



## Dunany Country Club - Fall 2014 Update



I think we can safely say that the season is *almost* over!

It was another busy summer, especially with all the rain on the course. Not only did it impact the condition of our fairways, but also resulted in reduced green fees as people played less rounds with fewer guests. Overall this year was challenging from a budget perspective.

As your thoughts turn from Fall to Winter, I thought I would provide a quick summary of what your Board has been up to for the last few months.

### Course maintenance –



We are focusing on getting our weed and clover situation under control. Under the able leadership of Bill Gauley and our Greens Committee, we have decided to use a herbicide on the course for the first time in a long time. We sprayed the course in September and have had a significant reduction in the number of weeds. We are fortunate that we won't have to over-seed this fall and we will re-apply the herbicide in the Spring. We will also be applying a 'phosphate-free' fertilizer. As the weeds

decrease on the course, we are hoping to be able to reduce our applications to once a year, or to spot weeding. Your Board is very conscious of any impact on the environment or to individual health. Let me assure you that there will be no negative impact to our lakes or to individuals as a result of this activity.

### Website–

We will be using money donated through the “Percy Fund” to update our Website. Chris Wynn is working with Sergio Mastronardi and a team to design a more modern, interesting and functional site. We are hoping that this will be in place for next Spring. As part of this, we will be looking at offering members to pay their dues on line and, eventually, to book and pay for events on line, as well. More to come!

### Club House renovation –

Your House Chair, Pierre Demers, has been working with a committee to draft up some proposals for a renovation of our Club House and kitchen. John Vanstone, our resident architect, has developed a potential design and Jane Burnell-Jones is bringing her knowledge of commercial kitchens to the team. We expect to be able to phase in these improvements over a few years.



### New Members -

We have a few positions open for New Members! Our Regular Membership roster is full, but we do have **several opportunities for new members** in the Introductory A and B categories. Introductory A is for those potential members that are located in Dunany, whereas Introductory B would be those that are outside the core Dunany community. *The best members are people that we know!* If there is

anyone that you think would be interested in joining the DCC, please contact Chris Wynn at [cawynn@hotmail.com](mailto:cawynn@hotmail.com)

### Memorial Bench Program –

Thanks to the terrific efforts of Mac Cairns we ‘sold’ 14 memorial benches this summer. The plaques arrived in September and we had a couple set up on the first hole. The rest will go out on the course in the Spring. There are still 6 bench opportunities remaining – so if you would like to get a bench please send an email to Mac at [cairnsmr@cs.com](mailto:cairnsmr@cs.com) or to me at the email below. If you want to team up with someone you can ‘share a bench’ and ‘share the cost’! Benches can be dedicated to more than one person.



### Social Events –

Your Board met last weekend and we are in the planning stages to add a few of our ‘classic’ popular social events back into the Calendar – the ‘Nine and Dine’ and ‘Night Golf’. Scott Laekas is working with our outgoing Social Director, Norm Castador (our VP), to learn the craft! If you are interested in volunteering to take on leadership of one of the social events for next year, or just in working on one, please email Scott at [scottlaekas@gmail.com](mailto:scottlaekas@gmail.com)

### 2015 Membership Directory -

Dave Glionna has volunteered once more to lead the charge on updating our Membership Directory for next year. Advertising revenues are an important source of funds for the Club. Please spread the word if you or someone you know would be interested in placing an ad. Dave’s email address

is: [daveglionna@live.com](mailto:daveglionna@live.com)

### Member emails –

Thanks to everyone who has provided their email address so that you can receive your Spring Newsletter and information kit electronically. We don’t have anything against the Post Office, but think that the cost of printing and mailing could be better spent elsewhere! ***If you haven’t already done so and would like to help us keep our costs down – please forward your email contact info to Diana Minty at [diana.minty@bell.net](mailto:diana.minty@bell.net)***

### Cross-country skiing -

Dave Armitage and his crew are putting the stakes and nets around the greens to ward off snowmobilers in the winter. When the snow falls, we have an arrangement with the Municipality of Wentworth that they will keep our parking lot clear for those who want to do cross-country skiing on the course. A great winter activity to add to tobogganing and other fun!

### Thanks –

Thanks to the Board, our staff and all the volunteers for your tremendous efforts in making 2014 a great season. Hope you all have a happy and healthy winter whether you spend it in Canada or in the southern climes. **See you next summer!**

*Your suggestions and feedback are welcome!*

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