



DCC June Newsletter 2020

President's Message

I sincerely hope this newsletter finds everyone in good health given these extraordinary times in which we find ourselves. Indeed, this year will be very different from any other we have experienced. As a small country club, run almost exclusively by volunteers, I am very proud of how many members have stepped up to meet the current challenges, as well as new ones that seem to pop up every day.

We are extremely fortunate to have **Dr. Gilbert Boucher**, President of the *Association des spécialistes en médecine d'urgence du Québec*, guide us through the wealth of COVID-related information so that your board of directors can make informed decisions. **Un Gros Merci Gilbert**. If you did not have the chance to witness the first virtual AGM on Saturday, I invite you to visit the Club's website to read the excellent and very informative COVID presentation Gilbert gave to the many who attended. All of the director's reports are also available for your perusal.

One of Dr. Boucher's recommendations was to create a COVID cell committee. The committee is a rapid response team tasked with quickly making the best possible decisions for the benefit of our members and our Club. Its members are **Trudy Adams, Cindy Aikman, Cathy Ashley** and myself. The team meets on a daily basis so if you have any COVID-related questions concerning the DCC, please direct them to anyone on the team so we address them quickly and get back to you.

One of the more difficult decisions we have had to make was to close the Clubhouse and bar for the season. We are closely monitoring the information and guidelines from Golf Quebec and the provincial government. Nevertheless, we have chosen to take an extra cautious approach to protect our members and staff, especially given the demographics of our membership.

As the course gradually opened, we implemented several safety protocols and a few new ways of doing things. We ask you to please:

- Respect social distancing
- Use the hand-washing stations (coming soon)
- Do not golf before 8am

- Do not tee off the 8th hole to begin a round
- Book tee times using the link found on our website (kudos to **Jessica and Nicole Adams** for this amazing initiative) or by calling the starters
- Do not enter the starter shack; its use is only for the starters and the operations manager, **Catherine Spaulding**
- Do not arrive at the tee more than 10 minutes before your tee time
- Respect the COVID rules posted at the starter shack and at the 1st tee as they pertain to golf

In the coming weeks, bathrooms at the clubhouse will be available to members. They will be cleaned a couple of times of day; please wash your hands with soap for the full 20 seconds after use. We will also be putting out benches on the course; please avoid sitting on the "X" to respect social distancing.

Another positive change is that the fixture card is now on our website. Tremendous effort has gone into making this happen. Members can now sign up on-line for the various golfing activities and tournaments. Of course, there will always be the option of calling the starter to sign-up should Internet access not be available. As with any new system implementation, there might be a few bugs, so please be patient as this new way of doing things gets rolled out. A big thank you to **Tracy Wightman, Sergio Mastronardi** and **Andrea Minty** for this remarkable accomplishment.

Our Club Captain **Chrys Tyndale** is working diligently in adapting the new rules of golf to our course. Whether it be local rules or the new handicap system Chrys has put in many hours making sense of it all. We will be sending Chrys's full report in a separate message as well as posting it on our website.

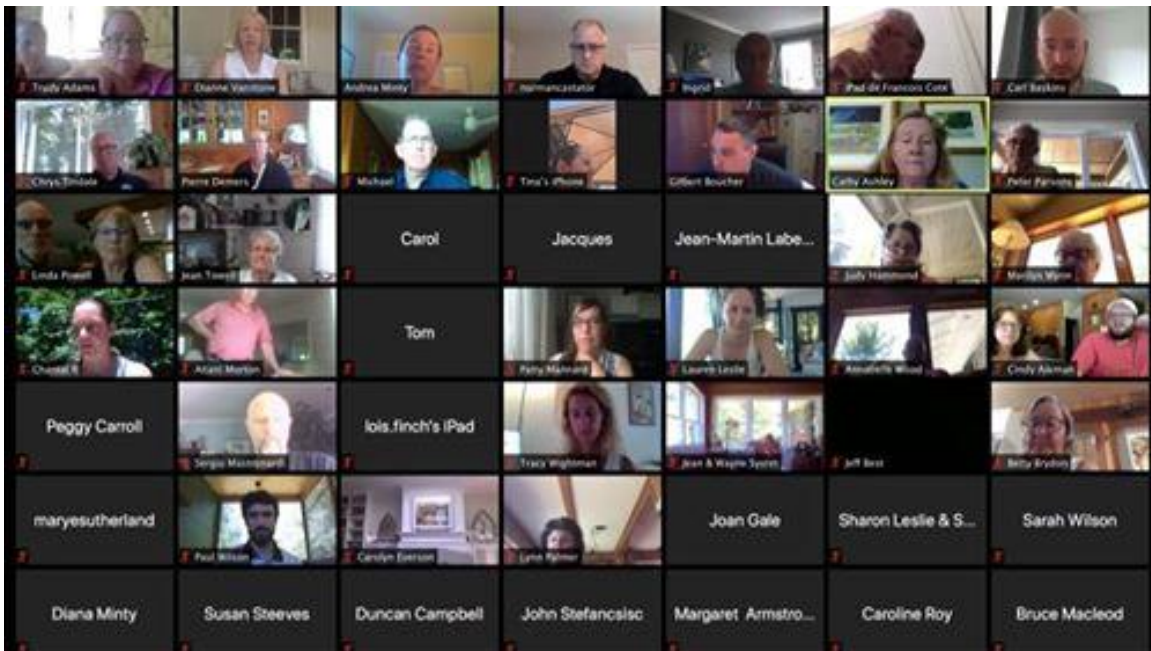
Since we are now doing more than simply covering fixed costs and performing minimum course maintenance, we have carefully reviewed our budget and determined that a second billing to regular members will be necessary. Please read the report prepared by **Ingrid Gratz**, our treasurer extraordinaire, for a detailed explanation.

I thank the outgoing board members **Scott Macleod, Jamie Armstrong, Peter Parsons and Norm Castator** whose contributions have been invaluable to the success of our Club. A special shout out to Norm (and his family) for his 11 years of devotion to the club while a member on the board.

I welcome our new board members **Tom Lowe** (House), **Cathy Leslie** (Environment), **Kevin Carter** (Social) and **Tracy Wightman** (Member-at-large). I am excited and look forward to working with such an energetic and dedicated group of individuals.

Lastly, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to **Michael Fehr**. His natural leadership abilities have been an inspiration to me and others. I am thankful for his mentorship, and for including me in all the work he did behind the scenes. I have learned a great deal from his dedication, tenacity and diplomacy, which will be invaluable during my tenure and for years to come.

Pierre Demers, DCC President



AGM on June 20, 2020 via ZOOM - Photo credits: Trudy Adams

Bonjour à tous,

J'espère sincèrement que ce bulletin d'information trouvera tout le monde en bonne santé étant donné les temps extraordinaires dans lesquels nous nous trouvons. En effet, cette année en sera une très différente de toutes les autres que nous avons connues. En tant qu'un petit country club, géré presque exclusivement par des bénévoles, je suis très fier du nombre de membres qui se sont mobilisés pour relever les défis actuels, ainsi que les nouveaux défis qui semblent surgir chaque jour.

Nous sommes extrêmement chanceux que le Dr Gilbert Boucher, président de l'Association des spécialistes en médecine d'urgence du Québec, nous guide à travers la panoplie d'information relative à COVID afin que votre conseil d'administration puisse prendre des décisions éclairées. **Un gros merci Gilbert.** Si vous n'avez pas eu la chance

d'assister à la première assemblée générale virtuelle samedi dernier, je vous invite à visiter le site Web du Club pour prendre connaissance de l'excellente présentation sur la COVID que Gilbert a donnée aux nombreux participants. Vous y trouverez également tous les rapports des directeurs.

L'une des recommandations du Dr Boucher était de créer un comité de cellule COVID. Ce comité est une équipe de réponse rapide chargée de prendre les meilleures décisions possibles dans l'intérêt de nos membres et de notre Club. Ses membres sont **Trudy Adams, Cindy Aikman, Cathy Ashley** et moi-même. L'équipe se réunit tous les jours. Si vous avez des questions concernant la COVID en lien avec les activités du Club, veuillez les adresser à l'un des membres de l'équipe afin que nous puissions les traiter et vous répondre rapidement.

L'une des décisions les plus difficiles que nous ayons eu à prendre a été de fermer le Clubhouse et le bar pour la saison. Nous suivons de près les informations et les directives de Golf Québec et du gouvernement provincial. Néanmoins, nous avons choisi d'adopter une approche très prudente afin de protéger nos membres et notre personnel, surtout en raison de la démographie de nos membres.

Avec l'ouverture progressive du terrain, nous avons mis en place des protocoles de sécurité et quelques nouvelles façons de faire. Nous vous demandons de bien vouloir :

- Respecter la distanciation sociale
- Utilisez les stations de lavage des mains (à venir)
- Ne pas jouer avant 8 heures du matin
- N'entamez pas le 8e trou pour commencer une partie
- Réservez des heures de départ en utilisant le lien qui se trouve sur notre site web (bravo à **Jessica et Nicole Adams** pour cette incroyable initiative) ou en appelant les *starters*
- N'entrez pas dans la «*starter shack*» ; son utilisation est réservée aux *starters* et à la responsable des opérations, **Catherine Spaulding**
- Ne pas se présenter au départ plus de 10 minutes avant l'heure de départ prévue
- Respectez les règles COVID affichées au «*starter shack*» et au 1er départ

Dans les semaines à venir, des toilettes au clubhouse seront mises à la disposition des membres. Elles seront nettoyées quelques fois par jour ; veuillez-vous laver les mains avec du savon pendant 20 secondes. Nous installerons également nos bancs sur le terrain ; veuillez éviter de vous asseoir sur le "X" pour respecter la distanciation sociale. Un autre changement positif est que le calendrier des activités est désormais disponible sur notre site web. Des efforts considérables ont été déployés pour que cela se produise. Les membres peuvent désormais s'inscrire en ligne aux différentes activités et tournois de golf. Bien entendu, il sera toujours possible d'appeler le starter pour s'inscrire à n'importe quel événement si l'accès à l'internet n'est pas disponible. Comme pour toute nouvelle mise en œuvre d'un nouveau système, il se peut qu'il y ait quelques bogues, alors soyez patient avec cette nouvelle façon de faire lors de sa mise en fonction. Un grand merci à **Tracy Wightman, Sergio Mastronardi** et **Andrea Minty** pour cette remarquable réalisation.

Le capitaine de notre club, **Chrys Tyndale**, travaille assidûment à l'adaptation des nouvelles règles du golf à notre terrain. Qu'il s'agisse des règles locales ou du nouveau

système de handicap, Chrys y a consacré plusieurs heures de travail. Nous enverrons le rapport complet de Chrys dans un message séparé et le publierons sur notre site web. Étant donné que nous faisons plus que de couvrir les frais fixes et d'assurer un entretien minimal du terrain, nous avons soigneusement examiné notre budget et déterminé qu'une deuxième facturation aux membres réguliers sera nécessaire. Veuillez lire le rapport préparé par Ingrid Gratz, notre trésorière extraordinaire, pour une explication détaillée.

Je remercie les membres sortants du conseil d'administration **Scott Macleod, Jamie Armstrong, Peter Parsons** et **Norm Castator** dont les contributions ont été inestimables pour le succès de notre club. Je tiens à remercier tout particulièrement Norm (et sa famille) pour ses 11 années de dévouement au club en tant que membre du conseil d'administration.

Je souhaite la bienvenue à nos nouveaux membres du conseil d'administration : **Tom Lowe** («House»), **Cathy Leslie** (Environnement), **Kevin Carter** (Social) et **Tracy Wightman** (Membre en général). Je suis très enthousiaste et j'ai hâte de travailler avec un groupe de personnes aussi énergiques et dévouées.

Enfin, je tiens à exprimer ma sincère gratitude à **Michael Fehr**. Ses capacités naturelles de leader ont été une source d'inspiration pour moi et pour tant d'autres. Je lui suis reconnaissant d'avoir été son mentor et de m'avoir inclus dans tout le travail qu'il a accompli en coulisses. J'ai beaucoup appris de son dévouement, de sa ténacité et de sa diplomatie, ce qui sera inestimable pendant mon mandat et pour les années à venir.

Pierre Demers, Président DCC

Treasurers Report

Second Billing for Membership Dues

At the beginning of April, during the height of our quarantine period, we looked at our fixed costs, i.e. those costs that we need to pay, whether our golf course is open or closed. These costs include a bare minimum of golf course maintenance to protect our investment, property and school taxes, insurance, Bell, Hydro, our alarm system, finance reporting costs, interest expense and the payments due on our capital leases. The total amounted to about \$113,000 and we billed you 65% of basic dues charged to all membership categories equally to be able to pay those bills.

In the last two months we have seen a loosening of the quarantine restrictions and a resurgent interest in playing golf. To meet the demand of our members and to adhere to the guidelines set out by the Government and the Quebec and Canada Golf Associations, the BOD has decided to expand our golf course operations from the very basic one just outlined. The new set-up requires additional funds to bring the golf course to near normal operation. This includes an increase in maintenance material, maintenance staff, the opening of washrooms, funds for COVID-19 modifications such as touchless faucets and others, as well as the hiring of starters and Catherine (part-time) to manage the flow of members and to assist in small golf tournaments.

To reduce these costs, we have applied to the government to receive the 75% wage subsidy for our staff. It is our understanding that we qualify, as long as our eligible revenues are estimated to fall below 70% of those generated in the prior year. The arrangement is currently available until the end of August.

Additionally, we will receive a \$5,000 grant from the Wentworth Township and we expect to generate some funds when guests are playing the course.

Based on a rolling budget that took the above variables into account, the Board of Directors has approved a second billing for membership dues in the amount of \$180 + Tax for regular members only.

We have a challenging season ahead of us. I hope we all stay safe and healthy and enjoy the freedom and fun of a decent game of golf.

Warm regards,

Ingrid Gratz, DCC Treasurer

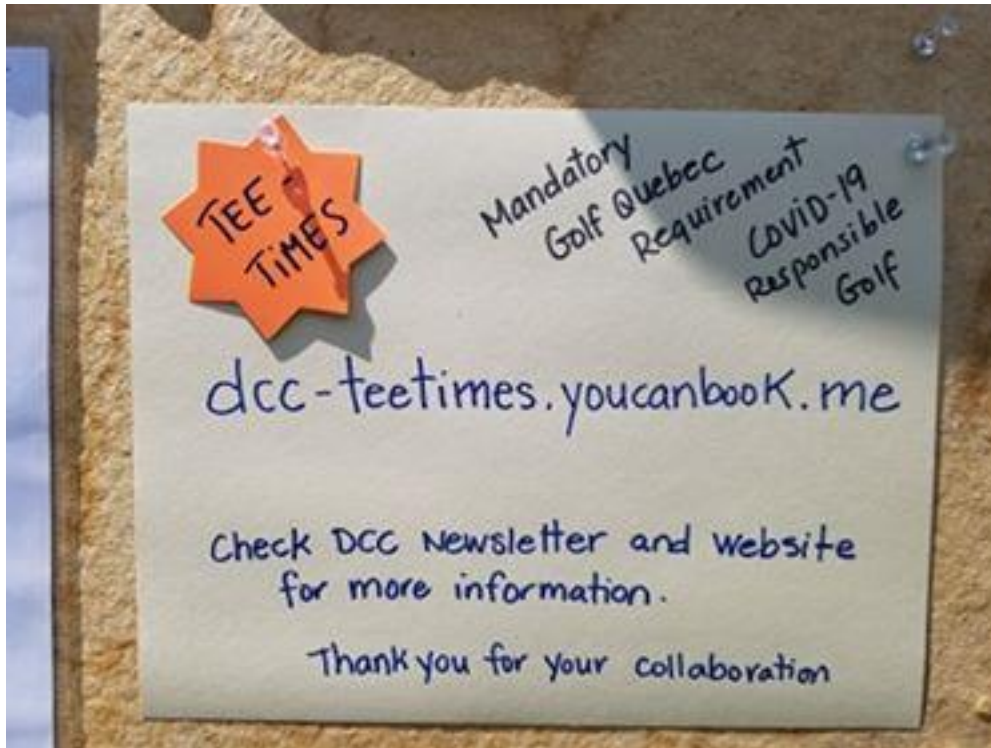


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Match and Handicap Report

We would like to welcome all members (both new and old!) to the very different 2020 golf season. As has been standard procedure over the last months, there are lots of "new normals" to navigate through and our usual Dunany golf programming is certainly one of them. One change is to inform you that given all the responsibilities and challenges that come with a regular golf season, a pandemic

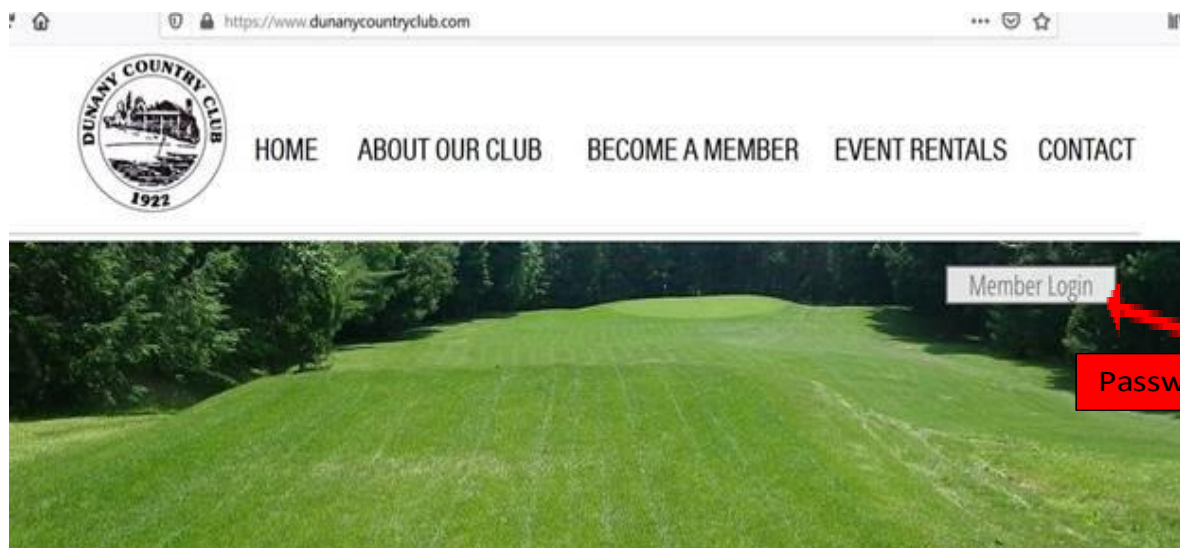
certainly multiplies the work of a Club Captain, which is why there will be TWO in 2020. I am happy to be assisting Chrys Tindale in his role as Club Captain for 2020 and hope that together, we are able to provide our members with the best support we can, given these challenges. Please feel free to contact either of us with any questions or concerns.

In addition to Golf Canada's "Responsible Golfer" protocols and procedures we will now be following, there are new procedures the Dunany Country Club has had to implement to further uphold the guidelines mandated by health and government officials. We appreciate that the DCC is rich in history and tradition, and have therefore done our best to uphold long running programs and tournaments that we have all grown to love over the years and decades, but certainly have had to adapt them in an effort to maintain our collective fight against this pandemic! All in the name of the sport we love to play. With that in mind, please note that all the information you would traditionally have found posted on the inside walls of the starter shack, is now online on our Members page of the DCC website. Here you will find the following:

- Tee Time booking tool**
- Virtual Fixture Card**
- Golf Canada Score Centre (for entering scores)**
- Scorecard (for printing)**

You may access the page by:

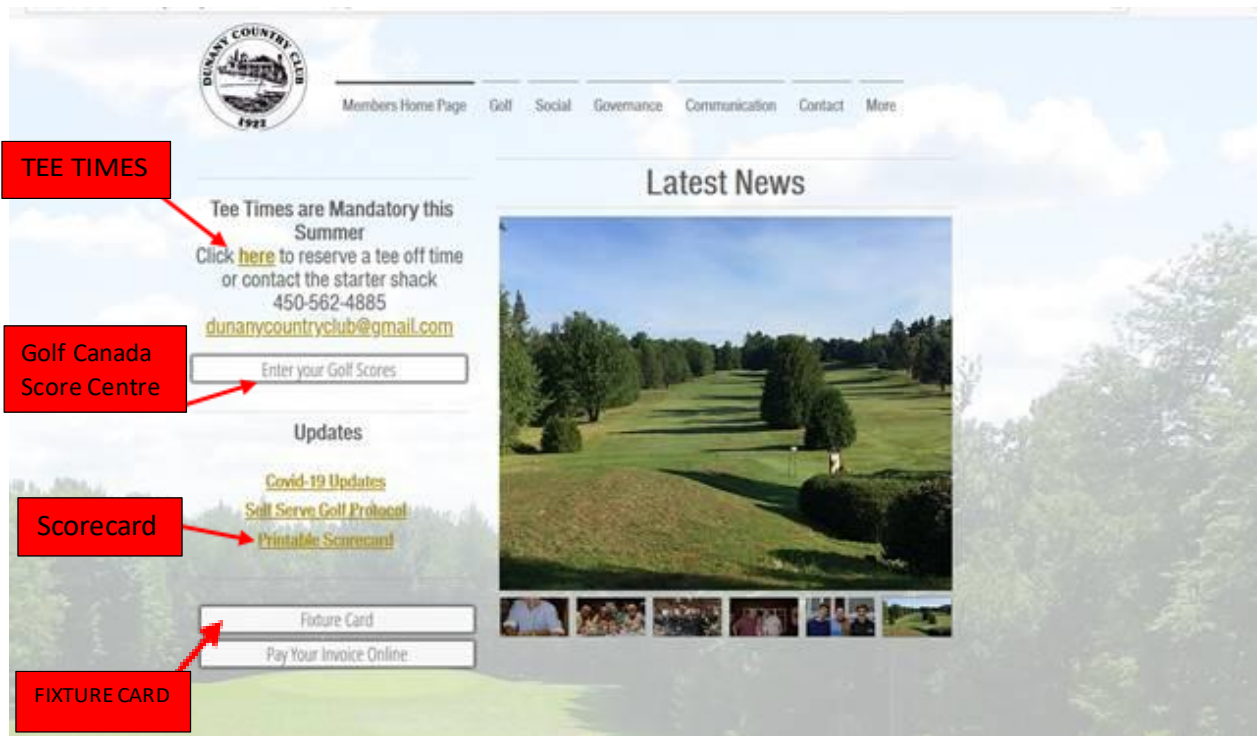
- Clicking on the [Dunany Country Club](https://www.dunanycountryclub.com) website
- Logging into the Members Page by clicking on the Member Login button and using the password **dcc1922**



TEE TIMES – New to Dunany this year and as a direct result of the COVID crisis, is the mandatory booking of tee times. Golf is offered starting at 8AM and the last tee time is 6:50PM. Please do not come to the course to play outside of these hours. There is a fantastic new tool to book tee times and can be found here – [BOOK A TEE TIME](#) This link is also found on the Members Home Page, once logged in.

VIRTUAL [FIXTURE CARD](#) - A revised fixture card has been modified and is now entirely online and can be accessed from the Members Page. This year's online Fixture Card will be your hub for all golf events including a calendar listing of club tournaments offered this season, weekly Men's, Ladies and Junior Days and for booking tee times outside of these scheduled events.

*PLEASE NOTE – only confirmed events up to July 31st, 2020 have been added to the fixture card. Please check back for August and September events.



Men's, Ladies and Junior Programs – As in past years, these programs will be running every week with the Junior Lessons on **Monday** mornings (starting June 29), Junior Day on **Tuesday** mornings (starting June 23), Ladies Day on **Wednesday** mornings (starting June 24 – Qualifying Round for the President's Cup and Captain's Prize) and Men's Day on **Thursday** mornings (started June 18). For additional information on sign up procedures for these events, please visit the [Fixture Card](#)

Club Tournaments – A complete listing of confirmed tournaments is already available for online sign up (for those offered up to July 31st only). Please visit the [Fixture Card](#) Here; you will be able to add your name(s) to the tournaments you wish to participate in, after which tee times will be provided to you for each event, prior to the date of the tournament.

SPECIAL NOTE FOR THIS UPCOMING WEEK:

Club Golf Tournaments (Men and Ladies): The first tournament of the season is the [Raguin-Leslie Cup tournament](#) this Saturday, June 27th starting at 10AM (start times only). This is a net tournament and is always a great way to kick off the season. There will be prizes for low net and low gross for both men and ladies but no other competitions will be played as in previous years (ie: longest drive and closest to the pin).

Men's Golf info: The [Men's Markham Cup Qualifying Round](#), is to be played anytime on Saturday, June 27th or Sunday, June 28th, 2020. Please declare to the starter that you are playing to qualify for the Markham Cup before you play. The deadline to sign up for the [Men's Best Ball](#) is also this Sunday, June 28th. Also new this year is the ability to add [Ringers](#) online. This online tracking sheet is already up and running, so go ahead and get your ringers in!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Tracy Wightman twightman@rogers.com or Chrys Tindale Chrys.tindale@gmail.com

Tracy Wightman, Assistant Club Captain and Member-at-large



Photo Credit: Trudy Adams

Juniors

We kicked off the 2020 season with a [ZOOM welcome orientation session](#) on Monday and Junior Golf on Tuesday with 19 juniors participating. It looks like we will have about 45 active juniors in the DCC program this summer. Vive l'été à Dunany! How lucky are we? We get to enjoy our favourite sport and make new friends during a pandemic! Many thanks to all the parents and grandparents who braved the heat and helped ensure a safe and fun start this week. Let's keep the momentum and enthusiasm going – we'll have a great summer! #CaVaBienAller.

Golf Lessons will begin on Monday, June 29. Marc Barbeau, our beloved golf instructor for 13 seasons, has retired from teaching golf. He has donated a shed and equipment and helped many golfers improve their game. This summer, we are welcoming a new instructor, John St-Denis to DCC. Please contact Gilbert Boucher with any questions. We have welcomed several new families with juniors as members as well as a few juniors from the sponsorship program. In addition to lessons, new members need friendly mentors who will play with them and show them the ropes. It's not just about perfecting a golf swing. It's learning the course, the secrets, some basic rules, speed of play, etiquette, repairing ball marks and knowing how to let faster golfers play through. The Junior Program is committed to helping create a welcoming and successful onboarding process for families. If you're willing to "play" it forward, please sign up [HERE](#).

The Junior Golf program uses the TeamSnap app for scheduling and communicating with families. It's imperative that juniors signal their availability for Monday Lessons and Tuesday Junior day. Please reach out to Trudy, Jeff or Nicole Adams if you need help.

Trudy Adams, Director – Junior Program



Photo Credit: Trudy Adams

Greens

First and foremost, I hope this message finds you well

Welcome to COVID-19 golf! Hey, at least we can golf. 2020 will be a different year for all of us, and the golf experience will be different as well. This summer we have a crew of 2, so jobs on the course may not always be accomplished at the same speed or frequency as in previous years. Please be patient and kind. We are doing our best in a challenging year. A summer student will be starting soon, so that should help with increased frequency of bunker maintenance, tee cutting and weed-eater trimming work.

Things to note:

No Benches (we don't have the capacity to disinfect them frequently)...this may change in the near future as well

No Ball Washers (for obvious reasons)

No Water Coolers (please bring your own water)

No Trash Bins (please take home your trash and dispose of it there)

No Bunker Rakes (do your best with your feet and/or club)
No Tee Blocks (choose your preferred teeing area)...this also may change soon
No Removing or Touching Flagsticks (use your putter to operate the lift device)
No Chain on the 5th Bell (use the toe of your iron to sound the bell please). Once a hand sanitizer station is added here, we intend to reinstall the chain. Please be vigilant about sanitizing your hand before ringing the bell though, we are in this together and small gestures like sanitizing your hand before ringing the bell is vital for the health and safety of us all. Use it or lose it as they say.
On another note, replacing divots and repairing ball marks will not cause COVID-19!
Over the past few times I have played I have noticed and repaired/replaced far too many ball marks and divots. This is OUR golf course. Please treat it with the respect and care it deserves. Fixing a ball mark should be a task done with pride...not every shot hits the green...take pride in fixing your ball mark. You earned it!
In closing, I wish you all good health, good times and great golf!
On behalf of the Greens Crew,

Alan Morton, Greens Chair

Past President's Report

I'm looking forward to picking up where Norm left off, as your Past President responsible for membership, to help grow the interest in golf locally for the DCC. So, I've issued a challenge to our membership...

Would you be interested in playing a round of golf at DCC, while providing a guided tour with a guest that could become a new member? And a new friend... 😊

As you heard from Norm at the AGM, the DCC is getting a lot of interest from potential new members. (We only have 7 spots left to reach our cap of 260 regular members). We want those potential members to give our course a try. (It kind of sells itself once you play a round!) We need 20-30 volunteers to welcome new guests and provide a hosted round over weekdays this summer. Why not offer a couple of hours of your time and get your name added to our list of DCC golf ambassadors?

In addition to this renewed interest in golf and the DCC, we are launching a program with the City of Wentworth to help local residents give our course a try. Our mayor, Jason Morrison, approved another grant to the DCC again this year to encourage residents to try golf this summer. If you are interested please contact the Starter at 450-562-4885. The starter will coordinate a tee time with a DCC member ambassador and the Wentworth guest. A shout out to Sharon Leslie and Laurie Lincoln who are the first 2 golf ambassadors that have offered to help out!

As Norm covered at the AGM, we are thrilled to welcome 16 new members to DCC, and 4 more who are giving the Test Drive program a go:

Full Membership:

Arshad Ahmad

Dimitri Bossut
Laird Bracken
Sonya Bracken
Maurice Giroux
Harry Glickman
Jen Gruner
Françoise Jutras
Dan Leblanc
Craig McFadzean
Shannon McFadzean
Lon Labrash
Shannon Labrash
Don Shaw
Jill Kerr-Shaw
Susan Steeves

Test Drive:

Kelly Downs
Natalie Lavers
Nancy Smith
Peter Remillard

In closing, I wanted to thank Norm for his 11 years of devotion to the DCC and his work on the Board.



That's a serious commitment to volunteering for our community. 5 years on Social, where he had a lot of help from his wife Wendy. They transformed how to run events at the club and how to price events to help us make a profit. The last 6 years as VP, President and now closing off his time as Past President, in charge of Membership. Norm has worked tirelessly re-inventing our membership structure and pricing, with

innovative programs to attract new members. I can't remember the last time we had 20 members join the club. So, here's to Norm Castator. An esteemed advisor personally to me over the last 2 years and a real team player who has set the standard for volunteerism in Dunany. Norm, on behalf of the entire Board and all our members, we thank you for that effort, and even though you are not going anywhere, we will miss you on the Board. Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Fehr, Past President



Photo credit: Diane Glionna

Quilt Update

The quilt is progressing extremely well. Diane Glionna has advised that of the 56 squares, 48 are already in. We are gearing up for an exciting day for the quilt raffle on Saturday, August 1 that will respect 'social distancing' guidelines.

This year's quilt designer, John Parsons, will display the quilt at the Bar-b-que area along with his art. Tickets will be available throughout the day at the DCC or through "Lake representatives". One person per lake will be able to sell tickets accepting cash, chit, cheque or e-transfer.

The quilt will be drawn at 5:00 p.m. (the usual time) and the draw will be able to be seen on ZOOM. Stay tuned for more information to come!



DUNANY COUNTRY CLUB HERITAGE CLUB HOUSE RENOVATION PROJECT

The Project team has been working steadily over the winter to ensure that our Heritage Club House Renovation Project moves forward. Actions are in place to start construction after Labour Day. All documentation has been submitted to the Municipality to obtain our permit. Volunteers will be needed to pack up kitchen and bar items and get the facility ready for construction. Our contractor has been selected and suppliers are being organized for all of the sub-contracting items.

On the fundraising side, we are proceeding to collect pledges that were made for 2020. The '\$100/year for 3 years assessment' has been waived for this year and will proceed next year at '\$150/year over 2 years'. Despite that, will be in good shape to fund the start of construction in the Fall.

I'd like to thank the tremendous efforts of our volunteer Committee including Stan Roy, John Vanstone, Peter Parsons, Andrea Minty, Tom Lowe, Rod Armstrong, Dianne Burk and Rob Kirkpatrick. With their persistence, cooperation, diligence and generosity of their time, the Dunany Country Club will have something wonderful to celebrate for its 100th Anniversary in 2022.

Lynn Palmer, Project Lead



Ladies Day this week! - Photo credit: Trudy Adams

Dear Members,

We will not be publishing a weekly newsletter this summer but promise to keep you updated as needed. Wishing you and your loved-ones good health and happy times in Dunany this summer. This will definitely be a special season to remember.

Best wishes,
Your Newsletter Team