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Retirement time for head of jr. tour



Junior tour coordinator Gary Brennan is stepping down after 30 years and handing over the reins to former tour player Tim Vandolder (left).



Gary Brennan steps aside and Tim Vandolder takes over as tour coordinator

It's fitting that Tim Vandolder is taking over as the coordinator of the Grey Bruce Junior Golf Tour. After all, the tour was founded 30 years ago to give him a chance to play competitive junior golf locally.

Tour founder Ken Smale was friends with Tim's family and saw Tim's devotion to the game and decided to set up the tour.

Tim went on to a successful amateur career, winning club championshps at The Georgian Bay Club near Thornbury and competing in provincial championships.

Brennan was involved in the junior tour from the start and took over as coordinator in 1995. For him, the time has come to hand over leadership to someone else. He will remain involved in some aspects of the tour but the coordinator's job will fully belong to Vandolder.

Green wins overall title

Winning the Grey Bruce Junior Tour's Juvenile division with 244 points and the overall title was Haiden Green of The Georgian Bay Club (GBC). He had the best stroke average (78) on the tour this season. Evan Graham of Ainsdale/Blackhorse was 2nd in the Juvenile division with 241.5 points.

Pike Lake's Parker Coffey took the junior division with 247 points. Cobble Beach's Leighton Hurst was close behind with 246 points.

In the Girls division, Avery Andrews of Pike Lake narrowly won over Ella Shaw, also of Pike Lake, with 248 points to Shaw's 247.

In the Bantam division, GBC's Grady Gouett took the title with 248.5 points. Second was Brendan Lamont of Westlinks with 245 pts.

The awards were handed out at the Aug. 28 closing banquet at Ainsdale Golf Course.

From the Publisher

elcome to the Summer/Fall edition! It's packed with lots of news, including club championship results, and some features that I think you'll find interesting.

One of those features is about Saugeen Golf Club General Manager Brad Young playing golf with legendary rocker Alice Cooper.

What prompted the story was a recent "Memories" Facebook post showing Brad with Alice.

When I saw it, I knew I had to dig for more details. How did this come to be? What was it like to play golf with Alice?

I had a particular interest in this because Alice was my first musical influence. My much-cooler cousins from Brampton introduced me to the rocker and I recall many days with my head pressed up against the speaker in my family's stereo system listening to his early albums.

Years later I thought it would be amazing if I could somehow arrange to play golf with Alice and write about the experience. That's not likely to happen but Brad did it instead. So I took the opportunity to write about his experience. Check it out on Pages 4-5.

Corey Conners is a bit of rock star as well - at least in terms of his golf skills on the PGA Tour. So when he made a surprise visit to Pike Lake I had to find out more. See story Pages 20-21.

Enjoy this edition and follow me on social media for golf coverage for the remainder of the season.

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Rockin' & rollin' putts with Alice Cooper

Saugeen GC General Manager Brad Young got a chance to play with the legendary musician in Winnipeg

By Steve Harron

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Saugeen Golf Club General Manager Brad Young has played a lot of golf over the years but one round in particular stands out for him.

It was the day he got to play with the legendary rock star Alice Cooper.

"Overall, it was one of the most enjoyable and coolest 9 holes of golf I've ever played," he said during a recent interview.

The experience came back in August of 2015 when Young was working as a pro and director of golf at Portage Golf Club, which is a 45-minute drive from Winnipeg.

Alice is affiliated with Callaway Golf and Young was approached about playing with Alice by Lee Hummell, a Callaway Golf representative.

He jumped at the chance even though it was scheduled for a day after one of the biggest events at his own club which required him to work a stretch of 18-hour days.

What made the day special was how friendly and kind Alice was during their round, which took place at Glendale Golf and Country Club in Winnipeg.

Alice was so accommodating and kept asking if Young would like anything signed or would like a photo with him.

And he was incredibly open about his addiction issues and how golf had replaced his previous addiction to booze and pills.

He shared with Young how he golfs at least 9 holes every day and that has helped him not only stay sober but also become a low-handicapper.

Alice (his legal name) also shared golf stories including the time he scored an ace on the famous party hole - the par 3 16th hole during a Pro-Am at the Waste Mangement Open in Scottsdale, Arizo-

Young's day with the rocker also included VIP passes to a show that night featuring both Alice and Motley Crue, Young's favourite band during his younger years.

Young was able to go backstage to see Alice after the show but unfortunately didn't get a chance to talk to members of Motley Crue.

While Young was impressed with Alice's golfing skills (he thinks he shot 1 or 2 over par over 9 holes) he was awed by his energy on stage. "I couldn't get over how hard he still rocked."



Saugeen Golf Club General Manager Brad Young, centre, played a round of golf with legendary rock star Alice Cooper on Aug. 13, 2015. On the left is guitarist Ryan Roxie.

Saugeen GC champs















Senior club champions Keith McConnachie and Cathy Welsand with Head Pro Aaron Bush.

2nd Annual Junior Invitational at Cobble Beach





Winners of the 2nd Annual Junior Invitational at Cobble Beach Golf Links are pictured with Executive Golf Professional Warren Thomas. From left in top row are: Emery Stephens (Juvenile), Haiden Green (Junior), Jeremy McQuillin (Bantam). In the bottom row are Shelby Linger (Girls) & Keaton Bowman who scored an ace on #8 during the tourney.

Aug. 27, 2023 Winners for the Day: **Bantam** 1st Jeremy McQuillin 77 **2nd Grady Gouett 3rd Bennett Jeffery**

Juvenile 1st Emery Stephens 77 2nd Colin Jackson 3rd Jordan Mcdonald

Junior 1st Haiden Green 76 **2nd Leighton Hurst 3rd Brock Locking**

Girls Division 1st Shelby Linger 103

Walkerton junior champs



Ethan Smith (Under 19 division) was the winner of the Walkerton Golf and Curling Club's Junior Championship, shooting an 82. Grady Schuler won the 13 & under division after shooting 45, tying with Max McIntyre then winning in a playoff. From left in the photo are Keaton Bowman, runner-up to Smith with an 84, Smith, club pro Blake Mackey, McIntyre, and Schuler.



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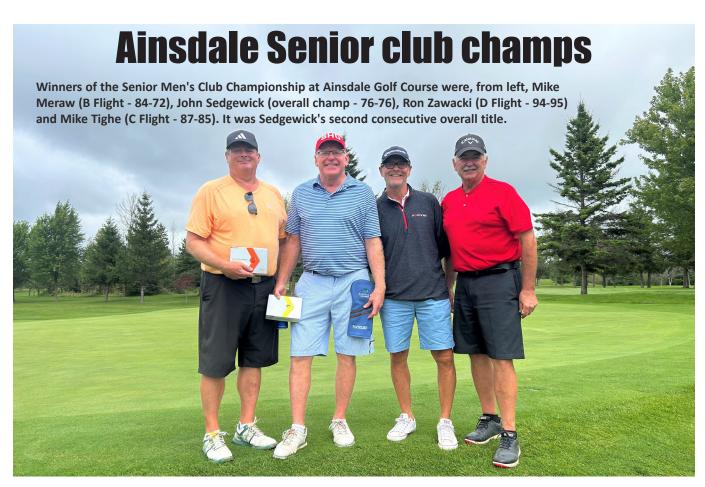


About 100 golfers participated in the 4th annual Owen Sound & Area Chippers Special Olympics golf tournament on July 31 at Stone Tree Golf and Fitness Club.

The event, featuring golfers from as far away as Ottawa, involved 9-hole and 18-hole competitions as well as a Skills competition.

Part of the Home Town Games, the event is one step in the process involved in qualifying for the regional, provincial, national and world games.

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The Legacy Ridge Senior Club Championship was played Aug. 14-15 and the winners were: A - Neil Havens 74-74 B - Greg Suitor 86-80 C - Matt Maychak 92-82 D - Tom Ruddell 91-89

Neil Havens

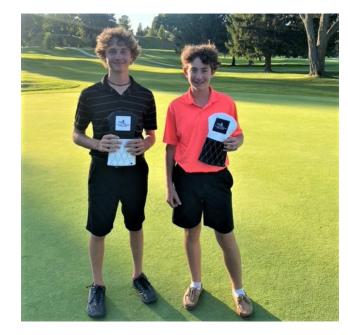


Legacy Ridge champions



Men's and Women's champions Mark Hughes and Elizabeth Doneathy.





Legacy Ridge Club junior champions Wyatt Fry, left, and Atley Sampson.

Legacy club champions:

Men's
Mark Hughes 72-70
B Flight
Brian Booth 73-79
C Flight
Emile Roux 87-81
D Flight
Kent Sampson 84-91
E Flight
Dan Peikos 106-109

Women's
A Flight
Elizabeth Doneathy 76-79
B Flight
Anja Pieper 89-93

Junior (age 14-18) Wyatt Fry 87-90

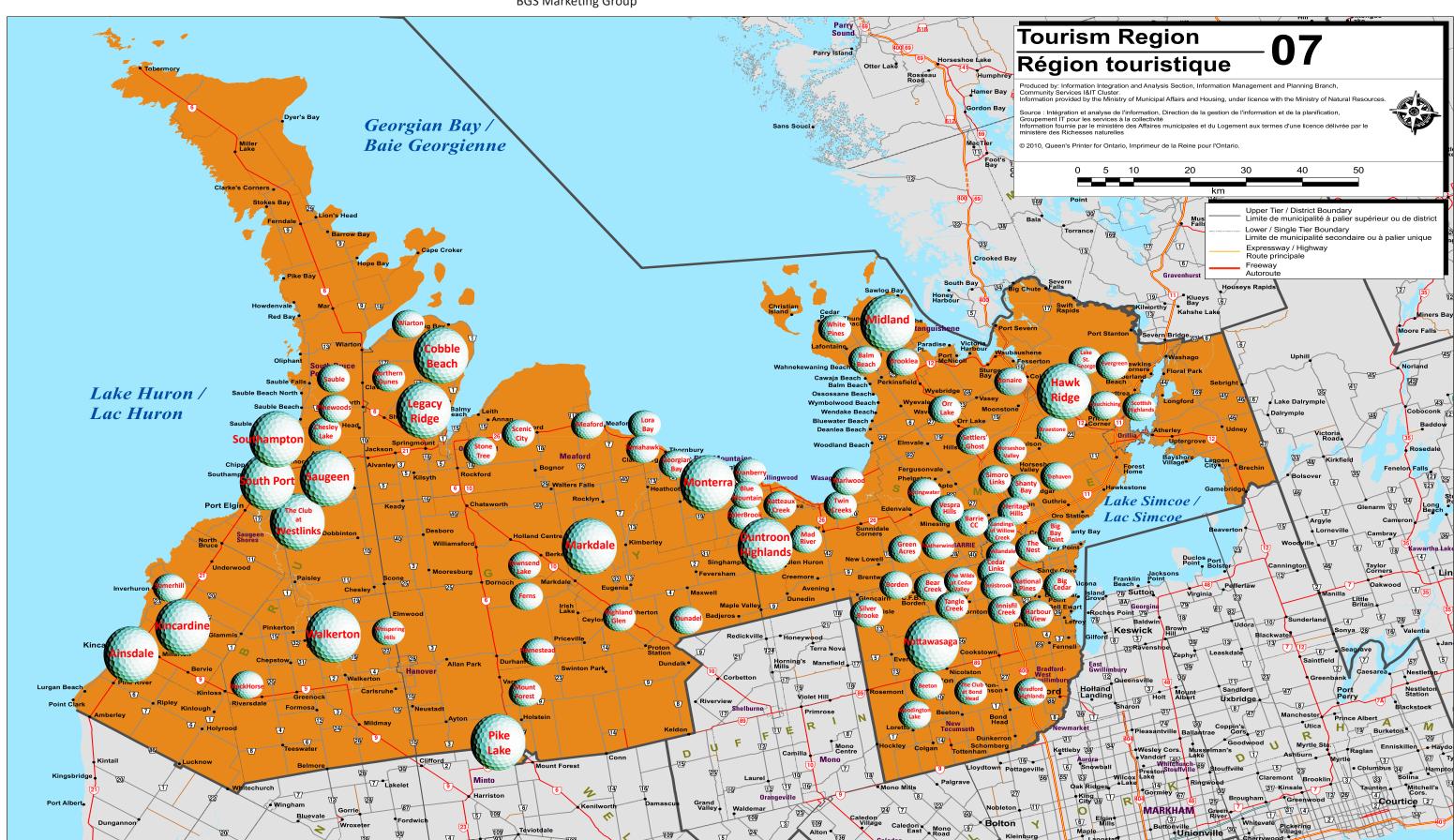
(Age 10-13) Atley Sampson 84-101



Five minutes with... Q: How many times a week do you play golf? Peter Manovich A: I'm playing about three times a week now. I've had a lot of surgeries over the last few years so it's been difficult. It has been hard to play through the pain but now I'm pain free for Former NHL star talks about golf during a brief interview at the Crime the first time in 25 years and have started playing three or Stoppers of Grey Bruce fundraising golf tournament four times a week. Q: Where are you living now? Q: Can you tell me a little more about your surgeries? A: I'm in Sorrento, Florida near Sanford - about 45 miles north of A: I had my left hip done about four years ago. My left knee Orlando. I'm in a golf community called Red Tail. I was in Glen Fall was replaced and both shoulders were done at the start of New York for 45 years before that. I moved down and I'm enjoying last summer. It was more of an arthritic thing. Wear and tear the weather there. and bone spurs. **Quick Facts** Peter Mahovlich was drafted 2nd overall by the Detroit Red Wings in 1963 and went on to a 16-season NHL career that saw him win four Stanley Cups with the Montreal Canadiens. The 6'5" centreman collected 773 points in his career After his playing career ended, he worked as a scout for the Florida Panthers One of his favourite golf memories was meeting the legendary golfer Ben Hogan in Fort Worth, Texas while playing a round with his Peter Mahovlich, fourth from left, posed for a photo at the Crime Stoppers of Grey brother Frank, who was a big Bruce fundraising tournament earlier this year. With him are, from left, tourney co-chair Dan Hill, former NHL player Paul MacDermid, Honourary chair Evan Hayter Hogan fan. and tourney co-chair Joe Dietrich. The event raised \$25,000.

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The day Corey surprised juniors at Pike Lake



Pike Lake Golf Centre Head professional Greg Shaw was sitting at his desk working on some emails when he heard someone ask where the club's junior camp was being held.

When he got up to see who it was he was completely surprised to see two-time PGA Tour winner Corey Conners and his dad Mike in the golf shop.

"It was a complete surprise. I had no clue he was coming," Shaw said about the July 4 visit.

He took Corey and his dad to the range and surprised his junior camp instructors, who were in awe of Corey.

Corey proceeded to lead a 45-minute clinic which included him hitting a variety of shots at the request of the camp participants.

And every time they picked out a target, Corey would hit it, Shaw said.

That's no surprise as Corey is consistently one of the best ball strikers on the PGA Tour.

"His swing is so smooth and effortless. It was amazing," said Shaw. He made a massive impression on the junior camp participants and spent about $1\,\%$ in total at the course, Shaw said.

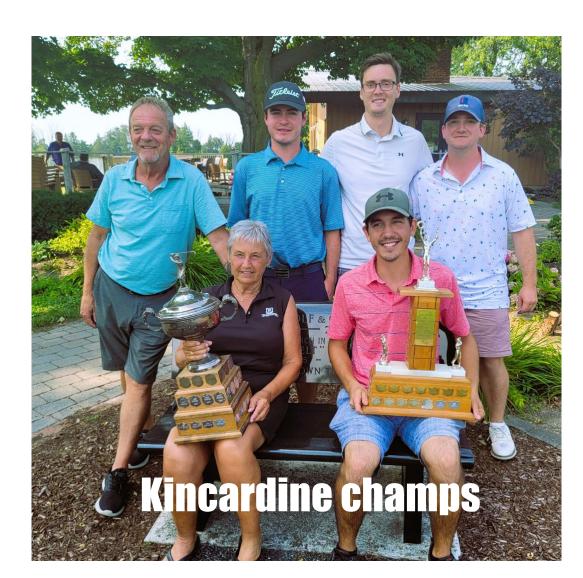
It's unclear how this all came about but Shaw said some of the junior camp participants were from Corey's hometown of Listowel, which is less than 30 minutes from Pike Lake, and Corey's dad follows Pike Lake on Facebook and found out about the junior camps that way.

And the senior Conners has known Herb Cowen, one of the Pike Lake owners, for many years.

Regardless of how it happened, it was definitely a memorable experience for all those involved.

"It was super cool and created a real buzz for our junior camps," Shaw said.

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Kincardine Golf Club's annual Ladies and Men's Club Championship was held Aug. 19-20 and the winners were: Sitting: Judie Hunter (Ladies Club Champion), Tim Stiers (Men's Club Champion) * in a playoff. Back Row (L-R): Mike McDonald (Men's Senior Champion), Connor Phelan (Men's 'A' Flight Champion), Jamie Bate (Men's 'B' Flight Champion), Brendan McCartney (Men's Low Net Champion). Missing from photo: Steph Stanley (Ladies Low Net Champion), Wally Jirgens (Men's Super Senior Champion), Bernie Starrs (Men's 'C' Flight Champion) Paul Kittel (Men's 'D' Flight Champion), Jordan McDonald (Ages 14-17 Junior Club Champ), Cohen Frook (runner-up), Max Roppel (Under 14 Club Champ) and Brodie Ford (runner-up).



Northern Dunes champs





Pictured with General
Manager Clark Hepburn
are, top row from left,
Ladies champ Sharon
Hepburn & Runner-up
Ruth Siblock. Bottom row
from left are men's champ
Carmen Jones, runnerup Zac Higginson, and
Senior Men's champ Chris
Knowles.











DID YOU KNOW? CHANGES AT NOTTAWASAGA

The Nottawasaga Resort in Alliston underwent several modifications this season. The resort updated the course configuration to offer 36 holes of golf with the advantage of one central Nottawasaga Pro Shop that will serve golfers as the start and finish point of their rounds.

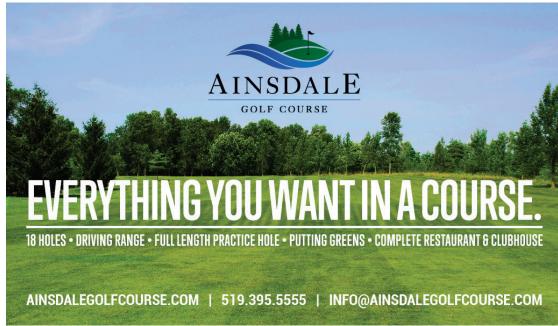


They took the best holes of the Ridge and Briar Hill courses, with their varied elevations, and combined them into a challenging 18-hole course.

The Ridge Course name remains the same. The second 18-hole course, the Valley, is a combination of the existing Valley and Green Briar holes.









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Aug. 27 - Junior golfer Ricky Cormier-Plante with a 5-iron from 164 yards on #3 at Ainsdale Golf Course.

Aug. 27 - Keaton Bowman from 114 yards with a 50 degree wedge on #8 at Cobble Beach.

Aug. 26 - Connie Tanner on Sunrise 5 at Saugeen Golf Club during the Senior Club championships.

Aug. 26 - Evelyn Newbould on Legacy #8 at Saugeen Golf Club during the Senior Club Championship.

Aug. 25 - Member Dave Pollington with a 5-iron from 170 yards on #2 at Pinewoods Golf near Sauble Beach.

Aug. 19 - Rick Kinjerski from 176 yards on #17 at Ainsdale Golf Course.

Aug. 16 - Legacy Ridge employee Bennett Carr (Back Shop Benny) on #8 while playing alongside Ryan Calhoun, Derek Hartley and Nate Oniszeczko.

Aug. 13 - Jackson Walden at Kincardine Golf Club.

Aug. 12 - Matt Menzies on the 351-yard par 4

Legacy #7 at Saugeen Golf Club. He used a 5 wood.

Aug. 10 - Leanna Ringler on Sunset #5 at Saugeen Golf Club during Women's Night.

Aug. 6 - Kaegan McGregor on #8 at at Legacy Ridge.

Aug. 2 - Lloyd Wilson on #8 at Legacy Ridge.

Aug. 2 - Foster Tannahill on #12 at Legacy Ridge.

Aug. 2- Mad River Golf Club pro Myles Bradford on #7. It was witnessed by Jack Ward.

Aug. 1 - Junior member Ryerson Corley with a 6-iron on #8 on the Lake Course at Pike Lake.

July 24 - Ryan Anderson with a 4-iron from the blue tees on #18 at Stone Tree Golf and Fitness Club.

July 23 - Pike Lake member Ron Burgess with a pitching wedge on the Lake Course #8.

July 23 - Jon Reinders with a PW on #3 Links Course at Pike Lake Golf Centre.

July 4 - Bill Preston on #17 at Ainsdale Golf Course.

July 2 - Caiden Morrison with a 6-iron on #8 at Stone Tree.

June 29 - Eldon Bowman from 110 yards on #7 at the Lake course at Pike Lake Golf Centre.

June 14 - Peter Morris with a 5 wood on #8 at Ainsdale Golf Course.

June 8 - Bert Leeder on #8 at Legacy Ridge Golf Club. It was his 6th ace.

May 24 - Roger Amyot collected the Legacy Ridge GC Men's League Hole in One Pot of about \$350 with an ace on #12. His last ace was at the 2017 Ironman Scramble. It is also his 4th ace at Legacy Ridge. He now just needs Hole #17 to complete the cycle of aces.

May 23 - Wendy Gardner with a 5 hybrid on #17 at Ainsdale Golf Course.

May 16 - Tom Mitchell on #11 at Northern Dunes.

May 15 - Doug Kukurudza with an 8 iron on #8 at Ainsdale Golf Course. He was playing with Tom Bruce & Gil Graham. It was the first ace of the season at Ainsdale.









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