

Deer Tracks

March 2016

Special Interest Articles:

- Mike Daniels scores hole in one.
- Bill completes two terms as President.
- Sieg Retires.

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Presidents Spring Message

Happy New Year to all our DMA members - current and on hold.

2016 should be an interesting year. I would personally like to thank Bill Robinson for being President for the past 2 years. Bill is passionate about golf and our members and he has done a great job. He will continue to be on the executive as past President this coming year. Also, a great welcome to the newest executive. Clayton Shold is the new Men's Vice President and also completing DeerTracks. Sue Batting is back as the Ladies Vice President and Graeme Gordon is back as Treasurer. Returning executives include, Anne Enright - Secretary, Don Charlebois - Men's Captain, Drue Marriott - Ladies Captain, Ron Fleck - Handicap Chair. Thanks to each of them for their ongoing commitment to the DMA. Also many thanks to John Phelan - Club Pro for his ongoing assistance always there to offer his advise.

It looks like we won't hear from the OMB about SawWhet until sometime in the summer at the earliest. Meetings have been ongoing starting last October 2015 (2 weeks) and January 2016 (2 weeks) and June 2016 (4 weeks). The DMA & Deerfield Golf Course (Don Liska) are not making a formal presentation to the OMB as there are numerous presentations scheduled with Bronte Green and Halton Region taking up the first 4 weeks. The environmental groups and the City of Oakville will present in June. At least one DMA member is scheduled to talk during the environmental presentation.

Our membership appears to be holding at about 100 active members which is making it very challenging for your convenors and executive to maintain the number of tournaments (18+) with strong participation.

The Club Championship numbers last year were low. So we need to change and adapt with reduced number of members. The executive have made some minor changes to the Men's Championship as follows:

- Championship will be played from the Blue Tees (John uses a variety of set ups) for Saturday, Sunday and Monday
- Championship group will play all 3 days - Sat, Sun and Monday
- Flights A, B, C - will play 2 days - Sat & Monday
- Anyone in Flights A, B, & C can declare before the tournament starts, that they will be playing all 3 days and their 3 scores will be included in the gross scores for the championship group. Their 2 day scores - Sat & Monday - will also be included for their respective flights as well.
- Senior Club Championship (60+) - 2 day scores will only be counted - Sat & Monday
- Cost of the 3 day rounds will increase to \$13 and the 2 day rounds will be \$10 (same last year)

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- the qualifiers for the Match Play Championship will be based on the low 8 totals from the 2 day scores only - Saturday and Monday

Drue Marriott has sent out an email to all the ladies members to ask for suggestions about the Ladies Championship. She will advise the ladies directly as soon as she gets feedback and makes a decision on any changes for the coming year.

"The coffee sure tasted good today."

You should have already received your DMA Event Schedule with your annual dues. You will note there are a few changes which are as follows:

- Couples Better Ball Match Play - First Round changed to Sunday May 8th
- President's Cup - 2 Man Team Better Ball Net - changed to Saturday July 9th, and the Aquarium has been changed to July 24th and as they use the Blue Tees, it will get the men used to the Blue Tees just before the Club Championships starting July 30th
- Captain's Cup and Golden Boys - changed to Saturday August 20th
- Couples Tournament - Better Lady and Better Man - Net - changed to September 18th to give a week break after the Classic and a week before the Closing tournament.
- Shoot-out Competitions - Men's & Ladies - moved to TBD as this is for a limited number of men and not open to the entire men's membership.

"The coffee was excellent today."

The DMA hasn't had many new members the past few years and one of the reasons is that Deerfield Golf Course has a relatively short lease left with the Province of Ontario. Owners have stated they wish to extend the lease but the Province has not been receptive to date. Any pressure members can bear on your local MPP to grant Deerfield an extension of their lease, would benefit all our members.

"Where is the darn marshal? I NEED another coffee."

Have a great golf season.

Stu Payne
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Deerfield Hole-in-One Club

Congratulations to **Mike Daniels** who aced the 4th hole on Thursday, 3rd September, using a 24 degree hybrid.

Mike's playing partners were 2 former business associates, Al Kennedy and Al Eng. This is Mike's 5th hole-in-one and 4th at Deerfield; he just needs one on the 2nd hole to complete the cycle.

It was a hot and humid day and a few members enjoyed the usual complimentary drink.

After an absence of almost 2 years without a hole-in-one, we have had 3 in the last 9 weeks.

Don Charlebois
Men's Game Captain

*"If I've got a swing,
I've got a shot."
~Bubba Watson*



Wednesday League

Congratulations to Don McIsaac for winning the 2015 edition of the Men's Wednesday League.

Don had the lowest net score for the 20 weeks of play.

The first 10 weeks are played from the white tees and the last 10 weeks are played from the Blue tees.

Well done Don

Three Club Championship

Congratulations are also in order to Al Ferguson for winning the Three Club Championship with remarkable score of 25 - 9 under par. Bill Robinson finished in 2nd place with an excellent score of 28 - 6 under par.

Al Ferguson took over the running of the above 2 tournaments in 2015 from Sieg Hummelbrunner.

Al has done a great job of keeping track of the individual weekly winners and the team scores over the 20 weeks of play.

We would also like to thank John and the pro shop staff for issuing and distributing the weekly vouchers.

As is custom, the Wednesday League finished with the 3 club championship in mid-September along with a terrific dinner, offering a choice of steak or salmon.

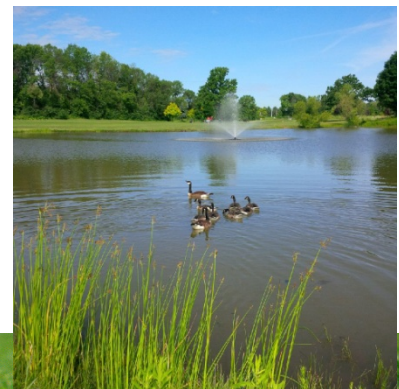
Sieg Hummelbrunner

On behalf of all men participants, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sieg Hummelbrunner for running these tournaments over the years.

The success and history of these tournaments is a reflection Sieg's dedication and hard work.

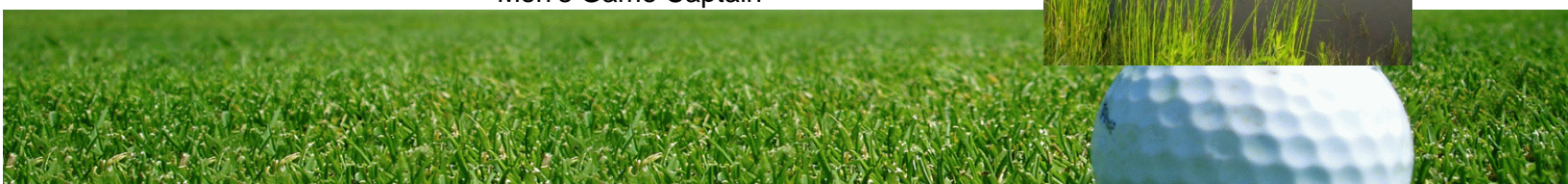
Sieg, enjoy retirement

Don Charlebois
Men's Game Captain



"Golf is an ineffectual attempt to put an elusive ball into an obscure hole with implements ill-adapted to the purpose."
~Woodrow Wilson

"Don't play too much golf. Two rounds a day are plenty."
~Harry Vardon



2015 Golf Season

From Your Games Captains

We would like to thank John and the pro shop staff for all their help throughout the 2015 golf season in managing the tournaments, including the draws, tabulating the results and distribution of the vouchers.

We would also like to thank the starters for their efforts in keeping play moving, we appreciate this can be challenging, in particular this year, given the increase in the number of visitors.

Finally, thanks to all the conveners for their time and effort in organizing their respective tournaments.

To summarize the 2015 season

There were 24 tournaments and 6 match plays

There were 3 holes-in-one this year after being blanked in 2014

Most Improved Players

Congratulations to Mark Richardson and Kelta Fleck for being the most improved players for the 2015 season – well done.

To all, enjoy the winter months wherever you are and we look forward to seeing all of you in the spring for another great golf season

Drue & Don

Thank you Bill

Bill Robinson accepting a photo of Deerfield from the Deerfield Members Association for his time as President for two terms.

A strong advocate for the golf course as evidenced by his engagement on our behalf regarding the “Merton lands.”

Thank you Bill!



2015⁶

Another season draws to a close – or not. Weather has been awesome!

*“It's good sportsmanship not to pick up lost balls while they are still rolling.”
~Mark Twain*



The Five Dollar Game – 2015 Edition

Below is a summary of the twice weekly \$5.00 game with a comparison of the results between 2014 and 2015

	31 Oct 2014	31 Oct 2015
Total Games	49	54
Total funds	\$2,567.00	\$2,685.00
Total skins	280	350
Total low nets (There are ties)	56	58
Total skins	336	408
Average pay-out/skin	\$7.60	\$6.60
Holes with the most skins		
2014 # 18	21	
2015 # 10		28
Holes with the fewest skins		
2014 # 11	8	
2015 # 11, 12, 13		14

It appears that the changes we implemented in late 2014 have had a significant effect on the number of skins won, an increase of approximately 70 in 2015 VS.2014 with about the same number of games.

As previously mentioned we play on Mondays and Fridays and play- off a 12 handicap with a maximum of 12 strokes

The low net is based on full handicap.

The participation this year has been very good, averaging about 10 to 11 players per game.

We would like to thank all the members who participated and hope to have more members give it a try in 2016

Don Charlebois

2016 DMA Executive

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*"The difference between golf and government is that in golf you can't improve your lie."
~George Deukmejian*

*Spring Annual
General Meeting is
April 16, 2016*

Deer Tracks Submissions...

The content is determined by the members. If the editor doesn't receive submissions as talented as he is [editorial freedom there] there won't be much to share.

Please send content to clayton@shold.ca with Deer Tracks in the subject line. Photos are appreciated.

I hope to get out a minimum of four editions in 2016.

