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Swan's steal our hearts

You have probably encountered our family of swans. They hatched May 25th with seven cygnets joining the Deerfield family.



Did you know the swans' closest relatives include the geese and ducks? In fact a duck would sit on the nest while Mom was away feeding. When she came home, the duck would waddle off. Both photos were taken May 29th when they were four days young and were already doing swim lessons and "walk like me" lessons.

One of the sad situations of nature is that swans have a number of predators, from coyotes, hawks, and mink, all of which hang out on the golf course. By May 30th we were down to six cygnets and are not sure how the demise of one came to be. By May 30th the count was down to five.

Check out page two for a recent development.

Cygnets Attacked

As the young swans continue to feed, swim and exercise by walking from the ponds on hole one and ten, they are vulnerable to attack. On June 15th it looked like we were down to four as that was all that could be seen. Turns out the fifth baby was probably hanging in the weeds somewhere, having received injuries to its lower neck. On the morning of June 16th, Deerfield staff were attempting to keep the other young swans from pecking at the injured swan, Mom and Dad were watchful but not involved. The injured swan is in front of the red arrow.



Staff was eventually able to capture the swan and **Oakville and Milton Humane Society** was called. **Animal Protection Service (APS) Officer Wahrmann** attended and took the swan to the shelter for medical attention. It was determined the injuries were non-life threatening. After a medical check up the swan was prepared for transport to Toronto Wildlife Centre where it will be monitored and rehabilitated as needed. The intent is to repatriate the swan with its family once the wounds have healed.



The photo on the left is looking down on top of the cygnet as it is in the transport container. The injuries are not showing as they are under where the head is resting.

On the right **APS Officer Pollock** holds the transport container just before leaving for the Toronto Wildlife Centre Wednesday. Both photos are courtesy of OMHS as the result of a request from your Deer Tracks editor. We will keep you posted on developments.



If you feel good about the work OMHS does you might be interested in supporting them by playing their new **"Happy Tails 50-50"**. You get a crack at some cash while supporting a great cause. There will be a few months of these draws, it just launched this week.

<https://omhs.ca/>



PLAY MONTHLY TO WIN!

Get your paws on some fun while you save an animal's life!



Canada Day Red & White - July 3

Have you registered yet? There is a sign-up sheet outside the Pro Shop.

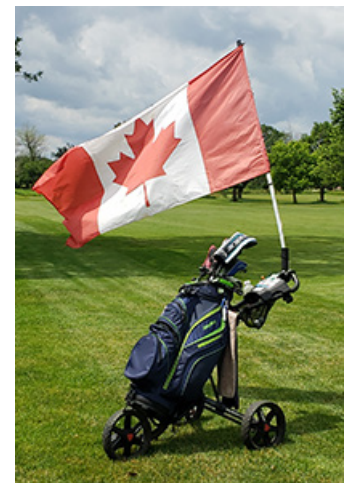
Finally a chance to have a little fun with our **Canada (Red & White) Day Tournament**. We will mix and match the foursomes so you get to meet other members.

Format:

- Mixed teams.
- Front nine scramble, back nine two best low net scores out of the four.

Deadline is **June 30**, team draw July 1st.

We would prefer people sign up early so we can get a general idea of how many tee times we require.



*** Registration Extended *** Deerfield Putting Challenge 2021

The 2021 Deerfield Putting Challenge will be held again in the same fashion as last year, with covid protocols still in effect. The Challenge is now in its 28th year. **This competition is open to men and ladies.**

Format:

- Match Play will be in effect with a ladder. A draw will determine match play opponents.
- Players will contact each other to schedule their match.
- A coin toss will determine order of play: coin toss winner chooses a place on the putting green and will insert a long tee on the spot. Two tees on the ground will indicate the starting point. The closest putt to the long tee will win the hole.
- The other puttist will choose the spot for the second hole and will alternate through the holes until the winner has been determined.
- Remember to bring a tape measure, at least 3 tees and a scorecard.
- Would the winner please contact Bob at his email address below.

To compete, register with **Bob Marshall**, Deerfield Sapp (Deerfield Self-Appointed Putting Poobah), before **June 26, 2021** at bobmars2000@rogers.com

- First round to be completed by July 15
- Second round to be completed by August 15
- Third round to be completed by September 15



“This is very much a fun event, yes some skill helps but it is a great way to meet some other members. I encourage you to sign up.”

Clayton , your humble President

PS - Vern wants to hand the trophy to you!



Darryl Berger and his group ran into this fellow on the 1st hole.

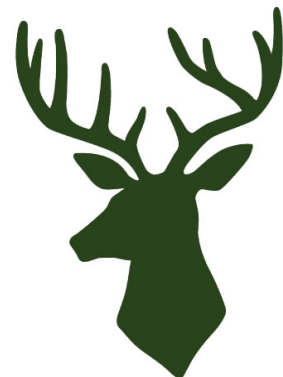
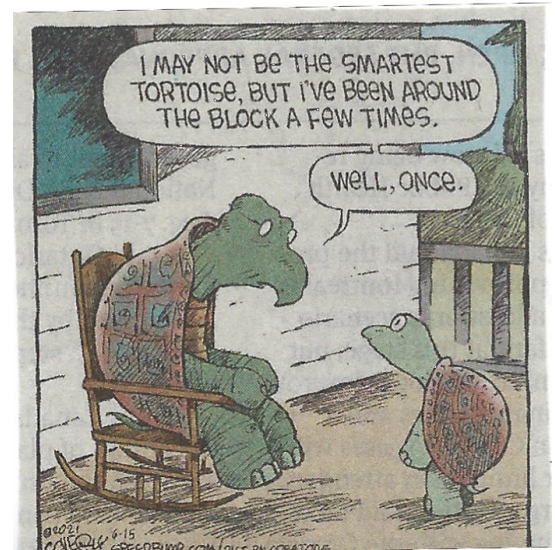
After much discussion about slow play, Tommy Turtle allowed the group to play through.

Considerate little guy.

Good golf etiquette.



Thank you **Al Ferguson** for the submission.

Now that the patio is open we'll start to hear many tales, fables and half-truths about past and present golf conquests and epic stories.



Thanks for the comic **Bob MacDonald**

A man staggered into a hospital with a concussion, multiple bruises, two black eyes, and a five-iron wrapped tightly around his throat. Naturally, the Doctor asked him, "What happened to you?" "Well," said the man, "I was having a quiet round of golf with my wife, when at a difficult hole, we both sliced our balls into a cow pasture. We went to look for them and while I was looking around, I noticed one of the cows had something white in it's rear end. I walked over, lifted it's tail, and sure enough, there was a golf ball with my wife's monogram on it - stuck in the middle of the cow's butt."



Still holding the cow's tail up, I yelled to my wife, "Hey, this looks like yours!" "I don't remember much after that."

Laughing with a mouthful of Coffee



A woman turned 80 years old. She was an avid golfer, so she decided to move to Florida and join a country club.

On her first day at her new club, she was told that there wasn't anybody else available for a game just then.

Seeing her disappointment, and wanting to make her feel welcome, the female assistant pro offered to play with her, and asked her how many strokes she wanted for a bet?

The older woman said, "I don't think I need any strokes, I've been playing great lately. I just have a heck of a time getting out of sand traps."

True to her word, the 80 year old played beautifully. When they came to the par four 18th, she and the pro were all even. The pro hit a gorgeous tee shot, knocked her next one on the green, and two-putted for par.

The older lady hit a great drive, but her second shot landed in a steep-sided bunker next to the green. Playing from the sand, she lofted a high, soft shot. It came down a few feet from the cup and rolled in for a birdie, winning her the match and all the money.

The 80 year old was still standing in the trap when the pro walked over and said, "Beautiful shot! I thought you said you had a problem getting out of traps?"

"I really do," the 80 year old replied. "Would you mind giving me a hand?"

Thank you **Mary Cochrane** for this submission

The Rugged Outdoor Woman

During her physical examination, a doctor asked a retired woman about her physical activity level.

The woman said she spent 3 days a week, every week in the outdoors.

"Well, yesterday afternoon was typical;

I took a five hour walk about 7 miles through some pretty rough terrain.

I waded along the edge of a lake.

I pushed my way through 2 miles of brambles.

I got sand in my shoes and my eyes.

I barely avoided stepping on a snake.

I climbed several rocky hills.

I went to the bathroom behind some big trees.

The mental stress of it all left me shattered. At the end of it all I drank a scotch and three glasses of wine.

Amazed by the story, the doctor said, "You must be one hell of an outdoor woman!"

"No," the woman replied, "I'm just a really bad golfer"



Thanks **Jim King** for sending this along.



Speaking of **Jim King**, as a life-long **Montreal Canadiens** fan, at 84 he is still quite happy to be pushing around his golf cart (he actually carries his bag in the fall).

While passing by #11 he came across a **Toronto Maple Leaf** cart, apparently abandoned by it's owner.

The die hard Leaf fan, aka **Chris Rowe** may have been putting out so he had an excuse to be absent from the photo. Chris, many of us feel your pain. Harder to get a tee time with the Leafs out.

How Henny Bogan Won \$200 by ¼ of an inch

Yes, the title is 100% correct and it actually happened at Deerfield - the 2010 B-Flight Shootout. Ten aspiring golfers started on the first hole after paying the \$20 stipend and one player had to drop out after each hole thanks to the vagaries of chip-offs.

So there we were, just Mr X and me, partaking in the delights of the 9th and final hole. We were playing for \$200 with half to be pledged to charity. The pin was centre-back that day and after I three-putted, Mr X nestled his putt up to 3 feet for the win. But as he lined up his putt, Mr X did an unusual thing - at least for him. He stood back, peeled off his sweater and flung it aside much to the amusement of the gallery, a rather flamboyant gesture that was entirely out of character. He then yanked his putt 3 feet past the cup and that's when it got interesting.

But Mr X was not to be denied and his putt was centre-cut the whole way. The supervisor then announced the putt-off was to be held from 40 feet and closest to the pin would win. My putt stopped about a foot off and oddly enough, so did Mr X's putt although his was on the opposite side of the cup and we marked. Our supervisor called it a tie and was about to initiate another putt-off when an eyewitness suggested we measure. After inserting a putter-head into the hole and measuring the length on the grip, he offered that it was still a tie. It was then that the kindly editor of Deer Tracks stepped forward and suggested that he measure by the lines of the sheet on which he was recording this historic event. After he measured - followed by a suitably dramatic pause - he announced that my sheet-line was number 17 - and Mr X's sheet-line was number 18, a mere ¼ of an inch behind mine.

Deer Tracks will now offer a sleeve of new Callaways to the first member who can correctly identify the 5 major participants. To assist in your ID's, here are 6 members from 2010 and you can make your selection from this list:

Chris Malloy John Ferguson Stewart Bryan Bob Marshall Neil McDonald Rick Batting

Henny Bogan _____ MR X _____

The Supervisor _____ The Eye-Witness _____

Deer Tracks Editor _____

Send your picks to Clayton Shold at: clayton@shold.ca

GOLF WISDOM

Golf can best be defined as an endless series of tragedies obscured by the occasional miracle, followed by a good stiff drink.

Golf you hit down to make the ball go up. You swing left and the ball goes right. The lowest score wins, on top of that, the winner buys the drinks.

Golf if you find you do not mind playing in the rain, snow, even during a hurricane, here's a valuable tip.. your life is in trouble!

Golf - ers who try to make everything perfect before taking the shot rarely make a perfect shot.

Golf A 'gimme' can best be defined as an agreement between two golfers... neither of whom can putt very well.

Golf's an interesting thing.. It no matter how badly you play, it's always possible to get worse.

Golf's a hard game to figure. One day you'll go out and slice it and shank it, hit into all the traps and miss every green. The next day you go out and for no reason at all your game really stinks!

Golf If your best shots are the practice swing and the 'gimme putt', you might wish to reconsider this game.

Golf is the only sport where the most feared opponent is you.

Golf is like marriage, If you take yourself too seriously it won't work, and both are expensive.

Golf The best wood in most amateurs' bags is the pencil.

Thanks **Bob MacDonald** for the jokes.

Upcoming Event ...

The **President's Cup** is coming up **July 17th.**

This tournament is a 2 man best ball net tournament.

Cost is \$10 per player.

Pro Shop Credits will be issued to winning teams.

Starting time approximately 7:30 am depending on number of golfers.

Deadline for entry is July 14th. Foursomes & tee times drawn on July 15th.

DMA EVENT SCHEDULE FOR 2021

T Designated tournaments : enter as T score...Also all matches following for those marked with: T*

Date	Day	Event Name			
July 3	SAT	Canada Day Red & White	(Lunch)	ShotG	8:00 am
July 17	SAT	T President's Cup - 2 Man Team Better Ball Net			7:00 am
Jul 31	SAT	T Men's Club Championship & B flight - 1st Round			7:00 am
Jul 31	SAT	T Ladies' Cup - 1st Round (Tentative)			7:00 am
Aug 1	SUN	T Men's Club Championship – Champs 2nd Round			8:00 am
Aug 2	MON	T Men's Club Championship - Champ 3rd round & 2nd for B flight			7:00 am
Aug 2	MON	T Ladies Cup - 2nd and final round (Tentative)			
Aug 8	SUN	Mixed Net Progressive	(Lunch)	ShotG	8:00 am
Aug 21	SAT	T Captain's Cup & Golden Boys			7:00 am
Sep 3	FRI	Memorial Classic - Draw and Parimutuel Betting (Tentative)			7:30 pm
Sep 4	SAT	Memorial Classic -1st Round (cocktails? at 6:00 pm) (Tentative)		Dinner? at 7:00 pm	
Sep 5	SUN	Memorial Classic Final Round (BBQ at 9th Green) (Tentative)			7:30 am
Sept 22	WED	3 Club Championship and Wed League Dinner		Wed League Times	
Sept 24	FRI	Men's/Ladies' Closing - Team Draw and Parimutuel			7:30 PM
Sept 25	SAT	T Men's/Ladies' Closing Tournaments - Men's Year End Awards ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	(Lunch?)	ShotG	8:00 am
Oct ??	TUE	Ladies' Closing Awards Dinner (Tentative)	(Dinner?)		6:30 pm
Oct 23	Sun	Mixed Harvest Tournament & Hot Potato	(Lunch?)	ShotG	8:30 am
Nov 13	SAT	Sniff'N Short Scramble	(Lunch?)	ShotG	9:00 am
DMA WEEKLY LEAGUE					
Apr 27 to Sep 28		Ladies' Tuesday A.M. League			8:00 AM
May 1 to Sept 26		Ladies' Saturday League			9:00 am
June 2 to Sept 22		Men's Wednesday League			All Day (Book Tee Times)

Club Championship (Updated)

Apologies, the information on the Club Championship that was in the first edition of Deer Tracks was extracted from an out of date set of "local rules". The correct information follows:

The Club Championship:

- 1) Men championship will be played from the blue tees (a variety of set ups) for Saturday, Sunday and Monday. There will low gross prizes and a low net prize.
- 2) Championship group will play all 3 days - Saturday, Sunday and Monday
- 3) Flights A, B, C - will play 2 days - Saturday & Monday from the white tees. Low net prizes in each flight.
- 4) Cost of the 3 day rounds is \$15 and the 2 day rounds is \$10
- 5) the qualifiers for the Match Play Championship will be based on the lowest 8 gross scores
- 6) Ladies Championship - to be determined by the Ladies Games Captain

Match Play

All match play is to use a **90%** factor for adjusting handicaps.



It was funny the other morning when **Jim King**, who NEVER goes into the fescue to look for a lost ball, decided to help out **Bill Marriott** on #3.

Ten seconds later he says, "I found it. Oh, no, that's not your ball. It has a Habs logo on it!" I mean really, what are the chances?!

The Back Page

Important Notice - the DMA has decided to **remove the 2-putt exception**. This is effective as of **Saturday, June 19th**. Members will putt out as they would on any other hole.

To reduce traffic on #4 and #14, signs for the public will remain, indicating a "Max Two Putt."



Speaking about greens...

Your cub reporter for Deer Tracks has been noticing more ball divots on the greens. When playing if you see any, it take just a minute to repair one or two.

Please take two minutes to [watch this short video](#) on how to properly repair a ball mark. I still see people doing it the incorrect way.

2021 Deerfield Members Association Executive

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