



NOVA SCOTIA  
GOLF ASSOCIATION

# 2018

# ANNUAL REPORT



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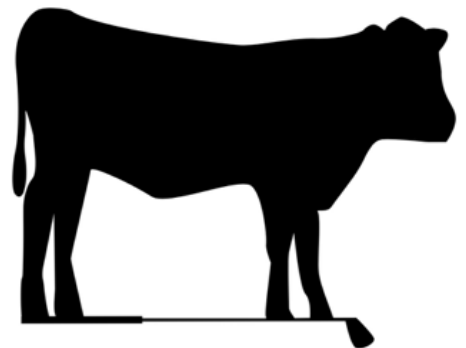
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# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

DAVID CAMPBELL

In 2018 the NSGA transitioned all our members into the new Gold Membership. This transition resulted in an increase in reported membership numbers across the province. Included in the enhanced member package is the incident protection programs, which provides coverage for our members for lost or stolen clubs, damage to power carts and window protection. These programs have been well received with a number of members making claims across Nova Scotia.

The total number of posted rounds are up 4.5% in 2018. As of October 1, there has been over 281,000 rounds posted in 2018 compared to a total of just over 269,000 in 2017. We have seen growth in posting tournament rounds in the handicap system with 10,647 posted as of October 1. This is compared to 10,512 for the 2017 season. On average NSGA members are posting 18 rounds per year.

In April, the NSGA hired Anne Balser as the Manager of Championships and Sport Development. She has been a wonderful addition to the NSGA and we are excited to see her lead our championships and

player development programs into the future. She has just completed her first golf season and we are excited to see what new programs and initiatives she will introduce in 2019.

I had the distinct honour of helping to grow the #GolfBeattieStrong initiative with our president, Garry Beattie. Garry has been a board member, and sponsor for the NSGA for over a decade and he has been one of the most influential mentors in my life.

Garry has generously donated \$10,000 to the NSGA to ensure that the Men's Senior has a title sponsor for the next 4-5 years. Garry is committed to continuing to growing this event and ensure that it continues to be a 'Best in Class' Championship.

As part of our partnership with Garry and #GBS, we developed a new partnership with Dormie Workshop to provide unique one of a kind head covers for all our provincial championships. Dormie also designed a one of a kind head cover to support the #GBS. These covers have been sold all summer with 50% of the sale from each cover going directly to brain cancer research in Nova Scotia. To

date #GBS, Dormie and the NSGA have raised over \$10K collectively.

I would like to personally thank Stephen Forrest and Glen MacDonald for helping to make #GBS a reality, along with the support of Todd and Jeff Bishop from the Dormie Workshops.



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# TREASURER'S REPORT

## MATTHEW GOLDING

NOVA SCOTIA GOLF ASSOCIATION ("ASSOCIATION") ~ OCTOBER 20, 2018

### Income Statement:

The Association ended FY17 with a cumulative net profit of \$10,079, compared to a net loss of \$54,786 in FY16. (\$64,865 improvement)

Revenue collected from membership dues amounted to \$356,514 compared to \$364,784 in FY16, resulting in a decrease in revenue of \$8,270 or 2.2% year over year.

As reported last year the Board approved reductions of ~\$40,000 in operating expenses for FY17. These reductions were implemented and correspondingly our operating expenses show a reduction of \$39,375 year over year.

### Cash Position:

From December 31, 2014 to December 31, 2016 the Association's cash on hand declined from \$201,331 to \$106,186 (\$95,145 change).

In FY17, the Association had positive cash from operations of \$14,647. Capital assets were purchased from cash on hand in the amount of \$3,975 in FY17, therefore the net increase in cash was \$10,672. The Association ended FY17 with a cash balance of \$116,935.

### Tournaments:

The provincial tournaments lost \$4,838 in FY17 vs. a loss of \$12,016 in FY16. Entry fees were down \$6,540 due to the Association canceling the Men's Four-Ball event.

The Association in FY17 changed a number of key components on how provincial tournaments are conducted. Payments made to clubs are based on a percentage of their normal green fee, this was done to make it more financially viable for clubs to host provincial events.

### FY18 (unaudited):

With many expenses yet to be incurred for FY18, it is difficult to estimate our final financial position. However, based on the internal statements for September 30, 2018, the Association is in a similar position to this time last year.

Currently the Association is projecting to have a small surplus for FY18.

To build on the changes the Board made in FY17, to realign the Association with the declining golf industry, the Board did not approve any material changes to the operating budget for FY18.

The provincial tournaments achieved a small surplus for FY18, due to the efforts of the Board to cut costs and the use of the new pricing model. The Senior Men's Four-Ball was canceled this summer due to financial concerns. The number of participants were in line with projections, excluding the Men's Four Ball where the participation was below expectations. The Association

had 822 participants at the provincial tournaments.

### Member Fee Increase:

No member fee increase is being proposed at this AGM, the Association will continue to work diligently to limit/not increase fees to members. However, based on the decline of membership of -2% annually, and general increases to our operating expenses, a fee increase may perhaps be required in the near future.

The Association has been advised that Golf Canada would like to have a fee increase over the next 3-4 years, this is not being tabled at this AGM, as it was felt that the approach proposed by Golf Canada was incomplete at this time.

### Conclusion:

While the golf industry is experiencing challenges, I am happy to report that the Association has continued to build on the financial successes of FY17. The changes made over the past 24 months, have reduced the liquidity risk we were facing at the end of FY16. While the Association does not have the cash on hand, we enjoyed in the early 2000's, it is heading in a positive direction. The Association must continue to be cautious in the years to come, to ensure we do not experience material losses.





# CHAMPIONSHIP REPORT

## BILL MACMILLAN

Following are the results for the 2018 NSGA Tournament Championships

|                      |   |                                      |
|----------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| Tournament:          | <b>MEN'S FOUR BALL BEST BALL CHAMPIONSHIP</b> | Dates: June 9-10, 2018               |
| Host Club:           | Abercrombie Country Club                      | Participants: 116 players (58 teams) |
| Winners:             | Kevin Scott & Adam Sheparski, Abercrombie     | 68-67—135                            |
| Runner-up(s):        | William Szubielski & Chris Evans, Ashburn     | 67-73—140                            |
| Tournament:          | <b>MEN'S MCT MEN'S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP</b>   | Dates: July 5-8, 2018                |
| Host Club:           | River Hills Golf & Country Club               | Participants: 66 players             |
| Winners:             | Shaun Margeson, Oakfield                      | 73-80-71-67—291                      |
| Runner-up:           | Aaron Nickerson, River Hills                  | 74-77-74-77—302                      |
| Tournament:          | <b>WOMEN'S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP</b>           | Dates: July 6 - 8, 2018              |
| Host Club:           | Truro Golf Club                               | Participants: 19 players             |
| Winner:              | Heather McLean, Ken Wo                        | 74-76-73—223                         |
| Runner-up:           | Allison Chandler, Chester                     | 74-78-75—227                         |
| Tournament:          | <b>WOMEN'S SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP</b>            | Dates: July 6-8, 2018                |
| Host Club:           | Truro Golf Club                               | Participants: 52 players             |
| <b>Senior:</b>       | Winner: Susan Tumblin, Oakfield               | 79-83-82—244                         |
|                      | Runner-up: Leslie Houde, Paragon              | 78-85-82—245                         |
| <b>Super-Senior:</b> | Winner: Leslie Houde, Paragon                 | 78-85-82—245                         |
|                      | Runner-up: Debi Karrel, Ashburn               | 81-86-81—248                         |
| Tournament:          | <b>COBRA PUMA BANTAM CHAMPIONSHIP</b>         | Dates: July 10-11, 2018              |
| Host Club:           | Northumberland Link Golf Club                 | Participants: 35 players             |
| <b>Bantam Boys:</b>  | Winners: Jordan Cooper, Northumberland        | 84-80—164                            |
|                      | Runner-up: Owen Canavan, Oakfield             | 86-82—168                            |
| <b>Bantam Girls:</b> | Winners: Abby Wamboldt, Northumberland        | 87-87--174                           |
|                      | Runner-up: Abbey Baker, Ashburn               | 91-88—179                            |



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|-------------------------|---|---|
| <b>Tournament:</b>      | <b>COBRA PUMA JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS</b>  | <b>Dates:</b> July 10 - 13, 2018            |
| <b>Host Club:</b>       | Northumberland Link Golf Club   | <b>Participants:</b> 66 players             |
| <b>Junior Boys:</b>     | Winners: Shaun Margeson, Oakfield<br>Runner-up: Mark Chandler, Chester  | 72-74-74-74—294<br>76-75-71-74—296          |
| <b>Junior Girls:</b>    | Winners: Heather McLean, Ken Wo<br>Runner-up: Haley Baker, Ashburn  | 78-83-77-78—316<br>82-81-86-79—328          |
| <b>Juvenile Boys:</b>   | Winners: Mark Chandler, Chester<br>Runner-up: Owen Mullen, Truro  | 76-75-71-74—296<br>77-78-76-81—312          |
| <b>Juvenile Girls:</b>  | Winners: Haley Baker, Ashburn<br>Runner-up: Abbey Baker, Ashburn  | 82-81-86-79—328<br>91-88-83-87—349          |
| <b>Tournament:</b>      | <b>MCT MEN'S MID-AMATEUR</b>  | <b>Dates:</b> July 20 - 22, 2018            |
| <b>Host Club:</b>       | Hartlen Point Forces Golf Club  | <b>Participants:</b> 97 players             |
| <b>Winner:</b>          | Stuart Lenehan, Grandview   | 71-76-68—215                                |
| <b>Runner-up:</b>       | Sean Stuart, Ashburn  | 73-74-72—219                                |
| <b>Tournament:</b>      | <b>WOMEN'S (PINEHURST) TWO-BALL</b>   | <b>Date:</b> July 24, 2018                  |
| <b>Host Club:</b>       | Ken-Wo Golf & Country Club  | <b>Participants:</b> 176 players (88 teams) |
| <b>Winners:</b>         | Meghan McLean/Cecilia Gutierrez Perez, Ken-Wo   | 72  |
| <b>Runner-up:</b>       | Susan Tumblin/Connie Reynolds, Oakfield   | 73  |
| <b>Tournament:</b>      | <b>WOMEN'S BRONZE</b>   | <b>Date:</b> August 7, 2018                 |
| <b>Host Club:</b>       | Paragon Golf & Country Club   | <b>Participants:</b> 55 players (14 clubs)  |
| <b>Winners:</b>         | Club: Paragon, Barbara Eaton & Gwen Merriam   | 71-71—142                                   |
| <b>Runner-up:</b>       | Club: Grandview, Margot MacDonald<br>& Faun Millman Doctor  | 70-73—143                                   |
| <b>Tournament:</b>      | <b>#GOLFBEATTIESTRONG MEN'S SENIOR</b>  | <b>Dates:</b> August 8-10, 2018             |
| <b>Host Club:</b>       | Avon Valley Golf & Country Club   | <b>Participants:</b> 134 players            |
| <b>Senior:</b>          | Winners: Jim MacMaster, NSPPC<br>Runner-up: Mike Hebb, Ashburn  | 71-72—143<br>75-71—146                      |
| <b>Super-Senior:</b>    | Winners: Tom Banks, Paragon<br>Runner-up: Cliff JR Lowrey, Amherst<br><i>Third round cancelled due to rain.</i> | 76-74—150<br>77-75—152                      |
| <b>Tournament:</b>      | <b>MEN'S SENIOR FOUR-BALL</b>   | <b>Dates:</b> August 23 - 24, 2018          |
| <b>Host Club:</b>       | Yarmouth Golf Club  | <b>Participants:</b>                        |
| <b>Tournament Note:</b> | <i>Tournament cancelled due to lack of entries.</i>   |   |







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# 2018 FUTURE LINKS REPORT

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## Summary

2018 was yet another great year for the Future Links Mobile Clinic Program. The NSGA travelled all over the province bringing programs to various community groups, elementary and middle schools, golf facilities, and sport fairs.

During the months of May and June, through the Future Links visits, the NSGA engaged 4455 students, and junior golfers from all over the province. Unfortunately, this is a 38.4% decrease from 2017. This is a direct result of

the championship season (July and August). As staff switched its focus from sport development, to running provincial championships. During the month of July, we were only able to teach 3 mobile clinic sessions (38 participants). This alone was a 98.5% deficit from the months prior.

With the approval to hire a second intern for the summer of 2019, The NSGA will be able to continue to travel the province, teaching, and engaging junior golfers. As the sole purpose of this intern will be to plan, schedule, and execute

various Future Links programs throughout the entire summer. Allowing other staff to focus on other departments, such as championships, elite development, grant applications, etc.

## Program Highlights

Despite the decrease in Future Links program execution, and participation, there were many highlights of the 2018 summer. During the May and June, the NSGA conducted Golf in Schools, and Mobile Clinics to over 419 participants in the Cape Breton



Golf In Schools field trip, Links at Brunello, Timberlea NS





# 2018 FUTURE LINKS REPORT CONT'D

region. The most successful of those was at Eskasoni Elementary & Middle school, where over 100 students participated in the Golf in Schools program. Then were transported by bus to the The Lakes Golf Club for an evening clinic. As a result, The Lakes reported an increase of junior memberships

from the Eskasoni community.

The Links at Brunello also hosted a Golf in Schools field trip to their facility in early June. Ridgecliff Middle School brought over 100 students to take part in the program, where students learned about golf architecture, fundamentals skills, and turf care.

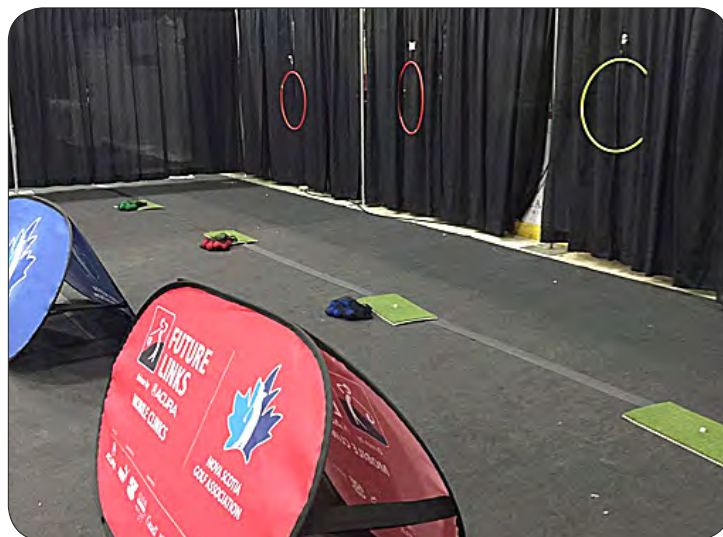
The NSGA was also present in the two Sport Nova Scotia Milk Sport Fairs. Together over 3000 students from the valley and HRM participated basic fundamental skill workshops, and teachers were introduced to the Golf in Schools program.



Golf in Schools @ Halifax Grammar School, Halifax NS



Mobile Clinic at Seaview Golf Club, Sydney NS



Milk Sport Fair @ Acadia University, Wolfville NS



# DOUG McEWAN HONoured WITH THE NSGA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



**T**he Nova Scotia Golf Association is pleased to announce that Doug McEwan has been recognized with the Distinguished Service Award for his long- term service and his impact on the game of golf in Nova Scotia.

During the past 21 years Mr. McEwan worked tirelessly as an official, a volunteer and a board member for the NSGA.

He joined the NSGA Championship Committee as an Assistant Tournament Chair in 1997 and served until 1999. In 1999 he became the Chairman of the NSGA Tournament Committee and served in this role until 2001. Then began his work as Rules Official. From 2001-2002 he served as Assistant Rules Director. In 2003 he became the Chairman of the Rules Committee. A position he held for four years.

In 2007, Mr. McEwan was elected to the position of 2nd Vice President of the NSGA. In 2009 he was appointed to the Provincial Council with Golf Canada and was

also elected as 1st Vice President of the NSGA.

In 2010 he was elected as the President of the NSGA and served as President until 2013. He subsequently served as NSGA Past President in 2014-2015.

In 2016 he resumed his position as the NSGA Rules Director and will officially resign from the board in October 2018.

During his time with the NSGA, Mr. McEwan has officiated in countless local, provincial and national championships.

Doug retired in 1995 as a Lieutenant Colonel from the Canadian Air Force after serving our country for 37 years. He lives in Greenwood with his wife Hazel.





# 2018 PLAYER OF THE YEAR



The NSGA is pleased to announce the 2018 NSGA Player of the Year Awards. The Player of the Year (POY) is a ranking system that awards points to players based off tournament results throughout the golfing year. It is designed to promote the golf development through competition, and celebrate the individual achievements of golfers in Nova Scotia.



## **Jen Comeau, Oakfield Golf & Country Club – NSGA Women’s Player of the Year**

It was a close race for the 2018 Women’s Player of the Year title, but Oakfield’s Jen Comeau found herself at the top of the rankings, beating out 2017 POY winner Debbie Arsenault by a mere 13 points. Comeau claimed a few championships this summer, including the 2017 Jackie Frost, the Links at Penn Hills Ladies field day, as well as Oakfield’s Ladies Club Championship. Comeau also earned four second-place finishes at the Truro June Bug, Oakfield, Chester and Avon Valley Ladies field days. To top off a successful season, Comeau’s solid sixth-place finish at the NSGA Women’s Amateur earned her a spot on Nova Scotia’s Women’s Amateur team.



## **Aaron Nickerson, River Hills Golf Club – NSGA Men’s Player of the Year**

It pays to play and the 2018 Men’s Player of the Year, Aaron Nickerson, proved just that. Nickerson competed in eight POY tournaments this season, earning 220 points. Over 70 points more than 2017 POY winner, Sean Stuart, who only participated in four events. Nickerson secured five top-three finishes this season, including the 2017 River Hills Club Championship, the 2017 Snowball, the Don Fleet Invitational and the Greenwood Classic. He also finished second and ninth at the 2018 MCT Insurance Men’s Amateur and Mid-Amateur respectively. In addition to local events, Nickerson represented Nova Scotia at the 2018 Canadian Men’s Mid-Amateur Championship, placing T38.



## **Haley Baker, Ashburn Golf Club – NSGA Cobra Puma Junior Girl’s Player of the Year**

Haley Baker had a stellar 2018 season and managed to sweep the Junior Girls POY series in the process. There was hardly a tournament where you did not see her name atop the leaderboard. Her solid performance put her almost 100 points ahead of the second-place finisher, sister Abbey Baker. Haley claimed three major championships this summer; including the NB Junior Girls Provincial title, the Future Links Atlantic Girls Championship and the MJT Atlantic Championship. She also took top prize at the Truro Junior Invitational. On top of that, Baker took home four second-place finishes, including the COBRA/PUMA Junior Championship, MJT Ken-Wo, the Avon Valley Junior Invitational and the Oakfield Junior Invitational.



## **Owen Mullen, Truro Golf Club – NSGA Cobra Puma Junior Boy’s Player of the Year**

Owen Mullen, from Truro Golf Club, captured his first Cobra Puma Junior Boys’ Player of the Year title this season. Mullen’s win at the Future Links Atlantic Championship gave him the point boost he needed claim the top spot. Mullen also finished first at the Oakfield Junior Invitational. The Development Team member took home four other top-five finishes, including a couple second-places at the Truro Junior Club Championship, and the MJT Truro POY Series, and third in the MJT Ken-Wo POY Series. Mullen also placed seventh overall at the COBRA/PUMA Junior Championship.



# 2018 PLAYER OF THE YEAR CONT'D

## JUNIOR ZONE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

In addition to the individual Player of the Year awards, the NSGA recognizes the Junior 'Player of the Year' in each of nine regional zones. The following young golfers, based off their tournament results in the 2018 season, were chosen as Zone 'Player of the Year':

|   |                   |                              |
|---|-------------------|------------------------------|
| 2018 Western Zone<br>Player of the Year     | Teran Newell      | River Hills Golf Club        |
| 2018 South Shore Zone<br>Player of the Year | Mark Chandler     | Chester Golf Club            |
| 2018 Valley Zone<br>Player of the Year      | Sara Cumby        | Ken-Wo Golf Club             |
| 2018 Metro East Zone<br>Player of the Year  | Owen Canavan      | Oakfield Golf & Country Club |
| 2018 Metro West Zone<br>Player of the Year  | Abbey Baker       | Ashburn Golf Club            |
| 2018 Central Zone<br>Player of the Year     | Isaac MacNaughton | Truro Golf Club              |
| 2018 Nova Canso Zone<br>Player of the Year  | Taylor Long       | Abercrombie Golf Club        |
| 2018 Northern Zone<br>Player of the Year    | Abby Wamboldt     | Northumberland Links         |
| 2018 Cape Breton Zone<br>Player of the Year | Andrew Cash       | The Lakes Golf Club          |



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