



Fore! Southport Golf Club Open for the Season

Earlier in May, we were thrilled to announce that the Southport Golf Club was officially open for the 2020 season. Situated in a picturesque country setting at the end of Southport's airfield, Southport Golf Club features a fun and challenging 9-hole golf course with a unique layout designed for all levels of play. The course features generous fairways, well-conditioned greens, and a newly-renovated, licensed clubhouse.

You can experience a quick 9-hole game or play the full 18-holes by using the alternate tee boxes on your second round. With the only driving range in the region, it is the perfect place to practice your swing or warm up before your round!

Since Southport assumed all operational and managerial duties regarding the course and the clubhouse, several upgrades have occurred and many others are scheduled to take place in the near future. Over the past month, the clubhouse has undergone interior renovations and received new flooring, paint, countertops, lighting, and upgraded washrooms. With this renovation complete, the focus is now on the patio

Southport COVID-19 Update

At Southport, we're doing our part to minimize the spread of COVID-19 by keeping our office closed to the public until further notice. Inquiries can be made by phone or email. Under Phase II of Restoring Safe Services, we have reopened Central Plains RecPlex. Southport Golf Club is also open to the public, including the driving range. Southport Bowl and our climbing wall remain closed at this time. All workout sessions and tee times must be booked in advance.

For more information regarding COVID-19, please visit the Province of Manitoba website for the latest updates: www.manitoba.ca/covid19/.

expansion that is scheduled for later this summer. On the course, new tee box markers have been installed and feature the image of an aircraft, a compliment to Southport's aviation presence and military history. Online, a new website and Facebook page have been created to provide golfers with access to all offerings, events, tee time bookings and membership applications.



Returning members were eager to get out on the greens during the opening weekend in early May. Since opening for the 2020 season, there has been an outpour of support and positive remarks from both new and existing golfers.

All Public Health COVID-19 policies and procedures are in place to ensure proper social distancing. There is also sanitizing stations and directional signage in place. Please keep in mind that tee times must be booked in advance before you arrive. We look forward to seeing you on the greens!



Tenant Feature: Portage la Prairie & Area EMS

The Portage la Prairie and Area EMS has ambulances stationed at the Groundside Maintenance Building at Southport. In 2014, the Southern Health-Santé Sud – EMS Garage lease was expanded to accommodate their Regional Mobile Critical Care Unit which improves access to local on-the-spot primary health care services for people living in Manitoba's smaller underserved communities. The ambulances and Critical Care Unit service the entire Portage la Prairie region.



Thank You!

Southport would like to thank the Portage la Prairie and Area EMS team for their front-line work and dedication to helping those in our community during these unprecedented times.

Connect with us!

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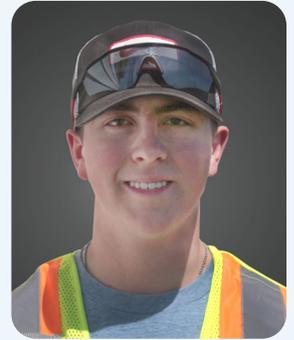
Southport Welcomes New Summer Employees

Southport would like to extend a warm welcome to several new employees who will be joining us for the summer months. Each of these new employees bring skill sets that will serve them well in their summer positions with Southport. Be sure to wave if you see one of these friendly faces around the community. Welcome to the Southport team! A reminder that we are currently seeking additional full-time and part-time Clubhouse Servers/Cooks to join our team at the Southport Golf Club this summer. Apply [online](#) today!



Megan Lussier has joined us at the Southport Golf Club as a Clubhouse Server/Cook. Megan has a background in customer service and the restaurant and food service industry. Along with this, Megan brings bartending and serving experience to her new role at the clubhouse.

Ryder Kochen (pictured left) and Rylan Denbow (pictured right) have joined the Southport Golf Club team as Summer Student Groundskeepers. Rylan attends William Morton Collegiate in Gladstone and enjoys playing golf, hockey and baseball in his spare time. Ryder is a student at Portage Collegiate Institute where he participates in track. Outside of school, Ryder enjoys hunting and fishing.



Faith Buhler (pictured left) and Connor Green (pictured right) have joined the Southport team as Facilities Maintenance Summer Students. Faith is attending post-secondary education at Briercrest Christian Academy, College, and Seminary in Saskatchewan. Faith plays her favourite sport, volleyball, on the Briercrest team. In the upcoming school year, Connor will be attending his second year at Minot State University on a baseball scholarship where he is majoring in Exercise Science. Connor enjoys playing golf in his spare time.

Southport Celebrates the Summer Season With Annual Yard Beautification Contest

Starting in June, Southport will begin the annual Yard Beautification Contest. Southport's country setting and caring community results in a collection of stunning yards each summer. Whether it's vibrant flowers, neatly trimmed grass, pruned plants, or lawn ornaments, each yard is beautifully unique. With monthly yard checks done by Southport staff, every household in the Southport community will have a chance to win. Get out your gardening gloves as our first yard check will be completed at the end of June.



Southport Lends Helping Hand During COVID-19 Pandemic

When the COVID-19 pandemic was first publicly announced earlier this year, in accordance with provincially-mandated regulations, Southport closed its office to the public and closed the Central Plains RecPlex, which has since reopened.

Southport has recognized the impact of COVID-19 on small businesses and not-for-profit organizations in the region. Southport is proud to support the community through our commitment to philanthropy and is devoted to helping local businesses overcome the challenges they have been presented with during these unprecedented times through the provision of cash donations and a business incubation program.

Southport's Business Incubator will provide subsidized office space, shared-use facilities, and resources for organizations that are in need at this time. It is hopeful that with the financial supports provided, and with a particular focus on growth, business-owners will be able to overcome the obstacles that have affected them throughout the pandemic. Business-owners must be in consultation with a Community Futures White Horse Plains business professional to ensure that their business is properly suited for the program.

Establishing a sense of community and supporting local businesses during this challenging time is a commitment Southport is proud to uphold.

If you are interested, you can begin a consultation by contacting Community Futures White Horse Plains.

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Over the past few months, Southport has made several donations to local not-for-profits whose operations were hindered by the pandemic. At this time of year, many local not-for-profits initiate some of their major fundraising campaigns which propel their organizations through the remainder of the year. The following organizations have or will soon receive a cash donation from Southport to help them through these trying times.

- 1** Southport provided a cash donation to the emergency soup kitchen that was launched earlier in May by PCRC, MCC, and the Family Resource Centre, with the help of a grant from the CFPD. These local organizations saw there was a need in the community and that many people were struggling to access food as the First Presbyterian Soup Kitchen had to close due to the pandemic.
- 2** A cash donation was presented to the Portage la Prairie Salvation Army to help with the increased need of monetary and food donations.
- 3** Six iPads were donated to Portage Service for Seniors to help older adults communicate with their loved ones while physical distancing restrictions remain in effect.
- 4** Southport gave a cash donation in the form of a cheque to the Portage la Prairie School Division Breakfast and Hamper Programs to help create food hampers that ensure all local children have access to healthy breakfast, snack and lunch items while schools remain closed due to the pandemic.
- 5** Southport provided Central Plains Cancer Services with a cash donation that will be used to help serve those affected by cancer in over 70 communities in rural Manitoba.

Central Plains RecPlex Celebrates May With Spring Fitness Giveaway

Throughout the month of May, the Central Plains RecPlex ran a Spring Fitness Giveaway campaign. The giveaways proved to be a huge hit with our followers and received great social media interaction on both Facebook and Instagram. The RecPlex was pleased to partner with Honeybee Health Foods and Supplement King Portage la Prairie to provide a variety of prizes that included gift cards, t-shirts and fitness equipment.

The final grand giveaway, which spanned over a week at the end of the month and consisted of 2 prizes, received an outpour of support through entries, shares, and follows; receiving almost 600 entries! This giveaway helped show a warm welcome to new, local business, Supplement King. The grand giveaway included a body building prize and a vegan protein prize. Supplement King's variety of protein products, water bottles, branded clothing, and fitness gear were part of the winnings, along with a gift card to their store. Southport and the Central Plains RecPlex are pleased to continue to support and promote local businesses, especially during a time of need.



May Event & Charity Support

CFPD Advertisement Sponsorship

In May, the Community Foundation of Portage and District ran an advertisement in the Graphic Leader to highlight a \$15,000 emergency funding grant that was provided to PCRC, Portage MCC, and the Family Resource Centre to operate a temporary emergency soup kitchen. This was the first instance where CFPD has provided an emergency response grant outside of their regular granting cycles in its 25 years of existence. Southport proudly sponsors these monthly advertisements, as the CFPD is one of Southport's key community partners.



Portage la Prairie School Division Hamper & Breakfast Program Donation

In May, Southport donated to the Portage School Division Hamper and Breakfast Programs. Throughout the school year, the Portage School Division has a Breakfast Program that ensures every child is able to start their day with a healthy breakfast. With schools closing due to the pandemic, the school division knew it would be a tough time for families who rely on the Breakfast Program to feed their kids, so they created the Hamper Program. Each hamper contains food staples that can be used for breakfast, lunch and snacks. Southport is pleased to support this program that ensures all local kids are able to start their day off right with 'the most important meal of the day.'

PCRC Emergency Soup Kitchen Donation

During the pandemic, PCRC, MCC, and the Family Resource Centre launched a temporary emergency soup kitchen with the help of a grant from the CFPD. These local organizations saw there was a need in the community and that many people were struggling to access food as the First Presbyterian Soup Kitchen had to close due to the pandemic. The emergency soup kitchen has been operating since early May and is still in need of monetary donations. Southport provided a monetary donation to the emergency soup kitchen and commends these local organizations on helping those in need during these unprecedented times.





Central Plains Cancer Services Donation

In May, Southport gave a monetary donation to Central Plains Cancer Services, a local organization that supports the quality of life for people affected by cancer while promoting cancer awareness and education. The funds from this donation will be used to help serve residents in over 70 communities in rural Manitoba. Central Plains Cancer Services is still in need of monetary donations at this time, as the majority of their fundraisers have been cancelled due to the ongoing pandemic. Southport is proud to support this local organization that is dedicated to bettering the lives of those affected by cancer.

\$23,831.32



**Total 2020
Donations**