

Southport

March 2021 Newsletter



Southport Golf Club Prepares to Open for 2021 Season

Mark your calendar and save the date for April 15. Pending the weather, Southport Golf Club will be open for the 2021 season on this day!

After the great success of the 2020 season, Southport is excited to continue operating Southport Golf Club. Last year, the course saw some of the best conditions to-date, and Southport will continue to uphold this standard for years to come.


This year, we have many exciting upgrades planned for the course, clubhouse and the driving range. Since the 2020 season, the clubhouse has received an interior renovation and a new 2000 ft² expansion, complete with a large patio that overlooks the course.

Across the course at the driving range, several upgrades will take place this year. Soon, you will see new equipment at the range including ball baskets, a divot mix storage box, yardage signs, range mats, bag holders and hitting bay dividers. On the course, all 9 holes will soon be sporting new flags, ensuring you can easily spot the green.

Also new this year is an updated Tee Time booking software system that is now available on the Southport Golf Club website. The new booking system allows you to book your tee time in advance without having to leave the website.

To stay up-to-date on the latest news and the exciting things to come this year, visit SouthportGolfClub.ca and follow @southportgolfclub on Facebook.

Book Now! ▶

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Being Competitive in the Digital World - Southport Staff Receive Training on Tourism Industry

In March, Southport staff attended training sessions that will assist in keeping Southport active in the tourism industry as the pandemic continues.

Travel Manitoba Packaging Workshop

Southport Director, Business Development, Deanna Talbot, attended an introductory session and packaging workshop organized by Travel Manitoba in coordination with Joe Veneto of Veneto Collaboratory.

The introductory session focused on the essential strategies that destinations, accommodations, attractions, restaurants and retailers must embrace and implement to drive visitation and generate economic development. It was an informative workshop and Southport looks forward to working with other organizations from the Central Plains Region to market the area as a tourism destination.

Enhancing the Digital Competitiveness of the Industry

Southport Specialist, Communications, Janelle Hulme, attended a conference hosted by Travel Manitoba about Enhancing the Digital Competitiveness of the Industry. The session featured keynote speaker, Ann Handley, who spoke on the importance of digital marketing. Other sessions highlighted how to make a good website, make a good website better, create content that stands out, make video on a small budget, and the final session of the day discussed e-commerce.



Southport Employee Celebrates 5 Year Milestone

In March, Coordinator, Administrative Services, Dorothy Young, celebrated her 5-year anniversary of working at Southport. Congratulations, Dorothy, on achieving this important milestone!

Southport Celebrates Fiscal Year Project Completion

On March 17, Southport staff safely gathered outside the Southport Office to review and celebrate the completion of several large projects that took place throughout the 2020-21 fiscal year. It was a fun end to the work day, celebrating and visiting with coworkers while remaining safely distanced.

Climate Smart Corner

March marks the end of Southport's 2020-21 Fiscal Year and there were many Climate Smart 'successes' that occurred throughout the year. One highlight is Hangar 5, which was built with the environment in-mind and features electric heat. Over the past year, Hangar 5 produced only 0.4 tonnes of carbon. If the hangar was built with gas-fired heating, it would have created 62.4 tonnes of carbon annually. What a difference! Hangar 5 is a testament to Southport's commitment to environmental stewardship and maintaining its Climate Smart certification.



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Southport Invests in Added Storage Unit Security

Southport's storage unit complex received added security measures in March. The new cameras and lights ensure that all units are secured and under surveillance at all times. These cameras were an added measure in addition to the current on-site security patrol that monitors the units on a 24/7 basis.

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Facilities Update

Southport Building Interior Upgrades Complete

In March, Southport's Facilities Maintenance team completed interior renovations in the Southport Building. The entire lower level of the two-storey building now has new carpet and freshly painted doors, walls and fixtures.



Central Plains RecPlex East Wing Receives Interior Upgrades

The East Wing of the Central Plains RecPlex received a face lift in March from Southport's Facilities Maintenance team. The area has been repainted and the old reception desk has been removed and allows for an open space with endless possibilities.



A Message From the Board

The General Members of Southport

As a not-for-profit organization, Southport is governed by a Board of Directors with responsibility for the overall operation and governance of Southport. To assist in this responsibility, the Board establishes and maintains a General Membership comprised of those interested in, and who support, the mission, vision and values of Southport. The Board uses this group as a resource and reports Southport's activities to them on an annual basis. Anyone may apply for General Membership.

The Board is responsible for the appointment and selection of the General Members, who have no equity in Southport, but do have the following responsibilities:

✓ **To hold Southport's Board accountable to the public**

This ensures that there is sound governance, and that Southport is managed in a businesslike manner to ensure its long-term viability by attracting business that generates jobs and revenue on an ongoing basis.

✓ **To act as a source of advice and collective wisdom for the Board**

Southport's General Membership is comprised of a wide variety of valued professionals, ensuring broad representation and can be called upon as required by the Board for advice on various issues.

✓ **To act as ambassadors for Southport**

The General Members promote the features and benefits of Southport at every opportunity and ensure Southport's advantages are known to the community, Manitoba and Canada. This entails General Members taking the opportunities, at the request of the Board, to advance Southport's objectives within their area of expertise.

✓ **To attend annual meetings of the General Members**

At annual meetings, under the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act, General Members have the right to:

- Consider Southport's financial statements and the auditor's report
- Vote on the election of director nominees
- Vote on the appointment of auditors

✓ **To attend special meetings of the General Members**

The governing statute, the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act, gives members the right, at special meetings, to consider and vote on any matters of 'special business' such as the confirmation of changes to Southport's by-laws.



Southport is Hiring

It's an exciting and rewarding opportunity to become a part of Southport, a winning team! Southport is currently accepting applications in several positions. Do one of these positions sound like the job for you? Head to our website to read the full job descriptions and to apply!

[Apply Now ▶](#)



Facilities Maintenance Technician

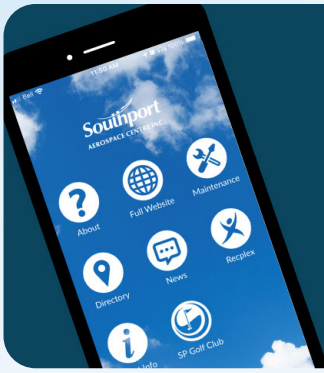
As the Facilities Maintenance Technician, you will be responsible for performing and assisting with the installation, maintenance, repair and operation of a wide range of facility and utility systems, assisting with commercial and residential renovations, utilizing a diverse range of hand tools and a computerized maintenance management system for work order administration and performing manual labour and other duties for the efficient operation of the Facilities Maintenance team. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Seasonal Clubhouse Server/Cooks

As a Clubhouse Server/Cook, you will be responsible for ensuring that the clubhouse and kitchen are ready for daily operation. This includes food preparation, short line and banquet cooking, performing table service and providing exceptional customer service. Other daily tasks include monitoring all stock levels, completing daily inventory as well as daily cleaning of the clubhouse, kitchen and bathrooms. Part-time and full-time positions are available. Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled.

Full-Time Accountant

As the Accountant, you will be responsible for the preparation of financial statements and reports, financial planning and analysis, managing assets, overseeing procurement policies and procedures, preparing audit working papers and assisting in the preparation of annual reports. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.



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Southport Partners With Local Stakeholders on Portage Tourism Committee

Southport and several other stakeholders from the Portage la Prairie region have joined forces to form the Portage Tourism Committee. Focused on promoting the Portage la Prairie region as a desirable tourism destination, the committee has recently shifted its focus to market the region to local residents and is encouraging them to 'explore their own backyard.'

In March, the committee completed a strategic planning session to discuss the future strategic direction of the committee. It was a productive session and Southport looks forward to continuing this partnership.



Southport Completes Fifth Edition of Reaching New Heights Magazine

Did you know that Southport has a magazine called Reaching New Heights? Southport recently completed the fifth edition of the magazine, and it will soon be available online and in print! Head to our [website](#) to read the previous four editions and catch up on what Southport has been up to for the past few years.



Is it a bird? It's a plane . . . what kind of aircraft are these? Send us your guess and be entered to win a Southport branded prize! Need a hint? Follow us on Facebook and search through our recent posts!

Send Us Your Answer!

Email: marketing@southport.ca

Message: [@southportairport](#) on Facebook

What is it?



Central Plains RecPlex

March 2021 Newsletter



Machine of the Month

In March, Central Plains RecPlex received new equipment, including a deadlift platform! This platform makes lifting safer and easier for RecPlex members while protecting the equipment and floor.

If you haven't used the new platform yet, try it today by booking your next workout or becoming a member on our website!



Central Plains RecPlex Celebrates Easter With Egg Hunt

To celebrate the Easter weekend, beginning on March 31, the RecPlex organized an Easter egg hunt. Laminated paper eggs were hidden throughout the fitness area and were redeemed at the front desk for a gift card to a local business. Congratulations to all winners and also to our two grand prize winners, Tyler Van Deynze and Austin Brown, who each won a 1-month RecPlex membership! Other prizes included gift cards to Supplement King, Honey Bee Health Foods, Southport Golf Club, Keystone Sports Excellence and Prairie City Cinema.

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BOOK YOUR NEXT WORKOUT! ►

March Charity & Event Support

CFPD Advertisement Sponsorship

In March, the Community Foundation of Portage and District (CFPD) ran an advertisement in the Graphic Leader highlighting a grant provided to Portage Collegiate Institute for their Ikwe (which means woman in Ojibwe) and Wicasa (which means man in Dakota) programs. These programs feature in-school meetings and sessions with Action Therapists that provide a safe space for participants to learn about empathy and positive relationships. The programs have had a positive impact on students. Southport proudly sponsors these monthly advertisements as the CFPD is one of Southport's key community partners.



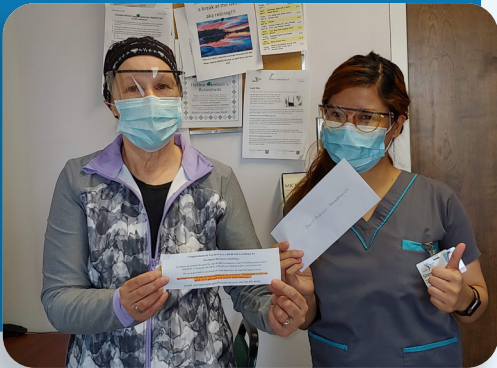
CFPD Endowment Fund Contribution

In March, Southport added \$3,000 to its Endowment Fund with the Community Foundation of Portage and District. Southport's Endowment Fund was formed in 2015 and to date, totals \$38, 827.43. The fund supports local granting programs and will continue to grow into the future through regular contributions. Southport is pleased to continue contributing to this fund that assists local organizations and initiatives in achieving their goals.



Frontline Health Worker Support

As a show of support for local frontline health workers, Southport donated several gift cards to the Portage District General Hospital to be dispersed among their staff. The gift cards can be redeemed toward any of Southport's recreation offerings including a game of bowling at Southport Bowl, a round of golf or a driving range practice session at Southport Golf Club, or an indoor rock wall climbing experience or membership at Central Plains RecPlex. Southport proudly supports frontline workers, especially during this time, and commends them for the work they do in our community every day.



Southport Tenant Easter Egg Hunt

In March, Southport organized an Easter egg hunt in the commercial area of Southport. All commercial tenants and their employees were encouraged to get outside and enjoy the spring weather while searching for the eggs. A code in the Easter eggs led searchers to the Southport website where they redeemed the number on their egg for a gift card to a local business. In total, Southport handed out over \$2,000 in local gift cards. This initiative was planned to show appreciation for its tenants and in lieu of the annual Tenant Appreciation Evening which was cancelled due to the pandemic.





Central Plains RecPlex Easter Egg Hunt

In celebration of Easter, and to show appreciation for its members, Central Plains RecPlex and Southport staff organized an Easter egg hunt in the RecPlex fitness area that began in March. Members searched for the hidden eggs and redeemed them at the RecPlex front desk for a gift card to a local business. Two lucky members who found the golden eggs won the grand prize of a 1-month membership to the RecPlex. Southport and RecPlex staff were excited to offer this fun event to members while also supporting local businesses.



United Way Face Mask Donation

In March, Southport donated 100 face masks to United Way Central Plains. The masks will be shared among their Member Agencies and will be used as necessary personal protective equipment (PPE) for various community events and initiatives. Southport was pleased to donate these face masks as United Way Central Plains is one of Southport's key community partners.



ROK Fundraiser Pizza Lunch

On March 17, in celebration of Saint Patrick's Day and the completion of several large 2020-21 fiscal year projects, Southport provided lunch for all available staff from Boston Pizza. On this day, all proceeds from pizza lunch sales went to Recreation Opportunities for Kids (ROK) to assist in funding their programming. Southport encourages living an active and healthy lifestyle and is proud to support ROK and its efforts in providing recreation opportunities for local youth who otherwise would not be able to access them.



USC Student Competition Support

In April 2021, Southport was scheduled to host the annual Unmanned Systems Canada (USC) Student Unmanned Aerial System (UAS or drone) Competition. Due to the ongoing pandemic, the competition moved to a virtual format. Southport remains an active supporter and sponsor of this annual event and assembled and mailed all participating team packages. Southport looks forward to watching the teams virtually compete at the end of April and hopes to see everyone at Southport for the next competition in 2022.

\$113,990.74
Total 2020-21 Donations