

GOLF

Free Copy

Vol. 15, No. 2

BRUCE GREYSIMCOE

Summer 2019

Hockey pro to golf pro

Greg Hickey talks about his transition to golf and shares stories from his hockey days, including the time he cancelled a date with Miss Universe.



SaubleGolf
& Country Club

FULL SERVICE GOLF SHOP

Powered by

GOLF TOWN

Ph: 519-422-1052 Shuttle: 519-422-3366
SaubleGolf.com



He shoots and scores new career

Greg Hickey went from pro hockey to golf industry and has no regrets

By STEVE HARRON

Golf BruceGreySimcoe

Greg Hickey was watching the 1981 Super Bowl with friends, including future NHLer Mike Krushelnyski, when he received a phone call that would change his life.

At the time he was making about \$1,500 a week playing in the American Hockey League and what was being offered to him was a \$175-a-week job as an assistant pro at Nanticoke Golf Club.

The offer came from head pro Bob Rothmel, who had employed Hickey some 8 or 9 years previously as a backshop assistant at Brantford Golf and Country Club when Rothmel was head pro there.

"I quickly thought about it and asked for \$200 which was quickly accepted and my 2nd career in sport would begin that June with the stipulation that I would need to continue to play hockey (to have a year-round wage)," said Hickey, who is now the General Manager and PGA of Canada Head Professional at Braestone Golf Club (the former Orillia Golf and Country Club).

Hickey played for a few more seasons, one in Switzerland and one in Virginia, and worked at the golf course during the off-seasons. But the grind of the minor leagues finally got to him.

"After Virginia and just terrible bus trips I had had enough – I could not get on another bus again – I was done," he said.

Around that time an opportunity to work as an assistant pro came up at Deerhurst Resort, which had an executive-style course in those days. The pro there was Paul Kennedy, who was one of Canada's best professionals at the time.

"He was already a Canadian Assistant Champion and during my time with him he won the Canadian Club Professional Championship," Hickey said.

"Paul was a friend to everyone and every top professional golfer across this land. George Knudson, Al Balding, Ken Venning, Harry Allard (builder and owner of Woodington Lake Golf Club). Quickly, many of his friends became my friends and my career was off and running."

Hickey passed his Class A Golf Professional exam in 1986 and left Deerhurst in 1987 to become head pro at Nobleton Lakes Golf Club, just north of Toronto. He remained there for



Greg Hickey, ex-pro hockey player & current GM/Head Pro at Braestone Club.

25 years serving as Head Pro, Director of Golf and General Manager.

After a three-year break from the golf business to work as a supervisor for the Basilian Fathers of Canada at Henry Carr Farm near Beeton, Hickey was hired in 2015 to manage the Orillia Golf and Country Club. At the time the club was operated by Scotia Trust, which was managing the estate assets of previous owner Frank Whibley, who had died in 2011.

"The golf course was in very bad shape due the lack of resources. It was my job to determine whether it would be sold as a farm or a golf course. We were able to turn the business around in a short period of time to at least get it to the point some people would pay," Hickey said.

The course was put up for sale along with additional lands owned by Whibley and that led to a visit by Jamie Massie, president, co-founder and co-owner of Georgian International - a Simcoe County-based automotive, aircraft and real estate business.

Massie liked what he saw at the picturesque property and decided to buy it. "I will never forget the day he (Jamie) saw the sunset and the potential and said he would buy it if we stuck around and helped," said Hickey. **Cont'd next page**

"After Virginia and just terrible bus trips I had had enough - I was done."

Steve Harron

Publisher/Editor

Golf BruceGreySimcoe is a publication of Harron Marketing, 200 Beattie Street, Owen Sound, Ont. N4K 6X3 Telephone: 519-374-5759

harronmarketing@gmail.com
golfbrucegreysimcoe.com

GOLF
BRUCEGREYSIMCOE

Grey-Bruce Golf is published 3 times each year from May until September and is distributed free throughout the BruceGreySimcoe region. All rights are reserved. Reproduction of any article, photograph, statistic, schedule or artwork, whether whole or in part, without the permission of the publisher/editor, is prohibited.

COREY FEENSTRA
SALES CONSULTANT
AT PENINSULA FORD LINCOLN

CALL/TEXT 226.668.7299
EMAIL CFEENSTRA@PENINSULAFORD.COM

PENINSULA FORD LINCOLN
TRUCKS PERFORM

One of his career highlights was playing NHL game with brother Pat

Cont'd from previous page

"Denise Osborne, who is as talented a golf operator as they come, had joined me from the beginning and was on board as well – the team was in place."

The course was renamed the Braestone Club and Hickey began the job of overseeing an extensive improvement plan.

While happy to have spent the past 38-plus years in the golf business, Hickey still cherishes his memories from his hockey days.

The Brantford native played Junior B with Waterford Arctic Cats, who were coached by Walter Gretzky, and that team included future NHLers Doug Jarvis, who Hickey played all his minor hockey with, and Stan Johnathan.

Also on the team were Alan Moffat, who went on to a successful college and CFL career, and netminder Phil McColman, the current MP for Brant riding. From time to time the stick boy was a young kid who went on to great things (Wayne Gretzky).

"Every game I would be picked up by Manager Stan Posavad and Walter Gretzky – Stan always drove and had the nicest car ever!! I would sit in the middle between Stan and Walter and I was quite a character so we would laugh all the way to the arena. The banter was always a lot of fun," Hickey said.

Three players from that team were chosen in the first 16 picks of the OHA (now OHL) draft and the Arctic Cat crest is now in the Hockey Hall of Fame. "Not because of us, of course, but because of the Gretzky history. It was an honour to be a small part of that! Those were the days," Hickey said

Hickey was drafted by the OHA's Hamilton Red Wings and played there three seasons, putting up 61 points in his third season.

In the 1975 NHL draft, he was taken 48th overall by New York Rangers. The same year he was also taken 10th overall in the WHA (World Hockey Association) draft by the Minnesota Fighting Saints.

He began his pro hockey career in 1976 with Providence Reds in the American Hockey League and other stops along the way included AHL teams New Haven Nighthawks and Springfield Indians. He also played in the International Hockey League for Port Huron Flags and Fort Wayne Komets, the Southern Hockey League for Richmond Wildcats and Charlotte Checkers and the Atlantic Coast Hockey League for Virginia Raiders and Hampton Road Gulls.

One of his career highlights came late in the 1978 season when he was called up to play with the New York Rangers against the New York Islanders in a game broadcast across North America by NBC. He got to play on a line with his brother Pat, a star player with the Rangers at that point, and veteran Walter Tkaczuk.

Greg's job was to check one of the greatest scorers of all time. "I was still hurt but (General Manager) John Ferguson wanted me to get some experience at the NHL level. My job was to cover Mike Bossy and I stuck with him through the 1st and 2nd period man-on-man, keeping him off the scoreboard," he said.

By the third period, the Rangers were losing by a wide margin so Hickey talked to Tkaczuk about changing things up. "I said to Walter 'this is crazy, I'm skating all around with Bossy and he is just toying with me and (Denis) Potvin is pinching in every time.' So Walter says 'just bring him back to the goal and be sure to leave him with the D (defence), which I did.' (Defenceman) Carol Vadnais says 'I got him' and I go to the point to cover Potvin and he passes to an open Bossy
www.golfbucegreysimcoe.com

who scores immediately."

While the outcome wasn't what he had hoped for, he's thankful his one game in the NHL gave him an opportunity to play with his brother, who Hickey says "has been an incredible influence in my life."

He also got to play with NHL great Phil Esposito and the next night was on the ice during warm-ups to see his childhood idol, Stan Mikita of the Chicago Blackhawks. "He (Mikita) had always been my favourite player. It was his last regular season game he ever played and I was there on the ice, if only for warm-up. Now that was cool!!" (After the warm-up, Hickey was replaced in the line-up by Bud Stefanski).

Although it was difficult to get together because of their different schedules, Hickey loved spending time with his brother.

"...so Pat calls his girlfriend and cancels. Well, she's not impressed and in a flash my brother goes white."

On one memorable (or forgettable) night when Greg was playing in the AHL with New Haven they met at Pat's Manhattan apartment and were enjoying some beverages and music in advance of a scheduled double date.

"He (Pat) was dating Miss USA at the time and they had arranged a blind date for me to head out on the town. It most

likely would have been Studio 54 since that was the place to go," Greg said. "Well, it began to snow and Pat and I were really having a great time hanging since we did not get to do that in-season very often. It was a bad storm so we had a dilemma: to cancel the blind date or to go. The music was good and the beer even better – so Pat calls his girlfriend and cancels. Well, she is not impressed at all and in a flash my brother goes white. After he gets shit from his date he tells me he has good news and bad news.

"I say how good or bad can it be – we are having a great time in the apartment. He says that is the good news – what is the bad – well the blind date was her roommate. Oh well, big deal and he says 'yes it is!' So he says 'well you know the blind date was her roommate and her roommate ended up being Miss Universe!!' "

Greg laughs about it now, calling it the funniest and saddest story from his hockey days.

His best memories from those days are actually the times spent with Pat and his dad after each hockey season ended.

"Sitting at the kitchen table with my father and Pat drinking tea and eating peanut butter toast just talking hockey. My father was also quite a hockey player at St. Michael's College and played some pro hockey after the war. He had enlisted right out of high school instead of pursuing a hockey career. When he returned he signed a deal with the Boston Bruins to play for the AHL team (Boston Braves).

"He had hurt his knee parachuting and this caused him not to last as a pro. But without all his knowledge and guidance neither my brother or myself would have ever achieved what we have!! Those days were my best as a hockey player, brother and son!"

Today, his life revolves around golf where he is not only overseeing the development plan for Braestone Club but also devoting time to coaching the Georgian College Grizzlies men's and women's golf teams.

Although he says given the chance he'd do many things differently, he has no regrets about choosing a career in golf.

"Everyday in golf is another day that can be the best day ever!! There are many best days ahead. Every day at Braestone right now is so exciting with all the new projects on the go! The clubhouse is very close to beginning and that will be another BEST Day."

Excitement building at Woodington Lake

Tottenham-area club thrilled to play host to two big championships in August

It's a tournament that the legendary Sam Snead won years ago and now pros and amateurs alike will have a chance to add their names to the distinguished list of winners.

The Ontario Open is a storied championship that dates back to 1923 and other past winners include Canadian golfing greats George Knudson, Moe Norman and 7-time winner Nick Weslock.

The resurrected championship will be held Aug. 26-29 at Woodington Lake Golf Club near Tottenham.

"We are thrilled to be bringing back the Ontario Open, one of the oldest golf Championships in the world in 2019," said Mike Kelly, Executive Director of Golf Ontario.

"The thought of being part of the return of a championship with previous winners like Snead, Norman and Knudson, is something that gets the whole team at Woodington Lake Golf Club excited..."

- Woodington Lake Golf Club
General Manager Domenic DiGironimo

"This Championship will be a true open championship and should attract some of the best golfers in Ontario and beyond to test their games on the beautiful Woodington Lake Golf Club. With a minimum purse of \$40,000, we expect this Championship to immediately become a must-play event on the golfing calendar in 2019," he said.

At a June 25 Media Day, it was announced that the 144-player field will include former Toronto Argonaut quarterback Damon Allen (2nd in

all-time passing yards in pro football) and former PGA Tour player Ian Leggatt, both of whom have received exemptions.

Woodington Lake has signed a five-year agreement to be the host club for the Open and General Manager Domenic DiGironimo couldn't be happier.

"We are beyond thrilled to be partnering with Golf Ontario to be bringing back the Ontario Open," he said. "The thought of being part of the return of a championship with previous winners like Snead, Norman and Knudson, is something that gets the whole team at Woodington Lake Golf Club excited, and we look forward to showcasing our facility to the region's best golfers in August."



The Ontario Open Championship trophy was on display during a June 25 Media Day at Woodington Lake Golf Club.

"With 11 green-side bunkers to be rebuilt and 23 others refurbished during the month of July, the course is expected to be in peak condition for the Open."

Qualifying events were held June 26 at Meadowbrook Golf Club in Gormley, June 29 at RiverBend Golf Club in London, July 2 at GreyHawk Golf Club in Ottawa and July 6 at Woodington Lake.

Golf Ontario will also be partnering with Woodington Lake during the same week in August to present the first-ever Ontario Disability Championship. The event will be held Aug. 24-26. It will help deliver on a core element of the Golf Ontario strategic plan, says Kelly. **Cont'd next page**

COBBLE BEACH
GEORGIAN BAY'S EXTRAORDINARY
WATERFRONT GOLF RESORT COMMUNITY

Afternoon Golf Rates
starting from just \$69 after 4pm.

or \$89 after 2:30pm, \$119 before 2:30pm Mon-Thurs.
www.CobbleBeach.com

Disability Championship runs same week as Ontario Open

Cont'd from previous page.

"The Golf Ontario Disability Championship is an important first step in building a more diverse and inclusive golf environment in Ontario. Taking part the same week as the Ontario Open will provide strong exposure and good infrastructure as we deliver what we hope to be the first of many, many years of the Golf Ontario disability championship," Kelly said.

Tony Bennett, President of the European Disability Golf Association, and Head of Disability and Inclusion of the International Golf Federation, is applauding the efforts to introduce this event in Ontario.

"With a growing realization of the health-enhancing benefits of physical activity and social inclusion, golf for the disabled is gaining ground as the sport of choice for an increasing number of individuals with a disability," he said.

"As a still ball game, golf offers even the most profoundly disabled an opportunity to participate and enjoy the thrill of the game. For those who wish to test their skills against others the golf handicap system and modified rules ensures a level playing field regardless of their ability," said Bennett.

The championship will feature one practice round and 36 holes of championship stroke play across four open divisions.



The 18th hole on the Legends course at Woodington Lake is a challenging and beautiful finishing hole.

There will be a low gross and low net for both women and men. The championship will be open to all ages and will require participants to have an Official Handicap Index Limit of 28 for men, and 36 for women.

More information can be found at www.theontarioopen.ca/disabilitychampionship



PIKE LAKE
GOLF CENTRE LIMITED

UPCOMING EVENTS

<i>Ryder Cup</i>	WED. MAY 22
<i>Sr. Men's Scramble</i>	WED. MAY 29
<i>Pike Lake Open</i>	SAT. AUGUST 17
<i>Ladies Scramble</i>	WED. AUGUST 29

**50% OFF POSTED
GREEN FEE RATE**

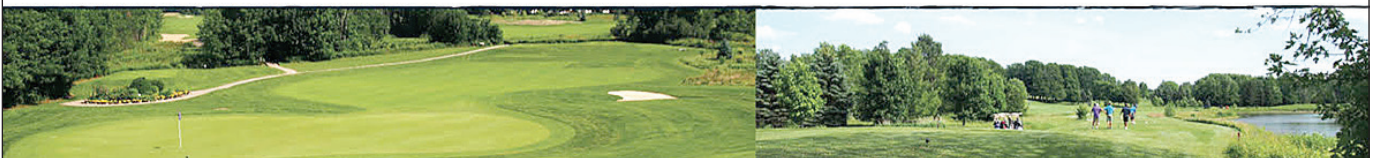
*When you mention
"Golf GreyBruceSimcoe
Magazine Exclusive"*

MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY
BETWEEN 11AM - 3PM
EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2019

27 HOLE GOLF COURSE | 20 ROOM MOTEL | LICENSED RESTAURANT | SEASONAL CAMPGROUND & MORE!

OFF HWY 89 BETWEEN MOUNT FOREST
AND HARRISTON, ONTARIO

519-338-3010 | proshop@pikelake.com
WWW.PIKELAKE.COM



A day with the pros

Two Legacy Ridge golfers meet PGA Tour pros during special event in Mississauga

Bert Leeder and Ron Glenn of Legacy Ridge Golf Club had the rare opportunity to spend some time with six PGA Tour pros during the lead-up to the RBC Canadian Open.

Leeder, one of the owners of Legacy, works for RBC and was invited to a special golf day with RBC-sponsored golfers Rory McIlroy, Jim Furyk, Webb Simpson, Graeme McDowell, Bubba Watson and Lucas Bjerregard. Glenn, a long-time member at Legacy, was his guest for the day.

“All six players were great guys.”

The event was held at the Mississauga Golf and Country Club on the Tuesday of the Canadian Open week and featured a panel discussion with the players which was moderated by Bob Weeks of TSN. Also involved in the panel discussion was PGA Tour Commissioner Jay Monahan.

Leeder and Glenn both had a chance to talk to the players before and after playing 18 holes at the Mississauga club and they were joined for two holes each (four in total) by Furyk and McDowell. They even had a chance to briefly chat with McIlroy, who went on to win the country’s national championship.

“The conversation with Rory was fairly short as you can imagine he was in high demand,” said Glenn.

They asked him how he liked Canada and wished him well at the Canadian Open and the U.S. Open the following week at Pebble Beach.

He also took time to sign some autographs and pose for a selfie.

“All six players were great guys. It’s not often you get that up close and personal. Great ambassadors for the game of golf,” he said.



Photo above: Ron Glenn with PGA Tour player Jim Furyk. At right, Glenn is with Rory McIlroy and Bert Leeder. Photo below: the six PGA Tour players take part in a panel discussion.





SOUTHAMPTON GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

519-797-3338
400 North Rankin Street,
Southampton, ON

July 18 - Jazz Night
July 24 - Hope Night

Come out & try our Golf Boards!
\$25 - 18 Holes
\$18 - 9 Holes

Monday is Seniors Day.
Power carts are \$10/person

southamptongolf.ca

Getting liquor laws changed

Local golf course owner helped cause

You may not know this, but Kathy Mackay of Somerhill Golf Club played a significant role in the recent change in liquor laws to allow golf clubs to serve alcohol starting at 9 a.m.

Mackay, a former co-owner of Ainsdale Golf Course who now helps her son Brad at Somerhill, was involved in lobby efforts for six years to bring about the change in the law to give businesses in Ontario the same competitive advantage as businesses bordering more lenient provinces or America states.

Until the change in legislation, Ontario had the latest start for alcohol serving hours of any Canadian province. Other provinces start serving between 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Mackay got involved through her role as the president of the Southwestern Ontario Chapter of the National Golf Course Owners Association Canada and worked closely with MPP Lisa Thompson, the former Minister of Education and current Minister of Government and Consumer Services.

"Not everyone works a 9 to 5 workday and it was important to recognize that shift workers' 'days' and 'evenings' are different than the rest of us," stated Mackay. "When the overnight shift workers are done their workday, it's like our 5:00 p.m. so why should they be treated differently."

Businesses in Ontario were at a disadvantage as their potential customers could easily drive a short distance out of province for a mimosa with their brunch or an alcoholic beverage with their round of golf after their overnight shift ended.

Take, for example, the Ottawa area where it's just a short drive to Gatineau, Quebec where the serving time is 8:00 am. The new laws went into effect in April.



PLAYER'S CARD LOYALTY PROGRAM

\$99 UPFRONT PLUS TAX

- *receive your first round and cart free
- *receive 15% off green fees carts and clothing
- *receive \$3 credit for every round played towards a purchase of a 2020 membership only

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE
ONLY \$349 + tax

NORTHERN DUNES GOLF CLUB
www.northerndunes.com
info@northerndunes.com

Made with PosterMyWall.com



DOWNLOAD OUR APP

LEGACY RIDGE GOLF CLUB



-  GPS
-  NEWS & EVENTS
-  SCOREKEEPING
-  DEALS
-  TEE TIMES

AND MORE...

Available on the  App Store

 ANDROID APP ON Google Play



Super Senior



RON LIEBOLD

Ron Liebold is an 85-year-old member at SouthPort Golf Club who absolutely loves the game. "I think it's just super. I really enjoy it," he said during a recent interview. In his younger years he was a fastball pitcher in a competitive league so he was a little late getting into golf, starting about 1963. But his passion for the game grew over the years and he now plays about three times a week at the Port Elgin area club where he has been a member for 22 years. His best round on the 9-hole course was a 39 (+3). Ron's permanent home is in Guelph, but he does most of his golfing at SouthPort, which is close to his seasonal trailer home at Holiday Park. While he mostly plays for fun with his regular golf buddies, he recently competed in the Wellington-Waterloo Senior Games where, as the only male competitor in the age 75+ division, he got the win and moved on to the Southwest Regional Games, which will be held Aug. 14 at Ainsdale Golf Course.

Rowland's Your Independent Grocer

1244 Highway 21,
Port Elgin 519-389-6800



CHARITY GOLF CALENDAR

July 12 - Bill Georgas Memorial (Rotary Club), Legacy Ridge Golf Club.

July 13 - Annual Knights of Columbus Charity Golf tournament, Sauble Golf and Country Club, 1 p.m. shotgun, 4-person scramble, \$125 per player includes BBQ lunch, on-course contests, buffet dinner, prizes and raffles. Contact John Rossitter at 519-372-0724 or marylee_john@hotmail.com

July 25 - Wounded Warriors Golf Classic, Legacy Ridge GC.

Aug. 3 - 2nd Annual Ainsdale Golf Classic, 1 p.m. shotgun start, 4-person scramble, \$500 per foursome, proceeds to Kincardine Minor Sports associations & KDSS athletics.

For more information, email taylor@ainsdalegolfcourse.com or call 519-395-5555.

Aug. 31 - Super Seniors Scramble, Homestead Resort, proceeds to London Cancer Centre. Over \$4,000 in prizes. 1 player over age 40, 1 over 50, 1 over 60, 1 over 70. Lunch starts 11.30 - Golf 1 p.m. Dinner 6 p.m. Entry fee \$600 - tax receipt issued. To enter, call 519-369-3771.

Sept. 6 - Swing Your Sticks tourney, Legacy Ridge GC.

Sandra Post shares her expertise during clinic at Westlinks



Eight-time LPGA champion Sandra Post, left in photo, travelled to The Club at Westlinks near Port Elgin on June 27 to conduct a golf clinic. After a review of the fundamentals of golf and a swing clinic, 34 ladies took part in a 9-Hole Scramble. The winning team, with a low gross score of +1, consisted of Jane Muir, Barb Cobean and Roseanne Cantin. The full group is shown in photo below.





The RBC PGA Scramble local qualifier was held at Legacy Ridge Golf Club on June 26 and the winning team included Ryan Amyot, Chase Amyot, Greg McArthur and Greg Millman. With them (far left in photo) is Legacy Ridge President and Golf Operations Manager Michael Todd, who, as the club's golf professional, will join the team for the Regional Finals on Aug. 27 at Brantford Golf and Country Club. Two teams from The Golf Club at Lora Bay also qualified for the Regional Finals. The top teams from the Regional Finals will qualify for the Championship, which will be held in Cape Breton at the world-renowned Cabot Links and Cabot Cliffs, Oct. 6-8.



**MONTERRA
GOLF**

705-445-0231

*price plus HST. Offer valid Monday to Thursday and includes GPS cart rental. Tee times subject to availability.
Full details available at bluemountain.ca/golf.

PUT A SPIN ON YOUR 9 TO 5

Midweek Rounds for \$79*

Book online at BlueMountain.ca/TeeTimes

Steve Thomas passionate about golf

Former NHLer works hard to improve his game

Steve Thomas isn't what you would call a casual golfer who only plays in the occasional celebrity tournament. The former NHLer works hard on his game - and has for many years - and now plays to a 6 handicap.

He was a member at the National Golf Club in Woodbridge for 25 years and is now a member at Toronto Golf Club.

"It's a real passion of mine to play golf. I try to play as much as I can," he said during an interview at the Crime Stoppers of Grey-Bruce fundraising tournament on June 7 at Saugeen Golf Club.

"I work on my game a lot. I take pride in becoming a better golfer. There will be days when I spend half a day on the driving range trying to figure it out."

Although he played for six different NHL teams over his 20-year career there is no question what team he cheers for these days.

"Toronto, that's my team. I will always have blue blood in my veins," he said.

Which makes sense because he grew up in the Toronto area (Markham) watching the Leafs and that was his first NHL team.

In fact, he says one of his career highlights was playing his first game as a Leaf.

"Pulling the Maple Leafs jersey over my head and just knowing that, wow, I made it (was a thrill)," he said. "I've been a Toronto Maple Leaf fan my whole life. My dad took me to Maple Leaf Gardens, then I played for the Toronto Marlboros out of Maple Leaf Gardens then signed with the Leafs and played for three years."

His other highlights include an overtime goal in the first game at the Air Canada Centre, which is now known as Scotiabank Arena, and an OT goal in the 2003 Stanley Cup finals when he was playing with the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim. (The Ducks lost the series in 7 games to New Jersey).

His best season - in terms of points production - was in 1992-93 when he scored 37 goals and had 50 assists with the New York Islanders.

Now, at age 55 and retired for 15 years, he still enjoys watching hockey - especially his Leafs.

So what's his take on what the Leafs need to be a Stanley Cup contender?

"They have a great team. A lot of it is timing. Hitting on all cylinders at the right time. I think they have a good enough team to compete for the Cup. They might need a few more tweaks within their lineup, maybe another defenceman," he said.



Steve Thomas at Saugeen Golf Club during Crime Stoppers of Grey-Bruce fundraising tournament.

Thomas was one of six hockey celebrities participating in the Crime Stoppers tournament, which has raised more than \$500,000 in its 27-year history.

Steve Thomas Quick Facts

NHL teams: Played for Toronto, Chicago, New York Islanders, Detroit, Anaheim & New Jersey

Trivia: Thomas appeared in the 1986 hockey-themed movie Youngblood alongside Rob Lowe and Keanu Reeves and, in one scene, is memorably towel-snapped by Patrick Swayze.

Check out our WEBSITE at: www.walkertongcc.com
For information or bookings contact: information@walkertongcc.com

Walkerton GOLF & CURLING CLUB EST. 1928

Special Olympics Fundraiser
Aug. 10, 2019 • Mudmen band performing on #1 fairway, 7 pm
• Tickets, \$25 each, available at club & other local businesses

519-881-0709 walkertongcc.com

EST. 1925
SAUGEEN GOLF CLUB

BOGO 50% off

Purchase regular priced single lesson or lesson package and receive second at 50% off.
Second Lessons can be shared with your Golfing Partner
Offer Valid to July 21, 2019

Jerry Noga C: 403.554.4580 E: jerrynoga@saugeengolf.com

Contact the Pro Shop at 519-389-4031 for details.



Hockey celebrities were on hand for the 27th Annual Crime Stoppers of Grey-Bruce tournament, which was held at Saugeen Golf Club on June 7. From left are, former NHLer Mike Krushelnyski, NHL referee Kendrick Nicholson, NHL/AHL player Kevin Czuczman and former NHL goalie Les Binkley.

Super Seniors Scramble

HOMESTEAD Resort, Saturday, AUG 31st
 Over \$4,000 in prizes - Proceeds to London Cancer Centre
 1 player over 40, 1 player over 50, 1 player over 60
 1 player over 70 (May play forward tees!)
 Lunch starts 11.30 - Golf 1 p.m. Dinner 6 p.m.
 Call Jason or Gary for special overnight stay in one of our cottages by the lake.
 Entry fee \$600 - tax receipt issued. To enter call 519-369-3771
 Don't forget every Monday - age over 50 - Golf with shared cart \$28!!!



homesteadresort.ca

519-369-3771

SOUTH PORT GOLF CLUB

KIDS CAMPS

\$100

AGES 10 AND UNDER

BEGINNER BASICS

JULY 22 - 25

LEARN TO PLAY
10 AM TO 1 PM

JR GOLF CAMP

JULY 29 - AUGUST 2

PROFESSIONAL INSTRUCTION
AND COURSE MANAGEMENT
9 AM TO 2 PM

\$175

AGES 9 - 15
WITH SOME EXPERIENCE



LIMITED SPACE - CONTACT US TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!

(519) 832-5650

LET US HOST YOUR NEXT EVENT!

BRUCE ROAD 3 AT HWY 21
BETWEEN SOUTHAMPTON AND PORT ELGIN
WWW.SOUTHPORTGOLFCOURSE.COM

Celebrating 50 Years

Whispering Hills Pro Shop serving area for half a century

On Friday, June 7 Whispering Hills Golf Club, between Hanover and Walkerton on Bruce Road 4, celebrated the 50th anniversary of a cornerstone laying ceremony that signified the start of construction on the club's pro shop.

The pro shop is one of the busiest and largest pre-owned and new golf equipment dealers in the area, offering the area's golfers with top brand golf equipment at warehouse prices year-round.

Darrell D. Day, 45, of Hanover took after his father Doug Day, 73, who was the top golf equipment salesman in the Toronto area in the 1960s and 1970s, before purchasing the local 18-hole golf club, pro shop and clubhouse from Keith Stein on Feb. 25, 1977.

The Day family is the 5th family to own the Whispering Hills property since the club was built in 1925.

The Day family states in a news release that it looks forward to continuing to offer golf equipment to all the local golfers to aid in keeping the golf equipment revenue in town and saving golfers from making the trips outside the region.

Over the decades the local pro shop has acquired a tremendous amount of authorized professional line golf equipment dealerships, including the top world-famous names in golf like PING®, Callaway®, Titleist®, Cleveland®, Taylor-Made®, Scotty Cameron®, Mizuno®, Foot-Joy® and dozens more.

The pro shop is open 7 days a week from 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Darrell D. Day can be reached by email at the club's website, or by telephone at the pro shop - the exact same phone number as when the pro shop began in 1969 - (519) 364-2738.

Hanover Mayor Sue Paterson took part in the 50th anniversary celebration. "Darrell, thanks for the opportunity. I am always pleased to participate in celebrations. And, thank you for all you do for our community. It is appreciated," she said.



On June 7 Hanover Mayor Sue Paterson officially cut the ribbon to mark 50 years in business for the Pro Shop at Whispering Hills Golf Club. With her is the club's Vice President & General Manager of Operations, Darrell D. Day.



A balloon release marked the occasion in 1969 when construction began on the Whispering Hills Pro Shop.

DARRELL D. DAY

Certified **PING** Custom-Club

Fitting Specialist Since 2000

519.364.2738

www.IronwedgeGolf.com

PING
PLAY YOUR BEST™

Get local **golf news**

delivered to your inbox

If you're not already signed up, go to golfbucegreysimcoe.com and click on **Get the Newsletter** (right side of Home Page)



Follow us!

GOLF
BRUCEGREYSIMCOE



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



Former Cobble Beach golf pro Corey Feenstra is now a sales consultant at Peninsula Ford Lincoln in the Owen Sound area.

From golf to the showroom

Corey Feenstra has his golf bag right beside his desk at Peninsula Ford Lincoln where he works as a sales consultant.

It's a reminder of his previous career as a golf professional - a job that prepared him well for his current career.

Corey began playing golf at age six and was a junior member at Scenic City and Stone Tree Golf and Fitness Club before joining the back shop staff at Cobble Beach Golf Links in 2008.

The lifelong Owen Sound resident enrolled in the Professional Golf Management program at Humber College in 2009 and, after getting his designation as a golf professional, took a position as an assistant pro in Cobble's golf shop in 2010.

After graduating from the three-year Humber program he achieved his Class A golf professional status and became an associate pro at Cobble.

Through the years he has competed in tournaments through the Canadian Junior Golf Association, the TNT Tour and the PGA of Ontario and has had some top results in local Pro-Ams.

However, he considers his greatest accomplishment in golf to be his role in growing the junior golf program at Cobble Beach. It was a small program when he got involved but by the time he finished it up with it in 2015 it was running at capacity.

He left the industry after the 2015 season to pursue a sales career at Peninsula Ford Lincoln where his customer service skills have been put to good use. For him, it all boils down to having good product knowledge and providing excellent customer service.

He remains an avid golfer and is a member at Legacy Golf Club near Owen Sound.

Kinettes raise \$150,000 for cancer research

The Kinettes Breast Cancer Tournament which was held on June 1 at Meaford Golf Course raised \$6,700. That adds to the \$150,000 the group has raised for breast cancer research since it launched the tournament 20 years ago.

Asian Cashew Salad

PREPARED FRESH DAILY




With your choice of crispy or grilled chicken

For a limited time only.
At participating McDonald's® restaurants in Canada.
©2019 McDonald's

Local McDonald's locations: • 1015 10th St. W., Owen Sound,
• 1555 18th St. E., Owen Sound • 278 Goderich St., Port Elgin
• 334 Sykes St. S., Meaford

MEAFORD GOLF COURSE

408 Ridge Road



Bring the Family on Sundays for a 9-hole round \$10/Person* inc. taxes



- Adults must be accompanied by juniors
- offer good all summer
- well-behaved dogs welcome

(519) 538-1400

www.meafordgolf.com

- Online booking of tee times (from computer or cell phone)

Book in advance to guarantee your time

Exciting year for Drew Nesbitt

Horseshoe Valley resident gets win in Mexico, plays in Canadian Open

Drew Nesbitt has been in the limelight several times during his five years as a professional golfer. The 24-year-old from Shanty Bay Golf Club near Barrie won a regional qualifier and played in the Canadian Open in 2017, narrowly missing the cut. And last season he became the only golfer in history to shoot 59 on the PGA Tour Latinoamerica.

This season he got some serious TV and social media exposure (no pun intended) when he took off his shirt and rolled up his pants then hit a great shot out of the water at the PGA Tour's Honda Classic.

The shot set him up for a par and the stroke he saved by hitting out of the water was the difference as he made the cut right on the number.

But his greatest accomplishment came May 26 in Tijuana, Mexico when he shot 62 in the final round to win the Abierto Mexicano de Golf event on the PGA Tour Latinoamerica.

The win, his first on the tour, was a two-shot victory over Norway's Andreas Halvorsen and Chile's Gustavo Silva. His previous best on the tour was a tie for 21st.

The win catapulted Nesbitt from 85th on the Order of Merit when the week began to No. 9. (At press time he was 12th on the Money List with \$34,060).

“Those are the moments you dream of as a kid.”

- Drew Nesbitt on his 45-foot birdie putt that helped him win Mexico event

Besides the \$31,500 pay-day, he also qualified for the Bupa Match Play, open to the top-60 money-winners, which was played the next week.

Nesbitt, completing his round about an hour before

the final group finished, closed the Mexico tournament in style, banging home a 45-foot birdie putt on No. 18 to post at 17-under, a total no one could match.

He then waited around the clubhouse to see if his number would hold up. “Those are the moments as a kid you dream of. You watch on TV and those Tiger (Woods) moments when he makes those long putts. You hope one day that can be you, and today was that day,” he said about both his win and his final stroke of the tournament. “It just turned out that I hit a great putt, and it went in.

“It was the cap off to a perfect week,” Nesbitt states in the story posted on Golf Canada's website. His previous best on the tour came in Argentina earlier this season, at the Molino Cañuelas Championship where he tied for 21st. He tied for 49th at the JHSF Brazil Open last September, the week of his



Drew Nesbitt after winning the Abierto Mexicano de Golf event on the PGA Tour Latinoamerica.

second-round 59.

The breakthrough win in Mexico came after Drew had returned to his Horseshoe Valley home and worked with his father Dave on his chipping and putting.

“He hits a lot of greens (in regulation) but has struggled with his putting,” Dave said in an interview. “We worked on a few things and now his putting is getting better.”

Another benefit of the Mexico win was gaining an invitation to play last month in the PGA Tour's Canadian Open at Hamilton Golf and Country Club.

Nesbitt opened with a 66 (-4) but his second-day 75 put him three strokes below the cut line.

The Nesbitt family has lived in the Horseshoe Valley for about 20 years and Drew learned to play at both the Highlands course at Horseshoe Resort (now closed) and the Shanty Bay course, a Barrie-area facility where his father is a co-owner.

An advertisement for Ainsdale Golf Course. The top part features a logo with a green tree and the text 'AINSDALE GOLF COURSE'. Below the logo is a photograph of a lush green golf course with trees in the background. At the bottom, there is a green banner with the text 'EVERYTHING YOU WANT IN A COURSE.' and a list of amenities: '18 HOLES • DRIVING RANGE • FULL LENGTH PRACTICE HOLE • PUTTING GREENS • COMPLETE RESTAURANT & CLUBHOUSE'. At the very bottom, there is contact information: 'AINSDALEGOLFCOURSE.COM | 519.395.5555 | INFO@AINSDALEGOLFCOURSE.COM'.

An advertisement for Baywest Nissan. The top part features a photograph of a red Nissan car. To the right of the car is a circular logo with 'baywest' and 'NISSAN' inside. Below the logo is a portrait of Anthony Robinson, Sales Manager. Underneath the portrait is his contact information: 'P. 519-372-2277', 'F. 519-416-1311', 'C. 519-722-7525', 'sales@baywestnissan.ca', and 'baywestnissan.ca'.

Baywest Toyota's Hole-in-One Club

June 14 - **Rick Bennett** with a 6 iron on Hole #8 at The Club at Westlinks.

June 11 - Member **Ed Bates** from 133 yards with an 8-iron on #7 at SouthPort Golf Club. He also aced the hole with a 7 iron in 2016.

June 10 - **Rob 'Lefty' Matheson** on #8 at Legacy Ridge Golf Club during Senior League play.

June 4 - 81-year-old **Bill James** with a 9-iron from 115 yards on #8 at Legacy Ridge Golf Club. A longtime member, Bill has recorded 5 aces at Legacy over the years. Three of them on #2, and one each on #17 and #8.

May 28 - **Louella Ryder** on #3 at Kincardine Golf Club.

May 27 - **Maureen Butcher** with an 8-iron from 98 yards on #8 at Cobble Beach Golf Links.

May 18 - **Nancy Deley** with a 7-iron on #5 at Somerhill Golf Club. Witnesses were her playing partner Joanne Boelhouwer and the foursome on #6 tee: Lucas Haugh, Scott VanGerwen, Ken Beitz & Sam Raven.

May 8 - **John Harder** on #18 at Stone Tree Golf & Fitness Club.

May 7 - **Louise Sweiger** with an 8-iron from 118 yards on Sunset 5 at Saugeen Golf Club during Women's League play.

Her playing partners were Lynda Palinsky and Murda Schmidt. May 7 - Legacy Ridge Golf Club member **Mike Garvey** on #8 at his Owen Sound-area club.

May 6 - **Brian Acton** with a 7-iron from 150 yards on Sunrise 5 at Saugeen Golf Club.

April 29 - **Dave Madder** on the 180-yard 11th hole at Stone Tree Golf and Fitness Club. It was Dave's first ace in a long golf career and the first one of the season at Stone Tree.

If you score an ace this season please send the details to: harronmarketing@gmail.com

Good luck!



TOYOTA

Baywest Toyota

Randy Ewart
General Manager



PO Box 1030
Owen Sound, ON N4K 6K6

t: 519-371-2981

f: 519-371-1435

c: 519-270-9748

rewart@baywest.toyota.ca

www.baywesttoyota.com



Ed Bates celebrates his June 11 ace at SouthPort Golf Club.



Nancy Deley used a 7-iron to ace #5 at Somerhill Golf Club on May 18. Witnesses were her playing partner Joanne Boelhouwer and a foursome on #6 tee: Lucas Haugh, Scott VanGerwen, Ken Beitz & Sam Raven.



Bill James aced #8 at Legacy Ridge Golf Club on June 4.



*Play one of Canada's
Oldest Golf Courses*

9 holes, par 36

Call the pro shop to
book a tee time or book online

at kincardinegolfclub.com

519-396-2112

kgccproshop@gmail.com

We can't wait to meet you!