



December 2014

Happy Holidays to the Neighbors and Friends of Canal Shores Golf Course!

After two years of hard work, we are proud to report Canal Shores is indeed becoming the gem in your backyard! To the volunteers, friends, sponsors and members of the community, a special thanks! You all make a difference, and the improvements you see cannot happen without you.

We want to thank several people who have gone the extra mile to help rebuild Canal Shores. A special debt of gratitude goes to [Perry Weinberg](#) who took up the mantle of President when we needed direction. After two years of service, Perry will be taking a step back, but will remain on the Board.





John Powers



Joe Rickard



Dan Wikel



Paul Giddings



Larry Mages



Jeff Stewart

John Powers of Wilmette has been elected President for a two-year term. John has tirelessly devoted time and energy to the reshaping of the Association. Treasurer **Joe Rickard**, who took the lead to get the budget on target, will remain on the Board, turning over a healthy financial position to incoming Treasurer, **Dan Wikel**. **Paul Giddings**, who was instrumental in overseeing changes in governance and instituting a new structure for the Association, will be moving to emeritus status. **Larry Mages** has been elected vice president. **Jeff Stewart** has been elected to serve a second term as secretary. A number of alumni of the Board have now moved to emeritus status. We thank them for their combined 100 plus years of service to our community golf course! Best wishes to the new board as it steps up to the plate to build on the accomplishments of these last two years.

A huge thanks to Ald. **Jane Grover** of Evanston's 7th Ward who has encouraged us every step of the way. We want to acknowledge the support shown to Canal



Jane Grover

Shores by Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl, City Manager Wally Bobkiewicz and the Manager's Office staff. We are indebted to Deputy City Manager Joe McRae and the staff in Parks and Recreation – especially Kevin Wallin and Bob Dorneker - who have been great resources. The confidence that the City has shown in us demonstrates how a private/public partnership can work for the public good.



"Since our last report this summer...", many good things have happened at Canal Shores!

- Repairs are underway all around the course, including the bridge, Pro Shop, old starter shack and fencing. Upgrades continue to the greens, fairways and areas bordering the canal. We also have been able to get new or upgrade and repair equipment to help make the grounds look their best. All this progress is due to the generosity of neighbors and local businesses that have sponsored holes or supported us to make these improvements possible.

- Old brush and invasive species are being cleared, making the course a welcoming natural habitat. With new partnerships with the Talking Farm, TreeKeepers and Audubon International program, Canal Shores is moving towards becoming an Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary. The pro bono help of Steve Neumann and Logic Lawn Care has been huge.

- The berm at the 6th hole (near Sheridan Road at Gillson Park) has been rebuilt. Generous neighbors helped plan and execute the effort.

- Doggy bag dispensers with biodegradable doggy bags have been installed on selected holes to help in keeping the course clean and walkable.



● Our biggest thank you is to our staff: Tom Tully, Tom Hotchkiss and Donnie Oelerich. They kept the course in great condition this year and have been instrumental in establishing a new website, overseeing successful golf events on the course, staffing youth golf programming and reaching out in the community.

● Our first year of youth golf with the Golf Practice was such a success that next year the Association will host all City of Evanston golf programming!



● Now in its 10th year, the women's league enjoyed a successful season with new members. The league welcomes inquiries and new members for 2015.





● Consider hosting your next event at Canal Shores! The Annual Canal Shores invitational, hosted by Joel Murray and Friends, featuring local sports and entertainment celebs and first responders from around the country, was held in August. In September, we hosted the Canal Shores Campout which was attended by more than 75 families. The Rhythm and Blues Revue CycloCross Race was held again in October and is positioned to be an annual event.

● We have a new relationship with our neighbors in the CTA and MWRD to cooperate and make improvements along our common ground, including cleanup efforts and improvements along the tracks and channel.

● Our fundraiser – “groovin’ on the greens” - was a great success. Despite the derecho that preceded the event, more than 200 attendees enjoyed barbecue from Bluestone, live music and good company under our tent. All proceeds will help make improvements to the course and we have earmarked funds for scholarships for youth.



● Have you seen our ads? We had posters on CTA platforms in Evanston and special placements in the Roundtable. People are talking. Golfers are coming back. The community is inspired to support us.



● Golfers can now benefit from our membership in the Chicago District Golf Association, one of

the oldest professional golf organizations in the U.S. that supports golfers through its network and helps them improve their golf skills and measure their progress. All pass holders will be automatically enrolled in CDGA in 2015. Season tickets are available at a discounted price through January 31, 2015. They can be purchased from the course website or by mailing a check. Learn more at <http://www.cdga.org/>



● Now is the time to purchase merchandise at 2014 prices. Purchase Canal Shores signature items - tee shirts, polos and caps. These items make great gifts for the golfer in your family! Think stocking stuffer ... items are only available while supplies last!

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- Talking about passes – consider the gift of golf this holiday season and purchase a pass or family golf package for 2015 at the early bird rates - **no increase over 2014 if purchased by January 31.**

Individual Pass: \$550

– **through January 31: \$475**

Couples Pass: \$ 650

– **through January 31: \$575**

Family Pass: \$700

– **through January 31: \$625**

Junior Pass: \$295

Special Family Fun Pass: \$250



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at the
2014 rates.

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- We are proud to announce that the Evanston Police and Fire Foundation will hold its 2015 outing at Canal Shores. Welcome home! We urge all our supporters to consider attending this event to help EPFF continue its work to help and support our first responders, and our community.



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The Evanston Wilmette Golf Course Association is established as a charitable organization and qualifies as an exempt organization under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
It offers programs that celebrate the game of golf, with special programs designed for families, youth and the community.



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