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April 22, 2023 Spring Newsletter

President's Report

Paul Wilson, President

Hello all, and welcome to the 2023 DCC season! Last year was truly a season to remember, and I want to start out by thanking all the volunteers who helped out last year. One of the things that makes our community so special is the dedication that our volunteers have to our wonderful club, and you truly outdid yourselves last year. Our centennial events, culminating in the 100th anniversary gala, would not be possible without the hard work of our social director, **Dianne Burk**, and her team of volunteers. From the special centennial golf events, to history week, to the 100th gala and the club championship, I think we can all agree that 2022 was one of the best seasons Dunany has ever seen. The snow is melting and soon we will be together again on the course and in the Clubhouse.

Your board of directors has been hard at work during the offseason, planning the coming year and getting everything organized for the golf and social seasons. It has been an immense pleasure working with such a fantastic group over the past year, and I want to thank all the board members for their hard work. After many years as House Director, **Tom Lowe** will be stepping down. Tom oversaw the clubhouse renovations as House Director, and we all owe him a huge debt of gratitude for all his work on the project. **Peter Curtin** will be stepping into to the role of House Director on the board this season. After two busy years as Club Captain, **Tracy Wightman** will be stepping down, and **Carl Demers** will become our Club Captain. Tracy was responsible for several fantastic innovations on the golf calendar at the DCC, including new tournaments celebrating the 100th anniversary of the club. Most notably, Tracy oversaw the re-formatting of the Club Championship format into an exciting more inclusive tournament, with the Ladies and Men competing side by side. After two years as Ladies president, **Becky Thompson** will be moving on, with **Jean MacGibbon** ready to join the board as the new Ladies' chair. Thanks to Becky for all her important contributions to the club over the past two years. We are also pleased to announce the hiring of **Pierre Demers** as Operations Manager for the club. Those who frequented the club last year would likely have seen Pierre working hard, keeping things running smoothly. Last year, Pierre took on the responsibilities of Operations Manager as a volunteer, in order to assess the duties required for such a position. This summer, Pierre will be acting as Operations Manager and will also take care of the responsibilities associated with the position of Past President.



2022 was a year of new beginnings, with the Chronogolf course management software, the unveiling of the renovated clubhouse and the improvements made to the course by **Chris Hart** and his crew. Many of the wrinkles with Chronogolf have been ironed out, and I hope that members are becoming more accustomed to using the system. One of the advantages of the booking system is that we have access to detailed tee time data. This capability has allowed us to assess how busy the course really was last year. Though the course did seem to be busy at some points in the season, it is clear from the analysis that there is plenty of room on the course for more golfers. I hope everyone will do their best to play a lot of golf this summer!

This year's AGM will be held virtually on May 13th, at 10 AM. Keep an eye on your inbox for the official invitation and the related documentation. A report will also be circulated leading up to the AGM, which details a proposal that the board will be making at this year's meeting. Since we have a long list of Introductory members who are eager to join as regular members, and the course has capacity for more tee times, we will be proposing to raise the membership cap from its current level of 260. Please read the circulated report carefully when you receive it, and do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. The proposal of an increase to the membership cap was discussed at length at the board level, and rest assured that we are proposing this because we believe it is the best course of action for the long term health of the club.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Match & Handicap

Tracy Wightman, Club Captain

This last week of summer-like temperatures has created an impatience and yearning to get out on our sweet golf course, like a carrot has been dangled in front of us. While not ready for play yet, spring will soon surrender to summer and we will find ourselves out there slapping mosquitoes and making one too many bogeys once again. Bring it, I say!

This spring, two Captains (**Wendy Castator** and I) will be hanging up our Captain hats and I am pleased to announce the roster of (new and existing) Captains for the 2023 season:

Club Captain – **Carl Demers**

Ladies Captain – **Bonnie Curtin**

Junior Co-Captains – **Stephanie Logothetis** and **Genevieve Roy**

I know Wendy would agree that we both have thoroughly enjoyed the challenge and reward of contributing as part of the team of Captains. I sincerely wish the 2023 Captains well for the upcoming season and beyond. For as long as Carl will have us, we will both continue to sit on the Match & Handicap Committee.

Over the years my involvement with the Match & Handicap Committee has been an immensely valuable experience, working alongside a collaborative team of hardworking members who love all aspects of the game and dedicate much of their time to making the golf season as enjoyable as possible for all our members. I can't thank them enough for their expertise and input during these last years. The Match & Handicap Committee members in 2023 will remain:

Carl Demers
Tracy Wightman
Wendy Castator
Genevieve Roy



Mike Cockhill

Paul Mcleod

I have been truly lucky and am deeply grateful to have **Peter Wright** organize and coordinate both the Thursday Men's Days and the Men's Invitational (which made it's big return in the summer of 2022 after a COVID hiatus). Thank you for all you do Peter – I'm sure Carl will also appreciate having you continue in these roles.

Here is a quick summary of some of the key items I wish to share prior to the start of the regular season:

Captains Newsletters

The ever-popular weekly Captains Updates will continue in 2023, and will once again continue to relay important golf event details and other golf tidbits throughout the summer. Early in the season, you can expect to find instructions on how to sign up for Ladies, Men's and Junior Days, as well as for all the Mixed roster of golf tournaments and events. These sign up links will also be added to the beginning of the online Fixture/Events Calendar in a listed view format, to accompany the calendar view of events, as we have done the last couple of summers.

"Tee it Forward and Have More Fun" Concept

Once again this year, we encourage everyone (men, ladies, juniors and seniors) to play from the distance/set of tees that best suits their ability. The Golf Canada initiative encourages all golfers to play the course at a length that is aligned with their average driving distance to improve pace of play but most importantly, to contribute to a more enjoyable playing experience. Using gender-neutral sets of tees which are based on skill rather than on gender, is a new concept in Dunany but has been utilized at other clubs for years. We feel that this is one area that Dunany has the opportunity to advance its thinking to be more progressive and "on par" (pun intended) with the trends throughout the industry. Juniors are also highly encouraged to take advantage of playing from the tees that best suit their ability. With a new course rating last season and the addition of a set of Gold Tees, it is possible to enter scores when playing from any set of tees!

Junior Golf Mentorship - Play with a Junior this summer and inspire the next generation!

The Juniors are looking for any Adult member who might be comfortable golfing with a Junior A or B class player. We would like to expose the Junior golfers to role models and better play with the hopes of increasing Junior motivation and participation throughout the summer. Not all Junior golfers come from golfing families and we want to create the experience of intergenerational connection at the club, aligning to our ongoing pursuit of inclusion and progression as a club. Rounds could be played anytime during the summer (within unrestricted Junior times). Please e-mail Stephanie Logothetis if you have interest in participating.

As I pass the Club Captain torch this upcoming season, I reflect on the last three or so years (COVID has a way of muddying the timelines!) at Dunany. Our club has seen some huge and progressive changes during my term as Club Captain – some intentional and some as a result of the landscape in which we have lived aka COVID. Many have contributed to the success of these and I am honoured to have been part of some of the teams who have succeeded in elevating our club and improving our golfing experience in the ways it has:

- The implementation of tee time bookings which now allow us to review course usage data
- The introduction of golf carts to allow all ages and abilities to continue to play the course
- Re-evaluation of the slope and rating of the course which allowed us to pilot a set of gold tees
- 100th anniversary special golf events like Golf Survivor (which was so successful it is making a return in 2023!), Drive-Chip-Putt contest and an Intergenerational Parent and Child combined tournament
- A renovated 19th hole welcoming us at the end of both our celebratory and not so celebratory rounds – the new clubhouse and bar have truly added to the whole golf + social experience

As we inch closer to the opening of the course, and on behalf of the Match & Handicap Committee, I will take this time to wish everyone a fantastic summer of golf and I look forward to getting out there just as much as everyone else does, and maybe even more this year!

2023 Dues Now Payable

The invoice for your 2023 DCC dues is now posted to your Chronogolf account (an invoice will not be e-mailed to you). Receipts will be available for download via your Chronogolf account.

Note that, although charges appear in Chronogolf, dues must be paid by Interac e-transfer (to dccpayable@gmail.com) or by cheque. A reminder that DCC by-laws dictate that all dues, assessments and initiation fees are payable by May 15 of each year.

Treasurers Report

Alex Sandahl

What a year! With all of the celebrations and events related to our 100th anniversary and with the course back to normal (post-COVID) operations, we set a record for revenue. In addition to all of those activities, on the admin side we implemented Chronogolf, a new tee time, member account and starter/bar management system. While the implementation wasn't without hiccups, **Stephanie Logothetis** devoted an enormous amount of time and energy to ensure that issues were resolved and members were able to perform most functions. We are preparing further tutorials to assist members to fully benefit from the system.

We did have an issue with members losing sight of their social event 'tickets', as they now appear as a credit in their Chronogolf account. Historically, unused tickets were forfeit, but as 2022 was a transition year, Members with a credit balance related to social tickets will have 40% of their balance carried forward for use in 2023.

From a financial perspective, the total revenue generated by the Club was \$404.0 K. When the effects of the Centennial project are removed, 2022 revenue was \$362.5 K. This is slightly ahead of our budget of \$345.6 K and well ahead of the prior year actual revenue of \$254.7 K. As expected with our 100th, revenue from Social events totaled \$119.9 K and a resulted in a net contribution, once expenses are deducted, of \$34.0 K. This contribution is \$17.3 K greater than the budget of \$16.7 K. Course maintenance was \$152.6 K, less than the budget of \$166.3 K due primarily to a vacancy in staffing. Admin expenses came in higher than budget, as without an Operations Manager and with the implementation of Chronogolf our Accountant was required to devote more time than had been budgeted. There were also some one-time charges related to the implementation of Chronogolf. Bad debt expense is a result of a number of members who chose to resign, but after the invoicing had been issued.

For the perspective of the bottom line, this year's income was \$26.2 K, but once the effects of the Centennial fundraising is removed, the deficit was \$15.3 K, which is unfavourable to the budgeted deficit of \$13.7 K. Last year (2021) the deficit was \$6.1 K. Note that despite being in a deficit position, the Club was in a cash flow positive position when the effects of non-cash charges such as depreciation are considered; the cash position of the Club remains strong. Nonetheless, continued deficits could make investing in the course a challenge.

(The figures discussed above will be reflected in statements distributed to members for the Annual General Meeting on May 13, 2023.)

With deficits for the past two years (once the effects of the Centennial Fund activities are removed from the operations) and with a further deficit budgeted for 2023, the Board has decided to increase dues by 5% this year. Directors will continue to do their utmost to manage budgets, but inflation has taken its toll, especially on the costs of course maintenance.

Note, however, that with the end of the special assessment, the total invoice for Regular Members will still be less than \$1,000 this season.

Membership

Jamie Armstrong, Vice President

Below you will find a detailed snapshot of our current membership. We have one open spot in the Regular Member category, which will be offered, per our by-laws, to the longest standing Introductory A member (upon acceptance, they will automatically initiate.) We had 10 successful new applications over the winter, along with 6 resignations.

The proposed membership cap change mentioned in our President's Report report, above, is primarily intended to reduce the waiting time still facing Introductory B (Outside of Dunany Area) members who wish to become Regular Members. There have been multiple requests from this group. Additionally, we only receive initiation fees once Intro members are offered spots as Regular Members.

Our Social Member category continues to steadily grow with members indicating they are "playing less golf" but still wish to be members of the club. Note there is no cap on Social membership.

If you have any questions regarding the below data, wish to learn more about our membership, or have a member you would like to refer please e-mail Jamie Armstrong.

Current Member Statistics

- New member additions since end of Summer 2022: +10
 - Resignations since end of Summer 2022: 6
- Avg time as a Introductory Member: ~20 months
- Longest time as an Introductory Member: 3 Years





Social

Dianne Burk

Your Social Committee has been busy creating a wonderful offering of events this summer - with an early kickoff! I'm grateful for the hard work and commitment from **Freda Stolz, Susan Barry, Sonya Bracken, Julie Huguet** and **Norm Castator**, who join me on the DCC Social Committee for 2023.

Now, on to this Summer's terrific events:

Wednesday, May 17th: DCC Soirée Pub & Pizza Night - With the Showman & Coole - Super deluxe fiddle, banjo & song!
Sign up [HERE](#)

Other Notable dates:

Friday Cinq à Septs - Starting June 30th - until September!

July 1st: Opening Dinner - New Orleans Style! Get your Mardi Gras Groove on with the "Louisiana Night Train" band!

July 7th: Welcome New Members Cinq à Sept - A big welcome to all new members in 2023 - and a long overdue welcome to those who joined during covidthis is your event to be properly recognized!

***July 28th/29th: Music Festival** - This 2-day outdoor event will feature the best musical talent from Dunany and beyond!

***August 5th: Ladies' Cocktail Party** - See details under "Ladies Branch"

August 26th: Championship Dinner - Back by popular demand will be Alan & team's gorgeous steak menu.

(* Please note the date switch for the Music Festival and the Ladies' Cocktail Party from our January "Save the Date" email!)



Members' Volunteer Responsibilities:

Our Club relies on member participation to organize and host our social events. These activities are critical to optimizing member experience. Without your volunteer efforts, we cannot bring you a full summer slate of such wonderful gatherings! Each member (including our juniors!) should strive to volunteer at a minimum of two social events per season. Volunteering is an opportunity to connect with our members, build friendships, and contribute to our club culture.

Please see the list of Summer Events & Volunteer Opportunities:

If you would like additional information or wish to offer a special talent to our mix, please [e-mail us!](#)

We look forward to seeing you at the Clubhouse — and out on the course — this summer!

Greens

Alan Morton

First and foremost, I hope everyone had a healthy and happy winter!

As of the 10th of April, there was still too much snow in Dunany to see any turf at the club so it is still too soon to say how our course fared this winter. However, Chris Hart and I have been discussing work to be done this year and we are excited about the golf season that is soon to be upon us.

For the 100th Anniversary year we began working on a few projects and we hope to continue the work on tree limbing/thinning this year as well. Many hands make light work as we all know, so if you are interested in pitching in, please let me know.

This year we are planning on purchasing some equipment in order to help us provide a solution to the age-old issue of determining the line of cut between the fairways and the rough as well as improving the equipment storage situation at the maintenance area with a garage addition to the Quonset hut or a stand alone building. This will allow us to better protect our equipment investments moving forward as well as providing our crew with a proper area for lunch breaks and for cleaning and maintaining our fleet of equipment. The heart of any golf course is the maintenance facility and ours is long overdue for improvement.

Green Day is planned for the 21st of May, so please keep that in mind and come out to help us clean up around the starter shack and clubhouse areas.

If you would like to reach out to me with any thoughts, ideas or concerns, please [e-mail me.](#)

We can't wait to see the course back in action in another month or so.

Juniors

Stephanie Logothetis



What a great 100th year last year, we had lots of excitement with our Juniors and we can't wait to see what happens this year!

Genevieve and I are excited and looking forward to all the golf to be played. The DCC junior program creates strong bonds and a lot of memories for the whole family.

We have many opportunities for kids to volunteer and make pocket money (caddying, babysitting, etc). I ask that all members volunteer and support our juniors — they are the future.

The fixture card and website have and will continue to be updated so please check-in for latest schedule of planned events. Please also request to join the Dunany Country Club Junior Program Facebook group to receive and share news throughout the summer.

Monday Junior Golf Lessons: We are looking for a volunteer to help organize the lessons. We are still looking for a junior pro for this year. If we can not find a professional, we will have to pull from our DCC community like we have in the past.

Tuesday Junior Golf: Co-Captains **Genevieve Roy** and **Stephanie Logothetis** will be organizing the fun this summer. There are weekly games, tournaments and challenges all summer leading up to the Junior Club Championship, which will be held on August 14th & 15th.

Tuesday Sports Night: **Scott Laekas** and **Paul Logothetis** will return with the classics and some new twists throughout the summer to keep our kids active (Soccer baseball, flag football etc.... and of course the always popular “capture the flag”).

Thursday Movie Nights (for all ages) and **Thursday Club Night** (reserved for kids aged 13 to 16): These events will remain on the calendar, however, we do need volunteers to run them!

Family Field Day August 7th: Looking for a volunteer to take this on. Please e-mail Stephanie if you are interested.

We need experienced golfers that can spare some time for our A & B juniors to golf with them. We want the kids to be able to learn from others about speed of play, etiquette and maybe even a few golf pointers. We are always looking for walkers to help with Tuesdays, tournaments, or club championship. If you are willing to help us shape the next generation of golfers, please let me know.

If you know of a young person (non-member) interested in golf, please contact me to discuss the sponsorship program.

I look forward to speaking with all of you and please contact me with any ideas or concerns. We are always looking for new and innovative ways or getting our kids excited about golf!

House
Tom Lowe



The Clubhouse renovations are substantially completed and the facility is ready for another great year of exciting events at the club! There are a few tweaks to the building that will be completed over the course of the summer, none of which will

impact availability.

The Starter Shack received a few coats of much needed paint last Fall. Remaining work to the shack will be hopefully be completed by early Summer.

Ladies Branch

Rebekah Thompson

IMPORTANT DATES

May-June: Club House Garden and Planting of Pots and Window Boxes (after June 5th)!

June 7th: Preseason Ladies Golf starts 8:30

June 11th: Opening Ladies Branch Meeting Clubhouse and Zoom 10:00 AM

June 26th: Mixed Bridge: Clubhouse 12:45 PM - 3

June 28: Opening Day of Ladies Golf: 8:30 AM

July 12th: Ladies Invitational Golf Tournament

July 31st: Dessert Bridge and Games Day: Clubhouse 12:45 PM

August 5th: Ladies Cocktail Party: Clubhouse 3 PM

The Clubhouse Garden Committee

will be preparing and planting our perennial beds on Monday and Thursday mornings in May (1st-29th) from 9:30-11:30. If you are able to help on a couple of these days please [e-mail Dorothy Rekman](#) and advise on which dates you would be available. Many thanks.

Pot and Window Box Planting: Week of June 5th or later

We are still looking for some people to adopt the flower pot by the ladies tee on the 8th and the pot in front of the Starters shack. Interested? Send Becky Thompson an email.

Ladies Branch Meeting: June 11th

Come and Join us for a meet and greet and to welcome your incoming executive. The Ladies Branch gives many thanks to our outgoing past president Barb Armstrong and Secretary Careen Heggie Latt. We welcome Estelle Willard as our incoming Vice President and Sonya Bracken as secretary. A full agenda will be sent by e-mail, along with the Zoom link.

If you have any ideas of things you would like to do or organize (i.e. canning, or any other activity), please bring your ideas to the meeting or drop us an email.

Your incoming Ladies Executive for the 2023-2025 term:

President: Jean MacGibbon: jean.macgibbon@gmail.com

Vice President: Estelle Willard estelle.willard@gmail.com

Past President: Becky Reid Thompson beckythompson@icloud.com

Secretary: Sonya Bracken sonyabracken62@gmail.com

Translator: Lorraine DesRosiers Cote



Preseason and Seasonal Golf: Bonnie Curtain, Ladies Captain

It's just about that time to start thinking about golfing at Dunany. I hope you all have survived the many shifts in weather, and are looking forward to a fun and exciting season of golf. I will be the new Ladies Captain and wanted to introduce myself and get any feedback and ideas about this golf season. I will be sending out a weekly email reminding golfers to sign up, letting you know what we will be doing each Wednesday, and providing feedback about results from our fun adventures on the course.

This is my first year as Ladies Captain, but I have been lucky enough to learn from both Wendy and Babs, however, I'm sure there will be times when I mess up, so please feel free to provide feedback to me.

I'd love to hear from all of you about any ideas you would like to share, and we can go from there. I'll still be in California until June 13 as I am finishing off teaching for the year (long story), but I have my trusty sidekick available to get things started ahead of time. I can also organize from here (isn't technology amazing). I'm looking forward to seeing all of you again, both on and off the course.

Mixed Bridge: Hosted by Angie McLeod

Eight weeks of bridge starting at 12:45 for a 1:00 start then we will play till 3:15 pm. Don't forget to bring a twoonie!

Ladies Invitational Golf: Hosted by Boyd Lake

Mark your calendar for this fun filled and much anticipated event of the season! Planning is still underway and complete details will be released very shortly.

Dessert Mixed Bridge and Games: July 31

This event was brought back last year for the 100th anniversary and was such a hit we are hoping to continue it! We are looking for a coordinator who will have many willing helping hands and "how to" information made available to them. Interested? Send Becky Thompson [an email](#).

Ladies Cocktail Party: Maureen Dubiel, Organizer

A yearly get together hosted by the ladies of Dunany which welcomes everyone for a meet, greet and eat! The highlight is the raffling off of "the quilt" which this year has been designed by **Katie Armstrong** and stitched together by many loving hands of our community. This is a great opportunity to take home a treasured piece of Dunany history

We are excited to announce that **Maureen Dubiel** will be returning as this year's convener for our annual Cocktail party. This event is always a highlight of our social calendar, and we know Maureen will bring her passion and enthusiasm to make it an unforgettable afternoon at the club.

Maureen and her family will be looking for volunteers to assist in selling quilt tickets and contributing appetizers. More to come in the weeks ahead.

