



President's Report 2015

2015 has proven to be an interesting year for Golf in Newfoundland and Labrador. I want to thank all the Volunteers, Board and Committee Members, for the time you give to GNL. Your efforts to grow the game are very much appreciated.

The harsh winter took its toll on many courses in the Central and Eastern Island regions, slowing some openings, combined with the lack of warmth and over abundance of rain made for a short growing season. These factors led to a decision to change the Adult Provincial Championship venue to Humber Valley Resort in 2015 and postpone Terra Nova Resort's hosting the event to 2016. There we enjoyed the best four days of July and the course was in fabulous condition for the event. With one of the biggest fields in recent memory and Competitors entered in all Male and Female divisions, the event was well organized and received scores of positive reviews from those in attendance. The coming year will see a focus on trying to grow the field even further by attracting more Ladies and Girls

July also saw our Junior Championships contested at Pitcher's Pond, where the Juniors enjoyed a challenging course in another well organized, successful event crowning worthy Champions in all divisions. The Junior Program was improved again this year under supervision of Junior Director Jamie Moran and we are looking forward to more improvements in the coming year and more successes at the Provincial, Atlantic and National competitions. The Tely Tour will be officially brought under the GNL Banner in the upcoming season; a huge Thank You is extended to Bruce Watson and his incredibly hard working group of volunteers in running this tour so wonderfully well. We are looking to continue to help grow the Junior ranks and will be calling on Bruce and his crew for their guidance. The Tely Tour is certainly is the backbone for our grassroots golf and we will work to continue the tradition.

August saw the GNL hosting of the Adult Atlantic Championships at Terra Nova Resort. I received many compliments from the visiting Competitors and appreciation for the hospitality in the beautiful surroundings and kind words for the hard work of organizing committee and volunteers. Special thanks to Greg Hillier and Rex Anthony for all the extra hours put in on this event.

The Competitions Committee deserve an extra "Thank You" for their great efforts this past year. They organized a successful fundraiser in the off season, the results of which allowed for another year of greatly improved Provincial Championship events.

Many thanks to everyone involved in the Rules Committee for their many hours of generous service during the Championship Season, their efforts were stellar as always. And also the Rating/Handicap Committee and The Marketing Committee worked tirelessly for us in keeping things up to date, marketing ourselves and keeping us abreast with the most modern of technology.

Our Executive Director is also to be commended for his dedication to our Association. We appreciate his input and his work ethic.

Sincerely,
Steve