



Deer Tracks



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What can you say?!

It has been a soggy start to the season to say the least. With lots of excitement a number of members got out and braved the cool weather in early April... but then the rains came.

We will appreciate those dry warm dry days when they eventually come that much more. Believe me when I say the rain will stop.

A guy named Noah told me so!



Photos of the Opening Tournament



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After delaying the Opening Tournament one week due to weather, conveners Phil & Ardeth Groff canceled the event.

Said Phil "I was organizing the meals etc and only left the weather to Ardeth so if anyone wants to point fingers - point them at her, not me!"

It has indeed been a wet Spring! Someone suggested changing the name from Deerfield to Royal Duckponds.

President's Spring Message 2019

I would like to thank Bill Marriott for his work as President last year.

Here is your DMA Executive for 2019.

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This year there is no Ladies or Men's VP but Kelta Fleck & Gini Decelles have volunteered to lead the Classic Tournament this year.

I've already emailed the schedule for this year with all the dates and conveners' for all of our tournaments in 2019. Mark these dates on your calendars.

I did notify all the members about John Phelan retiring. John will be at the club until June 1st. Deerfield has hired Lee Beauchamp (previously with Oakville Club) as Head Pro and Eddie will continue in his present capacity for the time being. If you haven't had a chance to drop by the pro shop, you will notice an improvement, with better and more displays of golf clothing and golf products.

The golf year has not started off well with the weather being so wet but let's hope we get some warm weather and sunshine soon.

Have a great 2019 golf season.

Stu Payne

“Did you find your ball?”





Just like at Walmart!

This was the scene on April 13th when the self-appointed Deerfield “greeters” warmly welcomed golfers to the club house. The good news, it was reported they didn’t scare too many away. The sad news, few stayed to play due to the ... dare I say it ... the less than ideal weather conditions.

CHANGES TO THE RULES OF GOLF

THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE RULES OF GOLF ARE NOW IN EFFECT

1. There is no longer a penalty if your ball accidentally moves while you are searching for it
2. There is no longer a penalty if you accidentally move your ball or ball marker when it is on the putting green
3. There is no longer a penalty if your ball in motion accidentally hits you or your equipment. Double-hitting a shot will now only count as one stroke.
4. The rule for dropping a ball when taking relief is that the ball is now to be dropped from knee length
5. The time for looking for a lost ball has been reduced from 5 minutes to 3 minutes
6. You may now take relief if your ball is embedded anywhere EXCEPT IN THE SAND
7. You may now continue to use the original ball or substitute another ball whenever you take either free relief or penalty relief
8. You may now leave the flagstick in when you are putting a ball that is on the green. There is no penalty if your ball hits the flagstick
9. You may now repair spike marks and animal damage on the green
10. There is no longer a penalty for touching the putting green in pointing out the target of your putt
11. You can no longer take relief from a lateral penalty area on the opposite side from where the ball last entered the lateral penalty area
12. There is no longer a penalty if you touch or move loose impediments (such as leaves, stones, sticks) or touch the ground with your hand or club in a penalty area
13. There is no longer a penalty if you touch or move loose impediments in a bunker
14. You may now touch the sand with your hand or club in a bunker except in the area directly behind or in front of your ball. You may not touch the sand with your hand or club to test the condition of the bunker
15. For two penalty strokes you may take relief outside the bunker by dropping the ball back on a line from the hole through where your ball was at rest in the bunker (Deerfield's current rule for our lady members on hole 13 still applies)
16. You may now continue to use any club that is damaged during the round no matter how the damage happened
17. You may not replace a damaged club during the round unless you were not responsible for causing the damage

In an effort to promote faster play you are encouraged to make each stroke in no more than 40 seconds, and usually more quickly.

Playing out of turn (ready golf) in stroke play is now affirmatively encouraged in a safe and responsible way to save time.

Here is a YouTube video link (from Bill Marriott) with the 20 most common rule changes for next year
<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=chPOtflUHCO>

Guess who turned 89 in February!!



Muriel Rowland celebrated her 89th birthday with some of the Deerfield Ladies on February 4th – her actual birthday. The luncheon was held at the Olive Press Restaurant in Oakville and she was absolutely thrilled so many ladies attended.

Muriel is the longest standing female member of Deerfield having come over from Richview in 1989. Muriel can always be counted on for a game of golf. You can regularly see Muriel coming off the back nine when you are just starting your game. And, a lot of the times she is there before the pro shop is even open. Muriel continues to celebrate her birthday in Vancouver at Bear Mountain Golf Resort with her son Scott, who has inherited her love of golf, and took her to The Masters for her 80th birthday.

She truly is an inspiration to us all and always has a kind word to say about everyone. She is our Jewel in the Crown!!

Muriel was thrilled and overwhelmed at how many ladies came out to help her celebrate her birthday. The above picture is the group who came to wish her well. Drue was also there but had to leave. Also, Anna painted this card for Muriel for us all to sign.

SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE

JUNE 22, 2019

The Shatford Trophy is up for grabs again with putt-offs starting at 4:00 in our closest to the pin for a toonie competition. At 4:30 we begin our newest putting feature - partnersomes. At 5:00 the singles putting championship will be held.

Because of rain delays last year, our competition had to be held in July and our eventual winner was Ken Richards. The barbecue meal will be available only if our numbers are in the twenties and the sign-up sheet will be on the clubhouse bulletin board.

We have had repeat winners and two lady champions in the lengthy annals of the putting competition. SNL is another social occasion for our club, replete with BBQ, chairs and cheers, plus the well-honed hecklement of a certain former club president at greenside. Anthony Parnell has promised a warm, dry evening in his long term forecast and the green is already near superb condition. Questions and suggestions are always welcome.

Bob Marshall Deerfield SAPP (Self-appointed Putting Poobah)



2017 putting champion (and 2018 runner-up) **Clayton Shold** presenting the Shatford Trophy to 2018 champion **Ken Richards**.



Graeme Gordon was featured in the Beaver on March 7th doing his thing to raise funds for RBC Curl for Kids' Sake bonspiel supporting Big Brothers Big Sisters Halton and Hamilton. Graeme matched supporters donations dollar for dollar - which rather un-Scottish of him! Well done Graeme!



Andrea Wainwright passed along this item:

A great honking joy! How the majestic trumpeter swan was rescued from extinction. <http://www.cbc.ca/listen/shows/sunday-edition/segment/15676531>

When swan lover Beverly Kingdon and biologist Harry Lumsden joined forces, good things happened. The woman who loved swans and the Ontario wildlife scientist with a cause have worked tirelessly to bring the largest swans in the world back from the brink. Theirs is an environmental success story. Alisa Siegel's documentary is called "A Village of Swans, A Village of People."



Great to see our swans back, K79 and unidentified mate continue construction on their next beside hole #1. A little less protected from the elements and other animals than in past years.

This fellow on the left is V60 and has darker coloured feather tips and yellow on the beak. Thanks for the photo **Carla Shold**.

SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW DEERFIELD QUIZ

INSTRUCTIONS: Allow 10 minutes for the quiz...write down your answers and do not consult the scorecard. Send in your results to [Clayton Shold](#), if you dare.

1. What hole has no sand?
2. Name the hole with the waste bunker.
3. How many holes have sand directly in front of them at some point?
4. What is Deerfield's longest hole?
5. Name two members of the maintenance staff.
6. How many holes have both sand and water as hazards?
7. How many holes have sand, water and are lateral hazards?
8. Approximately, how many bunkers does the course have? A. 15-20 B. 21-25 C. 26-30
9. What hole is Deerfield's shortest hole?
10. Identify the hole which has sand, water, a lateral hazard and a large troublesome tree.
11. Where are Deerfield's only out-of-bounds holes located?
12. In what pond is the swan's nesting site?
13. Who was the first President of the DMA?
14. According to Darryl Harris's Amazing Annals of Aces, what three holes have recorded the highest number of holes-in-one?
15. Name two starters.
16. Identify two people who have worked on the staff since our first year.
17. Name the architect of Deerfield's clubhouse.
18. Identify 5 holes with environmental areas.
19. Which hole has the most bunkers?
20. Identify the hole with the smallest bunker.

Ratings: 18-20 - A+ A Master Deerfieldophile
 14-17 - B+ Graduate Student with an excellent knowledge of Deerfield
 10-13 - C+ Striving hard for that first degree with a good sense of our course
 7-9 - D You're not getting out much
 3-6 - E Hang down your head Tom Deerfieldooley
 0-2 - F You're either a new member or a pretty dim bulb and I know we have only three new members this year.

Answers will be posted in the next edition of Deer Tracks.

Send those stories and photos in to Deer Tracks editor clayton@shold.ca

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