



## Spring Newsletter 2017

### President's Report

As I'm writing this letter, it's Masters Sunday which is a sure sign that spring weather is on its way and we can look forward to another fantastic season at Dunany Country Club.

As you will see in Ingrid's report, our 2016 Financial Results were very good. This reminds me of the old saying "you get out of it what you put into it". A big thank you to all the volunteers that made all the golf and social activities the main reason for our financial results.

As I alluded to in the last Newsletter, our priority is to improve the overall quality of the course, starting with the greens. We continue this year with some capital purchases based on a long-term plan that Bill Gauley put together. The biggest issue we have is the need to continue to invest in equipment (some of which is living on borrowed time) to support the overall quality of course play. Our new Superintendent is anxiously waiting for the snow to melt to start his new role at DCC.

Although we had a good year financially, we are still heavily reliant on the success of our social activities to keep DCC viable. As you will notice, we have included a modest increase in our annual dues of 3% this year to continue investing in quality of the course and reducing our reliance on social activity revenue.

We also have a couple of special events this year as some important birthdays are happening.

The entire Wentworth Community will celebrate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> on July 15<sup>h</sup>. Details for specific DCC activities will be included in our weekly update newsletter. Also, plans are underway to celebrate the 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Dunany Country Club on July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

When I put together the Fixture Card, it struck me just how much our Club offers; we are truly a Country Club and not just a golf course. As a member, make sure to take advantage of the extras beyond golf that Dunany offers.

The Club House Improvement Committee has been finalizing some potential design options for the Club House (it's been over 40 years since the last makeover). They will have some plans to share with you at the upcoming AGM. As we approach the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the DCC in 2022, our focus is to ensure that we have the right facility in place to meet both current and future needs of our membership.

We have several Board Members that are moving on this year. I'd like to thank Bill Gauley (Greens), David Eramian (Club Captain), Jeff Best (Environment), Marina Chambers (Junior), Scott Laekas (Social), and Sharon Dubiel (Ladies) for their leadership in 2016.

Bill Gauley has put a tremendous amount of effort in developing a strategic plan that will provide benefits for years to come. We'll miss his passion and enthusiasm (and his homemade baking as an outstanding host for our Board Meetings!). David Eramian has sold his cottage on Black lake and will be relinquishing his membership. David is a Past-President and has been a fixture at Dunany for many years. He will always be a welcome part of our community and I thank him for his many contributions (and free legal advice!) that were instrumental in the success of the Club. Jeff Best almost made it through his first year before his talents were taken away from us when he accepted a position and moved to Europe last year. Marina Chambers has done a fantastic job guiding the program for our future golfers. Looking at the fine crop of young golfers developing through the program, I'm sure they would agree as well. Lastly, (but not least!) a big thank you to Sharon Dubiel, the outgoing Ladies President for her dedication and commitment to the success of our club through the Ladies Program.

Thanks to you all for making 2016 a success!

You will be able to pick up your Golf and Social Tickets at the Starter Shack at the beginning of the season. If there is any change to your email, please advise Diana Minty at [diana.minty@bell.net](mailto:diana.minty@bell.net).

Norm Castator,  
President, Dunany Country Club

### **New Members Wanted!**

We still have some openings for Introductory members. If you know someone who is interested in joining the DCC and being part of our great community, please contact Lynn Palmer at

[lynn.palmer@rogers.com](mailto:lynn.palmer@rogers.com)

**Thanks to everyone for spreading the word!**

## **Treasurer's Report**

We are in the process of finalizing the details of the financial statements for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2017. However, we already know that fiscal 2016 was a very good year. For the first time in a good many years we broke even and beat the budget and last year's performance.

## **In Summary:**

We expect revenues to finish at **\$250,656** vs. the budget of **\$245,503** and the **\$249,379** we generated in 2015. Although our golf course revenues came in somewhat lower than anticipated due to unpaid fees and the loss of the memorial bench program, we generated, thanks to our wonderful volunteers, a higher than estimated revenue from social events.

We expect expenses to come in at **\$250,703** vs. a budget of **\$257,527**, due to lower than anticipated course maintenance expenses.

That should leave us with an estimated small loss of **\$47** vs. the budgeted loss of **\$12,024** and better than the **\$4,755** we lost in 2015.

As a result, the cash position for the club (our money in the bank) should improve from \$119,679 on March 31, 2016 to approximately \$151,948 by March 31, 2017, giving us some leeway to support long deferred projects in the future.

As in prior years, we will provide the finalized financial statements to our audit committee for review prior to the Annual General Meeting on June 24. At the AGM we will discuss the financial results as well as the proposed budget for fiscal 2017 in more detail.

We couldn't manage and report these numbers without the unfailing support from Diana Minty, Andrea Minty and Diane Glionna, who looked after the accounting operation, provided valuable systems support and managed the banking operations and deposits of our members' dues. Thank you so much for your diligence, hard work and your willingness to share your expertise and precious time when we needed you!

Ingrid Gratz,  
Treasurer

## **Captain's Report –Match and Handicap**

Last year we had fantastic weather and good turnouts for most of the tournaments. A big thank you to all of those that participated and helped at each event. Also, a big thank you to Diana Minty and our trusty starters: Maya Best, Andrew (A.J.) Burk and Dominic Ware who did a great job this past season.

This year we will have some new faces in the Starter Shack. Please drop by and say hello to Jessica Adams and Annalies Smith.

Please remember that our course is closed on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings for our Junior, Ladies, and Men's programs respectively.

Please be vigilant about replacing your divots and repairing your ball marks on the greens. It's the little things that can make a big different to playing conditions.

In addition to our regular line up of Tournaments, we are going to add an Anniversary Fall Classic on September 9<sup>th</sup> with a new exciting format that we will share with you in our weekly newsletter. I wish Chrys Tindale all the best as he takes on the role of Club Captain this year.

Submitted by Norm Castator, DCC President for outgoing Captain, David Eramian



DCC Men's Intersectionals 2016 Winners

## **Greens Report**

I would like to extend my thanks to David Armitage for his dedication and service for the decades of hard work that he put into our golf course. I would also like to thank Bill Gauley for his efforts as Greens Chair over the past many years.

I am also pleased to announce that we have secured the services of a new course superintendent. Chris Hart comes to us from Buckingham Golf Club and has spent many years in the turf industry. The mandate set before Chris is to focus on the greens and their overall health and playability. Please be advised that we will be aerating and topdressing the greens on a more frequent basis as we begin our process of improving them. Once the greens are back in top shape, we plan on improving the tees through aeration, topdressing and in some cases levelling. For the moment, however, the primary focus will be on the greens while our new superintendent is getting to know the course better.

Soon enough the snow will be off the course and we will get a chance to see how Mother Nature treated us this past winter. There are many branches down and I'm sure rakes will come in handy for Members' Green Day on May the 20<sup>th</sup>. Please join us at the club at 1pm, pitch in and give our greens crew a helping

hand in checking a few more tasks of the never ending “to-do” list.

Wishing good times and good golfing to all,

Alan Morton,  
Incoming Greens Chair



## **Environment**

For more than 10 years now, we have tested the waters flowing into and out of our golf course for phosphate content. The levels of phosphate detected are relatively low, which is to be expected since we apply 0 phosphate fertilizers on all our fairways. Some improvements to the testing procedure should also lead to decreased detected phosphate levels in the coming years. Since the implementation of the undisturbed band of vegetation along the stream of our 8th hole (the “Ecozone”), phosphate values have decreased. Golfers should refrain from entering the ecozone, as this natural buffer must remain undisturbed to filter phosphate and other chemicals out of surface runoff water from the fairway, before it makes its way downstream to Clear Lake.

As other golf courses in the Laurentians have done, we have entered a watershed agreement with ABRINORD (Agence de Bassin de la Rivière du Nord) and the Township of Wentworth, which defines a

shoreline band that respects the playability of our golf course. The agreed-upon shoreline band is basically the same as what we had voluntarily established on our 8th hole after an algae bloom in Clear Lake in the spring of 2001. In exchange for what is in effect an exemption to the shoreline band bylaw, we are committed to never cut the vegetation in that band at less than 30 cm. We are also committed to educating our members about the purpose of such shoreline bands -please see our poster in the starter shack for more information.

As all owners of waterfront property know, since 2007 we are part of a province-wide policy enforced by local municipalities of a 15 meter shoreline band in which it is prohibited to mow lawns or cut trees and shrubs. This shoreline buffer is vital to the health of the lake ecosystem, as unfiltered surface runoff water can pose a threat to the health of our beautiful lakes.

Dunany Green Day will be held this year on Saturday, May 20th at 1:00 PM. This yearly event is an opportunity to spruce up the golf course in preparation for the coming season.

A special thanks goes out to François Côté for his excellent work as Environment Director over the years! Merci, François.



Volunteers at Green Day 2016...please come and join us this year on May 20<sup>th</sup>!

See you all on the golf course!

Paul Wilson,  
Environment Committee

## **Ladies Report**

Dust off your clubs and get ready for another swinging summer of golf!

Welcome to all new and returning Dunany Country Club lady members. Before I give you the DCC Ladies Committee news...I would like to thank all those who made last year's golf season so memorable.

To Sharon Dubiel, Ladies Committee Chair, thank you for all your hard work and for organizing the 2016 Ladies Championship lunch. To Carolyn Roy, Past Chair, thanks for lending a hand and for your sage advice and to Trudy Adams for stepping in as Acting Secretary. To the Ladies Golf Captain and Assistant Captain, Sue Lavoie and Diane Vanstone, you made Wednesday Ladies Golf so much fun. We thank you for your hard work on it and on the Ladies Championship. Thanks to Marilyn Wynn, Betty Bryden, Annabelle Wood, and Diane Hislop for their Championship help too. To our 2016 event convenors - Diane Hislop and Eileen Paragis, for organizing such a well-attended Invitational and lunch. To June Parker and camera for recording the event. To Stephanie Logothetis and her team for a superb 40th Anniversary Ladies Cocktail Party. To Jane Burnell Jones and Joan Gale and the Ladies Quilt Committee including Diane Glionna, Ellen Kiteala, Angie MacLeod, Paula Minty, Sue Nish, Cat Spaulding and Caroline Roy plus all those involved with making not one but two 40th Anniversary quilts! The Ladies Committee would also like to thank Angie and June for DCC's 40th Anniversary Mug. We thank the Dunany Artists Group for their participation and contribution. A special thanks to Diana and Andrea Minty for keeping the DCC books and databases in order and to our wonderful team of 2016 starters and the DCC ground crew for their hard work. To the Garden Committee of Dorothy Rekman, Janet Donald, Peggy Carroll, and Lois Finch, thank you for making the course one of the prettiest around. A big thank you as well to all those who came out for Members Green Day - this year's date for it is planned for May 20. If I have somehow missed thanking all, please know that your efforts are most appreciated.



### **2017 Ladies Committee**

Judy Hammond, Chair

Barb Armstrong, Past Chair

Isobel St Georges, Secretary

Sharon Dubiel, Past Chair

### **Ladies Golf Captain and Assistant Captain**

Dianne Vanstone

Diane Glionna

**Our 2017 event convenors need your help. Please lend a hand to the following:**

Ladies Invitational - Sarah Wilson , Black Lake volunteers

Ladies Cocktail Party - Diane Hislop

Dunany Quilt - Jeannie, Mary, and Debbie Sutherland have already been hard at work designing and putting quilt square kits together along with Sharon Leslie.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Ladies Opening Meeting is June 25, 10am at the Clubhouse. See you there!

Judy Hammond,  
VP Chair  
Ladies Golf Committee

**Yoga**

We are eagerly awaiting the return of Elizabeth Hay, certified yoga instructor, for our summer yoga program! Cost is \$60 for 10 sessions, and I really encourage you to register. Drop-in will be at a cost of \$10. We have decided to change up the format a bit, in addition to regular Yoga classes, we will include a few Yoga for Golf as well as introducing some new classes of Yin Yoga. This is a series of long-held floor poses that mainly work the lower part of the body.

Please contact Caroline Roy at [roycaroline521@gmail.com](mailto:roycaroline521@gmail.com) to register.

**Juniors**

Summer is around the corner and soon the Dunany junior golfers will be taking over our course practicing their swings and showing everyone how it should be done! We are expecting to have a busy 2017 and as always, an exciting summer for our kids to remember!

This will be my last newsletter as Director for the Junior Program, I will be passing the reigns at the Annual General Meeting in June to **Trudy Dundass Adams** She is an amazing person who I'm certain will do an incredible job and will ensure that the junior program will be treasured as it has for many years. My team was incredible and it was a great pleasure working with them all. I'm sad to leave this position but I'm sure I'll be grabbed for other duties in the club...

We have another great group of volunteers lined up to ensure another unforgettable summer:

**Tuesday Golf - CAPTAIN Duties:**

Great news, **Jeff Adams** will be our Junior Captain for 2017. Welcome Captain Jeff! Jeff has been coached by **Dianne Burk** who has shared all her tricks and secrets related to the junior captain role. He will have the kids occupied on Tuesday mornings with fun golf games, explaining the rules and will keep them on track all summer leading up to the junior golf championship which will be held on August 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>. Wow! A lot of stuff!!! Don't worry Jeff, I'm sure Trudy will be in the shadows to guide you.... And a big thanks to Dianne!

## Monday Junior Golf Lessons:

Our Golf Pro, **Marc Barbeau** will be back to teach our junior golfers great tips and techniques. The kids are lucky to have him and they always show great improvement throughout the summer. There will be 6 weeks of lessons on Monday mornings from June 26<sup>th</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>. Juniors who have attained 7 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 are eligible.

**Tracy Wightman** will coordinate lessons this summer and will do another fantastic job. It is important to let Tracy know the dates your kids will be attending lessons. Last year, a private [facebook](#) group was used to post the lesson times and other updates, this method was quite useful and will continue this summer. You can also contact the starter shack (450.562.4885) each Sunday to find out at what time your child's lesson is scheduled.

## Tuesday SPORTS & CRAFTS night:

**Randy Swedburg** has raised the bar quite and always has a fun night of sports and games planned on Tuesday evenings to keep kids active (frisbee golf, beach volleyball, flag football etc... and of course the always popular "capture the flag").

In the last two years, the number of kids interested in crafts has dwindled significantly. Instead, kids as young as 4 are showing up for sports night, which traditionally reserved for kids 8 & over. In order to provide programming that is aligned with the interests of the members, we are going to try two concurrent sports nights on Tuesday evenings : Kids 7 & under and Kids 8 & over. The objective is to make sure everyone has a good time in a safe environment. Groupings or games played may have to be adjusted each week in accordance with levels of participation. We will explain this to the kids but would appreciate your cooperation in discussing it with them. We will be recruiting volunteer parents to assist Randy each week. We do have a significant inventory of craft materials and it will be made available on Tuesday evening for any parent & child that would like to partake in crafts in a do-it-yourself environment. We welcome your thoughts and feedback. We should give a great round of applause to **Tina Moore McLeod** for coordinating Crafts Night for so many years.



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**Thursday Movie Night:** Guess what? We now have a "Movie Girl"! **Elizabeth Hay** will be in charge of the Reel and will have great movies lined up. And yes! Popcorn and Drinks will be on the menu. This event will run Thursday nights from July 13<sup>th</sup> to August 10<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to **David Glickman** for leading the past movie nights!

**Thursday Club Night:** Allows teens to hang out and escape their parents for a few hours....This activity is reserved for kids aged 13 to 16. Club Night starts right after movie night. The lead for this activity will be **Trudy Adams**.

## SPECIAL DATES FOR ALL AGES



**Chico's talent night July 16<sup>th</sup> :** Sharon Leslie and Scott Ritchie will lead this amazing event again this summer. This evening is guaranteed great food and exceptional entertainment by our local Dunany kids. Thanks to everyone that donates a delicious home-made lasagna. Everybody Loves Talent Night!

**Golf Field Day July 18<sup>th</sup> :** We are very pleased that Elizabeth Hay will be co-ordinating our famous field day activities. Junior golfers participate in a "SKINS ROUND" with winners collecting tokens from other members of their foursome at each hole. There will be lots of prizes, activities and food during this event. Golf activities are also organized around the clubhouse for Dunany's youngest (future junior golfers) starting mid-morning. All are invited!



**Family Sports Day on July 27<sup>th</sup> :**



**Warren Neill and Karen Lines** will once again lead the family sports day. The agenda is filled with games, food and prizes and will definitely keep the kids active and entertained all afternoon.



Happy golfing and remember the future of golf lies in our Dunany juniors. While the junior golfer is important to the future of our club, more important is the overall personal growth and influence that a positive junior golf program hold for a youngster. Golf is an endeavor that produces character, sportsmanship and pride. It can give a young person an identity, provide them with friendship and teach them a healthy competitive attitude for life. Therefore, the Dunany Country Club Junior Golf Program will never lose sight of the positive life skills and personal growth that the game of golf can give to each participant.



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The success of Dunany's Junior Program depends greatly on the support and assistance of parent volunteers. We strongly encourage filling out the volunteer section on the attached registration sheet and being part of this amazing team. It's a great opportunity to give to our Dunany Club. As well, it is essential for us to know when your children

will be able to attend events, please fill out the "dates and participation section" of the included form. Juniors 8 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 are eligible to participate in Junior Golf day on Tuesdays. Juniors 7 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> 2017, can begin golf lessons.

There are a limited number of sponsorships available to juniors who are not sons/daughters of members, so if you know of a family with a young person interested in golf please contact Trudy Adams for information or the registration form [jeffm\\_adams@yahoo.com](mailto:jeffm_adams@yahoo.com) or 450-990-8050.

It was a great opportunity and honour serving the junior program for over 14+ years and being Junior Director for the past 4 years. Thanks to the club members in trusting me with your precious junior golfers and hope I've fulfilled my duties to everyone's expectations. Thank you to all the volunteers, organizers and committee chairs that keep making our juniors' summer the best ever!



Marina Chambers  
Director, Junior Program

## **House**

After what seems to have been a very long winter, I am eager for the 2017 Spring/Summer season to begin at our Club. I am also very much looking forward to seeing and welcoming all of our existing and all-important new members to the Club as well.

Looking over the first draft of the fixture card for this year, it is evident that the Clubhouse will be used extensively in this, our 95<sup>th</sup> year! And while our facilities have served us well over the years, they will soon be requiring some renovations or at the very least some essential maintenance. In the interim, I would ask all members to treat the Clubhouse with great care. If you are the organizer of an event, please ensure that you also make plans to leave the premises in good condition once the event is over. In the peak months of July and August, it is not unusual for the Clubhouse to be used 5 or 6 times a week. Out of respect for the organizer of the next event, please leave the place as you would like to find it for the incoming person.

As I write this, there are still a few dates available for rental so if you are thinking of the Clubhouse for a personal social event, please contact me as soon as possible to avoid being disappointed. I look forward to seeing everyone out on the course swinging those magic wands soon. I particularly look forward to a couple of recreational rounds with a caddy dressed in full US Open gear.

Cheers,  
Pierre Demers,  
House Chairman

## Social

Here we go! Yet another exciting year for the Dunany social calendar. It is our 95th anniversary and in Dunany we definitely don't need an excuse to have a party. We will celebrate with a catered semi-formal dinner along with a daytime Music Fest on the last weekend in July. New this year, July will also include a lawn bowling tournament and the Mitch and Donnie Burger bar in conjunction with night golf. Thank you in advance to Mitch, Donnie and their team for coming on board again this summer to help with some of the DCC food prep needs.



We plan to have two weeknight Nine and Dines again this year, as long there is interest. Our clubhouse bar will be open during the day on weekends, Sarah Armstrong will be our summertime bartender again, please treat her well. Also keep an eye out for some of our draft beer specials and possibly a new removable terrace next to the club to enjoy a cold drink on after a game of golf.

Our DCC chit payment system for the bar is back this year. A small reminder to all members to please settle your chits at the starter shack at least once per month to avoid a pile up at the end of the year. Diana and her team worked very hard at the end of last year to collect on many that were left until the end of the season.

All of our staple events will run on their usual weekends: Opening Dinner Dance July 1st, Ladies Cocktail party August 5th, Championship Dinner August 26th, Corn boil September 2nd. Start adding all these dates to your calendars and I look forward to seeing you all this summer.

Note: Any young Dunanyites who would like to be hired by the DCC this summer to work at the club events please send your CV to [Kelly\\_havill@hotmail.com](mailto:Kelly_havill@hotmail.com) A short training will be run for any interested youth in late June. Two separate lists will be made for babysitters and manual labourers. No need to send a CV just an email with your name, contact numbers (in town and in Dunany), and if you are only interested in one of the latter.

Scott Laekas,  
Social Director



## Honours Report

Last fall, David Armitage who was our Superintendent of Dunany Country Club, retired after over 35 years of service to the club. David's career with us began as a greens person under the tutelage of Johnny Cleary in the late seventies. In 1998, David took over the helm as Superintendent. In the following years since, David worked tirelessly with several Greens Chairmen and the Board of Directors to improve the course into what it is today. He implemented the many improvements and changes to the club such as replacing every tee on the course including the new 8<sup>th</sup> tee, improving the water system, making the course environmentally friendly, and creating many new sand traps - curse you David!

David's work ethic was impeccable – he did what needed to be done – without hesitation. He also responded to many calls for many reasons at any time of the day or night. On behalf of the board, we would like to take this time to thank David for his many years of service and wish him and Marie all the best in the next chapter of their lives....

At prize giving David was awarded an Honorary Life Membership – which Marie and his family received in his honour. David will be missed at the club but hopefully we may see him out on the golf course swinging his clubs rather than cutting the greens.

In other news, both Grace Hyde and Bill Osterman have passed away since our last season.

Grace Hyde, wife of Sandy Hyde passed just 5 days before her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday. Grace and Sandy Hyde have been coming to Dunany since the late 20's and lived on Clear Lake. Grace was active with the Ladies branch spanning the 1950s – to the 1970's .

Bill Osterman, was a gym teacher and golfer who loved canoeing and skiing. He and his wife, Mirjam of 67 years, lived on Curran Lake. Lots of us have fond memories of Bill arranging and calling the square dances at the club.! Take your corners and Do Sa Do!

Ross Leslie,  
Chair, Honours  
Committee

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Dave Armitage with Mac Carins

We look forward to a fantastic season with you and celebrating our milestone 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary