31ST FOR THE FOLLOWING:

### LAST CHANCE: Duelling Pianos Event on Friday April 11th 🎹🎵

Twenty tickets left - we would love to see more of our Sawmill Family at this event. Tickets are \$28pp for a 3 hour live show! Join in the fun.

### LAST CHANCE: Member Range Membership 🏌️👤

Secure your 2025 Range Membership - not available after March 31st!

### LAST CHANCE: Golf Canada Membership 2025 🏌️📄

For those looking to keep a valid handicap, ensure you register for the Golf Canada Membership 2025.

### LAST CHANCE: Match Play 🏌️🎉

Prompt your competitiveness and join Match Play! Be sure to register on time as the deadline is strict with no exceptions.

### LAST CHANCE: Member Seasonal Power Cart Pass 🚗⚡

Don't miss out on the convenience of the Member Power Cart Pass (\$800). Make sure to register before the March 31st deadline.

## ALL ITEMS AVAILABLE IN THE ONLINE STORE

## MISCELLANEOUS UPDATES - MARCH EDITION 🌟

### Efficiency Boost: we've purchased an Automated Ball Picker

We look forward to:

- **Enhanced Safety:** Reducing manual labor on the range decreases the risk of accidents.
- **Increased Efficiency:** The automated picker works swiftly and continuously, ensuring a steady supply of balls and minimizing downtime.
- **Environmental Impact:** Operates more sustainably than traditional gas-powered equipment, contributing to our eco-friendly initiatives.

This advancement highlights our commitment to innovation and improving the Member experience.

### Sunday Morning Crossover Times

We're excited to announce a new change for Sunday mornings! This year, we're implementing a 7-9 AM crossover schedule, doubling the available tee times during this popular play period. For those who enjoy a leisurely start to the day, the next tee time available will be at 11:15 AM.

Enjoy more flexibility and opportunities to play!



## MEET THE TEAM 🙌

A warm welcome to all our team members for the 2025 season. Whether a new face or familiar one, each person will play a vital role in our community. **Let's meet them:**

### Pro Shop Team 🛍️

- **Alyssa (Manager)** - bringing a fresh perspective and expertise to lead our operations.
- **Matt, Mason B & Mason H** - need no introduction:) Bringing a wealth of experience, we are very fortunate to have them back on a part time basis.
- **Boh** - back with a smile and efficiency to make every visit a great one.
- **Ben, Frankie & Trevor (new)** - enthusiastic about meeting and assisting you.

### Junior Service Team 🌟

- **Claire, Laurilee, Maddy, Savanna & Viv** - we're thrilled to welcome back the ENTIRE team. They are a tight knit, enthusiastic, and SUPER hard working group.

### Senior Service Team ★

- **Roxy (Manager)** - Leading the team with an undeniable passion to provide the best experience to our Members.
- **Emily** - back to provide consistent service and spread kindness.
- **Nadia** - back on the bev cart on Saturdays. She's always ready to serve you with a smile!
- **Sam, Alyssa & Abby (new)** - excited to join the team and contribute to the warm service you're familiar with.

### Junior Maintenance Team 🌿

- **Andrew, Luca, Noah & Ryan** - back to keep the carts clean and range maintained.
- **Adam & Vince (new)** - bringing fresh energy and enthusiasm to the maintenance

### Senior Maintenance Team 🛠️

- **Don (Superintendent)** - leading the maintenance team with expertise and pride.
- **Brian A, Brian M., Taylor, Steven & Evan** (all returning!) - Dedicated to maintaining high standards on the course. We are so lucky to have them!
- **Greg, Lukas & Ryan (new)** - excited to join and contribute to the team's success:)

**Together, our teams are here to make your experience extraordinary. Welcome to the 2025 Team!**