



The summer of 2016 blessed us with such great weather, and the outstanding fall colours topped off a fantastic season of golf. Now that Winter has officially arrived, I wanted to keep you abreast of the 2017 priorities on which the Board will be focusing their efforts.

### **The Board:**

There have been a few changes this year as Jeff Best unexpectedly had a work move to Norway. I am pleased to welcome Paul Wilson as Jeff's replacement in the Environment position. This will be Bill Gauley's last year as Greens Director and his contributions on the Board and the quality of the course will be dearly missed. The Nomination's Committee has identified Alan Morton as Dunany's next Greens Chairperson, to be presented at the next AGM.

We have two vacant positions on the Board that the Nominations Committee are currently working on filling. Scott Laekas is stepping down as Social Director and David Eramian is vacating his position as Club Captain. Both have done impeccable jobs this year in their appointed positions. If you are interested in either of these roles, please get in touch with me.

### **Greens Report:**

Our top priority is to improve the quality of our greens. The purchase of a new aerator and top dresser this season provided us with some long overdue tools to help tackle this need. We will continue to invest in equipment and resources to improve your golf experience.

Many thanks to Dave Armitage and his team for their hard work and dedication in keeping the course in such great shape this year. As Dave enters into retirement, his knowledge of the course, and his commitment and passion for Dunany, will be missed. Our recent efforts have been to search for a successor and I am pleased to announce that Chris Hart has been selected to fill the position of Superintendent at Dunany Country Club. Chris has over 20 years of experience and comes to us from Buckingham Golf Club near Gatineau. He is looking forward to his new role.

### **Social:**

This year has been another outstanding year by the Social Committee in making Dunany more than just a place to play golf. The chit system that was introduced this year took Dunany into the cashless age and was well received by our members.

From a financial perspective, our annual dues do not cover the costs associated with the operations of the golf course. The contributions from our social activities are critical to the success and viability of our Country Club. A big thank you to the 2016 Social Committee: Mitch Azaria, Andrea Minty, Jim Cameron, Diane Glionna, Jim Armstrong, Don Armstrong and Paula Minty as well as everyone volunteering at our events. If you are interested in helping in 2017, please let us know.

### **Communications:**

One of the additions this year was the Electronic Newsletter that was distributed weekly throughout the summer. Thank you to Cindy Aikman for pulling the updates together and keeping everyone “in the know”. If you change your email address, please send your new one to Diana Minty at [diana.minty@bell.net](mailto:diana.minty@bell.net)

Also, the Dunany Website received a makeover this summer thanks to Andrea Minty and the new user-friendly look was another great way to keep informed on the latest activities at Dunany. We are pleased to offer the use of PayPal as a convenient tool for members to be able to pay dues and outstanding chits on-line. If you haven't already, check out [www.dunanycountryclub.com](http://www.dunanycountryclub.com)

## **Club House:**

This past year, a team led by Lynn Palmer and John Vanstone, with input from Bruce Macleod, Rod Armstrong, Stan Roy, Mitch Azaria and Andrea Minty, was created to develop some design options for improvements to the Club House in preparation for our 100th Anniversary in 2022. Our Club House and associated facilities are a critical part of the fabric of our community and for generating revenue for the Club. It's important to keep them in shape. Plans are progressing and we will have some ideas to show members in the new year.

## **Membership:**

Since our Spring Newsletter, we have had many members that have re-joined the DCC taking advantage of our "Year of Amnesty". We are thrilled that you have decided to re-join the Club!

Maryse Percy, Clear Lake, Regular  
Brian McLean and Laurie Dunbar, Clear Lake, Regular  
David Moore and his children Tula and Oscar, Clear Lake, Regular  
Peter Palmer, Clear Lake, Social  
Jean Sutherland Towell, Boyd Lake – Social  
Alexa Marsden and Peter Dougherty, Joyce Lake - Social

We have also had several new members that have decided to join the DCC! Please join me in welcoming:

Mathieu Rodgers, Boyd Lake  
Jay Brothers, Wentworth  
Livio Merlo, Sir John's Lake  
Don Edey and Stephanie Silverson and their children Jilliane and Thomas, Lake Louisa  
John Stefanisc and Louise Theoret-Stefanisc, Wentworth  
Shelley Cruise, Sape De Vries and their children: Aidan, Ciaran and Logan, Black Lake  
Welcome – we hope you enjoy many years as part of our Community!

Do you know anyone that would like to join our Club?

We have several openings available for new members – if you know of anyone that might be interested in joining our community, please ask them to contact Lynn Palmer at [lynn.palmer@rogers.com](mailto:lynn.palmer@rogers.com) or to [dccmembership2053@gmail.com](mailto:dccmembership2053@gmail.com)

**Winter Activities:**

Cross-Country Skiing - As we did last year, we have an arrangement with the Municipality of Wentworth to keep our parking lot clear for those who want to cross-country ski on the course.

As this is intended to be a quick update, I will elaborate more on the many personal contributions that make our Club so unique in our Spring Newsletter. I would like to thank the Board Members for all your efforts this year. As always, many thanks to Diana Minty and her team as well.

Lastly, thank you to all the volunteers for your tremendous efforts in making 2016 a great season. Hope you have a prosperous winter, and I wish you and your families a Happy Holiday Season.

Your Board appreciates your suggestions and feedback is always welcome! Board member names are on the DCC website. Please don't hesitate to contact us! See you when the snow melts!

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