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Hardware handed out at banquet

Junior golf awards presented after fun scramble at Stone Tree

The Grey Bruce Junior Golf Tour wrapped up its season with a fun scramble and banquet at Stone Tree Golf and Fitness Club on Aug. 26.

The scramble winners were Chris Kravchenko, Coen Morrison, Axel Schuler, Spencer McKenzie and Pro BJ Oliver in an exciting putt-off playoff.

In the season-long competition the division winners were:

Haiden Green - Junior Boys

Grady Gouett - Juvenile Boys

Bennett Jeffrey - Bantam Boys

Tessa Brodie - Girls Division

The Birdie Barn Birdie Leaders with 19 on the season were:

Grady Bortolato, Michael Calzonetti, and Jakob Vandolder.

They also handed out post-secondary scholarships to four recipients:

Grady Bortolato

Luke Newton

Reid Prescott

Haiden Green

"We are proud of all 4 of you guys and wish Reid and Haiden a lot of success in post-secondary education and happy the tour could help you with your goals," the tour stated in a post on Facebook.

They also noted that the tour's success would not have been possible without the support of Straw Hat Renovations and the Birdie Barn as Platinum Sponsors.



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From the Publisher



Welcome to the Summer/Fall Edition. I hope you're having a good season and playing lotsa golf.

For me, this has been a particularly enjoyable season. Not necessarily because of good rounds, although there have been a few of those. It's more a case of being able to play on a regular basis after sitting out most of last season due to a back injury.

I now have a whole new appreciation for playing the game. Golf is many things to many different people, but for me it's about the experience of being with your buddies in a beautiful setting chasing the dream of being a decent golfer.

Whether it's celebrating birdies or being chirped by your playing partners, the on-course camaraderie is a big part of the fun. And it takes some of the sting out of the triple and quadruple bogeys.

In preparing a story on an Owen Sound couple who together have 9 aces to their credit (See page 19), I was informed of a motto the couple follows that pretty much sums up what golf is all about: "Just go to the golf course no matter the weather, even if you don't play you will be amongst friends."

That motto was from Evelyn Townend, whose daughter Deborah Barker scored two aces within three days this season to come within one ace of matching her husband Shane's total of five.

Enjoy this latest edition and stay in touch for the remainder of the season through my social media accounts (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram).

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2025 Club Championships - Saugeen



Saugeen Golf Club held its club championships on Aug. 16 and 17 and the winners were, from left, Ty Smith (Men's), Kim Legge (Women's), Dana Murray (Senior Men's) and Cathy Welsand (Senior Women).

2025 Club Championships - Saugeen

Men's Club Champion: Ty Smith

A well-earned victory for the returning Men's Champion with excellent play from Ty over two rounds: 73 & 74 (+3).

Women's Club Champion: Kim Legge

A commanding performance from the returning Women's Club Champ! Kim delivered another steady performance: 81 & 79 (+16).

Senior Men's Champion: Dana Murray

Dana took the senior title in style, including firing an ace on Sunrise 5 on Saturday: 69 & 76 (+1).

Senior Women's Champion: Cathy Welsand

Cathy secured the top spot among the senior women: 78 & 91: (+25).

U19 Champion: Brock Dickson

The future's bright! Brock shot a very impressive 78 & 79 (+13) to take the U19 Championship.

U17 Boys Champion: Brendan Lamont

U14 Boys Champion: Kai Clubine



2025 Club Championships - Ainsdale



From left are, Ainsdale champions John Peet (C Flight), Maureen Peet (Ladies), Bill Wood (Men's A Flight), Brennan Young (Men's B Flight) & Derek Regier (Men's Champ).



The Senior and Junior Club Championships were held Aug. 23-24 and the winners are, from left, Murray Woodman (Seniors C Flight), Al Robertson (Super Senior), Trevor Williams (Senior Men's), Bill Wood (Seniors A Flight), Junior Club Champion Hendrik McDougall & Murray Wardell (Srs. B Flight).

2025 Club Championships - Pike Lake Golf Centre

Ladies Division

Championship Flight

- Tracey Denstedt (83-89)
- Marilyn McQueen (86-91)
- Cherie Dolmage (94-89)
- Sandra Bowman (94-93)
- Sarah Watson (89-98)

B Flight

- Michele Perron (99-96)
- Cathy Payne (103-93)
- Mandy O'Donnell (99-97)
- Sherry Cowen (103-98)
- Donna Stoner (100-104)

C Flight

- Doreen McDonald (103-105)
- Diane Murray (105-107)
- Heather Keefe (119-115)
- Morgan Stewart (123-117)

Men's Division

Championship Flight

- Derrick Riff (72-77)
- Shawn Cowen (78-76)
- Rob Leblanc (77-82)
- Justin Nam (78-83)
- Luke Cowen (76-85)
- Parker Coffey (80-82)
- Brian Stere (87-77)
- Scott Coburn (84-81)

B Flight

- Brian Kaye (73-83)
- Herb Cowen (76-82)
- Larry Duncan (74-86)
- Serge Perron (83-79)
- Rick Brown (82-80)
- Randy King (78-86)
- Jeff O'Donnell (86-81)
- Desmond Prendergast (97-98)

C Flight

- Glen Montgomery (77-82)
- Stacy Payne (78-84)
- Jim Dunlop (85-79)
- Murray Kaye (88-79)
- Wayne McIntosh (85-83)
- Wade Northcott (88-88)
- Ron Hayes (86-90)

D Flight

- Gerry Fraser (82-86)
- Dan Bernard (84-86)
- John Faso (85-86)
- Brian Rumph (91-85)
- Michael Maloney (87-89)
- Bryan Haringa (93-86)
- Pierre Vanier (84-96)
- Perry Monks (84-97)
- Colin Ewing (90-92)
- Randy Weber (94-94)
- Dominic David (94-97)

E Flight

- Frank MacLean (91-96)
- Peter Foster (91-97)
- Rob Caprara (91-99)
- Jeff Hayes (98-100)
- Randy Bresee (104-101)
- Clayton Keefe (94-111)
- Dwayne McDonald (99-116)

Senior Championship

- Brian Kaye (73-83)
- Herb Cowen (76-82)
- Glen Montgomery (77-82)
- Larry Duncan (74-86)
- Serge Perron (83-79)
- Rick Brown (82-80)
- Stacy Payne (78-84)
- Jim Dunlop (85-79)
- Randy King (78-86)
- Jeff O'Donnell (86-81)
- Wayne McIntosh (85-83)
- Gerry Fraser (82-86)



2025 Club Championships - Legacy Ridge



Legacy champs, from left, Chase Amyot (Men's), Elizabeth Doneathy (Women's), Lance Fisher (Jr. Boys 10-13) & Ashton Amyot (Jr. Boys 14-18). Photo at right: Senior Men's champ Neil Havens.

Club champions were crowned at Legacy Ridge Golf Club this month.

Men's Championship (gross)

A Flight - Chase Amyot (70-71)
2nd Jerry Reid (72-71)
B Flight - Andrew Haeffling (79-72)
2nd Nick Johnstone (82-70)
C Flight - Josh Liddle 86-80
2nd Jacob Hill (92-84)
D Flight - Kyle Widdifield (85-88)
2nd Mike Stewart (91-89)

Men's Net Championship

A Flight - Grayham Santin (71-68)
2nd Chase Amyot (71-72)
B Flight - Chris Webber (68-73)
2nd Andrew Haeffling (75-68)
C Flight - Josh Liddle (73-67)
2nd Paul Townsend (75-74)
D Flight - Kyle Widdifield (69-72)
2nd Graig Elliott (70-80)

Women's Championship (gross)

A Flight - Elizabeth Doneathy (76-81)
2nd Kathy Makcrow (89-76)
B Flight - Gabby Dewdney (96-90)
2nd Lisa Ferkul (97-92)

Women's Net Championship

A Flight - Elizabeth Doneathy (71-76)
T-2nd Kathy Makcrow (81-68)
T-2nd Sandra White (71-78)
B Flight - Lisa Ferkul (79-74)
2nd Gabby Dewdney (80-74)

Junior Championship

Age 14-18 - Ashton Amyot (77-82)
2nd Duke McGlynn (83-81)
Age 10-13 - Lance Fisher (88-96)
2nd Martin Chessier (98-98)

Senior Club Championship (gross)

A Flight - Neil Havens (73-72)
2nd Jeffrey Forgrave (72-78)
B Flight - Larry Bates (74-82)
2nd Jack Watson (77-80)
C Flight - Paul Townsend (78-77)
2nd Tom Doherty (84-81)
D Flight - Rick Nicholls (86-83)
2nd Tom Rudell (88-96)

Senior Net Champs

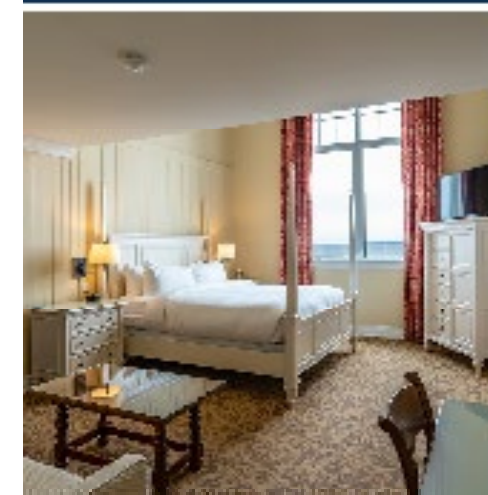
A - Jeffrey Forgrave (net 144)
B - Jack Watson (net 143)
C - Paul Townsend (net 133)
D - Rick Nicholls (net 131)

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Westlinks

Club champs at Westlinks, a 12-hole, par 49 course near Port Elgin, are: From left in photo, Rick Bennett - Super Senior Men's Division (57-56), Mason Spry - Intermediate Division (55-57), Darin Dirk - Senior Men's Division - (48-48), Renita McLeod - Ladies Division - (56-51) Garrett Bott - Men's Division (49-50) Lynda Palinsky - Senior Ladies Division - (57-57), Alistair Telling (Not Pictured) - Junior (Under 12) Division (53-50).



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2025 Club Championships - Walkerton



Photo above: From left are, Walkerton junior golfers Ryan Hawkins, Mason Kueneman, Carter Wilkins and Cain Schnurr. Photo at right: Junior U-18 winner Keaton Neilly.

Walkerton Golf and Curling Club Club Championship Results

Junior U14

Winner - Carter Wilkins 38
Runner Up - Ryan Hawkins 41

Junior U18

Winner - Keaton Neilly 75
Runner Up - Mark Labriola 78

Super Senior Men's

Winner - Don Gross 83
Runner Up - Bill Allen 86

Senior Men's

Winner - Doug Zettler 156
Runner Up - Wayne Thomson 160

Men's

Winner - Jeremy Druce 162
Runner Up - Tim MacDonald 164

Ladies

Winner - Tracey Young 103
Runner Up - Michelle Elphick 104

Senior Ladies

Winner - Joanne MacKenzie 93
Runner Up - Nancy Caddo 96

Double celebration at Saugeen



It was a double celebration at Saugeen Golf Club on June 3 as the Ladies League marked not only International Women's Golf Day but also Saugeen's 100th birthday that just happened to fall on the same day. The league players, who are known for their club pride, wore red for the occasion.

2025 Club Championships - Settlers' Ghost



Champions from Settlers' Ghost Golf Club in the Horseshoe Valley are from left: Nick Seccombe (Men's), Theresa Edwards (Women's) and Ken Ukrainec (Men's Net).

2025 Club Championships - Braestone



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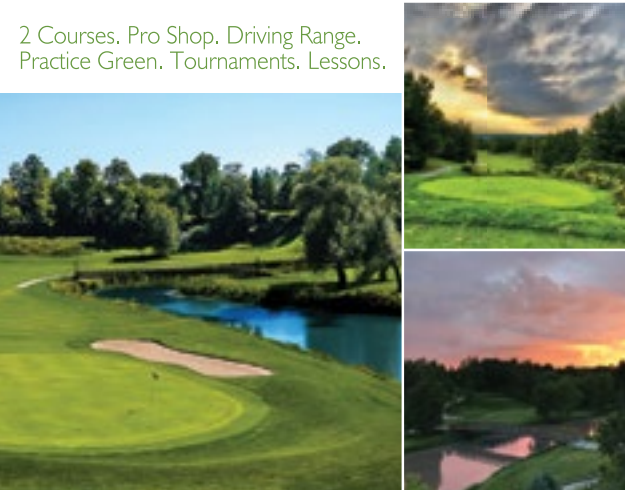
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Crime Stoppers closing in on \$650,000



The annual Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce fundraising tournament was held earlier this year at Saugeen Golf Club. The event raised \$30,000, bringing the 33-year total for the tournament to close to \$650,000. From left are, tourney co-chair Dan Hill, former NHL referee Bill McCreary, the event's keynote speaker, former NHLer Paul MacDermid, tourney co-founder Evan Hayter, tourney co-chair Joe Dietrich and former NHLer Scott Walker.

In the photo at right, former NHL goalie Les Binkley (left) shares a laugh with ex-NHLer Paul MacDermid prior to the start of the Crime Stoppers event.



Aces run in the family

The Barkers now have 9 holes-in-one between them



"With a young family we decided that we needed to do something together as a couple. So it was either ballroom dancing or golf."

Deborah Barker after her hole-in-one on #8 at Legacy Ridge. Photo to the right shows Shane after acing #8 at Legacy Ridge last season to complete the cycle at his home course.

Regular readers of this magazine may recall a story in the 2024 Summer/Fall edition about a golfer who aced all five par 3s at his home course during his golf career.

That golfer was Shane Barker and his amazing feat at Legacy Ridge Golf Club near Owen Sound was accomplished over 20 years.

But he is not the only one in the family who knows how to make a one on a par 3. His wife, Deborah Barker, scored two aces in the matter of a few days this year to bring her ace total to four, just one shy of her husband's total.

Her 3rd career ace came on Aug. 10 at Legacy's 8th hole while her 4th came three days later on the 3rd hole at Mitchell Golf Club during a tourney. With Deborah's back-to-back brilliance, the Barker household now boasts a remarkable 9 aces!

How is this possible? Well, it helps that Shane plays five times a week and Deborah six times. The Owen Sound couple began golfing in 1990.

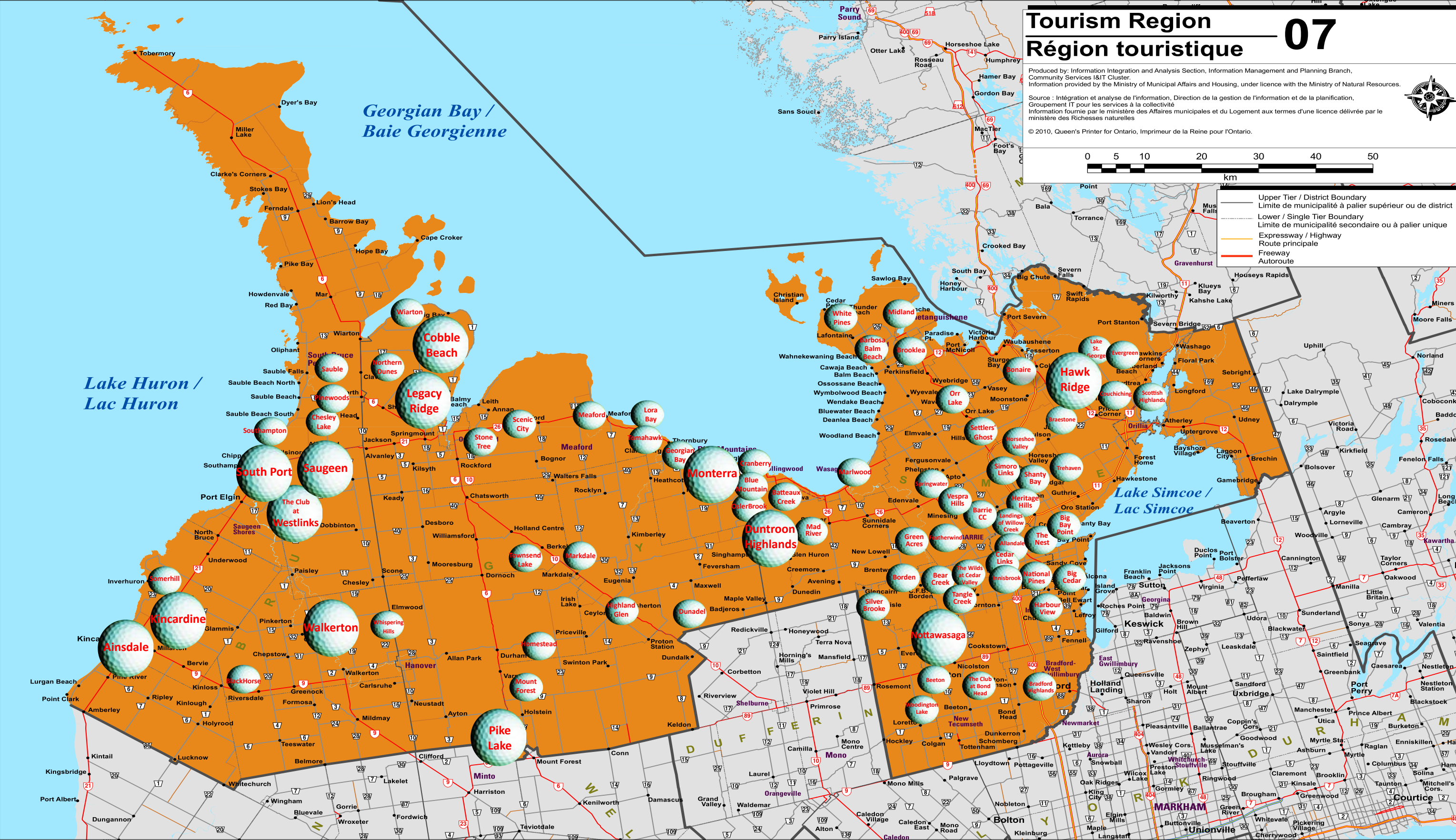
"With a young family we decided that we needed to do something together as a couple. So it was either ballroom dancing or golf," Shane said.

He describes Deborah's swing as beautiful, smooth and fluid. Deborah got her love for the game from her mother, Evelyn Townend, who played golf right up to age 85 and had an ace of her own. "The motto we inherited from Evelyn is 'just go to the golf course, no matter the weather, even if you don't play you will be amongst friends.' "

"We are each other's biggest fans and supporters. Always ready to give each other golf insights and laughs on the days of good scores and those days with those other scores," Shane said.

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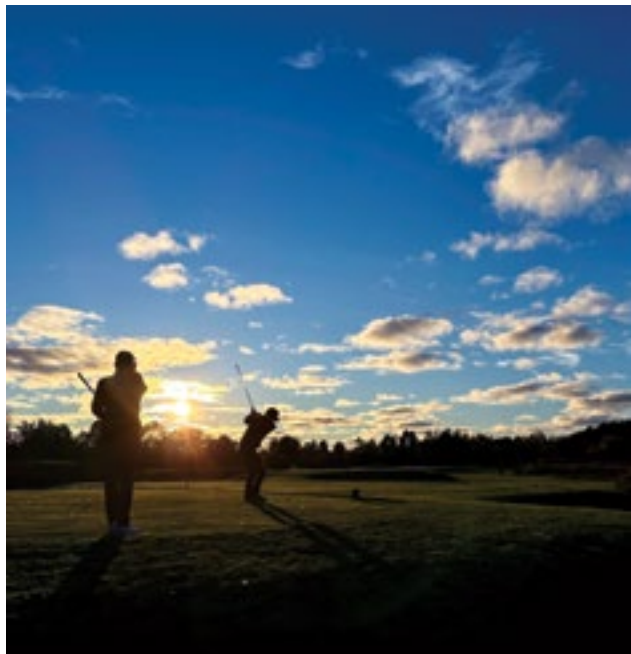
Spencer Shropshire of Hawk Ridge Golf Club near Orillia was part of the Ontario team that won the Inter-Provincial Team Title at the 2025 Canadian Junior Boys Championship. Individually, he finished tied for 11th. Earlier this season he won the Ontario Boys Junior Championship.



Golf BruceGreySimcoe magazine publisher/editor Steve Harron discovered the beauty of The Lakes at Ben Eoin Golf Club and Resort during a recent trip to Cape Breton Island. Shown in photo is the signature hole, the par 4 sixth hole.



Ty Shouldice shot 73 to win the Junior Division of the Cobble Beach Junior Invitational held earlier this month. He is shown with Cobble Beach Director of Golf B.J. Oliver. The other division winners were Zach Lederer (75) in Juvenile and Jakob Vandolder (89) in Bantam.



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Aug. 27 - Susan Thompson on #8 at Batteaux Creek. Her husband got his ace on the very same hole earlier this summer.
 Aug. 27 - Mike West on #12 at Legacy Ridge GC on Men's Night.
 Aug. 25 - Ellen Lenears on Links #10, Pike Lake.
 Aug. 24 - Eric Cooper on #8 at Batteaux Creek GC.
 Aug. 20 - Taylor Grubb on #6 at Walkerton G & CC.
 Aug. 18 - Tyler Ing on #16 at Batteaux Creek.
 Aug. 17 - Charlie McKenzie on Links #3 at Pike Lake.
 Aug. 16 - Dana Murray on Saugeen's Sunrise #5 during Senior Men's Club Championship.
 Aug. 14 - Junior player Oscar Reed with 7-iron on #5 at Batteaux Creek GC.
 Aug. 10 - Member Deborah Barker on #8 at Legacy Ridge. A few days later she aced the 3rd hole at Mitchell Golf Club for her 4th career ace.
 Aug. 10 - Austin Redding on #17 at Legacy Ridge.
 Aug. 6 - David Brown on #3 Links at Pike Lake.
 Aug. 6 - Graeme Rourke on #9 Lake at Pike Lake.
 Aug. 6 - Sandy Cook with 5 wood on #17 Links at Pike Lake.
 Aug. 1 - Leslie Battle on #3 Millennium, Meaford GC.
 July 31 - Becky Moore on #6 at Walkerton G&CC.
 July 29 - Gary Davis on Links #10 at Pike Lake.
 July 29 - Member Jim Gardhouse on #2 at Legacy Ridge. His 5th ace and third at Legacy Ridge.
 July 28 - Kevin Barrett with a 6-iron from 145 yards on Sunrise #5 at Saugeen GC.
 July 27 - Mike Miller on #5 at Batteaux Creek.
 July 27 - Gary Roland on #7 at The Club at Westlinks. He used a 7-iron from 136 yards.

July 16 - Jim McKinnon on Saugeen's Sunrise 7.
 July 14 - Member Heather Young on #3 at The Golf Club at Lora Bay. It happened on Ladies Member/Guest Day and it was her second ace in just over a year.
 July 6 - Joel Coghlin on #7 at Legacy Ridge.
 July 2 - Mike Nancekivell on #16 at Batteaux Creek.
 July 1 - Ken Zettler on #7 at Pike Lake.
 July 1 - Fiona McIlraith on #16 at Batteaux Creek.
 July 1 - Gloria Karauskas on #17 at Cobble Beach.
 June 30 - Ron Hayes on #17 Links at Pike Lake.
 June 29 - Tammy Foster on #7 Links at Pike Lake.
 June 28 - Fred Thompson on #5 at Batteaux Creek.
 June 24 - Ramy Elshammah on Cobble's #8.
 June 22 - Doug Rayner on #17 at Cobble Beach.
 June 15 - Tanner Reid on #8 at Ainsdale GC.
 June 14 - Gord Kletzel on #2 at Legacy Ridge.
 June 12 - Al Wilson on #5 at Batteaux Creek GC.
 June 12 - Brent Fisher on #14 at Legacy Ridge GC.
 June 11 - Holly Cook on Links #7 at Pike Lake.
 June 8 - Kathy MacMurdo on #8 at Legacy Ridge GC.
 June 6 - Oliver Perry on Legacy #8 at Saugeen.
 May 27 - Scott Sperian on Sunset #5 at Saugeen.
 May 27 - Kyle McLean on Sunrise #7 at Saugeen.
 May 19 - Riley McArthur on #16 at Batteaux Creek GC.
 May 15 - Joey Wentworth on Sunset #5 at Saugeen.
 May 12 - Pater Kielstra on Links #17 at Pike Lake.
 May 8 - Doug Gauthier on Sunset #5 at Saugeen GC.
 May 9 - Dale Bush on #7 at Settlers' Ghost GC.
 May 3 - Rob Jolicoeur on Links #10 at Pike Lake.



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