

# DUNANY 75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY LADIES EVENT -1997

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In 1997, as Ladies Captain, I was asked to organize a Ladies Event to honour the Dunany Golf Club's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary (no budget offered)! So, with the help of my family, we fashioned a tournament which was held on a regular Ladies Day (it was not an Invitation Day event). All the Ladies were asked to dress up **and play golf** in vintage costumes that would have been worn in 1922. As you can see by the photos, they all did a terrific job in emulating that period's golf attire.

The theme for the golf tournament was 'Casino Royale' and my Dad, Doug Armstrong with the help of my Mom, Margaret, designed and hand-crafted all the props (large red foam dice, Craps table, signs, etc.) for a different casino event featured at each tee which dictated how the hole was to be played by each golfer. Duncan's father, George Campbell, brought his prized Model T Ford up from his home in Westmount and parked it behind the 9<sup>th</sup> green, accenting the illusion of the Great Gatsby era. During the tournament, Mr. Campbell skulked hidden in the woods near the Ladies 3<sup>rd</sup> tee where he shocked them out of their socks by blowing a piercing air horn on the ladies' backswings!

Duncan's brother, Rob Campbell was the Starter/Marshall/Head Croupier and his daughter, Maddy spun the roulette wheel on the first hole (which decided what location each golfer in the foursome would tee off from on that hole). Incidentally, Maddy wore the actual skirt, choker and bloomers that I wore in Mrs. Diana Minty's brilliantly choreographed Rockette-like Can-Can performance by the girls my age given to the Dunany Prize-Giving audience in 1968.

My son, Robbie Campbell was a dapper jack-of-all trades answering rules questions and taking beverage orders (lemonade and hard drinks) for the ladies as they rounded the clubhouse turn on their way to the 8<sup>th</sup> tee. Duncan set up the Casino paraphernalia on each tee and installed the Casino-linked obstructions and extra holes on the 9<sup>th</sup> green.

Last, but not least, Mr. Jim Minty (Greens Chairman) was extremely helpful in allowing us to position his truck and cart (filled high with brush) centrally on the fairway 40 yards in front of the 7<sup>th</sup> green so that the ladies had an impressive obstacle to chip over onto the green.

The event culminated in a luncheon where I had commissioned member Jane Burnell-Jones, who owned a pastry shop, to make a special cake commemorating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the Casino golf theme. Her creation was spectacular and we all enjoyed a wedge and laughs after the tournament.