



# Deer Tracks

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## **Vern Doupe accepts putting trophy from Queen Elisabeth!**

It isn't everyday one has an audience with Her Majesty the Queen, but the 2020 King of Putting, Vern Doupe, received such an honour during this crazy pandemic year.

Vern was quoted "the way 2020 has been I have been having wild dreams, even Liz showed up in one. It is very weird!" The Queen responded, "Your pants are weird."

It has been a most unusual year. We got through it ok. The course held up very well given the tremendous traffic it experienced. We scrambled together a couple of events while practicing COVID protocols.

While we had a later start to the year (although the Spring wasn't great) we made up for it playing trough to December which doesn't happen often.

The Queen had the last word, "Until we meet again."

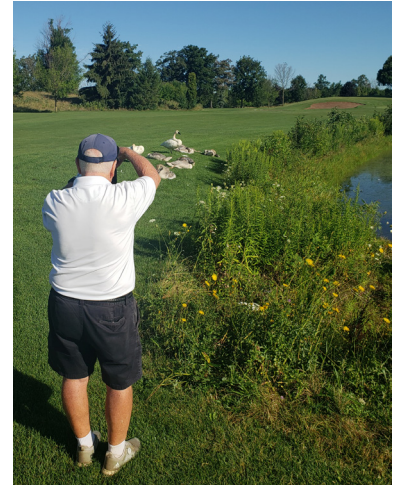
## **Until we meet again !**

# What's Happening?



Thank goodness one is left handed! Jim and Bill's third shots went just beyond the 12th green ending up side by side. They did a simultaneous putt. One was closer.

Clearly the most photographed this year were our family of swans!



**Deer Tracks!** The photo on the right was captured by **Anna Tang** off the 14th tee. It had gone by the 13th green. The photo on the left was one of many 'deer tracks' across the 10th green. Yes, deer tracks! Very cool.



**Ardeth Groff - Most Improved 2019** (she missed Deer Track last year)



**Clayton Shold  
Andrea Wainright  
Most Improved 2020**

## Halloween Open 2020

Played on October 31st we had seven teams of four out to play.

Low score of **90** took **first place** - **Rick McCallum, Neil McDonald, Eileen Wilson & Don Charlebois.**

Second with **92** **Dan Shaw, Clayton Shold, Ardeth Groff & Mike Daniels.**

Tied for 3rd with **94** were **Glenn Byford, Ken Richards, Anna Tang & Don Mclsaac** and **Bob MacDonald, Jim King, Derek Hynes & Ken Musgrave.**

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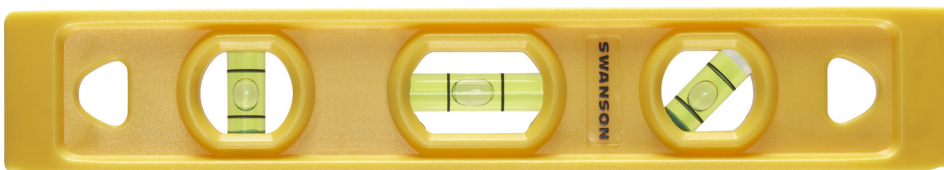
## SIT DOWN before you read this story!

There have been many suggestions as to why the tee blocks on Hole 2 have had such a hump running along the length of the white tees.

One story goes that an older foursome was out early one morning when one in the party had a heart attack. Not wanting to slow things down, they buried their mate where he died so they could visit him every Thursday when they played.

Another plausible suggestion is over the years, frost heaves have pushed up a prehistoric skeleton of a T-Rex, and each winter it gets a little higher so left or right handers have to straddle the backbone when they tee it up. Well...

Deerfield is doing some DIY renovations! Construction began the week of December 7th on the blue tees to flatten them out, and the white and red tees are to follow. If things keep going like this, there will be nothing to complain about! Forward tees on #9? Well maybe we might see garbage cans on every hole next year to help keep the trash off the course and where it belongs.



## Course Renovations

As reported by this news outlet in October, holes 4, 14, and 15 would be modified to 'ensure the safety' of those people who may purchase property in the new Glen Abbey Encore (like it is anywhere close to Glen Abbey) subdivision and not realize they are butting up to a golf course!

Hole four has been shortened with the green moved toward the pond with a realignment of tees. It will be tricky! Hole 14 has had the most significant change with the green moving to the left between the old green and 15 tee blocks. Hole 15 had the white and blue tee blocks moved up to the red tees. The sand bunker on the hill has been removed. All in all it looks very professionally done with the addition of many new trees and removal of a few others. The good news is most of the work has been completed so it should get a best chance to 'grow in' this Spring.



Moving trees on 14. (photo Anna Tang)



More work on #15





The golf architect and grounds workers specialize in golf course construction.



Early stages of realignment of 14th green



New 14th green - hole 4 is to the left in the distance

## December Golf!



### Balls!

Number 10 pond is frozen with a number of golf balls 'floating' on the ice. We saw **Don Charlebois** sliding out on his stomach to retrieve them. He retreated when he hear a loud 'crack'. (kidding)

**Jim King** had a nice shot, bouncing his ball off the ice and into the right side bunker. Don't you love winter golf?!

December 10th - the three Amigos **Jim King, Clayton Shold** and **Bill Marriott**



Waiting to tee off on #10 Dec 11 **Bob Macdonald, Mike Daniels, Mike Cook & Don Charlebois** (out of frame), **Bill Marriott** on deck.



**Jim King** in the morning sun.



**Carla Shold** bundled up sipping her tea.

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**That's a wrap for 2020. Stay safe! The very best of the holidays to everyone!**

### **2021 Deerfield Members Association Executive**

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If you think there are too many photos of my 'golf bubble peeps' you are right. Send those stories and photos in to Deer Tracks editor [clayton@shold.ca](mailto:clayton@shold.ca) so I can share the ink!

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