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29th Annual

Mixed Bonspiel

January 30, 31 - February 1

First Draw - Friday Evening

4 EVENTS

- A - Overwaitea Foods
- B - Canada Trust
- C - Croft Hotel
- D - Lakewood Electric Ltd.

- Banquet & Dance Saturday
- Elimination Draw
- Prizes

Entry Fee: \$160.00 (includes GST)

Entry Deadline: January 24, 1998

LIMIT 64 TEAMS

50th Annual Ladies' Open Bonspiel

**February 27, 28,
& March 1**

"THE LITTLE KELLY CUP"

COMMERCIAL BONSPIEL

**February
14 & 15**

From the Superintendent

The unseasonably warm weather we are having means a lot less stressful drives on snow-covered roads and less shoveling of driveways for us.

One question I have been asked over the last while is "How are the greens surviving in this weather?"

There are a number of problems which the grass on the greens have to put up with. When the weather cools off in the fall, the grass plants begin storing carbohydrates in the crown tissue. These carbohydrates are what the plant uses in the spring to breakout of dormancy and begin growing. The warmer weather can cause the plants to lose carbohydrate reserves causing the grass plant tissue to become susceptible to disease. So far, even with the above zero temperatures we are experiencing, the ground temperature is still at or below zero and the ground is remaining frozen which in turn keeps the grass plants in dormancy.

Desiccation is a problem that can occur when the greens are exposed to cold winds with an absence of protective snow cover. The cold winds suck all the moisture out of the grass tissue, in effect, freeze drying the grass which results in death of the grass plant. With the warm weather, the winds are not a problem. The wind can become a problem if it cools off and we remain without a protective snow cover.

Another problem we have is one that we are all too familiar with which is the formation of ice on the greens. The warm weather is melting any snow that has come down. The new greens on the golf course drain well enough off the surface that there is little or no ice on them, however, greens #2, #6, #15 and #18 do not drain at all and there is the formation of ice in the low areas on these greens. The temperatures are not warm enough for us to get out and remove the ice. The result will be some damaged areas on these greens come springtime. There has not been a large amount of moisture to this date so the ice patches are still relatively small.

Although the warmer temperatures are enjoyable for us, the grass on the golf course would like a good snow cover to protect it from the elements of winter.

Stephen Kerbrat
Course Superintendent

Prince George Golf and Curling Club Board of Directors for 1997-1998

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Ford World Curling in Kamloops

The world curling championships are to be held at the Riverside Coliseum in Kamloops April 3 - 12, 1998.

Reserve your tickets by March 1st. Let them know you are from the Prince George Golf & Curling Club and you will qualify for a local draw for two VIP lounge passes.

Ticket packages are as follows:

Premium week long	\$307.00
Preferred week long	\$257.00
Standard week long	\$207.00
Preferred opening weekend	\$127.00
Preferred closing weekend	\$147.00
Premium closing weekend	\$187.00

Contact the Riverside Coliseum Box Office at 1-888-330-1998 for ticket information or Dave Bekkering in the curling office for further details.

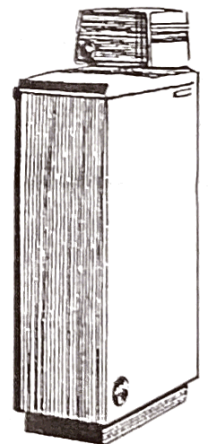


Hidden Number

The hidden number in December's Georgian was not claimed. If you find your membership number hidden in the Georgian, please phone the office at 563-0357.

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Best of holidays from the Curling Department

December as usual has been a somewhat uneventful month; however, some of our teams managed some respectable results in assorted zone playdowns.

The Senior Mens Zone playdowns were held here November 28th - 30th with six local teams competing. Kevin Smale, Doug Engstrom, Gerry Miller, Dennis Megale, Brian Bailey and Ed Vivier all fought hard throughout the weekend however, it was Alex Coffey of Quesnel that eventually prevailed and will move on to Provincials in January on the Island.

That same weekend, Lee Carson's Junior Men's rink made up of third Jeff Krisko, second Ryan Flannigan and lead Ryan Vogt competed in the zone playdowns also held here at the PGG&CC. They won the "A" event but then lost a heartbreaking game the following morning, which would have qualified them for Inter Zones. Carson's rink showed that they are a team to be reckoned with in the near future.

Dot Pratt took her triumphant Zone Champion Senior Ladies rink south to Williams Lake for the District Playdowns. Once there, they ran into a couple of hot shooting teams from Kamloops. Congratulations Dot for winning the zones and better luck with those Kamloops' teams next year.

Our local Junior Ladies zone champions made up of Brette and Blaine Richards, Crystal Stevens and Jennifer Stromgren took the long road to North Kamloops for District Playdowns. Coach Joe Rea had the team ready to take on all comers however the competition turned out to be a little too stiff. The trip was a tremendous learning experience so watch out for this team next year.

Finally, our club hosted the Ladies Zone Playdowns on December 6th & 7th. Diane Dalio and Dot Pratt, both of PG as well as Lori Freeman of Williams Lake qualified comfortably while the fourth and final district playdown berth was to be decided by a local battle between fellow superleaguers' Roseanne Mullner and Lisa Eberherr. The game was nip and tuck all the way with Roseanne making an unbelievable shot with her final rock to secure the final spot. Congratulations to Diane, Dot, Lori and Roseanne and good luck in Williams Lake at the Districts.

I'd like to wish everybody a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and hope to see strong support for our three Major 98 Bongspiels. Let's fill them up!

Have a great 98!

Dave Bekkering
Curling Co-ordinator

Coming Special Events

The Prince George Golf & Curling Club will be hosting the following events:

March 5 - 8, 1998

Western Canadian Pulp Mill Bongspiel

February 1999

Men's Provincials

July, 2000

BC Amateur Men's Golf Tournament

From the Ice Technician

Over the Christmas break, Shorty Jenkins' long awaited return to Prince George to finish the remaining work to our rocks went well. Shorty's program matched the rocks by weight, width of the running surface and inside diameter of the cup. We then re-blue printed each rock and turned the handles. This should take care of the suspect rocks on the various sheets. (eg: #4 and #8) Very good records have been kept on all the work done to every rock. Anyone wishing for more information can contact me any time.

Murray Kutyn
Ice Technician

New Billing Statements

One item that has been raised about the new billing statements is the names opposite the amount of your charge. The statement is set-up as follows:

Pro Shop includes:

- Green Fees
- In-house Tournament Entry Fees
- Pro Shop Merchandise

Restaurant includes:

- All Food & Beverage Charges
- Banquet Billings

Reception (which has been changed to Admin/Dues) includes:

- Curling Dues & Fees
- Court Dues & Fees
- Gift Certificates
- Bongspiel Entries
- Yearly Golf Dues
- Georgian Ads
- Sponsorship
- Souvenir Sales
- Activation/Transfer Fees
- Golf Waiting List Fees
- Gift Certificates

Concession includes:

- All items from the concession

This covers the majority of the items that will show on your statement. The system is set up to indicate where you charged the item, rather than the name of the item. So please try to retain your receipts until you have received your bill.

If there are any questions, the office retains both paper and computer records of all transactions so please do not hesitate to call or ask at the reception desk.



FINNING

COUNT ON US

Pioneer Bonspiel

Once again we had a very successful bonspiel with 64 people participating. We thank our sponsors for their generosity and support.

The winners were:

First Place - Sponsored by NORTHLAND CHRYSLER

Terry Burgess, Walter Gjerde, Peter Kather, John Lee

Second Place - Sponsored by GIL-LORNE LUMBER

Laurie Rustad, Hannah Lee, Karol Kemp, Jude Chiasson

Third Place - Sponsored by DOLLAR SAVER LUMBER

Rick DeBelser, Fred Hegel, George Vlcek, Howie Witt

The best effort???

Rudy Reimer, Terry Naef, Lynn Naef, Jewel Bates

I can't let this opportunity pass without thanking the curling club. First for re-negotiating the ice due to old & new rinks being used but second, and most important, the waiters & waitresses who had 3 parties going at the same time and were running to get people served.

Watch next October's Georgian for details on the 1998 Pioneer Bonspiel. The format may change to team entries and a full 2 day bonspiel.

Terry Burgess



*Pioneer Bonspiel 1997 - Winners
(left to right) Peter Kather, John Lee, Terry Burgess
Not in photo: Walter Gjerde*



*Pioneer Bonspiel 1997 - Best Effort
(left to right) Rudy Reimer, Lynn Naef, Jerry Naef*



*Pioneer Bonspiel 1997 - 3rd Place
(left to right) Howie Witt, Rick DeBelser, George Vlcek,
Fred Hegel*



*Pioneer Bonspiel 1997 - 2nd Place
(left to right) Jude Chiasson, Karol Kemp, Hannah Lee,
Laurie Rustad*

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Attention Dormant Members

At the September AGM, the membership unanimously passed resolutions and changes to the constitution of the society and club.

One was the adoption of the "consolidated set of by-laws and constitution". This brought together all the changes that have happened since 1987.

Second, and most importantly was the creation of a new category of membership called "inactive". This made putting your membership "dormant" a legal category and allowed all previous "dormant" accounts to be taken back into the club.

Notices are being sent out to all "inactive/dormant" members explaining the new category to them and listing their options. The decision must be received by the club no later than April 30, 1998.

Detailed below is the complete "inactive" category.

If you know of anyone who has their account in the "dormant" status, please pass this on to them. Any accounts that are not changed to "active" or "inactive" category by April 30, 1998 will be cancelled.

Inactive Membership

-An "INACTIVE MEMBER" will refer to any member who currently holds a membership in the Prince George Golf and Curling Club, and chooses not to pay the full capital assessment as set by the Board of Directors.

-An "INACTIVE MEMBER" will pay a yearly fee which will be set by the Board of Directors (currently \$125.00).

-The fee must be paid in advance by April 30th of each year to cover the following 12 month period. Those 90 days in arrears will be deemed to have resigned their membership in the Society.

-Those who change their membership to INACTIVE will prepay a pro-rated fee to cover fees to the April 30th date.

-There will be a re-activation fee paid when an "INACTIVE MEMBER" chooses to re-activate their membership. This fee will be set from time to time by the Board of Directors.

-Members will be required to pay all indebtedness to the Club prior to approval as an INACTIVE MEMBER.

-An INACTIVE MEMBER would not have charging privileges, booking privileges or discounted fees as regular or corporate members now enjoy.

- "Dormant" members will have until April 30, 1998 to choose to "re-join" the club as Inactive or active members. The "INACTIVE" fee must be paid prior to May 1, 1998 in order for a membership to be placed in the "INACTIVE" category. "Dormant" members who fail to respond by April 30, 1998 will be removed from membership of the Society.

Senior Men Zone Winners

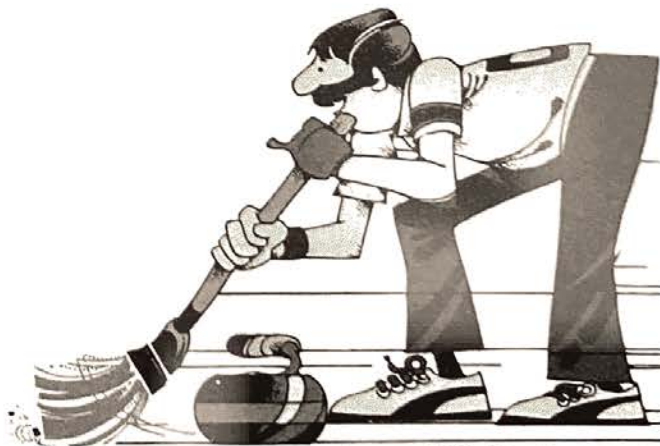


*Skip Alex Coffey
Third Mike Lukowich
Second Dalton Fraser
Lead Phil van de Velde*

Junior Men Zone Winners



*Skip Brook Glanville
Third Colin Sanford
Second Chris Parsons
Lead Jeff Lawrence
Coach Harvey Glanville*

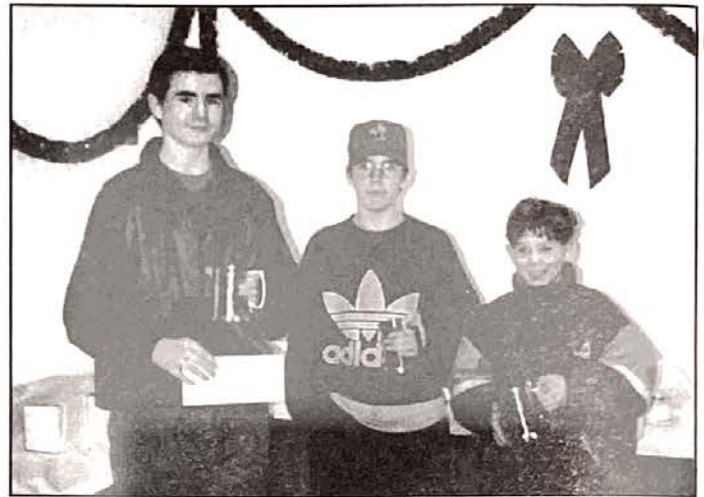


Junior Christmas Bonspiel

The Junior Curling Program would like to thank OVERWAITEA FOODS, PEPSI & FREIGHTLINERS (Dave Wasnik) for their generous donations to make our annual "Turkey Shoot" a big success.

We were able to give out ten turkeys. The winners were Ryan Errington, Katie Martin, Amanda Martin, Steven Buswell, Scott Cable, Joe Rebagliati, Jen Fewster, James Blanchett, Lee Carson & Jeff Krisko.

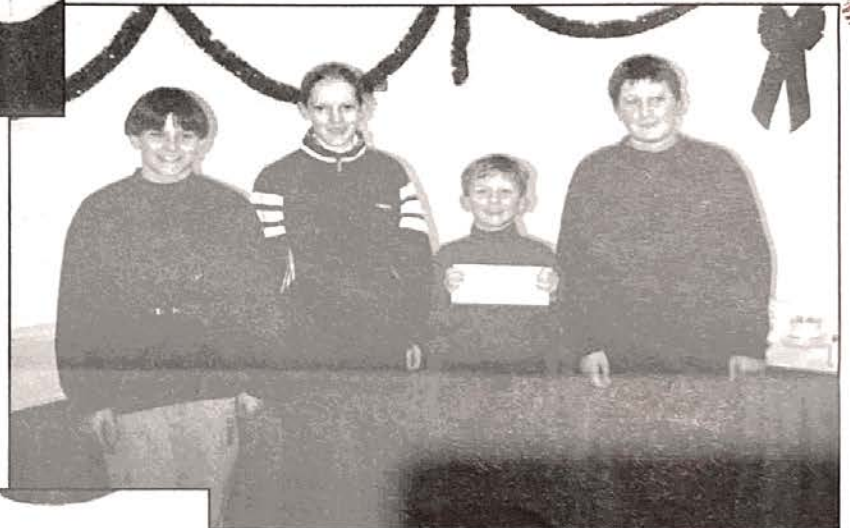
Congratulations!



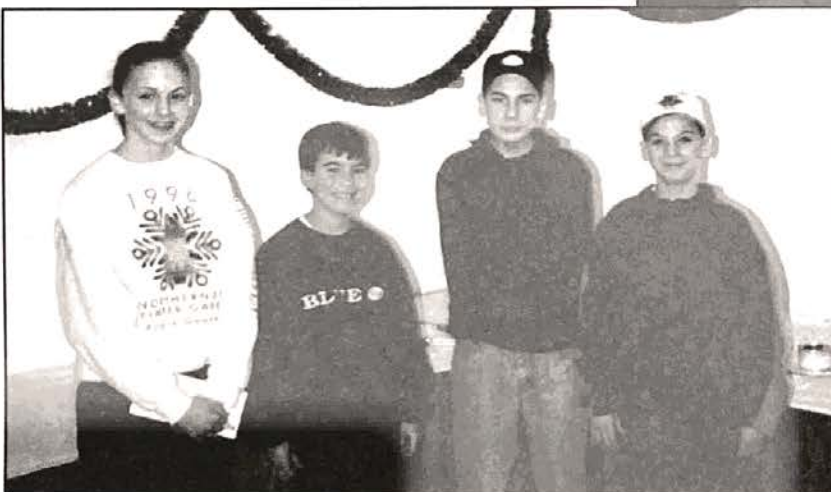
*Junior Christmas Spiel
"A" Winners
Skip James Blanchett
Third Nigel McInnis
Second Troy Callander*



*Junior Christmas Spiel
"B" Winners
Skip Evan Todd
Third Kristen Fewster (not in photo)
Second Darby Ritchie
Lead Ryan Flannigan (not in photo)*



*Junior Christmas Spiel
"C" Winners
Skip Tim Flannigan
Third Kelsi Bruintjes
Second Aaron Young
Lead James Allen*



*Junior Christmas Spiel
"D" Winners
Skip Jen Fester
Third Chris Calder
Second Stuart Martinson
Lead Kim Callander*

Playdown Dates for the 1997/98 Curling Season

Mens Zone	Quesnel	Jan 9 - 11	Mixed Zone	Williams Lake	Nov 14 - 16
BCICA Open	Kamloops	Jan 25 - 27	Interzone	Smithers	Nov 22 - 23
Interior	Kamloops	Jan 28 - 30	Provincials	Nelson	Dec 12 - 14
Provincials	Esquimalt	Feb 5 - 8	Canadians	Owen Sound	Jan 10 - 18
Brier	Winnipeg	Mar 7 - 15			
Jr. Mens Zone	Prince George	Nov 28 - 30	Ladies Zone	Prince George	Dec 6 - 7
Interzone	Prince George	Dec 13 - 14	Districts	Williams Lake	Jan 3 - 4
Provincials	Trail	Jan 2 - 4	Provincials	Cranbrook	Jan 26 - Feb 1
Canadians	Calgary	Jan 24 - Feb 1	Canadians	Regina	Feb 21 - Mar 1
Sr. Mens Zone	Prince George	Nov 28 - 30	Jr. Ladies Zone	Prince George	Nov 14 - 16
Interzone	Smithers	Dec 13 - 14	Districts	North Kamloops	Dec 6 - 7
Provincials	Qualicum	Jan 2 - 4	Provincials	Nanaimo	Dec 29 - Jan 4
Canadians	Sault St. Marie	Feb 7 - 15	Canadians	Calgary	Jan 24 - Feb 1
Masters Zone	Prince George	Jan 17 - 18	Sr. Ladies Zone	Prince George	
Interzone	Prince George	Jan 31 - Feb 1	Districts	Williams Lake	Nov 29 - 30
Provincials	Penticton	Feb 20 - 22	Provincials	Tunnel Town	Jan 5 - 11
Western Canadians	Airdrie	Mar 1 - 5	Canadians	Sault St. Marie	Feb 7 - 15
			Olympic Trials		
				Brandon	Nov 22 - 30



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1997/98 BONSPIELS

January 10	Teachers
January 17	PG Mechanical
January 17	Finning
January 17	UNBC
January 24	BC Government
January 24	IFS
January 30, 31, Feb. 1	Mixed Spiel
February 1	Deloitte & Touche
February 7, 8, 9	BCR
February 8	School District No. 57
February 14	CNC
February 14, 15	Little Kelly
February 21	City Hall
February 21	BC Tel & Hydro
February 27, 28, Mar 1	Ladies
March 5, 6, 7, 8	West. Can. Pulp Mill
March 14, 15	Royal Bank
March 15	CNC
March 16	NA Association
March 16	Auto Marine
March 22, 23	Tri Mill
March 23	Legion
March 23	Auto Magic
March 26-29	Kelly Cup
April 4	St. Giles
April 4, 5	Elks
April 4, 5	Knights of Columbus

1998 ANNUAL GOLF DUES

	DUES	GST	TOTAL
Prime Time	755.00	52.85	\$807.85
Senior Prime Time	650.00	45.50	\$695.50
Senior Non-Prime Time	565.00	39.55	\$604.55
Junior Members	185.00	12.95	\$197.95
Junior Non-Members	210.00	14.70	\$224.70
Intermediate	440.00	30.80	\$470.80

NOTE: Senior rates apply to those individuals who are 65 years of age by March 31, 1998.

All people who paid golf dues in 1997 will have first priority for playing privileges in 1998. Golf dues must be paid by cheque, cash or credit card in full by March 31, 1998 or playing privileges will be lost. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS.

Members can charge golf dues to their accounts, *PROVIDED THAT THEIR ACCOUNT IS PAID IN FULL ON OR BEFORE MARCH 31, 1998.*

MARCH 31, 1998 IS THE DEADLINE TO ENSURE GOLF PLAYING PRIVILEGES FOR 1998.

GOLF MEDICAL EXCEPTIONS

Golfers unable to golf due to a medical condition must contact the General Manager immediately upon being disabled to golf. A doctor's note is required to obtain a medical exemption. Reinstatement of golf privileges will result during the season if member is able to resume play. Failure to notify immediately may result in the loss of your refund for golf dues.

Your Annual Golf Dues

The annual dues have been set for the 1998 golf season. Much discussion and research took place before the committee and board arrived at the amount of the increase.

Every effort was made to keep the increase to a minimum and items such as the BCGA assessment for the new handicap system and increased RCLGA fees forced the increase.

A table of other course dues is shown below and as you can see, your dues are still a real bargain.



Analysis of Annual Golf Dues in B.C. Prime Time Rates

Nanaimo Country Club	\$1,350
Story Creek	925
Pemberton Valley	650
Penticton Golf & Country Club	850
Rivershore Country Club	1100
Squamish Valley	850
Kamloops Golf & Country Club	1050
Kelowna Springs	945
Kelowna Golf & Country Club	945
Salmon Arm Country Club	820
Pitt Meadows Golf Club	1,935



Winter Golf School

January 5
to
March 31

Fee \$200.00

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New BCGA Handicap Networking System

The BCGA has been looking at the feasibility of a provincially networked system among our Member Clubs for several years. We believe that the time is now right to implement such a system. The response that we have received to our networking questionnaire confirms that the Member Clubs agree that the timing is right and the cost is at a level that can be justified.

The benefits to such a "network", depending on the degree of system options such as internet access, including e-mail communication between Clubs, "electronic billboards" providing the user with timely information on upcoming Member Club activities and BCGA events, tee-time availability and booking; and perhaps most importantly, the "network" would, if properly utilized, greatly enhance the integrity of our handicap system.

Handicap indexes for all BCGA Members would be available for peer review/confirmation any time through a networked Member Club. Rounds played at an "away" Club could be posted at that Club and transferred electronically to the Members "home" Club and added automatically to the Members handicap file for update.

After reviewing a number of packages from a variety of vendors, the BCGA has selected a software/hardware combination which is extremely "user friendly" and will not only satisfy the requirements of a network, but will also provide our Member Clubs with a "top-of-the-line" computer system into which other non-network functions may also be incorporated.

The following proposal is submitted by Memocard Systems Inc:

Memocard will set up a province wide handicap network for the BCGA to provide the Association and its Member Clubs with the following services:

- Real-time handicap calculations at club site for each golfer for whom a member file has been opened within the network
- A centralized data base accessible to the BCGA and its Member Clubs
- Transfer of data via the internet
- Reporting capabilities according to the requirements of the BCGA and its Member Clubs
- Hardware for each club to be supplied by Memocard (description follows)
- Group information and training sessions will be provided by Memocard to Member Clubs at 3 locations in British Columbia (eg. Vancouver, Victoria, Kelowna)
- Software users guide supplied with each copy of handicap and tournament program
- Software support available 7 days/week from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

The following pricing is based on a global offer:

- Pricing will be the same for all males, females and juniors using the system
- The initial opening of the Member file will be done by Memocard and the Association will be billed based on the total number of open files
- Additional new Members will be added to the system on a

daily basis with a 24 hour turn around time

- Memocard will provide a support person in BC for the support of the network, software and the hardware
- Memocard will provide the hardware to each Club. In order to provide the best possible support and to facilitate the integration of the network, the Club will not have the option of providing their own hardware
- Touch screens, printers and on-site hardware support are optional and will be available as an "add on"
- The development of the network, software programs and support of the BCGA staff are included in the price per Member.

Price per Member:

5 year contract - \$3.00 per member - At the end of the 60 months, the equipment is owned by the BCGA and will be left with the Member Clubs for the use of registered Club Members. The fee per Member will be reduced but will have to be renegotiated based on technology and requirements at that time.

Update January 1998

We are pleased to advise that the vote for the Provincial Networking System at the Annual General Meeting on November 8, 1997 was 86% in favor of proceeding with the Memocard proposal. We would also advise that the BCCLGA at their board meeting also voted in favor of supporting the networking proposal.

We also have accepted the offer received from BC TEL Interactive to supply Internet access for all our Member Clubs. Briefly, this offer contains the following:

1. BC TEL Interactive will provide each participating Member facility with Sympatico Internet access - Free of monthly service charges.
2. Web Hosting Service - BC TEL Interactive will provide the BCGA and its Member Clubs all web-hosting services - Free of charge.
3. Each Member Club on the network will have 5 hours of Internet access per month - Free of charge.
4. Each Member Club will be provided with 5 E-mail accounts.
5. Each Member Club will be provided with 2 Megs of space to establish a mini website. These mini-sites will include all relevant golf and member services information as well as two graphics - Free of charge.
6. Each Member Club will receive a copy of Sympatico's guide to the Internet book and a 1 year complimentary subscription to Netlife Magazine.

This agreement has a retail value in excess of \$125,000.00 per year and is valid for a 5 year period, as is the Memocard agreement. (Retail value assumes all Clubs were to have to purchase the above services).

In terms of timing, it is our intention to finalize the contractual agreement with Memocard over the next 30 days. We would expect to be in a position to begin signing clubs up in early January and have the network up and operative when the handicap inactive season ends in March 1998. We will keep you informed as to all developments.



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JANUARY - FEBRUARY 1998

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5 Bridge Club	6	7 ReMax	8	9	10 Teachers' Spiel
11	12 Bridge Club	13	14 ReMax	15	16	17 UNBC Finning P.G. Mechanical
18	19 Bridge Club	20	21 ReMax	22 Board of Directors	23	24 B.C. Government IFS
25	26 Bridge Club	27	28 ReMax	29	30 Mixed Spiel	31 Mixed Spiel
1 Mixed Spiel	2 Bridge Club	3	4 ReMax	5	6	7 BCR