



Rules Director's Report 2014

Your rules committee and officials were kept busy this past year on both the education and officiating scenes. On the education front, Dave Lawlor, Walter Crotty, Bruce Watson and I completed our winter rules sessions here at Bally Haly leading to the addition of two certified Level 3 officials. Congratulations to Andrew Walsh and Gerard Martin on attaining Level 3 official status. Also, Kay Thompson was successful in renewing her Level 4 official qualification after completing Golf Canada's seminar and examination held for the first time in Newfoundland and Labrador. As your provincial governing body, it is important for us to be recognized by Golf Canada as an Atlantic rules training centre and we hope to have future Level 4 seminars in the province. We express our sincere thanks to Golf Canada.

On the tournament front, I would like to express my sincere thanks to Mike and Kathy Callahan, Len Woodford and Dave Moakler for their assistance at the Royal LePage Provincial Adult Championships held at the picturesque Grande Meadows Golf Club. Thanks also to the starters, scorers and the entire club staff for their assistance. Thanks are also in order to Royal LePage for their inaugural sponsorship of our adult championships.

Your Royal LePage Junior Championships were held at the striking Clovelly Golf Course and were a tremendous success. Thanks to officials Andrew Walsh, Gerard Walsh, Bruce Watson, Gerard Martin, and Dave Moakler. Ted Stonehouse plus his staff and volunteers did a tremendous job in putting this event together. The success of the tournament would not be possible without all of you and the support of Royal LePage.

Thanks are also in order to Golf Canada for holding the 2014 CN Future Links Atlantics at the picturesque Humber Valley Resort River Course. Bruce Watson, Kay Thompson and I were invited to officiate at this year's weather shortened event and were kept busy applying the rules of golf and assisting the players. We look forward to Golf Canada's next event in the province.

Your rules committee recognizes the challenges we face in our ability to educate rules officials across the province and has been exploring various avenues in an attempt to make this a reality. I am pleased to announce that commencing in January 2015, your rules committee, under the guidance of Bruce Watson, will be offering on-line Level 3 rules education sessions across the province or, for that matter, anywhere with an internet connection. Utilizing Adobe Connect for Web Meetings technology, we will be offering a hybrid education/exam preparation seminar on a weekly basis leading to the Level 3 Golf Canada examination in the spring of 2015. Our intention is to train and certify local officials across the province and to provide local officiating expertise at the club level thus reducing our tournament operating costs. The Tely Tour will also benefit in that a pool of qualified officials will be available for their province-wide events. We are excited about this initiative and encourage all interested individuals to contact Greg Hillier, Bruce Watson or me for further information.

Our mandate to provide qualified and professional officiating throughout our great province and to our great game remains unchanged. We are proud of our accomplishments and are striving to provide you, our members, with competent, certified rules officials and a first class education program at both the club, provincial and national level. We thank you all for your interest and assistance and look forward to your continued cooperation in the future.

Jim Sloan