



Things Are Rolling Along Nicely At The St Clair Parkway

The next couple of years promise to be a time of transition for St. Clair Parkway Golf Course that will see changes coming on many fronts.

Township council has committed to making a consistent investment of both time and equipment that will turn the Parkway course into the crown jewel of St. Clair Township.

Current course superintendent Paul Barnes is retiring after 32 years, 26 as the superintendent. Paul says he is looking forward to fishing and to a slower pace and shorter hours. Being the course super is a great job, says Paul, and one that is never far from your mind. He adds that it's "more fun to play than to look after the course." Now he'll have more time to pursue the sport while having a greater appreciation than most for those looking after it.

Paul will also tell you how the job of course superintendent is changing from a blue collar to a white collar job with an emphasis on the science. The new super will have to know about the restrictions on pesticides and chemical use as well as being an office manager able to deal with all the environmental factors which are taking on a much larger scope.

Once Paul hangs up his hat he'll be passing the torch to Wallaceburg/Dresden native Kendall Lindsay, son of local farmer Bruce and Katherine Lindsay.

Kendall attended Lakehead University earning a degree in geography and started working at Chatham's Maple City Coun-

try Club at age 22. He earned a turf management diploma from Guelph University, worked at Ravens at Lora Bay outside of Collingwood – two years as irrigation manager – and helped open the course. Kendall moved from there to Weston Golf and Country Club in Toronto for three years as one of two assistants to the course superintendent.

Kendall states his long-term goal has always been to learn and gain the experience he needed so he could return to the Sarnia area and become the superintendent of a local golf course. He says he has gained strong experience working for three different supers at three very different courses – a small private course like Maple City, a high end public course like Ravens and lastly a large private club like Weston.

Kendall says it's all about the greens and St. Clair has huge potential with a layout unique in the area. He hints the course could be laid out like a championship course with large greens and close to 7100 yards that can host a championship golf venue.

The goal here would be to compliment the style of course that would qualify for OPGA and Amateur qualifiers.

Kendall brings a lot of modern day experience as a student of Weston's superintendent Robert Ackermann and his new vision of course grooming. Mr. Ackermann is very well respected and well known in the industry and is tops in his field.

Kendall's future plans include reshaping

some of the holes, adding bunkers and changing the playability of the course. He says it will start a new era on what the course can achieve. Kendall adds he couldn't wait to get here and is very excited to be able to walk the present course. He has played St. Clair Parkway Golf Club before and calls it a fantastic enjoyable course to play and hopes people will come out to see the changes.



Kendall Lindsay

Paul Barnes



Try out the Parkway for yourself and see the changes that are planned. Take the beautiful scenic drive, just 20 minutes from Sarnia. Or Take Hwy 40 South to Moore Line to Mooretown.

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