

Many local opportunities to take to the links

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The last thing Kevin Thistle would want to do is to turn away business from the golf course.

After all, he is the golf pro at Markham's Angus Glen Golf Club and having golfers take to the links at the Kennedy Rd. and Major Mackenzie public facility is why he is in business. But last year Thistle confessed there were times when they had to turn away business. It's not that the course is inhospitable. The reason, Thistle points out, is the escalating demand in the game's popularity. And not only has it taken

place on his course but in the rest of the province, he adds. "Golf is the largest growing sport in Canada right now," said Thistle, who cites current demographics as a major factor in the game's growth. "Look at your demographics and they're all saying that with a young population that we have, people are looking at golf as a leisure activity."

Closely associated with the young population has been the exploits that young pros like Tiger Woods has had on enticing youngsters into trying the game.

Not only has there been more youngsters involved in golf but women as well, adds Thistle.

With the game enjoying the success that it has in recent years, Thistle does not see a quick end in its popularity in the foreseeable future. "I think there's an upside in the game of golf for the next 10 years," he predicted.

In Markham there are several public places where one can go out on the links for a full day or half day.

Here's a rundown on what courses in the Markham area have to offer this season:

Angus Glen

Location: Kennedy Rd. and Major Mackenzie.
Layout: 18 holes, par 72 and 7,400 yards. Also has driving range.

Green fees: From April 20 to May 11, \$90; after May 11, \$120. Weekends after noon, \$90. All prices includes kart rental.
Phone number: 887-5157.

Glen Cedars Golf Club

Location: Five kilometres east of Markham Rd. and just north of Hwy. 7.

Layout: 18 holes, par 72 and 6,525 yards from furthest tees.
Green fees: Opening to May 15 Monday to Thursdays \$32, Friday's \$25, Saturday and Sunday \$37.50. After 2 p.m. \$27.50 and after 5 p.m. \$20. May 15 to Sept. 30 Monday to Thursday's \$35, Friday's \$37.50, Saturday and Sunday's \$40. After 2 p.m. \$30 and after 5 p.m. \$25. Oct. 1 to closing Monday to Thursdays \$32, Friday's \$35, Saturday and Sunday's \$37.50. After 2 p.m. \$27.50. After 5 p.m. \$20.
Phone number: 294-4457.

Markham Green Golf and CC

Location: Ninth Line between Hwy. 7 and Steeles Ave.

Layout: 9 holes, par 35 and 3,212 yards.

Green fees: 18 holes, \$35 and 9 holes, \$20. Weekends 18 holes, \$39 and 9 holes, \$23. Junior rates (17 and under) weekdays \$24 for 18 holes and \$14 for 9 holes. Weekend rates \$29 for 18 holes and \$18 for 9 holes. Weekday memberships \$550 and junior membership summer special \$325. All prices plus GST.
Phone number: 294-6156.

John Evelyn's Golf Club

Location: Hwy. 7 and 10th Concession.

Layout: Championship 18-hole course, par 72 and 6,406 yards. Executive 9-hole course, par 31 and 720 yards.

Green fees: Championship course \$32 on weekends and \$25 on weekdays. Executive course \$15 for 18 holes and \$10 for 9 holes. Twilight hours from 2 p.m. \$21 and from 5 p.m. \$16. Weekend twilight after 2 p.m. \$28 and after 5 p.m. \$22. Juniors and seniors \$23 from Monday to Thursdays.
Phone number: 640-1233.

Parkview Golf Club

Location: North side of Steeles and one kilometre east of Hwy. 48.

Layout: two 18-hole courses, both par 71 and 6,400 yards on upper course and 5,879 yards on valley course.

Green fees: Monday to Thursdays \$32, Friday's \$35. Weekends and holidays \$38. Twilight Monday to Saturday after 3 p.m. less \$5 off price. Seven days a week after 5 p.m. less \$10 off fee price. Seniors (65 and over) and juniors (under 18) Monday to Wednesdays \$27.
Phone number: (416) 293-2833.


Unionville Golf Centre

Location: Main St. Unionville (south of Hwy. 7).

Layout: 18 hole, par 3 course. Men's yardage 2,103 yards and women's 1,799.

Green fees: Weekdays \$17, Weekend and holidays \$20. Twilight after 5 p.m. \$13.75. Sunset after 7 p.m. \$10.50. Senior and junior weekdays \$12.75. Weekend and holiday juniors \$14.75.
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