



# Deer Tracks

## Opening Tournament

Deerfield's first tournament of the season is Saturday **April 30th** with an 8 a.m. shotgun start. The format is a Best 2 Ball Foursome, mixed event.

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The sign up sheet has been posted on the Pro Shop window. Please register by April 23rd. We will draw the teams based on handicaps with each team having similar cumulative handicaps. If you prefer, please contact us and we will register you. Paul Simpson (simpsonpaul22@gmail.com) and Andrea Wainwright (wainwrightandrea@gmail.com). Let us know if you are staying for lunch. Hope to see you out.

Paul & Andrea - Convenors

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## Preferred Lies

The Handicap Chair and Games Captains have determined current play as of April 15th (when you must begin inputting your scores) will be "**lift, clean and place**" until further notice.

You may lift clean and place your ball due to wet and muddy conditions. You must mark your ball, lift and clean it, and place it within a club length, no closer to the hole. This applies "through the fairway" which mean it does not apply in the rough or in any hazards.

Remember you may seek relief if your ball or your stance is in standing water. You may go back any distance, or seek relief laterally, no closer to the hole.

## Handicap Basics

The official Golf Season starts on **April 15** and here is some basic information on Handicapping that may be useful to new all members, but particularly new members who may not previously maintained a handicap.

- handicaps are calculated by the Golf Canada system, and players input their own scores.
- while it is not mandatory to have a handicap, participation in club tournaments requires a handicap, and normally so does informal competitive play amongst members.
- all scores for eligible rounds played on any course with an official slope and course rating must be entered (not only tournament scores)
- scores should be input by midnight on day of play
- the vast majority of members maintain a handicap. Scores are accessible by other members to review.
- the handicap chair also randomly reviews that members are posting scores as required and if you are maintaining a handicap will contact you for any observed delinquencies.

It is recommended that members read the **RULES OF HANDICAPPING and RULES OF GOLF** can be viewed at [golfcanada.ca](http://golfcanada.ca) , in the meanwhile here are some notes that may be helpful.

- an authorized format of play (e.g. stroke play, Stableford, match play, but not a Scramble), either Tournament or General play.
- minimum number of holes required is 7 holes for a 9 hole score or 14 holes for a 18 hole score (scores for holes not played would be par plus the players handicap allowance for the hole)
- must be played in company of at least one other person, (does not have to be a member).  
NOTE if a round is played alone, the score could still be entered into the system, but it **MUST** be identified as having been played alone so the system would not include in handicap calculation.
- played by the Rules of Golf
- on a course with a current course rating and slope rating where length and normal playing difficulty is maintained at constant level
- during the active season for the course. (Active season for Ontario courses is April 15 to October 31)
- scores for Deerfield Tournaments identified a "T" on the Tournament schedule should be posted a Tournament scores
- There is a maximum hole score for handicap purposes. Once a handicap has been established, the maximum score on a hole is net double bogey ( Par +2 + handicap allowance for the hole). For a player submitting their first scores to establish an initial handicap, the maximum score would be par+5.

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- it is recommended that scores be input into the system on a hole-by-hole basis, so that the system calculates the appropriate maximum.
- to obtain an initial handicap a player must input scores for a minimum of 54 holes comprised of a combination of 9 or 18 hole rounds.
- the Golf Canada system calculates handicaps, including certain adjustments (e.g. to reflect playing conditions or for unusually low or high scores). It is accessible for inputting scores by an app for your Phone or Tablet or by accessing their system on your browser.
- NOTE if you have scorecards for rounds played in 2021 /2021you will be able to enter these into the system to generate a handicap.

If you have any questions please contact me or any member of the DMA executive.



Mike Cook  
Handicap Chair

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## Hearty Souls



Grant Parsons, Clayton Shold, Ludwik Rydlewski



Mike Daniels, Bob MacDonald, Don Charlebois

Opening day (OK so it was the second day as the first day it was snowing) these six guys had the first tee times to get out and see what they could do after a winter's hibernation.

It wasn't pretty.

Thanks for the photos Bob!

## Wednesday Men's League

**\*\*\* Still time to sign up \*\*\***

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 <b>SPRING GENERAL MEETING</b>	(Lunch)	<b>ShotG</b>		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)	<b>ShotG</b>		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)	<b>ShotG</b>		8:00 am
June 25	SAT	Putting Competition				5:00 pm
July 2	SAT	Canada Day - Red & White	(Lunch)	<b>ShotG</b>		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)	<b>ShotG</b>		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)			<b>Dinner? at 7:00 pm</b>	
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?)	<b>ShotG</b>		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 <b>AGM</b>	(Lunch?)	<b>ShotG</b>		8:00 am
Sept 28	WED	3 Club Championship and Wed League Dinner			<b>Wed League Times</b>	
Oct 11	TUE	Ladies' Closing Awards Dinner	(Dinner?)			6:30 pm
Oct 22	Sun	Mixed Harvest Tournament & Hot Potato	(Lunch?)	<b>ShotG</b>		8:30 am
Nov 5	SAT	Sniff'N Snort Scramble	(Lunch?)	<b>ShotG</b>		9:00 am
<b>DMA WEEKLY LEAGUE</b>						
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:

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.

## The Back Page

Here a some of the staff you'll see around the course or the club house. If you are a new member, say hi and introduce yourself. If you are an old member say hi and introduce yourself if you haven't already!



**Steve** is one of our starters. He is new as well, joining Deerfield in 2021.



**Louis** always has a smile on and a friendly wave. Always working hard to keep the course looking nice.



**Jillian** will look after you at the snack bar with a smile.



**Gord** in the Pro Shop will help you with your bookings and free advice!

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