

Sturgeon Point Club, 125-year Anniversary Celebration of Golf – June 8, 2024 Supplemental



(L to R) Edith & J. D. Flavelle, J. W. MacMillan, and Amy Flavelle in front of the Sturgeon Point Golf Clubhouse circa. early 1900s.

Welcome to the Sturgeon Point Golf Club, this year celebrating its 125th birthday.

Located in the Kawartha Lakes Region, 9 kms south of the Town of Fenelon Falls, GHSC and its Hickory Ambassadors (Lorne Emery, Jeff Rogers, Wayne Linton, Chris Cade, Allan Lew, Scott Burk, Walt Soetens, Phil Kostandoff & wife) made the trek to Sturgeon Point GC to help the Club celebrate its 125th Anniversary on Saturday June 8th.

Opened in 1899, J.D. Flavelle, a prosperous Lindsay merchant and industrialist, owned the golf course built on his property overlooking Sturgeon Lake. J.D. and his daughters Amy and Edith were ardent golfers. Today, Sturgeon Point GC is a 9-hole members and public golf course; maintaining much of its original layout, its hewn log clubhouse and the pre-1900 charm of its idyllic cottage setting on Sturgeon Lake and near-by historic Village of Sturgeon Point.

One of the most important upgrades to the course happened in the early 1950s when it was given a face-lift by C.E. “Robbie” Robinson, a student of the great Canadian golf course architect Stanley Thomson. Robinson went on to design many other prominent Canadian courses, including Brudenell and Mill River in Prince Edward Island, Cedar Brae, Credit Valley and Dalewood in Ontario. Robinson also oversaw the remodeling of two of his mentor’s greatest achievements, the Ontario courses of St. George’s (Toronto) and Westmount (Kitchener).

The Club’s Event Announcement/Flyer - Saturday June 8 - The Hickory Shaft Golf Tournament/Wine & Cheese Day

When you’re as old as we are, it’s important to remember your roots. With the help of the Golf Historical Society of Canada, the club is hosting an old-timey treat as a prelude to this year’s annual Wine & Cheese evening.

Teeing off at 11:30, participants will play a front nine using hickory shaft golf clubs and original “gutty” golf balls. (The back nine will be played with the same hickory clubs and modern balls.) After 18 holes of time travel, the Wine and Cheese kicks off at 5pm.

Whether you’re golfing or just “wining,” all are encouraged to wear their plus fours and straw boaters!

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The June 8th hickory golf flash back event took place under luke warm 17- degree cloudy skies but thankfully no rain to the delight of everyone. The Sturgeon Point Club fielded 19 members, a mixed and very enthusiastic crowd teaming up with the GHSC ambassadors to experience the hickory sticks in a round of circa 1900 golf. Many members came decked out in hickory era clothing- see photos for the enjoyment of all.

After the hickory golf round, everyone retired to the Club Patio for refreshments, appetizers and the Wine and Cheese affair. Another fun historical golf experience was had by one and all.