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Working together to protect Lake Simcoe: for our future

August may be winding to a close, but there is still a lot of summer left to enjoy. Take time to get out and enjoy all that the Lake Simcoe watershed has to offer.

Remember to visit our <u>Green</u>
<u>Leaders</u> page and
the <u>Eat</u>/ <u>Play</u>/ <u>Sleep</u>sections of our
website to find activities to enjoy right

Solar update Marina Del Rey Orillia

Solar installation working well

This winter Marina Del Rey in Orillia installed a 250KW solar system on their boat house roof under the Feed in Tariff program. Read more.

GOLF CASE STUDIES Caring for the land at Bear Creek

Family-owned for 22 years, Bear Creek Golf Club operators pride themselves on being accessible to speak with members. Although through September, but don't forget the priniciples of sustainable tourism.

At ELS we were fortunate to speak with many course operators about their environmental best management practices this summer, and we learned a great deal! As this golf initiative comes to a close, make sure to read about the efforts of local golf courses to protect the natural environment in our case studies.

Watch @VisitLakeSimcoe and our Facebook page for updates and announcements. We have many new case studies in the works, and will announce the winner of the 2017 Sustainable Golf award-- to be given out at Tourism Barrie's Toast to Tourism this October on Wednesday 25.

To see where you can improve on your triple bottom line download the free **Green Tourism Toolkit**. You can request one specific to your sector.

regular correspondence is sent out about course news and improvements, Bear Creek operators also extend an invitation to golfers to discuss any questions over coffee or out on the course. Read more.

Cultural practices at Hawk Ridge

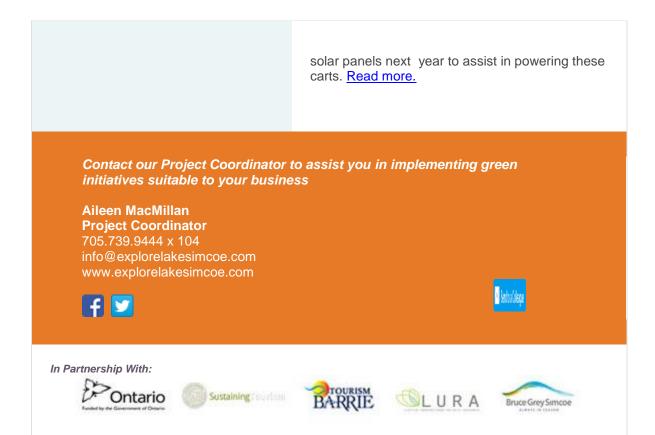
Home to 2 championship 18 hole courses and a 9 hole par 3 course, Hawk Ridge Golf and Country Club relies heavily on cultural practices to keep the turf healthy and ready for play. The term "cultural practices" refers to manual and mechanical processes that reduce the need for chemical inputs and they are based on scientific knowledge, experience and expertise. Read more.

Science and nature at Mill Run

Mill Run Golf Club operators have embraced a number of environmental initiatives over the years. Recently, Mill Run in Uxbridge collaborated with University of Toronto researchers to allow them to conduct vegetation inventories for 6 plots on the course. In 2011, the course owners undertook a million dollar project to rehabilitate the Pefferlaw Brook. Read more.

Solar carts at Cardinal

Driving into the parking lot of Redcrest Golf Course (one of the four courses at Cardinal Golf Club), one can't help but notice the shiny golf carts lined up neatly in front of attractive charging stations. This fleet represents part of the over 200 electric golf carts owned by Cardinal Golf Club. Of particular interest is the pending plan to install



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