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Happy Spring!

A short edition of Deer Tracks to welcome you to the 2022 season. It won't be long before we are golfing. Watch your email for opening date and to book tee times.

Included is information for new members as well as our planned event schedule for the year.

See you on the course!

Welcome new members!

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

With today being the official first day of Spring, it is starting to feel a lot like golf weather.

It is safe to say we were fortunate to be golfers and be able to get out and play over the past couple of years. I don't think I'm alone in saying I look forward to this season perhaps even more than past years!

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.

Clayton



Clayton Shold
President



Vern Doupe
Treasurer



Vlad Mihaescu*
Secretary



Ardeth Groff
Ladies' Games Captain



Al Ferguson
Men's Games Captain



Mike Cook
Handicap Chair



Bill Marriott
Past President

* Couldn't resist putting in a photo of Vlad acing #4 October 31st last year.

Make a note!

Men's 2 Man Better Ball Match play Tournament

1st round matches will take place on Saturday May 7th. Cost will be \$10.00 per player.

A sign-up sheet will be posted outside the pro shop once the course is opened. You may sign up as a team or individually and we will try and find a partner for you. Should you not be able to participate in the 1st round match on May 7th, please note on the sign-up sheet that you are not available. The draw will be posted the week before the 1st matches. If you are unable to play then you will need to arrange an alternative date with your opposition to play your match. You are guaranteed two games. Lose your first and you go to the consolation side. Lose your second in the championship or consolation side and you are finished for the year.

Due dates will be set for the completion of each series, and it is up to the participants to schedule their games well in advance of these dates to allow for delays for weather etc.

Two dollar game

We are implementing the popular \$2.00 game each Wednesday. Sign up at the starter shack if you wish to play and drop off you \$2.00 before you start your round. Once you have completed your round (18 holes) please record your net score with the starter. You may play any time during the day as long as you can complete your round before the starter goes home. You do not need to be a member of the Wednesday league, but must be a member of the club and your round must be played with another member of the club. A blind draw will match each golfer with a partner. Best combined net scores will win the cash for the week. In the event of a rain-out, or an injury you can retrieve your money from the starter shack or leave it there for the next round. If you forget to put in your scores you will receive a credit for the next week. Winners can pick up their funds each week from Allan Ferguson.

Have a great golf season.

Allan Ferguson

Wednesday Men's League

The 2022 golf season will shortly be here, and hopefully we can get back to a normal season of golf without any shutdowns. It will be nice to have our normal post game lunches, where we discuss all the aspects of our day (good and bad), and wonder why our teams performed the way they did.

As for the Wednesday league, I will continue my role as the convenor for another year. Based on feedback at last year's final meeting, the format will remain the same. Entry fee for the year will be \$160.00 (unchanged from the past 4 years). This includes individual weekly payouts, team payouts for the 1st and 2nd sessions, individual payouts for low net golfers for the entire 20 weeks, as well as the final dinner.

The start date for this year will be May 4th which will hopefully allow us enough time to get the rust of our games and for the course to be in good condition. The closing three club tournament and dinner will be held on the 28th of Sept. For those counting the weeks, you will note that we have 21 weeks, which will allow for one rain-out. If not we will just play the extra week with individual payouts as normal, but no team scoring.

Payout levels for play will be determined based on the number of members participating. As usual the goal is to pay out all money that was collected at the start of the year. No deficit or surplus financing will occur. This is not the government.

As usual we accept cash or cheques which can be dropped off at the club or with Don McIsaac or myself. Cheques should be made out to Deerfield Men's league. You can also use e transfer to me at my email address. (alfergy1956@gmail.com)

I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Allan Ferguson



DMA EVENT SCHEDULE FOR 2022						
T Designated tournaments : enter as T score...Also all matches following for those marked with: T*						
Date	Day	Event Name				
Apr 30	SAT	Opening Day Tournament - Best 2 Ball Foursomes SPRING GENERAL MEETING	(Lunch)	ShotG		8:00 am
May 7	SAT	Better Ball Match Play - 2 Man Teams - First Round				7:00 am
May 15	SUN	Couples Better Ball Match Play - First Round				8:00 am
May 28	SAT	Les Estey Memorial - Mixed 2 Ball / Better Ball	(Lunch)	ShotG		8:00 am
June 10	FRI	Damsels &Thieves Draw and Parimutuel Betting				7:30 pm
June 11	SAT	Damsels &Thieves Tournament - 4 Person Teams	(Lunch)	ShotG		8:00 am
June 25	SAT	Putting Competition				5:00 pm
July 2	SAT	Canada Day - Red & White	(Lunch)	ShotG		8:00 am
July 9	SAT	T President's Cup - 2 Man Team Better Ball Net				7:00 am
Jul 30	SAT	T Men's Club Championship & B flight - 1st Round				7:00 am
Jul 30	SAT	T Ladies' Cup? - 1st Round				7:00 am
Jul 31	SUN	T Men's Club Championship – Champs 2nd Round				8:00 am
Aug 1	MON	T Men's Club Championship - Champ 3rd round & 2nd for B flight				7:00 am
Aug 1	MON	T Ladies Cup? - 2nd and final round				
Aug 7	SUN	Mixed Net Progressive	(Lunch)	ShotG		8:00 am
Aug 13	SAT	T Captain's Cup & Golden Boys				7:00 am
Sep 2	FRI	Memorial Classic - Draw and Parimutuel Betting				7:30 pm
Sep 3	SAT	Memorial Classic -1st Round (cocktails? at 6:00 pm)			Dinner? at 7:00 pm	
Sep 4	SUN	Memorial Classic Final Round (BBQ at 9th Green)				7:30 am
Sept 11	SUN	Members Tournament- Better Lady and Better Man - Net	(Lunch?)	ShotG		8:30 am
Sept 23	FRI	Men's/Ladies' Closing - Team Draw and Parimutuel				7:30 pm
Sept 24	SAT	T Men's/Ladies' Closing Tournaments - Men's Year End Awards AGM	(Lunch?)	ShotG		8:00 am
Sept 28	WED	3 Club Championship and Wed League Dinner			Wed League Times	
Oct 11	TUE	Ladies' Closing Awards Dinner	(Dinner?)			6:30 pm
Oct 22	Sun	Mixed Harvest Tournament & Hot Potato	(Lunch?)	ShotG		8:30 am
Nov 5	SAT	Sniff'N Snort Scramble	(Lunch?)	ShotG		9:00 am
DMA WEEKLY LEAGUE						
May 3 to Sep 27		Ladies' Tuesday A.M. League				9:00 am
May 7 to Sep 17		Ladies' Saturday League				9:00 am
May 4 to Sept 28		Men's Wednesday League				All Day (Book Tee Times)

More details will be provided before each event. To be able to play in any DMA tournament you will need to have an established handicap, do remember to put in your score every time you play. You can speak with our Handicap Committee Chair **Mike Cook**, or our Club Pro **Lee Beauchamp** if you need help getting started.

We are looking for convenors for the following events:

Apr 30 - Opening Day Tournament

Jul 2 - Canada Day - Red & White

Aug 7 - Mixed Net Progressive

If interested (or want to learn what's involved) contact Clayton, Al, or Ardeth.

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.



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).

The Back Page

The purpose of the Deerfield Members Association is to help you enjoy your golf. We are all volunteers, some of the members have been here for many years, some are new this year. You don't have to participate in events, but it is a fun way to get to know other members. Like many organizations, more hands make for a lighter workload. If you are interested in helping out with tournaments please let us know. As mentioned we have a need for three event convenors. We would like to bring on a new Handicap Committee Chair, which would be a great role for an intermediate member who loves the games and would like to get involved with the Executive.

You'll get to know Lee Beauchamp and his Pro Shop staff who work hard to make sure our playing experience is a good one. Be patient as they get to know all the new members, you'll be surprised how quickly they do.

Your DMA executive is happy to take your input and suggestions. I think you'll find we are a pretty good group! Well maybe with the exception of Bill. He is our Past President and he's old and grumpy. He hits the ball on the left side (watch what you say - so does Clayton). Bill has a new remote controlled power cart this year, so he may be a little less grumpy! 😊



"You have fits of rage, followed by temporary spells of euphoria, all within several hours. Are you, by chance, a golfer?"



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