



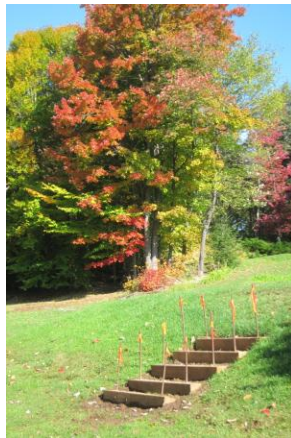
As we walked around the course on Thanksgiving in that marvelous weather, with the leaves still on the trees, it certainly gave us an appreciation for how lucky we are!

The course was in great shape this summer. The rain was not as dramatic as last year – and we actually started to get a roll on our balls in August! Congratulations to all the winners in the Club Championship tournaments and all those who were successful in the regular weekly and weekend tournaments. Another great golfing season!

As our thoughts turn to winter, I wanted to update you on what your Board of Directors has been doing this summer and what our future plans are.

Greens Committee –

Under the stewardship of our Superintendent, Dave Armitage and the able leadership of Bill Gauley, our Greens Committee and Golf Course Improvement Committee, the course is looking better than ever. We applied a herbicide in the Spring and Fall to keep the weeds and clover under control. We also dug a well on the 5th near the Ladies’ tee to help with irrigation of the back tees and greens. We have purchased a pump and generator for next year. We have also purchased a second hand aerator and top dresser to help with our greens. For 2016 we will be purchasing a rough mower – which we took delivery of this fall to keep



the rough between 1, 7 and 9, as close as possible to the RCGA recommended height. A lot of balls were lost in those areas in the early parts of this summer! You will also notice that we have built stairs to access the Ladies’ 4th Tee, which is always wet and that we are filling in the holes from the 150 yard markers into the greens to allow for more even play.

Club House renovation –

Over 2015, Pierre Demers, our House Director worked with a sub-Committee to draft up some proposals for a renovation of our kitchen. Your Board made some decisions to prioritize the spending of our Capital Budget for the next 2 years on equipment to support the quality of the Golf Course. However, we have approved the purchase of another professional dishwasher/sanitizer that



will significantly help with clean up in the kitchen. Over the winter, Pierre will be working with John Vanstone and Bruce Macleod to develop some layouts for improvements to the overall 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. We are also planning to canvas members for your input. We hope to be able to have some plans to show members next summer.

DCC Centennial Fund

In order to help mark our historic 100th anniversary in 2022, we have established a Centennial Fund. You will hear more about this over the coming years, but the idea is to raise money towards capital projects that will maintain and enhance our Club House and surrounding areas for the enjoyment of members for years to come. You can find out more about the Centennial Fund on our website at: www.dunanycountryclub.com

New Members -

Please join me in welcoming our new members that joined the Club in 2015:

- **Gordon Nelson and Jennifer Hallsesey** and daughter Darcy, Lake Louisa
- **Cameron Nelson**, Zachary and Samuel, Lake Louisa
- **Robert Kirkpatrick**, Lake Barron
- **Peggy Carroll**, St. Andrews
- **Dorothy Rekman** (Hadley), Curran Lake
- **Michel Charlebois**, Clear Lake
- **Elizabeth Hay**, Thomas, William, John-Paul, Mary and Claire, Clear Lake
- **Ross Christie**, Lake Louisa
- **Greg and Linda (Gordon) Powell**, Curran Lake
- **Frank Geraghty**, Boyd Lake

WELCOME! We hope you enjoy every minute of your membership with us.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

We have several openings left for new members – if you know of anyone that might be interested in joining our incredible community, please ask them to contact me at lynn.palmer@rogers.com or Stan at stanroy@yahoo.ca

Membership Categories –

A sub-Committee has been working together over the past few months to determine how we can expand our membership criteria to include offerings that would appeal to a broader segment of our communities. Options might include a purely Social Membership and a more limited, cost effective, Introductory Membership that could be paid for over a longer period of time. Your thoughts on what would be of value to you, or to those that you think would be interested in joining our Club, are welcome. We will have more news for you on this in the Spring.

YEAR OF AMNESTY!

If you know of previous members that have already paid their Initiation Fees, but have had to drop their membership for any reason, your Board has approved a “Year of Amnesty”.

From December 2015 to December 2016, if a former member wants to re-join the DCC the re-payment of the Initiation Fee will be waived. Upon approval, former members can go directly into our Introductory Category.

Pass the word!!! Let the golfing begin!

Memorial Bench Program –

Thanks to the terrific efforts of Mac Cairns, all 21 of our Memorial Benches were taken up. Feedback on the benches has been universally positive and it’s great to read the dedications to loved ones as we go around the course. We have offered to take pictures of families with their benches and transport those who might have difficulty walking up to their bench. If this interests you for next year, please get in touch with me. Thank you to everyone who supported this initiative !



Website–

Last year, we decided to use money donated through the “Percy Fund” to update our Website. A Website Committee has been meeting over the summer. Sergio Mastronardi is currently building the back end of the site and Andrea Minty is taking a lead on the front end, working with Cindy Aikman, our Communications Director. The project is taking a little longer than expected, but we are very committed to building a more modern, interesting and functional site. We have decided to use PayPal as the tool for members to be able to pay on line and hopefully you will be able to book golf and events on line, as well. More to come!



Social Events –

2015 was a very successful year from a Social perspective. Scott Laekas worked with Norm Castador, Chris Wynn and multiple volunteers in adding a very successful “Music Fest” which was a big hit in August. We also added back the “9 and Dine” and “Night Golf” which were also successful. The Social Committee is busy planning an active 2016 and are planning more new things – adding a new weekday 9 and dine and keeping the bar open on Friday and Saturday afternoons during prime vacation time. Also, the ever popular ‘Casino night’ might be in the works. It should be another great year! If you are interested in volunteering to lead one of the social events for next year, or just in work on one, please email Scott at scottlaekas@hotmail.com

2015 Membership Directory -

The 2015 Membership Directory was successfully launched in June. Thanks to Dave Glionna for once again leading this initiative and to his able assistant, Stan Roy. In addition to being an important revenue generator for the Club (\$7,000 in 2015), there is no doubt that the “Directory” is a critical ‘go to’ source for information for all our DCC Members. We appreciate the generous support of our advertisers and encourage you to consider them should you be in need of services.

Electronic Newsletters and Payment –

Thanks to everyone for providing us with your email address so that we could send out our Spring Newsletter electronically. I’d also like to thank Peter Wright who helps Diana and the team to maintain our email list and send out important information to our membership. If you change your email address, please send your new one to *Diana Minty* at diana.minty@bell.net

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.

Many thanks –

Thanks to the Board, our staff and all our volunteers for your tremendous efforts in making 2015 a great season. Hope you have a happy and healthy winter whether you spend it in Canada or in the southern climes. If you are golfing over the winter – don’t forget to put in your scores!

*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 next summer!***

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