

Golf Course Profile- What's Your Course Saying?

KenWo Golf Club

Event: Canadian Men's Senior Championship

Superintendent: Emerson Coulter, AGS

Golf Course Name, KenWo Golf Club

Where (Address, Directions, Email, Website): 9514 Commercial Street, New Minas, Nova Scotia. <https://www.kenwo.ca/>

Superintendent, Designations, Awards, Years of Experience: Emerson Coulter, AGS. 13 years in the golf industry, 2nd season as Golf Course Superintendent at KenWo Golf Club.

Annual Rounds Played: ~ 40,000

Average Season Length: Mid/Late April until Early/Mid November

Front Nine Yardage: 3187

Back Nine Yardage: 3043

Total Yardage: 6230

Total Area of Greens, Number of Greens, Predominant Type of

Turfgrass: 135,000sqft, 21 Greens, Creeping Bentgrass

Total Area of Fairways, Predominant Type of Turfgrass: 22 acres. Ryegrass, Kentucky Bluegrass, Annual Bluegrass

Total area of Tees, Predominant Type of Turfgrass: 2 Acres, Ryegrass, Kentucky Bluegrass, Annual Bluegrass

Predominant Soil Type on Course: Predominantly native soil with a loamy to clay loam texture.

Irrigation System Type, Water Supply and Age: KenWo Golf Club's irrigation system is managed by Rain Bird Cirrus Pro software, combining a modern multi-wire design with a block setup for greens and tees. The system has been continually upgraded over the past 30 years, including major improvements to 6-inch mainlines and greenside irrigation to support high-quality turf conditions.

Number of Bunkers and Sand Type: 34 Bunkers, Premium Bunker Sand (single-wash silica sand)

Number and Type of Water Features: KenWo has 4 ponds and 2 creeks that run through the property.

Construction and Original Architect: KenWo Golf Club was founded in 1921 and was shaped to its current form by Robbie Robinson

Renovations and Architects: Through consulting architect Ian Andrew, the club has completed a full bunker renovation, currently undertaking a tree enhancement project, and tee deck renovations.

Maintenance Shop Construction Year: ~ 1950

Number, Type and Make of Equipment: ~ 40 Units, John Deere, Toro, Jacobsen

Does Your Course Have a Separate Chemical and/or Fertilizer Storage Facility (Size, Age)?: Separate Chemical Storage Area, 15 Years Old

Number of Staff (Year-Round, Seasonal, Mechanics, etc.): 17

Assistant Superintendent: Raymond Vaughan

Club President: Vern Snair

CPGA Professional: Rene Mackay, Derek Mackinnon, Laura Reid, Jordan Milne, Ryan Trimper

Club Manager: Rene Mackay

Club Owner: Member Owned

Other Key Course Personnel: Vince Sheffield (Mechanic), Josh Corbin (2nd Assistant Superintendent), Jordan Neabel (2nd Assistant Superintendent).

Current Course Projects: Putting Green Expansion, Driving Range Enhancement, Creek Beautification, Tree Enhancement Project

Long Range Plans: Clubhouse Expansion, Continued Irrigation Upgrades, Rebuilding of Green Complexes,

Challenges: There are a few challenges to maintaining KenWo Golf Club. The main challenges we face are, wear management due to high round total, differences in green construction, lack of irrigation coverage in key areas, pockets with poor soil or root encroachment.

Success Stories: KenWo Golf Club boasts a junior program of ~250 kids, one of the strongest in the county. Over the past 10 years the club has completed many projects including irrigation mainline upgrade, complete bunker renovation and cart path paving, 2016 Canadian Grist Championship and multiple Provincial Championships

Unique Features of the Course: Unique features of the course include the large “White Pines” which are prominent throughout the property and dramatic land movement.