

# Dunany Country Club

## Spring Newsletter 2014

### President's Report



There is still snow on the ground but it is nice to finally see hints of spring and the promise of the golf season to come. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each board member for their hard work last year and for their preparation for the upcoming season. This summer is shaping up to be great fun on the course and in the clubhouse with the usual whirl of tournaments and social events.



This year, we will be saying goodbye to two members of the board. David Eramian has been a tremendous contributor to the Board and an invaluable resource and support for me personally. We all know David is an avid golfer and I wouldn't be surprised to see him back on the board someday as Club Captain, thanks again David.

We are also saying goodbye to John Wilson who has been on the Board as House Director for longer than anyone can remember. I am not sure if he even knows how many years it has been! John has made some great changes to the clubhouse while still maintaining its' history. Thanks John - you will be missed. We will be welcoming two new members to the board who will be announced at this years' AGM.

The board would like to thank Diana Minty for all her hard work over the winter. As well, huge thanks go out to Dave Armitage, Steve Kennedy and the crew for keeping the course in top shape. Our membership is still strong and while we are currently full at the Regular membership level, there are openings at both Intro A and Intro B categories. No waiting, so tell your friends.

Every year we lose more members of the club and community. This year we said goodbye to Doug Boyd, Brian Parker, Betty Wood and also long time Dunany resident, George Crooks. Again, at this year's AGM Ross Leslie, chair of the Honors committee, will say a few words and share some stories about each member, as they were all a special part of the DCC community and should be honoured as such.

I would also like to say what a pleasure it has been to be the President of the Dunany Country Club. My father was president in 1978/79 and I can remember him telling me stories about the golf course and how proud he was to be a member. I think we can all agree that Dunany is special and we can all be very proud to call ourselves members of the Dunany Country Club. I look forward to seeing everyone out on the course and around the clubhouse this summer.

Chris Wynn,  
President – Dunany Country Club

## **Treasurer's Report**

2013 was another solid year of financial performance.

Slightly higher fees, more new members joining and contributing to the golf as well as the social events, a great variety of popular events with a steady stream of engaging volunteers, savings with the greens committee and close management of all expenses across the board helped impact the numbers.

Look for more of the same in 2014 with a goal of maintaining the great spirit within the club as we try to conservatively grow our revenues with tight control of our expenses.

The results will be reported on in more detail at the AGM in June as we are still finalizing the books and we'll need to review them with the audit committee in May.

In summary:

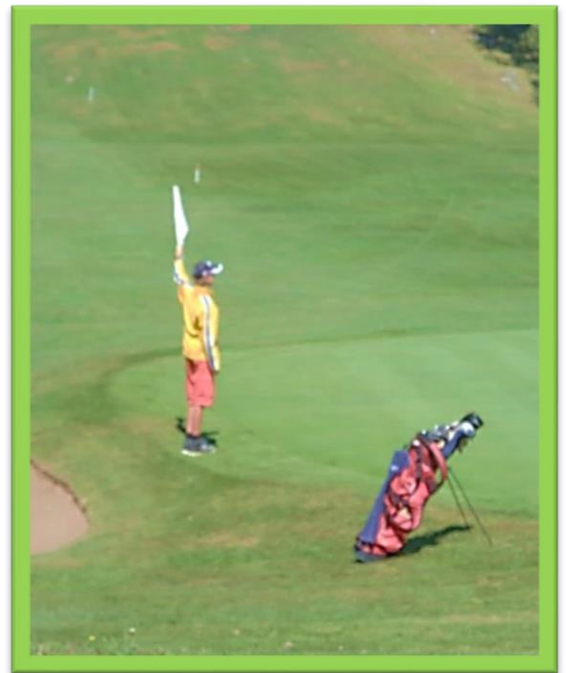
We expect revenues to finish at \$233,000 vs the budget of \$232,000 – can't get much closer to the plan than that.....

We expect expenses to come in at \$236,000 vs. a budget of \$237,000 – again our spending was close to the plan we put in place in 2013.

That should leave us with an estimated loss of **(\$3,000)** vs the budgeted loss of **(\$5,000)**. The club broke even in 2012, so this minimal loss of **\$(3,000)** is right where the DCC, as a not-for-profit organization, should be year in /year out.

The cash position for the club (our money in the bank) should improve from \$101,000 on March 31, 2013 to approximately \$120,000 by March 31, 2014. Again, this is a healthy position of cash flow for DCC relative to prior years.

These results are a reflection of the real commitment & hard work from so many people. I couldn't manage & report these kinds of numbers without the support and insight of Diana Minty. She puts



in a lot of long hours to ensure the day-to-day operations are well managed and her due diligence with all the transactions and reporting is flawless. Fantastic job yet again Diana!

The volunteers had a tremendous impact this past year and we're hoping to cast that net to an even broader team in 2014. Norm's lead on the Social Committee has generated significant returns with all the events. David's focus on welcoming new members to the club helped with our green fees and new initiation fees helped build up our capital budgets for club improvements. The new members also helped invigorate the club and positively impacted many social events. A big thank you goes out to Farrell Hyde for putting in a lot of time to receive and deposit our dues over the last few years. Farrell is moving on and we welcome Ingrid Gratz to the team as she has offered to step in and help in 2014.

Here's to another solid year on the links!

Michael Fehr - Treasurer

## **Honours**

Last year we had the great pleasure of honouring two outstanding women who were pioneers in establishing women's rights and privileges at Dunany Country Club: Geraldine Palmer and Madeleine Leslie.

Gerry Palmer, a professional photographer, covered the Quebec conference in 1944 where she photographed Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Winston Churchill and William Lyon Mackenzie King. Gerry and her husband Peter came to Dunany in 1954. She was Ladies president for 4 years and was Secretary of the Board. She also was instrumental in starting the Ladies Interclub and organized the women participating on behalf of Dunany for more than ten years. All that and she got a hole in one on the 4<sup>th</sup> at the age of 79! Gerry's three children, Lynn, Robin and Peter, were all on hand to receive the award on Gerry's behalf at Prize-giving.



Madeleine Leslie, née Raguin, first came to Dunany with her parents, René and Beatrice, in 1931 at the age of 5. In 1942 her father René, an honorary life member at DCC, paid \$5 for her to play golf with the ladies. That year she won her first two 'spoons', the prizes given at that time for both the men's and women's tournaments. That started what was to be a lengthy run as she continued to play and win her share of tournaments for over 50 years. She was the first woman elected to the Men's board. After being Ladies and Junior Captain she became "Men's Club Captain" - the first woman in Canada to hold this position. Mac Cairns spoke eloquently when he presented the award to Sharon, Lauren and I on my mother's behalf.



This year we are looking at honouring members who were veterans of WWII. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Hole is dedicated to Garth Fish and the men and women of Dunany who served their country during the World War II. This year marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of WWII and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of WWI. I am collecting all the names of members and former members who served. If you would like to share their stories, please send them to me along with their name and rank. You can email me at [ross.leslie@sympatico.ca](mailto:ross.leslie@sympatico.ca) or call me at (450)566-0857

Ross Leslie  
Chairman – Honours Committee



## **Match and Handicap**

Spring is quickly approaching and our winter woes are fading. The golfing season will be here before we know it.

Diana Minty will be available again this year in the Starter Shack. She will be happy to refer you to the Director responsible or help you with any inquiries or concerns that you might have. The starters for 2014 will be Dominic Ware, Maya Best and, occasionally, Annie Hadley. Please offer them a warm welcome.



With regards to the fixture card, there are no major changes from past years, other than the Opening Scramble which, after being moved last year, will now be played in August. Please review your fixture card and if you have any questions, contact me by phone or email. Please note that 200 yard markers will be placed on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> fairways and that we have also suggested on the fixture card that you contact the Starter Shack to check on the closing and opening of the first tee for each tournament as in some instances, times may change.

Once again this year, in compliance with the RCGA, Distance Measuring Devices will not be permitted during the club championship tournaments. They will be permitted, however, in all other matches and tournaments at the players' discretion. We would like to remind everyone to use them for distance only and that if your opponent requests a measurement from you, you are obliged to advise them. Please be considerate of the time when using a device as all members are expected to maintain a good pace of play.

Have a great golf season and if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Barb Armstrong,  
Club Captain.

## **Greens**

Spring is coming, or so I am told, but there are few signs of it in Dunany. The snow has just started to melt but more is predicted to fall so it looks like we will have a late start to the golf season. We have had very little damage to our trees this year, unlike last season, so Dave and his staff will not have to spend a great deal of time cleaning up branches. We will be continuing our fertilization program and will assess it at the end of the season. We will then make a decision as to whether or not we need to take a more aggressive approach to eradicating the numerous weed patches that are prevalent on our fairways. As always, Dave and his staff will be on the course to start preparations for the season as soon as it is dry enough. Both sets of tees on the third hole were levelled and sodded last fall, as was the new ladies tee on the fourth hole. A bunker on the left side of the third hole was created and will be filled with sand as soon as possible. I hope to see everyone out on the course soon.



Bill Gauley  
Director - Greens Committee

## **Environment**

Since 2007, Wentworth Township has had a bylaw that bans the use of pesticides and fertilizers (with certain exceptions) within the municipality. It is worth noting that the process that led to that bylaw was initiated by our own past president, Revilla Sauv  when she sat on the Municipal Council. The Dunany golf course is exempted from this ban, but must comply with a series of conditions. One of these conditions is that we submit to Wentworth Township every three years a fertilizer reduction report signed by an agronomist (similar to the one we have already submitted to the Qu bec department of environment). In this report, we must specify the amounts and types of fertilizers we have been using, the amounts we plan to use in the next few years, the means we take to limit this amount, the means we take to prevent the fertilizers from leaching into streams and lakes and, finally, the results of the monitoring we make of outflow from the golf course. We now have to file our second report of this type with Wentworth Township. This report will cover the years 2009, 2010 and 2011. At this time we are, with the participation of our consulting agronomist Mr Abdo Badra, in the process of completing this fertilizer reduction report.

Fran ois C t   
Director – Environment Committee

## Ladies Branch

It has been a winter wonderland in Dunany this year, and the fairways have been transformed into some wonderful cross-country ski and snowshoe trails. However, by the time this is in print, I think we will all be anxious to see the course green and playable!

A quick thank you to all of the conveners in 2013 who put in so much effort to make it a great season for the ladies: Kathy, Sharon D. and Gail, Sharon L. and Maureen, Jane and Ingrid, Dorothy, Janet, Paula, Sue and Carol, Tracy, Sue and Judy, Marge, Mary and Diane. These teams were supported by so many helping hands; the list is too long to mention, but you know who you are! The Ladies Committee also appreciated the assistance of Diana Minty and our starters Annie and Beatrice, as well as David Armitage and his staff.

Here is a brief recap and congratulations to ALL of last year's trophy and tournament winners including the 2013 Club Championship Winners.

**Class A** – Judy Farrell, runner up: Barb Campbell

**Class B** - Angie Macleod, runner up: Maureen Dubiel

**Class C** - Isobel St. Georges, runner up: Kate Tindale

**Class D** – Claudette Hay, runner up: Catherine Spaulding.

**Low net** of club championship: Kate Tindale.



2014 is shaping up well. The dates for our events are posted on the enclosed Fixture Card. Sharon Leslie and Maureen Cameron will once again run the Interclub with Dunany hosting on July 10. Jane Fehr and Ingrid Gratz are returning to host another wonderful Cocktail Party, and the gardens will be tended by Dorothy Hadley Rekman and Janet Donald.

This year the Club will hold a spring "Clean-Up Day" in May in which all members will be enlisted to help with cleanup jobs around the course including some of the heavier gardening jobs.

Catherine Spaulding and Glen Cameron have been busy designing another beautiful Dunany quilt and, with their design experience, we are in for a treat! There will no doubt be many helping hands in Ottawa, Toronto and Dunany over the next few months as kits are put together and distributed. The quilt will once again be the centrepiece of our annual cocktail party. Our thanks to Angie Macleod who has been busy gathering details and updating to the Quilt Book - we can't wait to see it!

Our ladies captain and co-captain, Tracy Wightman and Sue Lavoie will be running Ladies Golf again this summer. The response to Marc Barbeau's golf clinics last year was overwhelming and the plan is to offer a series of lessons to women golfers again this season. The Ladies Invitational lunch will be hosted by Curran Lake this summer on July 16. Diane Glionna and Barb Therrien already have plans underway, and more details will be announced later this Spring. Is it possible that Diane Hislop can

outdo herself this summer after last year's amazing smoked meat luncheon following the ladies club championship?... Stay tuned...

If you have any questions or information for us, please email [dunanyladies@gmail.com](mailto:dunanyladies@gmail.com) and we will be happy to get back to you...

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the Ladies Opening Meeting on June 22, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

Caroline Roy  
Director, Ladies' Branch

## Juniors

Another fantastic summer of golf in Dunany awaits our little ankle-biters! Our Junior Program in 2013 was a great success with huge turnouts to all events. We are working hard to make sure that 2014 is another busy and exciting summer for our kids!

We have a great group of volunteers lined up to ensure another unforgettable summer. Our golf pro Marc Barbeau did not hesitate and is eager to teach our kids the famous Dunany Swing. There are 6 lessons scheduled on Monday mornings (June 30<sup>th</sup>- August 4<sup>th</sup>). After 7+ years of co-ordinating Junior Lessons, it is time to pass the torch to someone else for 2015. It was a great opportunity to meet other parents and to get to know young golfers in the making. If interested, please contact me at [marina.chambers1@gmail.com](mailto:marina.chambers1@gmail.com).



"Well... I finally broke a hundred!  
Whattaya say we play the back nine?"

Dianne Burke has put many hours into the junior program and we are happy to announce that she will be a co-captain of the junior team this year. Donna Laight will be pursuing other interests and will not return as a co-captain for 2014. Her enthusiasm and energy will be missed. Sergio Mastronardi will provide Dianne with the expertise, assistance, and presence needed to make this transition a smooth one. This job does require a lot of planning and a having a 2<sup>nd</sup> co-captain to help shoulder the load is a real necessity. **If you have kids in the junior golf program**, and you are interested in taking on

the co-captain duties, please call me for more information.

We are thrilled that Tina Moore is back again to coordinate Crafts Night. There will be lots of planning and preparation needed to keep our youngest Dunany artists busy and happy. Tina will definitely need some parents to help the little ones create their masterpieces.



Highlight your calendars for Tuesday Sports Night. Randy Swedburg a new member will energize and entertain the kids with many sport activities. (8yrs+) Your kids will definitely be tired out and in bed by 9pm! Welcome Randy!





We are glad that Vanessa Nelson will be back to co-ordinate our famous Junior Field Day on July 15, 2014. This event welcomes kids of all ages. There will be lots of prizes, activities and food during this event. Be sure to come, it is always lots of fun.

Warren Neill will lead Family Sports Day on July 24, 2014 at 3pm. Warren always has a packed agenda filled with games, food and prizes that will keep the kids busy and entertained all afternoon.

Youpi ! Our movie team, Mitch Azaria and David Glickman, will be back again this year showing us some great flicks and of course providing popcorn and drinks for all. This event will run Thursday nights from July 10<sup>th</sup> to August 7<sup>th</sup> 2014.



Circle Chico's talent night July 20<sup>th</sup> on your calendar. Sharon Leslie and Scott Ritchie are excited to lead the Talent Night festivities again this year. If you want to taste the best lasagna in Dunany, this is the place to come. It also includes exceptional entertainment by our Dunany kids. After 3 years of co-ordinating this event with Sharon and Scott, Sergio and Marina have decided to pass this wonderful evening on to Sharon, Scott and another lucky couple (TBA). A big thank you goes out to all those who participated in the 2013 event.

The success of Dunany's Junior Program depends greatly on the support and assistance of parent volunteers. We strongly encourage you to fill out the volunteer section on the attached registration sheet and become part of this amazing team. It's a great opportunity to give back to the club. Please note that it is essential for us to know when your children will be able to attend events so please fill out the "dates and participation" section of the included form carefully.



Juniors are eligible to participate in Junior Golf if they are 8 years old as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014. At age 7, they can participate in lessons. There are a limited number of Sponsorships available to juniors who are not sons/daughters of members, so if you are interested in this special program please contact me for the registration form. [Marina.chambers1@gmail.com](mailto:Marina.chambers1@gmail.com). Home (450)971-1212, Cell (514)574-5050 or Dunany (450)562-5727.

The first junior Golf Day will be on Tuesday **July 8<sup>th</sup>** due to scheduling conflicts on the June 24<sup>th</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup> holidays.

Happy golfing!!!

Marina Chambers  
Director – Junior Program



## House

Dunany Country Club is centered around golf but many of the best memories come from events inside the clubhouse. The gathering of the Dunany community to renew decade long friendships in the hall that was planned and built by family members and friends over 70 years ago gives us a special feeling that we all share. We also get to know and welcome newcomers as Dunany evolves with the passing years. Golf is the activity; Community is the heart.

The Fixture Card is set for 2014 and, at this writing, there are nine rentals for the summer; weddings, celebrations, parties. If you wish to add an event of your own there are dates available for rentals in June, July and September. It's a terrific venue waiting to be enriched with your memories.

Our club is well used each summer. If you are managing a club event, or renting the club, please consult the guidelines posted in the kitchen. Make sure that someone is in charge of leaving good everything in good condition, ready for the next event. This means that things are put away, the floor is swept and dishes are washed. If you notice that we are lacking any consumables please note it on the bulletin board. A helper is needed to keep track of the club's consumables and keep us stocked up. Our club functions on volunteers. Here's an easy and very useful way to help out.



Last summer we installed a brand new sound system. This summer we would like to replace the chairs, beautify the outside and improve storage and access. If you can assist with these projects please contact the House Chairman. If you can think of other necessary improvements let us know. This is your club. There is a major kitchen renovation coming soon and if you have suggestions, we would welcome your input.

I am frequently asked if I know of any servers, table clearers, dish washers and bartenders. If you would like to be referred, please contact me so I can make a list. I am also asked if there are any cottages to rent to put up guests at weddings. Again if you have that possibility please let me know.

Have a great summer. See you out on the course and in the clubhouse.

John Wilson (450) 562-3228  
Director – House Committee

## Social

There is no denying that this has been a long, hard winter. I'm sure everyone is anxious for the snow to melt and another season at Dunany to begin.

To our new members, I extend a warm welcome to Dunany. I encourage you come out to the social events as they are a great way to meet other members of our Dunany "family". As a country club, the goal of our social events is to add value to your Dunany membership and, as well as enhancing your DCC experience, the social events play a significant role in supporting the financial success of our club.

We have the usual line up of events in store for this year. The Annual General Meeting, the Opening Dinner/Dance, the Ladies' Cocktail Party, Chico's Talent Night, the Championship Dinner, Prize Giving & Corn Boil, and the Car Rally. Throughout the season, we will send out email notices with the latest details on upcoming social events. If you haven't already done so, please add your email to the mailing list at the Starter Shack.

A big thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make last year such a tremendous success. Marie and Stephanie Armitage came to the rescue more than once when we found ourselves short of volunteers. Everett Wood continues to do an amazing job managing the bar area. He keeps the beer fridge full and the inventory well stocked. Thanks go out to Diana Minty and the starters for their support in keeping all of our social events on track and managing the ticket sales for our events.



I would like to report that the transition to Sleeman as our exclusive beer supplier has improved our inventory management and the delivery service that they provide has been a huge improvement.

Good news for those that like ice in their drinks! Thanks to Richard Latt, we now have an industrial ice machine available in the bar this season (a special thanks to Dave Armitage for getting it installed).

***A reminder:*** Do your part and let us know in advance if you will be attending social events. We will have sign-up sheets for each event at the Starter Shack. Please **DON'T** wait until the last minute!

We are always looking for volunteers and new ideas to improve social activities and add value to your Dunany Membership. I encourage you to seek me out if you have any fresh ideas to share. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any interest in getting involved "*socially*" ([ncastator@gmail.com](mailto:ncastator@gmail.com)).

Norm Castator  
Director – Social Committee

## **Nominating Committee Report:**

In accordance with the By-Laws of the Dunany Country Club, there will be an Annual General Meeting at the Dunany Country Club on **Saturday, June 21, 2014 at 4:00 pm**. The following members have agreed to allow their names to stand in nomination for the Board of Directors of the Dunany Country Club in 2014. All have agreed to act in the following chairs if elected.

### **OFFICERS**

President	Lynn Palmer
Past- President	Chris Wynn
Vice-President	Norm Castator
Treasurer	Michael Fehr
Secretary	Kate Tindale

### **DIRECTORS:**

Club Captain and Match Committee	Barb Armstrong
Environment Committee	Francois Côté
Greens Committee	Bill Gauley
House Committee	TBA
Junior Committee	Marina Chambers
Ladies Committee	Caroline Roy
Social Committee	Norm Castator
Director at Large	Mike Roy, TBA

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Wynn  
- Chairman - Nominating Committee