

# Golf Course Profile- What's Your Course Saying?

## Royal Colwood Golf Club

**Event:** Canadian Ladies Amateur

**Superintendent:** Donald Singlehurst

**Golf Course Name, Number of Holes:** 18

**Where (Address, Directions, Email, Website):** 629 Goldstream Ave Victoria BC V9B2W9

[www.royalcolwood.org](http://www.royalcolwood.org)

**Superintendent, Designations, Awards, Years of Experience:** 44 years

**Annual Rounds Played:** 68,000 +/-

**Average Season Length:** 12 Months

**Front Nine Yardage: Gold Tee** 3334 YDS

**Back Nine Yardage: Gold Tee** 3387 YDS

**Total Yardage:** 6721 YDS

**Total Area of Greens, Number of Greens, Predominant Type of Turfgrass:** 3 acres 22 greens Poa Annua

**Total Area of Fairways, Predominant Type of Turfgrass:** 40+/- Acres Poa Annua, Perennial Ryegrass and a small percentage of Colonial Bentgrass

**Total area of Tees, Predominant Type of Turfgrass:** 2.5 acres Perennial Ryegrass/ Poa Annua

**Predominant Soil Type on Course:** Sandy Loam

**Irrigation System Type, Water Supply and Age:** Full Toro System installed in 2002. Water Supplied from Lake

**Number of Bunkers and Sand Type:** 53 Grey

**Number and Type of Water Features:** 2 ponds 1 lake

**Construction and Original Architect:** A.V. Macan 1913

**Renovations and Architects:** Bill Robinson 1980's Graham Cooke/Wayne Carlton 2000's

Wayne Carlton 2020 to Present

**Maintenance Shop Construction Year:** 2000

**Number, Type and Make of Equipment:** Predominantly Toro Equipment

**Does Your Course Have a Separate Chemical and/or Fertilizer Storage Facility (Size, Age)?:** NO

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

11 Year Round Staff 1 Mechanic, 1 Irrigation Technician, 1 Spray Technician 2 Foreman

**Assistant Superintendent:** No

**Club President:** Damon Pallan

**CPGA Professional:** Gord Scutt

**Club Manager:** Winston Michelle

**Club Owner** No

**Other Key Course Personnel:**

**Current Course Projects:** Bunker Renovations / Cart Storage Facility/ irrigation Pump Replacement

**Long Range Plans:** Overall Course Renovation over the next 5 years + will include renovation of all tees several green rebuilds / cart path resurfacing major irrigation upgrades and a comprehensive ongoing tree management plan.

**Challenges :** Like many golf clubs in Victoria we are very busy during the winter months during period of limited growth and recovery. Growing healthy turf in heavily shaded areas. Recent periods of drought and minimal rain during the key months of July August and September adds challenges to our water management plans.

**Success Stories:** While we have had multiple accomplishments over the last 111 years Two recent success stories are 1. The construction and development of a successful Bee Apiary that is managed by 4 team members two from the ground's department 1 from the kitchen and 1 from the Administration Office all have now become certified Beekeeper producing honey for the members to buy and to use in the clubhouse 2. The story of a group of members we call the invasive team, led by Mr. Bruce Brown this team has removed massive amounts of invasive plant materials that were overpopulating our non play areas, truly a remarkable story of older members that work very hard volunteering to improve our golf club, Each year we have a luncheon to recognize the tireless work these individuals do we are now seeing the benefits of there hard work as native plant material returns to flourish as they did 100 years ago.

**Unique Features of the Course:** Old Growth Douglas Fir