

# *Fifty-Five Plus News*

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## **BREAKING NEWS**

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#### **Summer Hours:**

Closed  
until  
further  
notice.

The Town has been busy updating the 55+ Club website. In the future, all classes will need to be registered online for purposes of contact tracing. There are more virtual classes and workshops being offered. Please check the website for time, dates and costs. You can go to: <https://www.townofws.ca/en/explore/55-club.aspx> or: [www.townofws.ca/55+Club](http://www.townofws.ca/55+Club).

You might want to look at the workshop on **Downsizing** that has been set up for June 11. Learn how to decide what to keep and what to let go of and where to take your unwanted "treasures." This workshop is via Zoom.

You may also want to look at the workshop on **Financial Literacy**. Even if you already have a plan in place, you may want some advice on coping with the loss of a spouse or making estate arrangements.

Two amazing history walks are planned for the fall, each with a capacity of 10. These will be presented by Ohan Stambouljian of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum. Other outdoor activities such as urban pole walking or yoga will be offered mid-June or as soon as public health regulations permit.

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## **FROM THE 55+ STAFF WORKING GROUP**

No meeting of the 55+ Club Staff Working Group has been scheduled for June. We have been advised the **Ginger Derochie** will be taking over from Micole Rubinoff. Ginger was previously the Community Program Supervisor and she has been working in Leisure for more than two years. Ginger is an avid outdoors person who loves paddling and has several years' experience in Recreation Programming. She was working in Thorold prior to coming to Whitchurch-Stouffville. Congratulations, Ginger!



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## FATHER'S DAY

**Father's Day** is a day of honouring fatherhood and paternal bonds. In Catholic countries of Europe, it had been celebrated on March 19 as Saint Joseph's Day from the 15<sup>th</sup> century. In 1908, Grace Golden Clayton proposed the day to honour those men who lost their lives in a mining accident in West Virginia. But in 1909 Sonora Smart Dodd, one of six children raised by a widower convinced the Spokane Ministerial Association to celebrate Father's Day. Washington State celebrated the nation's first statewide Father's Day on June 19, 1910.



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## OSHAWA PEONY FESTIVAL

Take a virtual tour of **the Peony Festival City of Oshawa**. Tours are offered on June 1, 8, 15 and 22. You can visit Judi's Garden or Ingrid's Garden with the Canadian Peony Society. The Oshawa Garden Club is presenting virtual visits to Jill's Garden and Greg's Garden. June is the month to see amazing tree peonies and other varieties!

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## GOLF HUMOUR



A man had two of the best tickets for the Masters. As he sits down, another man comes along and asks if anyone is sitting in the seat next to him.

"No", he says, "the seat is empty." "This is incredible!" said the man. "Who in their right mind would have a seat like this, the biggest golfing event of the whole world, and not use it?"

"He says, "Well, actually, the seat belongs to me. My wife would always come with me, but she passed away. This is the first Masters we haven't been to together since we got married." "Oh ... I'm sorry to hear that. That's terrible. I guess you couldn't find someone else? A friend or relative or even a neighbour to take the seat?"

The man shakes his head. "No. They're all at the funeral."



## BIRTHDAY PEOPLE

Barbara Buchanan, Graham Warlow, Peter Rudner, Ruth Geddes, Sheila Olson, Theresa Noble, Carmela Findlay, Margot Knecht, Gloria Wilkinson, Cathy Barnett, Barb Burbidge, Georgina Cornell, Eileen Davidson, Julie Ann Donkersley, John Gutteridge, Dianne Hawdon, Young-Yie Kim, Ranjit Kumar, Wilkie Lau, Dorothy Morrison, Wayne Morrison, Evelyn O'Connor, Maria Pacelli-Segreti, Gail Seeley, Maria Segreti-Pacelli, Barbara Small, Marilyn Summerfeldt, Patricia Tipson, David Tubb, Sheila Wilder, Debbie Wilson, Lori Yaccato, YanPing Zhao. Celebrate!



## HISTORY OF GOLF

The modern game of golf originated in 15<sup>th</sup> century Scotland. The 18-hole round was created at the Old Course at St. Andrews in 1764. Golf's first major, and the world's oldest tournament in existence, is The Open Championship, also known as the British Open, which was first played in 1860 at the Prestwick Gold Club in Ayrshire, Scotland.

While the modern game of golf originated in 15<sup>th</sup>-century Scotland, the game's ancient origins are unclear and much debated.

Some historians trace the sport back to the Roman game of *paganica*, in which participants used a bent stick to hit a stuffed leather ball. One theory asserts that *paganica* spread throughout Europe as the Romans conquered most of the continent, during the first century B.C. and eventually evolved into the modern game.

Others cite *chulwan* as the progenitor, a Chinese game played between the eight and fourteenth centuries. A Ming Dynasty scroll dating back to 1368 entitled "The Autumn Banquet" shows a member of the Chinese imperial court swinging what appears to be a golf club at a small ball with the aim of sinking it into a hole. The game is thought to have been introduced into Europe during the Middle Ages.

Another early game that resembled modern golf was known as *camba* in England and *chambot* in France. The Persian game *chowkan* is another possible ancient original. In addition, *kolven* (a game involving a ball and curved bats) was played annually in Loenen, Netherlands, beginning in 1297, to commemorate the capture of the assassin of Floris V a year earlier.

The modern game originated in Scotland where the first written record of golf is James II's banning of the game in 1457, as an unwelcome distraction to learning archery. James IV lifted the ban in 1502 when he became a golfer himself, with golf clubs first recorded in 1503-1504. "For golf clubbes and balles to the King that he playit with."

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Golf is documented as being played on Musselburgh Links, East Lothian, Scotland as early as 2 March 1672, which is certified as the oldest golf course in the world by Guinness World Records.

The oldest surviving rules of golf were compiled in March 1744 for the Company of Gentlemen Golfers, later renamed The Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers

Two Scotsmen from Dunfermline, John Reid and Robert Lockhart, first demonstrated golf in the U.S. by setting up a hole in an orchard in 1888, with Reid setting up America's first golf club the same year, Saint Andrew's Golf Club in Yonkers, New York.

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Police are called to an apartment and find a woman holding a bloody 5-iron standing over a lifeless man.

The detective asks, "Ma'am, is that your husband?"

"Yes", says the woman.

"Did you hit him with that golf club?"

"Yes, yes, I did." The woman begins to sob, drops the club and puts her hands on her face.

"How many times did you hit him?"

"I don't know ... put me down for a five."

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A golfer teed up his ball on the first tee, took a mighty swing and hit his ball into a clump of trees. He found his ball and saw an opening between two trees he thought he could hit through. Taking out his 3-wood, he took a mighty swing. The ball hit a tree, bounced back, hit him in the forehead and killed him.

As he approached the gates of Heaven, St. Peter asked, "Are you a good golfer?"

"The man replied, "Got here in two, didn't I?"

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The bride was escorted down the aisle and when she reached the altar, the groom was standing there with his golf bag and clubs at his side.

She said, "What are your golf clubs doing here?"

He looked her right in the eye and said, "This isn't going to take all day, is it?"

# GOLF HUMOUR



"Did you win?"



"This is a tough course."

