



# Deer Tracks

April 2016

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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 advice.

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. One thing for sure SawWhet will not be a golf course as the club house has now been demolished. Town of Oakville issued the demolition permit Oct 15, 2015.

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 has 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.

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*Spring Annual  
General Meeting is  
April 23, 2016*

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- 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)
- 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.

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.

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*The course opened  
March 16th*

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.

Have a great golf season.

Stu Payne  
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*"He who has the fastest golf cart never has a bad lie."  
~ Mikey Mantle*



## 2016 DMA Board of Directors

President	Stu Payne
V.P. Men	Clayton Shold
V.P. Ladies	Sue Batting
Secretary	Anne Enright
Deer Tracks Editor	Clayton Shold
Men's Games Captain	Don Charlebois
Ladies Games Captain	Drue Marriott
Handicap Committee	Ron Fleck
Treasurer	Graeme Gordon
Head Professional	John Phelan
Immediate Past President	Bill Robinson

## Texting Codes for Seniors

HOG – Hot Old Guy
ABFF – At Best Friends Funeral
BMW – Bring My Walker
ATD – At the Doctor's
DBI – Disaster Because Incontinent
FWIWG – Forgot Where I Was Going
GGBCI – Gotta Go, Bladder Control Issues
HGBM – Had Great Bowel Movement
TOT – Texting on Toilet
LMD – Lost My Dentures
SMM – Slipped My Mind
ODGS – Oh Dear! Gas. Sorry!

## Florida Fun

The sixth annual Deerfield tournament took place on March 9 at Long Marsh Golf Club (near Port Charlotte).

Five foursomes competed including present members, the Battings, Richardsons, Flecks, Harrises, Cooks and Pomroys, and some past - the Gemmells, Fergusons and Kellys.

Following the serious business of golf we met for dinner, drinks and tall stories at the Battings house where we were also joined by the Marshes and Coffeys.

The winner of the knives competition with an unbelievable (!! ) score was the Kellys foursome. Many thanks to Rick and Sue Batting for organizing and hosting a great event.

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*"How can you get tired of playing golf?"*

*~Raymond Floyd*

**Early Bird Scramble April 9<sup>th</sup> – 8 am Shotgun**

**Opening Day Tournament – April 23<sup>rd</sup>**



## Winter Bowling League

This was our final night of bowling at Classic Bowl for the 2015-16 season. Very successful year with great turnout and great competition. We had 10 teams of 3 each started Oct 2015 and our last game on Mar 24 and ending with an awards night and dinner at the Mandarin.

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“Bowling is the ideal sport. It’s basically an hour of drinking beer occasionally interrupted by six seconds of exercise.”





## So a guy walks into a bar...

True story. A fellow walks up to me and asks “Is that Paul Richardson standing over there?” I look over and say yes I believe it is. He says, “my name is John Epping, I’m a curler who has enjoyed moderate success, I’ve always admired that guys curling style. I’ve learned so much just watching and copying him. Do you think there is any way in the world you could get a photo with me and Mr. Richardson?” He looked like a nice young man (maybe in need of a shaver) but I replied, “I think I can make that happen.” Click.

John walked away with the biggest smile thanking me profusely. Paul simply glared and said “Don’t ever do that again!” I guess some famous people just don’t like the paparazzi.

### 2016 Handicap Changes

1. No anchoring the club. If you do anchor the club, you cannot post a score.
2. Scores made while playing alone will no longer be acceptable for handicap purposes.

Ron Fleck, Handicap Committee



### Winter Curling Wrap Up

So what do golfers do in the winter months. Some head to warmer climates while others hit the ice. A group of 30 odd get together – many Deerfield members with a sprinkling of kids (and kids friends) and friends of members, who duke it out six times between December and February. Lots of fun on the ice followed my story telling and a beverage afterwards paid for by the winners. Thanks Jean Hoyle for arranging every year.



*“When Hell freezes over, I’ll curl there, too.”*  
~Author Unknown



