

# Ladies Committee of the Dunany Country Club

## Minutes for the Closing Meeting

Sunday, September 21, 2024, 3:00 to 4:00

- Opening Remarks and Welcome

Jean welcomed those present in person and on ZOOM.

Present in person: Jean MacGibbon, Estelle Willard, Lynn Palmer, Sharon Leslie, Judy Hammond, Mary Sutherland, Carolyn Roy, Kate Tindale, Eileen Paragis, Cathy Ashley, Dianne Vanstone, Barb Armstrong, Trudy Adams, Lois Finch

Present on Zoom: Sue Nish, Tracy Wightman, Chantal Robichaud, Jeanie Sutherland, Judy Butler, Barb Campbell

- Approval of the minutes of the June 15, 2024, Opening Meeting.

Moved by Mary Sutherland, 2nd by Sharon Leslie.

- Overview of 2024 Season Activities

- Ladies Invitational (Black Lake):

*The 2024 Paris Summer Olympics had a sneak preview on how to put on a good show! On July 17,*

*Black Lake transformed the Dunany Golf Club for the Ladies Invitational. From the Olympic flag and rings, to the Cafe Paris, to the twinkling Eiffel Tower, the spirit was high. Then came the athletes.... there were French and Canadian athletes, golfers, sailors, soccer players, and the VERY PINK synchronised swimmers! There were Olympic fans with berets, Olympic Rings, flags, torches and "Gitane" cigarettes, as well as French painters (Monet style!) It was fun to see the imagination and creativity of each team! The decorations, food and games took on a Parisian French twist. We were very lucky with the weather as the rainstorm held off until 6:00pm!*

*This year, Registration was set up on the balcony overlooking the 7th green. This was a preferred location due to unsettled weather. It also encouraged ladies to enjoy the breakfast at the Cafe Paris and then participate in the Olympic Putting Challenge, which was organized and run by our Ladies Captain, Bonnie Curtin. At 8:45 am, June Parker herded all the attendees to pose for the group photo, copies of which were on the tables at lunch. She later took pictures in front of the Eiffel Tower of the golf groups which were added to the online newsletter for all to enjoy. Thanks again June. Gail Robinson welcomed all to the event and Julie Huguet translated. Debbie Havill donned her toga and lit the Olympic Torch while announcing, "Let the Games Begin!"*

*Carol Wilson began the luncheon with a beautiful toast to Diana Minty who sadly passed away this year. There were 71 golfers and 33 ladies for lunch. There were 72 slots for golfers and the on-line registration filled up quickly. Early cancellations were replaced, and all spots were filled by July 17! Trudy and Jessica Adams created a delightful "Save the Date" poster to give advance notice and remind members of the upcoming Invitational.*

*Angela Kowalyk from Angela's Cuisine supplied a delicious lunch, with a Parisian themed variety of sandwiches, salads, plus a special gluten-free table. Kim, the Nook, baked a fantastic Olympic cake for the event. This was on display during the lunch and was then taken to the kitchen to be cut up for serving by Angela and team. There were the usual golf prizes, first place medals for the winning team (designed and created by Debbie Havill), and costume prizes, plus a table loaded down with door prizes contributed by the creations of the Black Lake ladies. We want to thank everyone for their creative and quality donations. Lois Finch and team did a great job keeping things moving. Since all gifts were in matching bags, winners did not take time choosing. It was fast and efficient. Ladies love their door prizes, but the event can get too long and we wanted to speed up this portion of the event .*

*Estelle Willard and Cathy Ashley did an amazing job selling Raffle tickets for a total of \$1600! All gift donations were made by Black Lake Ladies, friends and family members. The money was donated to the Centre d'Entraide d'Argenteuil (Food bank in Lachute). Gail visited the food bank on an especially busy day after the center had been closed for a three-week summer break! The reaction of the overworked staff was heartwarming when they realized the significance of our gift. The need continues to be so great at this incredible center. Member and non member lunch was \$45 this year, taxes included. The DCC had decided to increase the guest green fee to \$25, to match the men. Therefore, Black Lake decided to keep member and guest lunch fees the same price (\$45). Tax was included in our price this year, but the men added the tax to the total price (\$45 plus tax). This is something to think about for next year. This year, we had an arrangement for guests to pay full or partial payments for lunch and/or green fees at the Starter Shack. This was not always smooth, putting our starter in a difficult position. Therefore, we recommend that future events be cashless. All payments should be made through members' accounts of Chronogolf, and guests can pay the member directly if they so wish. As this event is not a fundraiser but rather a showcase for the club, the goal is not to lose money. This year there was a profit of \$537.52. The bar was also very busy with an unknown profit.*

*Overall, the day was great!!!! People loved the small touches that went into every part of the event. For the closing of the day, the Olympic Torch was passed to next year's host: the O-Team, lead by Becky Thompson.*

*Submitted by Gail Robinson*



*\*\* A discussion followed regarding the increase in green fees for guests from the previous that was set by the Board. Jean M noted that she had approached the Board to keep the guest greens fees at the previous year's price but the Board decision was the \$25 green fee.*

## *○ 2025 Ladies Invitational Golf Tournament (O-Team)*

*The planning committee consists of Becky Thompson, Moni Wight, Jennifer Hallessey, Val McNichol, Sonya Bracken and Shannon McNamara.*

*Our planning has begun, and we are pleased to announce that the theme for next year will be Vegas, Baby!*

*We will be requesting that each foursome donate a purse containing feminine necessities, and maybe a few treats, which we will donate to our community woman's shelter.*

*Submitted by Becky Thompson*

- Mixed Bridge

*The DCC members and many guests enjoyed playing bridge this summer.*

*Most meetings had three tables, and everyone helped with the set up and take down of the tables and chairs. We are able to donate a sum of \$104.00 dollars to Carrefour des Femmes, 310 de L'Eglise, Lachute Quebec, J8H 4A8. (450) 562-7122. Please consider helping this organization as they are in need of many items for young families in need.*

*Get your toonies ready for next year!*

*Thank you to all the Members and their guests who came out to support the Event.*

*Respectfully submitted by Angie Macleod*

- Ladies Cocktail Party

Lois Finch reported on the success of the party and thanked all of the organizers, volunteers and those who donated prizes. The quilt was beautifully made, thanks to all our quilters with a special thank you to Paula Minty for all her hard work. This years' decision to have only cold food made the process much easier and everyone had their fill. Total money raised for the quilt was \$4300.00 plus \$2000.00 for the auction. This does not include bar profits.

- Flowerpots

*Thanks to the work of this year's flowerpot contributors; Sonya Bracken and Susan Steeves; Jean MacGibbon, Gail Robinson and Carol Wilson; Audrée Bissonnette and Lynn Chouinard and Becky Thompson. Three new pots were purchased to replace the pots on holes 4 and 6.*

*We are looking for someone to plant the pot on 9 for next year. Please let us know if you are no longer able to plant your pot next year so that we can find a replacement. Thanks once again for helping to beautify our course.*

*Submitted by Becky Thompson*

**\*\***It was noted by Jean MacGibbon that she received comments that the flower pots were not well maintained through the season. It was suggested that perhaps a larger group is needed for each pot to help maintain and water them through the year. Also noted that there is currently no plan to get water to the pots on a regular basis.

Next Year: Lynn Palmer: Starter Shack Window Boxes, Lyne Chouinard: Hole 1 and 8, Sonya Bracken, Susan Steeves: Hole 4 Two Pots, Becky Thompson: Hole 7, Jean MacGibbon, Carol Wilson, Gail Robinson, Diane Glionna: Hole 6  
The large cauldron planter at the Hole 9 green near the cedar trees tba.

- Garden Committee

Jean MacGibbon reported on the status of gardens that had been created as a 3 year project in conjunction with the clubhouse renovations. The term of the project has come to an end. A very

special thank you to Peggy Carroll and Dorothy Rekman and team for all of their hard work above and beyond.

Discussion regarding future maintenance of these gardens took place the outcome being the following items to be addressed:

- Convenor(s) needed to organize future maintenance. It was suggested that each lake could adopt a section of the gardens and be responsible for its maintenance.
- A budget for upkeep is required. Perhaps Becky, Peggy Carroll and Dorothy Rekman could provide an estimate of what would be needed to be presented to the Board.

## ○ The Role of the Ladies Committee

A letter from Dianne Burk was read by Estelle Willard.

*To the Ladies' Committee,*

*Please accept my sincere regrets for being unable to attend today's meeting.*

*I truly wish I could be there to celebrate all the committee's wonderful accomplishments in 2024!*

*I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to Jean MacGibbon for her dedicated leadership as Ladies' Chair over the past two years. It has been a pleasure to collaborate with Jean as a fellow board member.*

*I would also like to extend my congratulations to Estelle Willard as she steps into the role of Chair. Estelle brings valuable experience and skills to this position, and her enthusiasm for golf, team building, and member engagement ensures that the Ladies' Committee is in capable hands. Lastly, I want to commend the Ladies Executive for initiating a review of the Committee's future direction through a steering committee led by Estelle and Lynn Palmer. This initiative offers a valuable opportunity to gather constructive feedback and engage members in shaping a long-term vision for the committee. I look forward to supporting this important project.*

*Wishing you all the best for a great meeting!*

*Kind regards,*

*Dianne Burk*

*President*

Estelle introduced Lynn Palmer to speak about the ongoing development of a Steering Committee who will conduct interviews of all DCC members who wish to have input into the future role of the Ladies Committee.

One on one discussions will take place. Comments will be held in confidence.

Los Finch volunteered to assist with development of the questions and provide assistance. She also cautioned the committee to ensure that the sampling of the respondents is a good representation of the membership.

A sign up sheet was circulated for those who wish to be interviewed and a call to the membership will be done through the bulletin.

## ○ Christmas Fair

*Thanksgiving 2025 Christmas Craft Fair*

*Plans are under way to hold a Craft Fair in Dunany the Thursday and Friday before the 2025 Thanksgiving weekend. Becky Thompson, Jane Burnell Jones and Diane Hislop will be the conveners. Tables will be sold, and we are hoping for a large turnout, not only from the community but crafters. Dunany has a wealth of artistic talent, and we are hoping to see it on display and for sale! Look for more news to come!*

*Submitted by Becky Thompson*

- Next year's crew

Ladies Chair / Director:	Estelle Willard
Vice Chair:	<b>Volunteer needed</b>
Secretary:	Sonya Vanderhoeden Bracken
Ladies Invitational:	The O-Team headed by Becky Thompson
Quilt Designer and Quilt Convener(s):	<b>Volunteers needed</b>
Ladies Cocktail Party:	<b>Volunteers needed</b>
Mixed Bridge:	Angela Macleod
Record Keeper:	Mary Sutherland
Gardens:	<b>Convenor and volunteer team required</b>
Flowerpots:	Becky Thompson

\*\*A discussion regarding volunteerism ensued. The DCC is a volunteer based organization. Unfortunately, the majority of the work is done by a small group of members. Other organizations (Lake Louisa as an example) assess a levee for those members who do not fulfill their volunteer (hour) duties. It was suggested that the Board investigate this issue to ensure that the work that needs to get done is spread over the entire membership, either through their time or by paying someone to do the work via funds from those who do not volunteer.

- Varia

- CPR courses were held.

33 members participated. Plans to hold training again next year are underway.

Adjournment 1<sup>st</sup> Cathy Ashley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sharon Leslie

Respectfully submitted by Estelle Willard