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June 2021 Newsletter

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President's Message

Welcome to the 2021 golf season in Dunany!

An early and unusually warmer spring allowed us to open the course a week earlier than the traditional May long weekend tee-off. It was clear that many of us took advantage of this and enjoyed getting back on the links following a winter of COVID-19 protocols. The greens are in great shape, and while the remainder of the course is understandably not yet in mid-summer condition, I know **Alan, Chris** and **Rhys** are doing their very best to get it there. Thank you very much gentlemen. On the subject of COVID-19 protocols, they will be very much the same as last summer. The use of the tee time reservation system and the need for social distancing will continue for the 2021 season. That also goes for no ball washers, no rakes, no water stations, no starter shack access and the use of cup lifters on the flags to retrieve your last successful putt. Your COVID committee will continue to monitor the guidelines and protocols as provided by the government and Golf Canada/Quebec and we will communicate any changes as they occur.

Work began a few weeks ago on certain holes to make the paths safer for the use of golf carts. There's been a strong interest in this pilot project and I look forward to seeing many members enjoy a round who would otherwise not be able to do so. Thanks to **Michael Fehr** and his team for making this happen.

The Clubhouse renovation is advancing extraordinarily well and the place is looking quite impressive. An ongoing and tremendous effort by project leader **Lynn Palmer** and her team of tireless volunteers. We are all thankful for your dedication.

I would like to welcome back **Nicole Adams** and **Juliette Hay** as our starters for another season. Their knowledge and experience will be a great asset to the Club. I also welcome **Tate Wightman** as our back-up starter. **Tate** is keen to learn and take on the responsibilities of the position, and I'm sure he will do extremely well. Please be sure to say hello to them before heading to the first tee.

Please note in your agenda the Annual General Meeting which will take place on Saturday June 19th at 10:00 am. Details on how to join our second annual, and hopefully last virtual or ZOOM AGM will be provided ahead of the meeting. The following members have agreed to allow their names to stand in nomination for the Board of Directors of the Dunany Country Club in 2021.

All have agreed to act in the following chairs if elected.

Officers:

President: Pierre Demers
Past-President: Michael Fehr
Vice-President: Paul Wilson
Treasurer: Alex Sandahl
Secretary: Andrea Minty

Directors:

House Committee: Tom Lowe
Junior Committee: Trudy Adams
Greens Committee: Alan Morton
Ladies Committee: Rebekah Thompson
Communications Committee: Cindy Aikman
Social Committee: Diane Burke
Member at Large:
Captain & Match Committee: Tracy Wightman
Environment Committee: Cathy Leslie

As you all know, there is a direct correlation between our Club's success and its member's contributions as volunteers. So here's a special tip of the hat to those retiring board members who have given so much of their time and effort:

Ingrid Gratz joined the Board as treasurer 5 years ago and always provided us with wisdom and well prepared detailed budgets. Her valuable advice was given with the goal of ensuring the Club was kept in a sound financial position. I appreciated her help and insight.

Chrys Tindale came on as Club Captain 4 years ago, but I also remember the time he was involved as Social Director. His implication with the Club over a great many years is to be commended. I don't know that I've met anyone who loves Dunany and its golf course more than **Chrys** does, and this was reflected through his devotion to our Club and community.

Kevin Carter joined the Board as social director only last year and was quite keen to tackle that responsibility. Unfortunately the advent of COVID and the uncertainty that came with it put a damper on social events. I nonetheless appreciated his contributions and knowledge of the game during our various board discussions.

On behalf of the entire membership I wish to sincerely thank **Ingrid, Chrys** and **Kevin** for their respective contributions and dedication to the DCC.

Lastly, but certainly not the least, it was with regret that I received **Catherine (Cat) Spaulding's** resignation as operations manager earlier this year. **Cat** took on this role with zest and enthusiasm 4 years ago and made the job her own. Whether it was working with the starters, interacting with the Board of Directors or helping our members, she always did so with a cheerfulness and exuberance that so defines her. Thank you **Cat** for all you've done.

For the time being, the operations manager's responsibilities will be divided between our accountant **Stephanie Logothetis** and the starters who can be reached at dunanycountryclub@gmail.com. I can be reached at dccpresident@gmail.com where I will be happy to help in any way I can.

Please stay safe and I look forward to seeing everyone out on the course,

-**Pierre Demers**, President DCC

Rapport du President

Bienvenue à la saison de golf 2021 à Dunany !

Un printemps précoce et inhabituellement chaud nous a permis d'ouvrir le parcours une semaine plus tôt que le traditionnel départ du long week-end de mai. Il était évident que beaucoup d'entre nous en ont profité et ont apprécié de revenir sur le parcours après un hiver de protocoles COVID-19. Les greens sont en grande forme et si le reste du parcours n'est pas encore en état de mi-saison, je sais qu'**Alan, Chris et Rhys** font de leur mieux pour y parvenir. Merci beaucoup messieurs. En ce qui concerne les protocoles COVID-19, ils seront très semblables à ceux de l'été dernier. L'utilisation du système de réservation des heures de départ et la nécessité d'une distance sociale seront maintenues pour la saison 2021. Il en va de même pour les laveurs de balles, les râtaux, les stations d'eau, l'accès à la cabane de départ et l'utilisation de lève-coupes sur les drapeaux pour récupérer votre dernier roulé réussi. Votre comité COVID continuera de veiller les lignes directrices et les protocoles fournis par le gouvernement et Golf Canada/Québec et nous communiquerons tout changement au fur et à mesure qu'il se produira.

Les travaux ont commencé il y a quelques semaines sur certains trous pour rendre les chemins plus sûrs pour l'utilisation des voiturettes de golf. Ce projet pilote a suscité un vif intérêt et je me réjouirai de voir de nombreux membres qui n'auraient pas pu profiter d'une partie autrement. Merci à **Michael Fehr** et à son équipe d'avoir rendu ce projet possible.

La rénovation du Clubhouse avance extraordinairement bien et le bâtiment est très impressionnant. Un effort continu et considérable de la part du chef de projet **Lynn Palmer** et de son équipe de bénévoles infatigables. Nous sommes tous reconnaissants de votre dévouement.

J'aimerais souhaiter la bienvenue à **Nicole Adams et Juliette Hay**, qui seront de nouveau nos starters pour une autre saison. Leurs connaissances et leurs expériences seront un grand atout pour le Club. Je souhaite également la bienvenue à **Tate Wightman** en tant que starter suppléant. **Tate** a bien hâte d'apprendre et d'assumer les responsabilités de ce poste et je suis sûr qu'il se débrouillera très bien. N'oubliez pas de leur dire bonjour avant de vous rendre au premier départ.

Veillez noter dans votre agenda l'Assemblée Générale Annuelle qui aura lieu le samedi 19 juin à 10:00 hrs. Les détails sur la façon de participer à notre deuxième et, nous l'espérons, dernière assemblée générale annuelle virtuelle de ZOOM seront fournis avant la réunion. Les membres suivants ont accepté que leur nom soit proposé pour le conseil d'administration du Dunany Country Club en 2021.

Tous ont accepté d'occuper les postes suivants s'ils sont élus.

Officiers :

Président : Pierre Demers

Past-Président : Michael Fehr
Vice-président : Paul Wilson
Trésorier : Alex Sandahl
Secrétaire : Andrea Minty

Directeurs :

Comité House : Tom Lowe
Comité Junior : Trudy Adams
Comité des Verts : Alan Morton
Comité des Dames : Rebekah Thompson
Comité des Communications : Cindy Aikman
Comité social : Diane Burke
Membre extraordinaire :
Capitaine et comité de match : Tracy Wightman
Comité Environnement : Cathy Leslie

Comme vous le savez tous, il existe une corrélation directe entre le succès de notre Club et des contributions de ses membres en tant que bénévoles. Je lève mon chapeau aux membres sortants du conseil d'administration qui ont donné tant de leur temps et de leurs efforts :

Ingrid Gratz a rejoint le conseil d'administration en tant que trésorière il y a 5 ans et nous a toujours fait profiter de sa sagesse et de ses budgets détaillés bien préparés. Ses précieux conseils ont été donnés dans le but d'assurer que le club demeure dans une position financière saine. J'ai apprécié son aide et sa perspicacité.

Chrys Tindale est devenu capitaine du Club il y a 4 ans, mais je me souviens aussi de son implication en tant que directeur social. Son implication dans le club pendant de nombreuses années mérite d'être saluée. Je ne sais pas si j'ai rencontré quelqu'un qui aime Dunany et son parcours de golf plus que Chrys, et cela s'est reflété dans son dévouement à notre Club et à notre communauté.

Kevin Carter n'a rejoint le conseil d'administration en tant que directeur social que l'année dernière et il était tout à fait prêt à assumer cette responsabilité. Malheureusement, l'arrivée de la COVID-19 et l'incertitude qui l'accompagne ont mis un frein aux événements sociaux. J'ai néanmoins apprécié ses contributions et sa connaissance du jeu lors de nos diverses discussions au sein du conseil.

Au nom de tous les membres, je souhaite remercier sincèrement **Ingrid, Chrys et Kevin** pour leurs contributions respectives et leur dévouement au CCD.

Enfin, mais pas le moindre, c'est avec regret que j'ai reçu plus tôt cette année la démission de **Catherine (Cat) Spaulding** en tant que responsable des opérations. Cat a assumé ce rôle avec zèle et enthousiasme il y a 4 ans et a fait de ce poste le sien. Qu'il s'agisse de travailler avec les starters, d'interagir avec le conseil d'administration ou d'aider nos membres, elle l'a toujours fait avec la bonne humeur et l'exubérance qui la définissent si bien. Merci **Cat** pour tout ce que tu as fait.

Pour l'instant, les responsabilités du directeur des opérations seront réparties entre notre comptable **Stephanie Logothetis** et les starters qui peuvent être joints à dunanycountryclub@gmail.com. Vous pouvez également me joindre à dccpresident@gmail.com où je serai heureux de vous aider.

Soyez prudents et j'ai hâte de vous voir tous et toutes sur le parcours,

Dierre Demers Président du CCD



Green Day

It was a beautiful blue sky for the DCC Green Day. Many hands make light work! More than 25 volunteers showed up early in the season on May 23rd, to help clear leaves and debris around the starter's shack, pathways and parking lots and even cut-up the huge birch tree that fell at the 7th tee. Some members have planted flowers and offered to maintain specific locations throughout the season. Our thanks go out to the following:

Jeff & Trudy Adams, Jessica, Nicole and Dylan (starter's shack flowers).

Sonya Bracken

Duncan & Barbara Campbell

Peggy Carroll (Clubhouse flower boxes)

Lyne Chouinard (1st tee flowers)

Michael Cockhill & Estelle Willard

Jim & Lois Finch (DCC Road sign)

Jennifer Gruner

Careen Heggie Latt

Jean-Martin & Louise Laberge (chainsaw wizard!)

Angela McLeod and Barb Armstrong (4th hole flowers)

Jane Pilon (9th hole flowers)

Stuart Neill

Norm Ovenden

Peter Remillard

Sharon & Harry Ritchie

Wayne Syvret

Becky Thompson (7th tee flowers)

Dianne Vanstone

Carol Wilson

We are looking for volunteers to adopt the flowerpots on the 6th and 8th tees. This would entail planting and upkeep throughout the season. If you are interested, please contact beckyreidthompson@icloud.com

- Alan Morton & Becky Thompson

Captains' Update

EXCITING! Golf Lessons

DCC is once again pleased to offer golf lessons for members (Juniors and Adults). We are very happy to welcome back John St-Denis from Club Le Select. On Mondays, John will offer a series of 6 lessons for juniors and 8 lessons for adults. You are invited to reserve your space (1 or more lessons) and sign up now. Further information is available at [the following link](#).

IMPORTANT! Bookmark these Links...

[2021 Fixture Card/Events Calendar](#)

[Men's Day sign up link](#) (Thursdays, already underway)

[Ladies Day sign up link](#) (Wednesdays, starting June 2)

Tees will be closed for ladies on Wednesdays in June for preseason Ladies' Days, starting June 2nd. Ladies may sign themselves up (COVID-19 requirement) at the above link. Official Wednesday Ladies' Days will start June 30th. COMING SOON! - Captains Newsletters.

The golf Captains (Club, Ladies and Junior plus the Assistants) will happily be bringing regular communications to all our golfing members, providing relevant golf information, tips, reminders, golf competition event reminders and other fun stuff.

We're planning to roll these out mid-June as everyone gears up for the official start to the season.

REMINDER! Golf Canada/Golf Quebec webinar presentation TOMORROW– June 3rd, 2021

We invite all interested members to join a short presentation via Zoom by a representative of Golf Quebec, who will provide information and answer questions on the following topics:

- Golf Canada membership benefits
- Score Centre App and entering scores
- The new World Handicap System (2020)

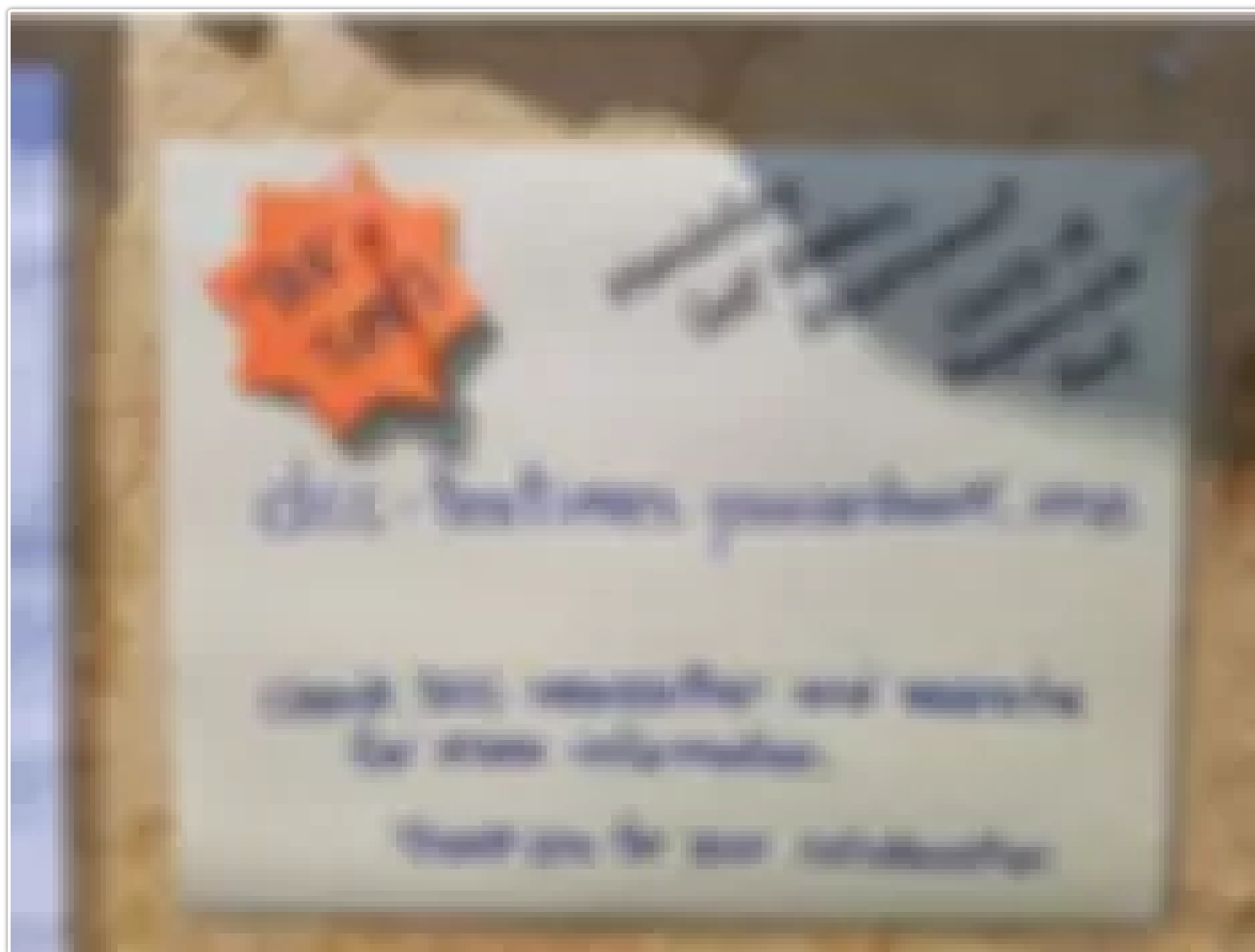
These are all relatively new to many of us, and important for golfers to familiarize with. For more details [2021 Fixture Card/Events Calendar](#) (Also found on the DCC website members' page).

Thursday, June 3rd, 2021

6:30PM – [French presentation Zoom link](#)

7:30PM – [English presentation Zoom link](#)

Please join us if you can – there will be a draw for a door prize of those in attendance! Hope to “see” you there.



Friendly Request - TEE TIMES

When making a tee-time reservation, please list ALL members in the group as well as any guests. The starters can only make adjustments when they are on duty so we are counting on you. We are required by COVID-19 protocol to have a record of all players and we are also conducting analysis on course usage this summer.



Greens

Dear fellow members,

First and foremost, I would like to express my thanks to Chris and Rhys for the work that they have accomplished on the course so far this year. It has been a difficult spring from many perspectives and maintaining turf and the rest of the course has been challenging. We usually have 3 full time employees for the busy spring start up and so far we haven't found that 3rd person. Please bear with us as we do our best until we can find someone to join our team. If you know of someone who is looking for work, please have them contact me by email at turf_medic@yahoo.ca.

I played the course this weekend and am very pleased with the overall conditions. I did notice many divots that were not replaced and more ball marks on the greens than I would have liked. Remember, this is your golf course, so please treat it with the respect it deserves.

On behalf of the course crew, I wish you good golf and birdies galore!

-Alan Morton, DCC Greens Director

Junior Program

There is a virtual orientation session for DCC new members on June 26th. We will present details on the Junior Program at this session, please attend if you would like more information! Our first Tuesday morning Junior Golf day will be held on June 29th, further details in the next newsletter. Lessons begin on Monday, June 28th, please see details within this newsletter. Just a reminder that we are in the active season and Juniors who are playing golf should be entering scores in the Golf Canada system.

Golf Quebec has announced the schedule for the Regional Junior Tour (RJT). Registration [link is here](#) (June 23 Lachute, July 8 Champêtre, July 19 Hillsdale/Laurentien, August 16 Whitlock).

Registration for the First Drive Tour is also open (this one is for juniors aged 7-12). Each event includes a lesson, a shortened 9-hole course and a meal voucher. Fee is only \$25 tax included. It's a terrific experience for a keen competitive golfer. Note that there is an event scheduled at the Lachute Golf Club on Sunday, June 20th. Registration [link is here](#)

-Trudy Dundass, Junior Director

Past President's Report on Membership & Drivable Electric Carts

The 2 carts on order should be delivered no later than July 3. In the interim, we are working on securing 2 demo carts for delivery week of June 20. We will continue to post updates on our [Golf Carts](#) webpage and with our Starters.

This update is focused on setting expectations for this Start-Up project and to ask for your patience as we roll out the process and work with the Starters to orient them with this new system. We expect to rent the carts using a reservation system linked to the existing tee-time reservation app, identify who should have priority to rent the carts, and create a video orientation of the new cart paths/service road network for the safety of our members and preservation of our fairways, etc.

As of now, this is what we know:

1. Carts paths, course signage, storage and charging stations will be completed and ready for use by June 20.

2. Process to book the carts using the tee time app is ready and will be open for booking once we have the carts.
3. Process to prep the carts for daily use is being reviewed with the Starters
4. Given we have 2 carts & 4 tee times/day, we have a limited capacity of 28 tee times/week, excluding any weather-related cancellations
5. 2 carts will be available for rent each day at 10 a.m. and 10:10 a.m., followed by 2 p.m. and 2:10 p.m., excluding Tuesday mornings, when the tees are closed for the Junior Program. On Tuesdays, the rental schedule will shift ahead by 1 hour to 11 a.m., 11:10 a.m., then 2 p.m. and 2:10 p.m. The Match & Handicap committee has approved electric cart rentals for Men's Day, Ladies Day and all tournaments, excluding the club championship.
6. Both carts need to be returned to the Starters no later than 4:30 p.m. so they can be cleaned, charged, parked & stored for the next day.
7. We'll post the insurance waiver form on the website, under the membership link. You can print, sign and leave this with the starters for the duration of the golf season.

Cart rental costs, excluding associated taxes and billing information:

- \$22.50 for one 9-hole round
- \$30 for one 18-hole round
- Pre-paid booklets of 10 (9-hole rounds) for \$210; coupons limited for use during 2021 season
- Pre-paid booklets of 20 (9-hole rounds) for \$400; coupons limited for use during 2021 season
- Stephanie, our accountant, will bill you for each individual rental or for a pre-paid book of rentals

The Membership Committee is creating an initial priority list of rental candidates, based on those who identified themselves in the May cart survey as requiring a cart based on a condition. If you did not indicate requiring a cart based on a condition via the survey, please inform us. This member can bring any member or guest to join them. We will share that priority list of rental members with our starters, who will help us monitor the cart rental reservations process.

Because of the 28 rentals per week capacity, we are asking that members, especially in this priority group, limit their rental reservation to a maximum of 3 rentals every 2 weeks. This policy may change once we have rental data to review later in July.

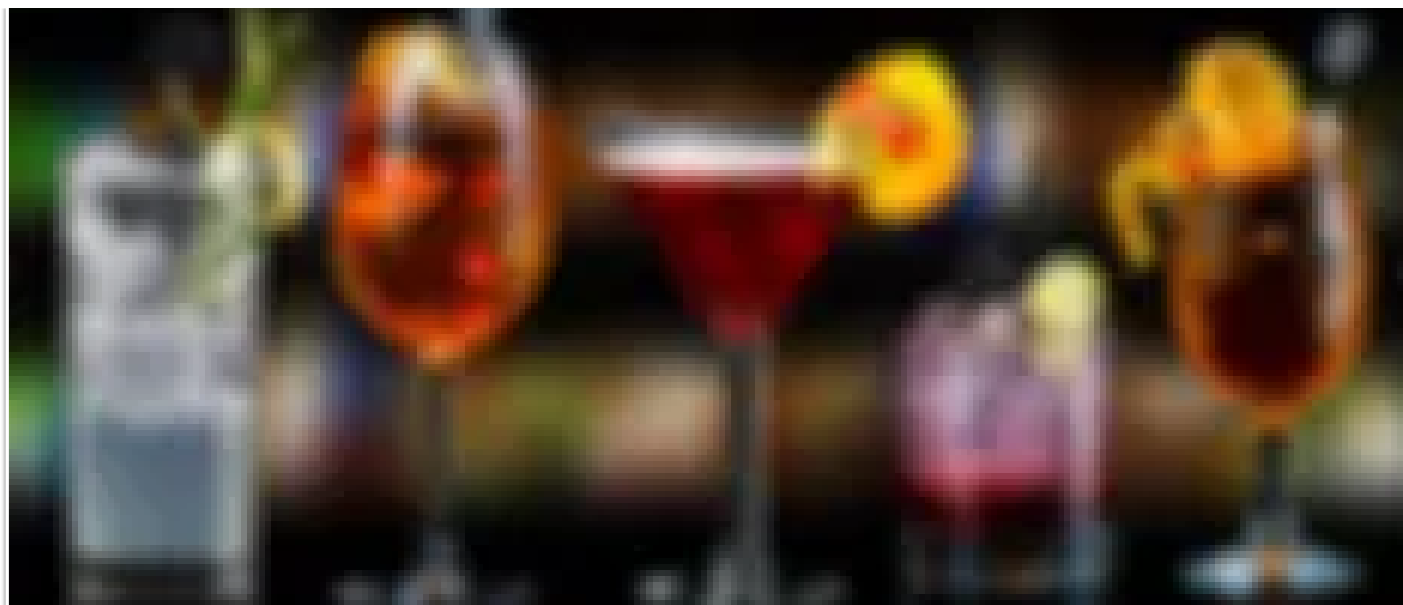
We would ask that only those members on the priority list make reservations up to 7 days ahead. If you are not on the priority list, you may make a reservation within 48 hours only. Members can check the reservation system to see if rental spots open up for potential next day or same-day reservations or call the starter shack for rental information.

If you have any questions, call the starter shack 450-562-4885 and speak to one of the starters or drop me (Michael Fehr) an e-mail at fehrplay1@hotmail.com, or call me at 450-562-2509 (Starter shack Open weekends only until June 26)

Again, here is the link on our website for cart rental updates and our Q&A. [DCC Golf Carts](#)

We are looking for 5-10 cart volunteers who can help us with logistics and support for the starters for the first few weeks of this rollout. Let me know if you can lend a hand and be around the starter shack at those pre-assigned times 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., to greet members who may be using the carts for the first time and may have some questions. Drop me a line if you can help us. It would only be for a few minutes around these tee times.

-Mike Fehr, DCC Past President and Membership Director

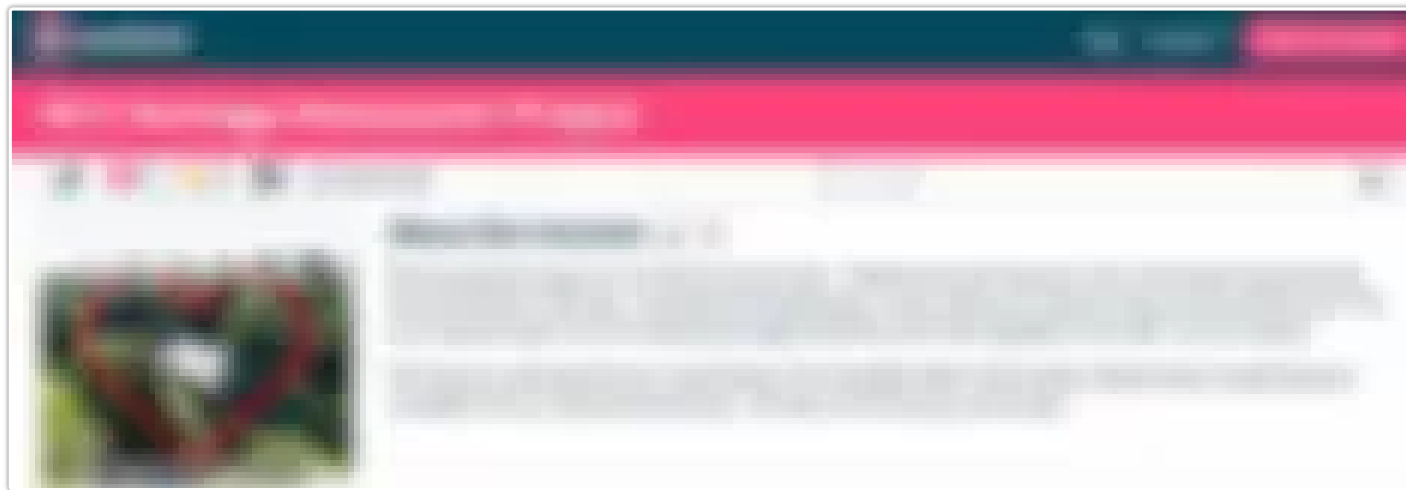


Online Auction and Opening "virtual" Cocktail Party

Only 3 more weeks before the opening of our fabulous online auction – and a special “**Opening Event**”!

Phase 1 of our auction will open on **Friday, June 25** and will run for the full week, closing 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 4. We will send out detailed information in advance so that you can pre-register for the auction site. Our DCC community has generously donated hundreds of fabulous treasures, adventures, and services - with something for everyone. Every dollar raised will go to supporting the completion of our Club House. Over 60 items will be featured in the 1st phase, with another 50 coming at the end of August.

To launch our auction, we will be hosting a **Virtual Opening Cocktail party on Saturday, June 26 at 5:30 p.m. via ZOOM**. A wonderful agenda has been planned including special guest appearances, a virtual tour of our Club House and a demonstration and Q&A about our auction. Prizes to be won for best cocktail and for registering for the 32Auctions site. An event not to be missed! Mark your calendars! More information to follow in the coming weeks.





Ancestral Plant Sale - A Resounding Success!

Angela Macleod and her team organized our tremendously successful plant sale on Saturday, May 29. So many of our community donated their wonderful Ancestral flowers and \$3,453.00 was raised to contribute to the DCC Heritage Club House Renovation Project.

A tremendous thank you goes out to Angela and all of her wonderful volunteers.

A special thank you to the members who donated Raffle prizes. A beautiful planted Urn (anonymous), the flower bouquets by **Dorothy Rekman** and **Peggy Carroll** and a watercolour painting by **Caroline Roy**. Congratulations to the lucky winners: **Anne Cairns, Lynn Palmer, Kathy Laidley** and **Dianne Vanstone**.

A great day was had by all. A wonderful start to our summer season!



Quilt and Quiltilla

The "**We ♥ Love Dunany Fall Colours**" quilt is progressing beautifully and I am happy to report that I have received nearly half the completed squares already. It is so gratifying to see the 2021 **John Parsons'** creation come to life. There was no shortage of volunteers this year with a little extra time on their hands, and their enthusiasm is so much appreciated. Everyone is encouraged to return their squares as soon as possible so that the work of assembly can begin.

Meanwhile, stay tuned for details in upcoming newsletters for the second annual "**Quiltilla**" on July 31st. As the pandemic regulations continue somewhat, there will be no Club House cocktail party again this year. However, last year's party on our lakes was such a resounding success and we hope for repeat attendance, good weather and awesome fun. Ticket sellers on each lake and start and finish docks will be announced in the newsletters.

- Diane Glionna

Everyone keep healthy and safe as we embark on another glorious summer in Dunany!

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