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Hey Doug!

Scientists and Medical Doctors overwhelmingly support the evidence that safely executed outdoor activity does not contribute to the transmission of Covid cases and that it helps to improve mental health.

If you want to have your say.

Sign the petition!

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Welcome to our many new members!

On behalf of the Deerfield Members Association (DMA) I want to extend a very warm welcome to our many new members this year.

While the cover of the newsletter is not one I'd like to have, sadly it is our reality at the moment. Perhaps some common sense will find its way to our government officials who are trying their best to tackle COVID. I'll stop there. This is not intended to be a political newsletter. On the bright side, by the time we are back swinging a club, perhaps the new grass has rooted on #4, #14 and #15 and we will be back to 18 holes.

Hopefully many of you had a chance to get out and enjoy the course. Golfing in March and April is not always something we get to do, either because winter has been slow leaving or it has been too wet.

Below are the faces of our DMA Executive so you know who we are. If you see us, please introduce yourself as a new member. Bob MacDonald, our Treasurer broke his arm recently so you many not see him on the course for a few months (unless he's grabbing a beer).
- Clayton

Bob MacDonald
Treasurer

Clayton Shold
President

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Ladies' Games Captain

Al Ferguson
Mens Games Captain

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Secretary

Mike Cook
Handicap Chair

Bill Marriott
Past President

Speaking of New Members

It has been great to put a face to some names. A few of you I didn't have my camera out. Nice to meet **John Wright, Michael Prytz, Shawn McNamara** and **Chris Roe.**

It was great to play with **Scott Mick.** A teacher for 23 years, he has taught at his current school in Peel Region (on the border of Oakville/Mississauga) for 20 years. He teaches a number of subjects to grade 8 students. He is the proud owner of a new dog he calls August. Not a mini, but smaller than standard poodle. Scott is looking forward to meeting other members and playing in some tournaments as we are able to get those up and running.

These two guys have been out quite a bit. **Paul Borg** (on the right) and **Larry Salvati** took advantage of the mild Spring weather. Welcome guys.

It is going to be an interesting Club Championship this year with all the new younger players. These guys are just cranking out their drives!

Brandon Prete on the right was telling me on their round his threesome had already had four hole-in-ones by the time they got to #17.
Brandon you are going to fit in just fine with the rest of the membership with stories like that!

Well, well, well.

For those reading Deer Tracks for the first time you should be aware, our cub reporter will dig deep for stories of interest.

Many of you may have been intrigued by the new addition off the #11 tee blocks, easily seen as you make the turn onto #18. Well (no pun intended) it turns out this is a capped well head drilled recently. Apparently on old architectural drawings of the area there were three or four old water wells showing. Long gone, Deerfield decided to drill to see if they couldn't tap into a source of water for this end of the course. If well water could be used for irrigation it saves money, and the water, recycles itself back into the ground water supply.

Well (stop that!) it turns out the results weren't as good as they had hoped for, but will be an asset which well help when things get dry. Now you know!

Ziggy Hummelbrunner

Deerfield's oldest member has decided to hang them up. After two stabs at the front nine in the last week of March, Ziggy has decided that his 91 year-old body is no longer up to the task. This is always a tough decision for any golfer who has played and loved the game as long as Ziggy and it means missing old friendships as well.

Ziggy was one of the first to sign on with Deerfield in 1988 after walking the course that year before its opening. After retiring from his college business mathematics position, Ziggy became the treasurer of the PTCU, a job he maintained for over 30 years. During his term as a college instructor, Ziggy authored a very successful business mathematics text, plus guidebooks. He introduced his 3 children to golf and no doubt some of his 7 grandchildren have taken up the game.

Ziggy's high handicap has enabled him to win more tournaments than any other member, 27 at last count. One of his favourite accomplishments was in an earlier Captain's Cup tournament when he scored even par on the back 9 straight up, much to the dismay of the club champ who then uttered a string of colourful adjectives with a British accent in his direction. He also won one team championship and has appeared in 4 club finals in that format.

But Ziggy has been known to cause fear in opponent's hearts because of his competitiveness. He actually reached out from behind a tree one day to knock down a ball from another player. There are other feats of unlikelihoods that Ziggy has managed. To this day, he is the only Deerfield member to hit himself with his own putt. Another time, his drive caromed backwards off the tee block on the 3rd hole and he played the hole at negative 340 yards.

He confesses that his proudest moment was scoring an eagle at the same hole – a two – to win a tournament….and eagling the 16th was also one of his many accomplishments. In his last few years of play, he practiced one club golf and became very efficient at putting with his 3-wood.

Ziggy served the DMA well over his many years as supervisor of the men's league, plus handling the finances of that group. He changed the policy from afternoons only to all day inclusion for its adherents. Besides being possessed of a brilliant mathematical mind, Ziggy's wit, wisdom and great humour will be sorely missed by all who knew him and admired him.

Contributed by **Bob Marshall**

DMA Local Rules

A) Hole-In-One Club:

1) All members of the DMA are automatically members of the Hole-In-One Club
2) Hole-In-One Club rules and pay out apply during the period covered by the DMA sanctioned events and the golf season as designated by the GAO
3) The Hole-In-One must be scored at Deerfield Golf Club to be covered by the club provisions
4) The ball must go in the correct hole on the initial shot from the designated tee area
5) The Hole-In-One must be scored during a complete 18 hole game or a DMA sanctioned event of a shorter duration
6) The Hole-In-One must be attested to by at least one playing partner (not necessarily a member) accompanying the member who scored a Hole-In-One
7) Upon completion of the round by the member scoring a Hole-In-One, the member will instruct the bar attendant to initiate the special "chit" charging the DMA Hole-In-One Club and keep a running tally of the cost. There is no cap.
8) The special "chit" cannot be initiated by anyone other than the member scoring the Hole-In-One. The member cannot initiate the special "chit" until completion of their round.
9) While customary for the member to be present until the special "chit" is closed, this is not necessary in all circumstances. A member has the option to leave the clubhouse and advise the bar attendant to proceed with the special "chit." The intent being that all members playing that day can celebrate the event by having one drink after they complete their round.
10) Each Hole-In-One will be recognized by the awarding of a commemorative trophy at the closing dinner of the respective men's or ladies section
11) Recognition of Hole-In-One as such by the Deerfield Hole-In-One Club may not conform to GAO rules and therefore may not qualify for special awards or honors from other sources

B) Lateral Hazards:

1) The DMA has decided to convert all current "out of bounds" sections of the Deerfield Golf Course to "Lateral Hazards", and the bush/treed area to the left of hole # 18 running from both the men's and the ladies tee boxes is to be treated as a "lateral hazard".
2) Here are the exceptions:
   a) the driving range
   b) the fence on hole # 17 between the golf course and the sewage treatment facility and
   c) the section of the former Saw Whet golf course that runs from the mound bordering Saw Whet to the far right of the pond on hole # 14 through the remainder of hole # 14. Course management has put out white stakes to designate the "out of bounds" section of hole # 14

C) Divots:

1) On any fairway (only the fairway), if your ball comes to rest in a divot, you may lift and place (not clean) the ball immediately on either side of the divot

D) Lift, Rake and Replace – in Sand Traps

1) If your ball lands in a footprint in a sand trap, you can lift the ball, rake the immediate area flat, and replace the ball in the exact spot. If the ball remains in that trap after taking a shot,

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re-raking is not permitted. An example for clarity. If you land in a footprint in # 1 fairway sand trap near the tee then you can do what is stated above. Should you happen to land in the green side bunker then you can apply the above again.

E) The Club Championship:

1) Championship will be played from the Blue Tees (a variety of set ups) for Saturday, Sunday and Monday
2) Championship group will play all 3 days - Saturday, Sunday and Monday
3) Flights A, B, C - will play 2 days - Saturday & Monday
4) 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 - Saturday & Monday - will also be included for their respective flights as well.
5) Senior Club Championship (60+) - 2 day scores will only be counted - Sat & Monday
6) Cost of the 3 day rounds is $13 and the 2 day rounds will be $10 (subject to change)
7) the qualifiers for the Match Play Championship will be based on the low 8 totals from the 2 day scores only - Saturday and Monday
8) Ladies Only – Championship is played Saturday & Monday. Pairings will be drawn according to handicap on the first day and then standing on the second day. Awards will go to the low Gross score for Crystal Club Championship trophy and low net plaque. The Gross score winner is not eligible for the net score plaque.

F) 80% Handicap Rule – which events

1) only event is Match Play – Men, Ladies and Couples

We love our swans!

Deerfield is fortunate to have swans return each year to start new families.

Please be patient with them crossing fairways. If you think you are at risk of hitting one, take a drop (unless you are in competitive play).

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Golf Quotes

1. Three over today: One over a house, one over a patio, and one over a swimming pool. ~ Baseball Hall of Famer George Brett
2. Actually, the only time I ever took out a one-iron was to kill a tarantula and I took a 7 to do that. ~ Sports Writer Jim Murray
3. The only sure rule in golf is - he who has the fastest cart never has to play a bad lie. ~ Baseball Hall of Famer Mickey Mantle
4. Sex and golf are the two things you can enjoy even if you're not good at them. ~ Actor Kevin Costner
5. I don't fear death, but I sure don't like those three-footers for par. ~ PGA Golfer Chi Chi Rodriguez
6. After all these years, it's still embarrassing for me to play on the American golf tour. Like the time I asked my caddie for a sand wedge and he came back ten minutes later with a ham on rye. ~ PGA Golfer Chi Chi Rodriguez
7. The ball retriever is not long enough to get my putter out of the tree. ~ Tom Weiskopf
8. My favorite shots are the practice swing and the conceded putt. The rest can never be mastered. ~ Lord Robertson
9. Give me golf clubs, fresh air and a beautiful partner, and you can keep the clubs and the fresh air. ~ Jack Benny
10. There is no similarity between golf and putting; they are two different games, one played in the air, and the other on the ground. ~ Ben Hogan
11. Professional golf is the only sport where, if you win 20% of the time, you're the best. ~ Jack Nicklaus
12. The Lord answers my prayers everywhere except on the course. ~ Billy Graham
13. If you watch a game, it's fun. If you play at it, it's recreation. If you work at it, it's golf. ~ Bob Hope
14. While playing golf today, I hit two good balls. I stepped on a rake in a sand trap. ~ Henny Youngman
15. If you think it's hard to meet new people, try picking up the wrong golf ball ~ Jack Lemmon
16. You can make a lot of money in this game. Just ask my ex-wives. Both of them are so rich that neither of their husbands work. ~ Lee Trevino

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