

# Cabot Cliffs named best new golf course

by Grant McDaniel  
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INVERNESS- One of the most prestigious sources for information on the sport of golf has the highest possible praise for a local course.

Cabot Cliffs was recently named the "Best New Course for 2015" by *Golf Digest*.

The Inverness golf course, designed by Bill Coore and golf great Ben Crenshaw, earns the accolade by beating out a range of other high profile courses, including Trump Golf Links in New York, which took second place; The Links at Brunello in Timberlea, Nova Scotia, which took third; and Adena Golf and Country Club of Ocala, Florida, which finished fourth.

Cabot Cliffs earned the top spot decisively, getting the edge on Donald Trump's Bronx course by a margin of five points. The scoring system used by *Golf Digest* usually sees the top spot won or lost by a far closer margin.

In the digest's most recent 100 greatest rankings, less than two-tenths of a point decided Augusta National ought to earn the top spot over Pine Valley.

Ron Whitten, one of the scribes for *Golf Digest*, wrote in his review of the course that his visit to Cabot Cliffs left him feeling "giddy" due to the quality of the experience.

"This is the second coming of Cypress Point, which in my mind was previously unmatched in its beauty, variety and thrills," Whitten said as part of his review.

Cypress Point is a Californian course that's a regular fixture in *Golf Digest's* list of America's 100 Greatest.

Whitten said a big reason for the success of Cabot Cliffs is the ample exposure to the shoreline, which isn't just visible at the end of the round. Players are able to see the shoreline "early and often" when playing at the local course.

Cabot Cliffs is the second course to open in recent years in Inverness, as Cabot Links currently sits at 42<sup>nd</sup> among *Golf Digest's* ranking of the World's 100 Greatest.

Whitten said that he feels Cabot Cliffs, in some ways, might be superior to its predecessor.

"As great as Cabot Links is, it cannot match Cabot Cliffs' closing stretch," he stated.

Also breaking the top three in *Golf Digest's* list is The Links at Brunello, located not far from Halifax. The course was designed by Tom McBroom, and it cuts a path through forest and eye-catching boulders.

"In any other year, Brunello would be the talk of Nova Scotia, if not Canada," stated Whitten.

"Alas, it arrived in the age of Cabot Cliffs."



Photo by Adam Cooke

During a recent visit to the office of Mayor Billy Joe MacLean, the Port Hawkesbury Community Park Society presented the Town of Port Hawkesbury with a donation of \$25,000 to help support the park's various amenities. The society also acknowledged the support of *Canadian Pioneer Estates* owner-operator Rolf Bouman, who has invested \$30,000 into the playground that took shape during the park's first phase, as well as \$16,000 that went towards the park's new washrooms and change rooms. Bouman has also made an initial donation of \$5,000 towards a plan to develop the park's multi-sport section. Taking part in Thursday morning's presentation were (from the left): PHCPS co-chair Jeremy White, Rolf Bouman, Mayor Billy Joe MacLean, and PHCPS co-chairs Patrick Lamey and Teralee Wood.

# Group developing trail in Bayfield

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ANTIGONISH- A local group wants to establish a walking trail in the area.

The Harbour Authority of Bayfield is investigating a trail route for the area, said spokesperson Jennifer Nunn-Boyle, following a community meeting at the harbour authority building near the Bayfield wharf.

"We showed them the map, told them what we wanted to do and they all were really enthusiastic about the idea," said Nunn-Boyle.

Boyle said the group wants the trail to start near the existing public beach, moving along either to the

wharf or up along the road.

The next step is getting permission to use the land, portions of which belong to the Diocese of Antigonish and the Department of Natural Resources.

"The road is very narrow so we would have to get some help from the Department of Transportation [and Infrastructure Works], to widen the shoulder," she said.

"When you get the wharf, the land we would then be going on to is

owned by the Department of Natural Resources. It's already considered park reserve land and what we want to do is cross over that land and go behind the lobster pound and out to a point where there is a clearing and you'd be looking at the Pomquet Island across Cape George."

Nunn-Boyle said there would be plenty to see on the trail, including two salt-water marshes and various wildlife.

"As volunteers, we would do all the work," she said.

"We're just asking for permission to cross the land. We have a pretty good feeling about it because it's already designated as preserved land. We think that they'll probably come inside."

The Harbour Authority of Bayfield was in contact with the diocese, said Nunn-Boyle, adding they are still early in the process.

"We're just taking another step in making the area more vibrant and attractive to visitors as well as the locals," she added.

# Charges laid after collision

PORT HAWKESBURY- A local man was charged with impaired driving after a collision at a parking lot in the town last week.

Last Saturday at approximately 2 p.m., Port Hawkesbury RCMP received a call that a vehicle hit a light pole in the parking lot of the Causeway Shopping Centre. The vehicle was then reported leaving the scene of the accident.

The Port Hawkesbury RCMP found the vehicle a short time later and a male, aged

67, from Grand Anse was arrested and his vehicle towed.

The male was taken to the Port Hawkesbury detachment where breath tests revealed that he had more than three times the legal limit of alcohol in his system.

The investigation is ongoing and charges are pending. Individuals with any information on the accident are asked to call the Port Hawkesbury RCMP or Crime Stoppers.



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