



December 2019 Newsletter

President's Message

As we wrap up 2019 and head into 2020, I wanted to take this time to once again sincerely thank our tremendous team of volunteers who do so much for our club. Without their level of dedication and commitment, we could not operate the club as we have done over the last 97 years!

Once again, the Board will be asking for more of our members to help out in 2020. If you have volunteered in the past, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. If you have not been able to help out, that is just fine. But do take a moment during this holiday season, as you ponder your 2020 goals, to think about how just a few hours of your time can make such a positive impact for your club. And you will meet so many like-minded members. And you will feel so much better for "chipping in" (As you know, I rarely "chip in" on the golf course, so I have to "volunteer" to get that lift!).

The Board wanted to use the Christmas newsletter to update you on the progress the club has been making on some initiatives, as we wrap up the 2019 season.

You will note in Lynn's report that the Heritage Renovation project is well in hand and that team has made great progress this fall. We all appreciate the effort from the Building Committee and the Fundraising Committee. They never stop. And of course, a huge thank you to all our member donors for their generous contributions and for the hosts on each of our lakes who organized the dinner/cocktail fundraisers. There were so many great stories of our history & our beloved clubhouse that were shared at these events. I think we all felt our community was really engaged during the process and we should be proud of the \$315,000 that was raised.

During this holiday season, members of our Board sadly wish to acknowledge the passing of 2 former DCC members, Bruce Murdoch and Gyp Havill as we extend our deepest sympathies to their families and loved ones.

Lastly, the Board is always looking to hear from you. We appreciate your suggestions for the club and include those ideas at our Board meetings. Your feedback is always

welcome! Board member names for each of the positions are on the DCC website, and I encourage you to reach out to them. <https://www.dunanycountryclub.com/board-of-directors> The password for the member login on our web site is: dcc1922.

Preparations are already underway for the 100th anniversary coming in 2022! Stay tuned.

-Michael Fehr, President

Greetings from the Vice-President

They say “It’s all fun and games until Santa checks the naughty list...” Let’s hope he wasn’t paying too close attention to me this year!

As we close out what was a busy 2019, may the holiday season fill your home with joy, your heart with love and your life with laughter. Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all in 2020. Cheers,

Pierre Demers, Vice President

Match & Handicap

Have we caught our breath yet? Seems like just yesterday we were playing golf on our beloved course and enjoying the beautiful summer weather. Now, not so much. However, the course is primed for some amazing cross country skiing and tobogganing so let's get out there and get at it.

The big news in the golf world is the upcoming January 1, 2020 implementation of the World Handicapping System.

<https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/articles/2019/11/world-handicap-system-set-to-roll-out-in-2020.html>

This is a great initiative that will unite the world's golf courses under a single set of rules for determining handicaps and course ratings.

Due to our ongoing course improvements the Match and Handicap Committee has decided to have the course re-rated. It will be done as soon as possible, this spring by Golf Quebec. We are looking forward the results. A big thanks to Alan Morton and Chris

Hart and your team of dedicated workers for such a great season. Digging the new 3rd hole drainage system in the rain could not have been much fun.

I'd like to wish all our members, wherever you may be across the globe, a wonderful winter and happy holiday season.

See you on the tee.

- Chrys Tyndale, Club Captain



Photo credit: Chrys Tindale

Ladies

I am happy to report there has been significant work done on the 2020 Quilt, with particular thanks to Lois Finch, for rallying the troops. John Parson has enthusiastically met with a group of accomplished quilters and the packages should be ready for delivery shortly after the beginning of the New Year!

The fixture card will be distributed with the spring newsletter.

On behalf of the ladies' branch, it's with great pleasure that we wish everyone a happy, healthy holiday surrounded with love, laughter, family and friends!

-Barbara Armstrong, Ladies Chair

Finance

Another year-end is fast approaching, and with it a busy time for your Finance department. Closing the books for the year, finalizing the 2020 budget, preparing for the conversion to a more advanced edition of our accounting system, implementing the accounting framework for the new clubhouse build and starting the federal and provincial tax filings are all on the agenda for the coming weeks and months.

Due to the highly successful new phone directory and the hard work of so many of our members, our financial results for the year will show a small positive net income. Hopefully, there will be many more positive years to come.

With this in mind, we wish you all a very Happy Holiday Season and a New Year full of good health and prosperity. May all your wishes come true!

- **Ingrid Gratz**, Treasurer



Juniors

Wishing everyone a healthy and happy holiday season. We know our juniors & families are busy with school and cross-training and enjoying winter sports. Maybe a lucky few will get to enjoy some golf time in sun destinations! Santa's elves have informed us that assistance with stocking stuffers would be appreciated. Tees, balls, markers and rules books make excellent gifts for any golfer on your list. Take good care of each other & see you in 2020!

- **Trudy Dundass**, Junior Captain

House

The clubhouse has managed to survive yet another year, thanks to the great work of Wayne and our esteemed grounds team, Chris, Rhys, and Ian. The Heritage Renovation Committee has been working hard at finalizing the many items required to provide a really superb venue for the next generation of members. A tremendous amount of effort has gone into the design, funding, and execution of the overwhelming details of this project. Thank you! Due to the closure for renovation following Labour Day weekend, our rental season will be limited. If any members are entertaining using the club for a function, please let me know as soon as you can. I wish everyone a fantastic holiday season, a very merry Christmas, and a great 2020.

-Peter Parsons, House Chairman

Greens

Hello fellow members,

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable fall and would like to extend best wishes for the upcoming holiday season.

This past October we installed a new drainage system on the 3rd hole and I am pleased to let you know that it is working very well! There is still some work and clean up to do come spring 2020 and we are looking forward to finishing this project up then.

Another project that we are looking into is the potential introduction of electric carts to help our members who are having difficulty getting around the golf course. This would be of enormous benefit to maintaining and possibly increasing our membership numbers.

I would also like to take a moment to thank Chris Hart and his crew for continually striving to improve playing conditions for all of us. We have made great strides over the past few years and intend to keep improving the course in the years to come.

Health and happiness to you all,

-Alan Morton, Greens Chair

Membership

Happy Holidays to everyone!

In 2019 we were pleased to accept the following members into our Dunany Country Club Family.

Introductory: **Dimitri Bossut**
 Françoise Jutras
 Shannon McFadzean
 Shannon Labrash

Full Membership: **Isaac Perez**
 Greg Best

Membership will continue to be a priority in 2020, we already have our first new member for the 2020 season! Please welcome Maurice Giroux who has accepted Full Membership for next year.

Our Open House this year was deemed a big success. A big thank you to Francois Cote and Rod Armstrong for offering complimentary lessons to potential new members as well as Trudy Adams, Michael Fehr and Jeff Best for hosting the event. As a result of the Open House, we have a number of attendees that are interested in our Club for the 2020 season.

As Alan mentioned in his report, we are looking at the creating a business plan to study the viability of golf carts for our course. If you know of any potential new members that would be interested in our course if carts were available, please send me an email to help with our projections dccnewmembership@gmail.com

Best regards,

-Norm Castator, Membership Chair

DCC Heritage Club House Renovation Project



As our President mentioned in the October 15, 2019 communication to members, the Board of Directors approved the DCC Heritage Club House Renovation project at the Board meeting on October 13. The following week over \$150,000 of cheques were successfully deposited into our Centennial Fund! Thank you to all the amazing donors!!

The project team has been actively moving from Fundraising to Project Management. One of our members who is a former PMP (Project Management) professional, Rob Kirkpatrick, has volunteered to help us document all the activities and milestones to get us to a successful opening. Our Architect, Todd Richards, is finalizing our Permit ready drawings to incorporate some of the recommended changes to the design that came up over the summer. These should be ready before Christmas. His plans will be validated by Roger Bartosh a Structural Engineer to ensure integrity. We are looking forward to receiving the report from the septic Engineer, Solution Max and have hired a surveyor to obtain a new Certificate of Location. In conjunction with our Treasurer, we are documenting financial control process. Lots on the go!

We will continue to hold fundraising events over the following summers in order to ensure that we have enough of a contingency to successfully complete the project. Stay tuned for more information in the Spring Newsletter!!

Wishing you all a healthy and happy winter and looking forward to seeing you in the spring of 2020!

Happy Holidays! Joyeuses fêtes!
