

# MSGA Spring Newsletter

## Message From The President

Welcome to the 2015 golf season!

I am happy to report that, as of this writing, our membership has remained stable for the first time in some years. We actually are showing a small net gain in 2015 over 2014. This is due in great measure to the decision to welcome ladies into full membership of MSGA. As a result, we have welcomed 10 ladies as participating and voting members.

However, we cannot rest on these positive results, more recruiting is required for both female and male members. In this regard your board has prepared this summer's golfing schedule to appeal to more golfers. This begins with our first ever MSGA Invitational to be held on June 14 and 15 at the Fox Creek Golf Club in the greater Moncton area. Participants can choose to play on either one or both days at one of the finest golf courses in the Maritime Provinces and Maine.

In addition, we have scheduled a Field Day on July 7 at the Halifax area's Glen Arbour Golf Club,

where early registrants can sign up for a reduced fee. A second Field Day is planned for the greater Saint John area's Westfield Golf Club on August 11.

We bring our 2015 MSGA golf season to an end with our Annual Meet to be held at Digby Pines from August 31 to September 3. This year's program is being designed with added flexibility in mind.

Participants can register to attend one, two or all three days, while golfers can choose to play 18 or 9 holes on either or both days. Pricing will commensurate with your choices. For this event, the Digby Pines is now accepting hotel reservations by calling 1-800-667-4637, ask for the MSGA package. I encourage everyone to make these hotel reservations early so as to avoid disappointment.

For those who plan to use the Saint John to Digby Ferry to travel to and from Digby you should note there is a significant change in the ferry schedule as a result of the new boat which will be operating this summer. Daily Saint John departures will be at 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 P.M. while Digby departures are 11:15 a.m. and 5:30 P.M.

Al Kenney is still accepting registrations for members and guests for the Invitational. The Notice and Registration for the Glen Arbour Field Day can be found at [www.msga.ca](http://www.msga.ca). Notice and Registration for Westfield and Digby will be circulated in the near future.

While our membership has stabilized, in order to secure our future, we need to increase our numbers. One of the best ways to identify and recruit new members is by inviting them to participate in one or more of our events, so they can experience the friendship and camaraderie that we all enjoy. Hence, I ask you to give serious consideration to bringing along friends and acquaintances when you attend MSGA events. In conclusion, I want to thank you for your continued interest and participation in MSGA and look forward to seeing you at one or more of this season's events at Fox Creek, Glen Arbour, Westfield and Digby.

Allan Maher

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## 2015 Invitational

The MSGA is introducing a new event this June; a two day invitational to be held in Moncton. Members and their guests will have the opportunity to play **Fox Creek**, one of the finest courses in the Maritimes. Starting times are:

- Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup>, Tee times starting at 12:00 noon.
- Monday the 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM Shotgun.

There are a few spots available. If you're not already registered, get the [Fox Creek Info & Registration](#) and contact Al Kenney as soon as possible.

## 2015 Field Days

The first field day is at **Glen Arbour Golf Course**, Halifax, NS on Tuesday, July 7 and is a 1:00 shotgun followed by a meal and prizes. Information and registration form > [Glen Arbour Info & Registration](#)

**Westfield Golf & Country Club**, Westfield NB is Tuesday August 11.

Information and registrations forms will be available online shortly.

Please consider attending both. And bring a friend. Please note there is a small discount for early registration to this year's events.

## 2015 Annual Meet

**The 2015 Annual Meet will be held on August 31 thru Sept 2 at the Digby Pines in Digby, NS**

More detailed information will be forthcoming but the tentative agenda is:

- Monday August 31<sup>st</sup> Registration and Meet and Greet
- Tuesday Sept 1st, Morning golf with the Annual General Meeting in the afternoon.
- Wednesday Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> Morning golf and the Annual Banquet in the evening.
- Thursday Sept 3rd Departure
- There will be activities for the non golfers.

Attendees are to make their own resort reservations directly with Digby Pines at 1.800.667.4637. Be sure to mention you are attending the MSGA event to obtain the package rate. A block of rooms is being held but when they're gone, they're gone.

## Accommodation Rates (Includes hot and cold breakfast daily)

Resort guest rooms or per bedroom of a cottage:

- Single occupancy \$166
- Double occupancy \$182

Suites or one bedroom cottages:

- Single Occupancy \$226
- Double occupancy \$242

*When booking ask for the MSGA Rate!!!*

We'll advise you later this summer when registration forms and more information are available but you should consider booking your accommodations now.

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## Membership Directory

We no longer publish and distribute membership handbooks. However you can still find information about your fellow members at [www.msga.ca](http://www.msga.ca). Under the Members Only tab you will find a list of members listed alphabetically and by club. There you can find both phone numbers and email addresses. The password to get the information is: *2015Members* (no space) Please advise Jim Clements of any errors.

## Trophies Needed

A recent review of MSGA awards has identified a need for some additional trophies that could be filled by donations from members or corporations. There are three categories which are not covered with awards.

The first two are as a result of the inclusion of ladies into full membership in MSGA. In this regard we require trophies for the low gross and low net winners at the Annual Meet. On the men's side we do not have a trophy for the low net winner at the Annual Meet.

If any member, group of members, or a corporation is interested in donating any of

the above, in their own name or as a memorial or recognition of a member who has made a long term contribution to the MSGA, you can initiate the process by contacting our current President, Allan Maher at [aemaher@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:aemaher@nbnet.nb.ca), telephone 506-453-0008, or 218 - 1 Golf Greens Lane, Fredericton, NB, E3B 9T9.

## Sun & Fun Golf Expeditions

Don't forget that MSGA members have complimentary membership in Sun & Fun Golf Expeditions. Scott Doane organizes trips ranging in length from 4 days to 10 in the US, the Caribbean, Ireland, Scotland, even Canada. You can link to their site from [www.msga.ca](http://www.msga.ca) or go directly to [www.sunandfungolfassociation.com](http://www.sunandfungolfassociation.com). There are several trips scheduled for 2015 and the first one in 2016 will be in the Dominican Republic. After you've gone on one you'll be back!

## Dues Payments

There are a few members who have yet to pay their annual dues. If you have not yet paid please advise Jim Clements at [msgafinance@hotmail.com](mailto:msgafinance@hotmail.com)

right away and advise him of your intentions to make a payment and do so.

Dues for 2015 have been set at \$80 for an individual or a couple (this year only). Payment should be sent to:

Jim Clements  
29 Glencove Drive,  
Stratford, PE  
C1B1Y2

## Florida Field Day

We have had two successful Field Days in Florida. We will be polling members over the summer if there is any interest in making this a regular event. Please participate in the survey when you receive it.

## MSGA Website for updated information

The MSGA Spring Newsletter will be the only mail out to our members. For news and updates go to [www.msga.ca](http://www.msga.ca).

There you'll get up to date information about upcoming field days and the annual meet. We'll also be posting event results and pictures and more.