

Have you heard this part of the golf course story?

**Sandy Beach has some of the most beautiful trees in the area!
And this is one small part of the story:**

In the Words of Greg Plant...

We planted the trees on the beach golf course in the spring/ summer of 1974. I was in grade 10. If my memory serves me correctly, Gary Gerber was a part of this stage in the course's beginnings. I remember starting work on weekends in May, initially sticking these twigs in the ground and thinking, "this is never going to grow!" Then over the summer and spending numerous days on the little garden tractor with a manual lift, rear attached cultivator, and driving what, at that point, seemed to be aimlessly, over all over an open field, raising and lowering the cultivator. Obviously, it was all in the hopes of keeping the weeds at bay, and giving the twigs a chance to grow. At that time, for a young guy, it was difficult to envision what the result of these efforts would be.

I dug up my tax returns for that year. Minimum wage was \$2.75/ hour. Over the spring and summer, I grossed \$916.13! I ended up working for another four summers at the park, with a fair chunk of time on a tractor, with a bag of sunflower seeds, pulling a mower up and down the fairways. It has been very cool to see the course grow and develop over the years and to think, I had a part in it.

When you hear a nostalgic story like this,
it gives you pause to think a few thoughts:

*Where was I in 1974?

*Wow, how awesome for Greg to experience the growth and the changes over the years at Sandy Beach.

*Woah! Greg is old and so are those trees!

*How long do poplar trees live anyway?

We have noticed that the poplar trees are starting to decline. Their actual life span is recorded to be about 25 years. These ones are much older than that. They must simply love Sandy Beach as much as we do!

With the re-opening of a newly sculpted course (complete with grass greens), it appears to be the perfect time to get individuals and families involved for the next 40 years!

The Sandy Beach Adopt-a-Tree Project

We invite you to adopt a 6 to 8 ft Silver Queen Maple.

The cost is \$100.00.

You are welcome to choose where the tree will be planted according to the needed spots.

The first 10 trees have been planted.

Included in the fee is: the planting and staking of the tree, watering and fertilizing as needed, tree trimming as needed. As the adoptive family, you simply need to take a few pictures throughout the years and watch your beautiful baby tree grow!

(We have had some enquiries about purchasing a tree as a memorial gift. At this point in time, there are more options to explore for this idea. If you would like to suggest an idea, we are happy to discuss it.)

We will record the spot you have chosen for your family tree. As the project moves forward and is successful, we will create a permanent display for the family names of those who participate. It is our hope that we will be able to plant between 50 and 100 new trees in the next two summers. Pre-orders for the 2019 spring planting will be taken until the September long weekend (just 4 weeks from now). Come, join us!

For more information, contact Cheryl Hall at hallcm@mac.com or at 780-808-3121.

Thank you for considering being a part of this project and...Why not? Adopt-a-Tree

Special Thanks to Kathy's Greenhouse

For

**Their expertise, and for ordering
and supplying these beautiful**

Silver Queen Maple Trees

**We invite you to check out their beautiful greenhouse,
just 15 minutes West on RR 514 from Sandy Beach!**