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Usually our coldest and often wettest event of the year to close the season is the **Sniff & Snort** tournament. This year with temperatures hitting 20C it was renamed the **Shake & Bake!**

Thanks to **Lee Beauchamp** who set up the obstacle course of ten holes which teams navigated through. Our starters Erich and Tony were around with coffee and some "add ins" to keep us loose in our back swing.

The winning team of **Ross Jordan, Andrea Wainwright, Bill Marriott** and **Vern Doupe** finished with a 29, after taking three off on the first hole when Bill Marriott sunk the putt from beyond the markers.

With this fun tournament, the two remaining teams were picked at random by Lee with teams finishing in fourth and seventh picking up some chit money. Thank you Carla Shold for convening.

Everyone was happy to see these two come by. Thanks for taking photos for us as well.



Shake & Bake Teams



Joseph Han & Al Ferguson Ace #11

On September 14th **Al 'Fergy' Ferguson** reports "The pin was about 110 yards, slightly right of the line for the front sand trap. As the ball left the club, the last thing I ever expected was the end result. The line of flight was exactly as I hoped, but the trajectory was less than optimal. However, sometimes the golf gods look favourably and give you an unexpected break. The ball bounced a couple of times before reaching the green, missed the sand trap by about 4 feet and slowed down slightly as headed for the hole. Much to my (and my fellow players) amazement, the ball hit the pin and fell in the hole."

"In this case the end result, BEVERAGES FOR EVERYONE." Congrats Al!



On September 17th **Joseph Han** surprised himself with a hole in one!

This cub reporter was on the scene. I say surprised himself as Joseph didn't watch his ball go in the cup, he was busy retrieving his tee. His playing partners started to jump up and down and went over to high-five the achievement. With a full view of the shot and the outcome (playing up #17) our foursome was applauding the achievement as well. Congratulations Joseph!



Games Captain Al Ferguson helps Joseph with the scorecard back at the clubhouse.

Photo credits Carla Shold

Deerfield Harvest and Hot Potato Tournament October 22



The weather was fantastic for this 4-person team event. Players played their own ball, and two low nets were counted per hole and a third score for the Hot Potato. This provided teams with two ways to win if they were lucky enough to finish with the Hot Potato (orange ball).

Nine teams played and 5 teams finished with their orange ball. The Hot Potato winner with a net score of 66 was **Alison Holmes, Mike Daniels, and Gabe Jennings**. This was the only three-person team in the field. This team with assistance from **Shawn McNamara** also placed second with a score of 123 in the overall net event.

The winners of the day were **Carla Shold, Eileen Wilson, Nick Mittler and Alec Gabriel** with a score of 122. This was a close scoring event.

Thanks goes to **Don Charlebois** for providing the orange balls and **Tim** for a great Chili lunch and apple pie ala mode for dessert, and **Lee** for managing the scoring.

Your Convenors
Ardeth & Ross

Riders

Four old men went into the pro shop after playing 18 holes of golf.

The pro asked, "Did you guys have a good game today?"

The first old guy said, "Yes, I had three riders today."

The second old guy said, "I had the most riders ever. I had five."

The third old guy said, "I had seven riders, the same as last time."

The last old man said, "I beat my old record. I had 12 riders today."

After they went into the locker room, another golfer who had heard the old guys talking about their game went to the pro and said, "I've been playing golf for a long time and thought I knew all the terminology of the game, but what's a rider?"

The pro said, "A rider is when you hit the ball far enough to actually get in the golf cart and ride to it."

The Deerfield Golf Draft

Almost every avid golfer follows the professional tours and roots for their favourite players from week to week. Since the early 90's, a group of Deerfield members, alumni and employees have taken this to the next level and participated in a fantasy golf league called The Deerfield Golf Draft.

The Draft started as the brainchild of former Golf Pro John Phelan with the technical help of one of the minor shareholders in Deerfield, Dave Inch. Of course, the Internet was not widely available at the start and nobody had email, so John and Dave waited each week for the current issue of Golf Week magazine and typed in the earnings of each player in the draft, then the results were posted on the bulletin board outside the Pro Shop.

The annual entry fee was \$20 per team and remains the same today. All of the entry fees are returned to participants in winnings with prizes allotted among the first, second and third place finishers as half cash, half Pro Shop voucher. The last place team owner receives a voucher for 5% of the pot.

"Owners" choose their team prior to the Friday of the first tournament in January from a set of groups that John has built and team standings are based on the sum of PGA Tour earnings (including Majors) of each owner's players. To keep it really easy for everyone there is no requirement to check and revise your team every week. Once your team is chosen and the closing date has passed, that is your team for the year, injury, defection or car accidents be damned! The draft ends with the BMW Championship since there is no tournament purse for the Tour Championship.

Each week (with occasional misses) Dave retrieves the PGA Tour earnings from the web and sends out the current standings to the owners via email. Graphs are occasionally included so show the progression through the year. And the weekly leader gets bragging rights... probably starting on the third tee.... that's something you don't get as "Duffer654" on a commercial fantasy site.

Participation varies but normally results in between 50 and 70 teams being built and competing for a slice of the pot. Growth and attrition replacement to date has been primarily by word of mouth and it was suggested that we publish some information about the Draft in Deer Tracks to help with publicity to add some new blood. So here we are.

The selection website will be up and running by mid-December so mark your calendar to go to www.aloft.ca/draft to make your selections. The simple rules will be posted there. To get a reminder to join this year, drop Dave an email at david.inch@gmail.com. Previous years' owners will automatically get a reminder.

We look forward to seeing some new owners in the Deerfield Draft this year. Who knows? ... we might even get 100 teams this year!

Submitted by **Dave Inch & John Phelan**

Match Play Champions 2022



Don Charlebois and **Mike Daniels** defeated **Earl Cochrane** and **Vern Doupe** in the consolation final.

In the single man match play **Vlad Miheascu** defeated **Grant Parson**.

Bob "Big Dawg" MacDonald and **Kenny "6 Iron" Richards** prevail!
Bob says "competition to reach the final was grueling exercise of nerves and skill." Two games were necessary to decide the Championship. The final game deciding score was four and three. The champions hammed and egged the opposition, **Neil McDonald** and **Glenn Byford** in the final game.

Good comradely and fun had by all and the crowds went wild.



Don McIssac took this photo of an egret in the pond on #9 September 28th. He noted he couldn't get any closer for the photo. Gone are the days when someone would kick off their shoes, pull off their socks and pants, and waded in for the close-up. But thanks for sending along the photo Don.

Men's and Ladies Closing Tournament

The tournament September 24 saw 12 Ladies and 27 Men compete which was a well-attended event. Parimutuel betting added to the excitement. History was also made with the announcement that the Ladies would be teeing off before the men on Saturday.

Saturday started chilly but turned into a beautiful fall day. Tim prepared a great lunch which was enjoyed by all. Thanks again to **Clayton** and **Graeme** for their help drawing teams and to **Al** and his crew for taking our money. **Lee** handled the score cards and scoring.

The winners were **Young Hee Son, Andrea Wainwright, Anna Tang** and **Eileen Wilson** for the ladies with a score of 133. The winners of the men were **Ludwick Rydlewski, Bill Marriott, Al Ferguson,** and **John Wright** with a score of 129. Right behind with a score of 130 was **Alex Gabiel, Paul Richardson, Nick Mittler** and **Graeme Gordon**. In third with a score of 132 was **Grant Parson, Don Charlebois, Vern Doupe** and **Derek Hynes**.

On behalf of your conveners **Vern** and **Ardeth** thanks for making this event a success!



Captain's Cup Results

The Captain's Cup tournament was held August 13th with 23 golfers signed up for the annual tournament that used to be called the Captain's Cup Golden Boys.

Low Net Winners

1. **Gary Aucoin** - Net 63
2. **Bob McDonald** - Net 69
3. **Vlad Miheascu** - Net 70
4. **Neil McDonald** - Net 72 (won on retrogression over Grant Parson and Ken Richards)

Low Gross Scores

1. **Vlad Miheascu** - 77
2. **Grant Parson** - 78

3 Club Champion & Men's League Big \$ Guy

Men's league organizer and Games Captain **Al Ferguson** presents the prestigious 3-club trophy to the 2022 winner **Vern Doupe**. As Vern noted, there have been some accomplished recipients before him!



The winner of the John Gartland trophy for the lowest net score over the 20 weeks was **Shawn McNamara**. We enjoyed a great dinner, and recognized the team and individual winners.

Congrats to Al for being unanimously voted to convene next year!



Talking about clubs...

Two friends were playing golf one day.

They decided that they would adhere strictly to the rules with no improving their lie.

After a few holes, one guy's ball landed on a cart path.

As he reached down to pick up his ball to get relief his friend said, "We agreed that we would not improve our lie."

No matter how much the first fellow tried to explain that he was entitled to this relief, the second fellow would not allow it.

So, the man went to the cart to get a club.

As he stood over the ball, he took a few practice swings, each time scraping the club on the pavement, taking out big chunks of blacktop and sending out lots of sparks!

Finally, after several practice swings, he took his shot.

The ball took off and landed on the green about 6 feet from the pin.

"Great shot!" his friend exclaimed. "What club did you use?"

"YOUR 7-iron!" he replied.

A Pen Explained

Hi Clayton,

It was really funny when we realized what our dear swan was actually doing.

When we arrived on the 11th, we saw the whole family sitting on the left side of the pond, resting near the green. I hesitated but decided to go right of green to avoid them. I teed up first and of course went left, next to the mother (I'm guessing). As I walked towards her to get my ball, she gets up, walks to the ball and sits on it. We were laughing but she looked directly at us and then turned her head in a regal manner. As if we were a bother to her. I put down a new ball and finished the game. Not sure in the ruling for that, is that considered a stroke?

Regards,

Gabe J.

Dear Gabe,

Thanks for the question. You've heard of a birdie, an eagle and an albatross. Regrettably your infraction is what is known as a "pen". Pen is the name for a female adult swan. (Seriously!) If you look up rule 19.1 in the rules of golf, in the fine print you will see reference to a "**pen**"alty for being under a swan. Normally you would claim an unplayable lie and take a stroke, but at Deerfield our local rule is you always yield to swans. No "pen"alty! - Clayton



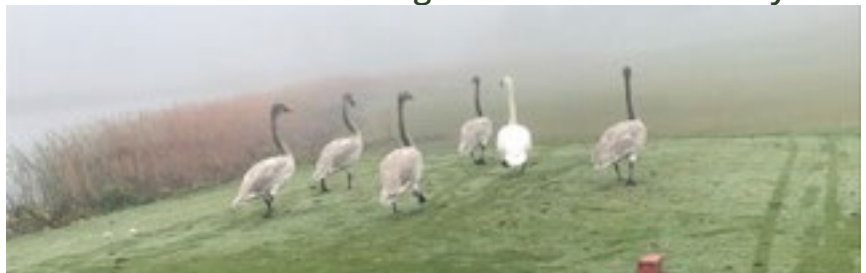
Photo credit - July Killeavy

K79 Update

The swans have brought many of great joy as we watch them return each year and start a new family on the Deerfield ponds. Sadly, K79 (the male swan, known as a cob) passed away in October. He was 9 (born in 2013). Starter Tony Juurlink, who has a strong affection for our swans, received an update from Kyna Intini of wildlife rescue, who advised the preliminary necropsy on K79 indicated he had a severe aspergillosis infection. This is a type of fungus (mold). A aspergillosis infection usually affects the respiratory system and may lead to breathing problems.

My understanding is swans mate for life, so it may be unlikely our current pen will return next year, but perhaps some of her past offspring may return with a mate.

For those asking about this year's cygnets, five have been back with mom a few times, we don't know what has happened to the sixth one. This was the highest retention rate anyone could remember.



A photo taken on #2 tee block
November 3rd.
"Mom with her kids"





Results are what count...

Carla and I took some lessons from Eddie Maunder in the Spring of 2022 and used his facility to get some practice in before hitting the course at Deerfield.

Eddie is an exceptionally patient instructor who keeps things simple, and is very good at pointing out what needs to be improved using video to demonstrate areas to focus on. My handicap was a 19 and I said I'd like to get down to a 15, Eddie said why not go for 12? I laughed. Turns out that is where I finished the year. Lessons can be a great investment!

Grab a coupon in the Pro Shop or mention this ad!

Fall Golf



At least it wasn't a frost delay on October 25th as the ladies tee up. Thanks **Anna Tang** for the photos.



Don Charlebois has a nice one down the middle of number two on October 26th. Yes, it does kind of look like a ray of light on Don. Captain Kirk beaming him up?

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New DMA President

After two years as DMA President, **Clayton Shold** was please to pass on the coveted Green Jacket to **Grant Parson** after he was elected at the Annual General Meeting. Former Past President **Bill Marriott** commented, three lefties in a row, but at least we finally have a President who can golf.



Best Fisherman

When the official ball count came in, we are happy to announce **Don Charlebois** retains his title to Deerfield's most proficient ball finder. Congrats Don!

Golfers Never Really Lie

An Old Golfer was hitting his ball from near a water hazard and his club fell into the water.

When he cried out, the Lord appeared and asked, "Why are you sad?"

The golfer replied that his club had fallen into the water and he needed the club to have a chance to win the tournament and supplement his meager pension.

The Lord went down into the water and reappeared with a solid gold club.

"Is this your club?" the Lord asked.

The golfer replied, "No."

The Lord again went down and came up with a sterling silver club.

"Is this your club?" the Lord asked.

Again, the golfer replied, "No."

The Lord went down again and came up with an old iron club.

"Is this your club?" the Lord asked.

The golfer replied, "Yes Lord, that's it!"

The Lord was pleased with the golfer's honesty and gave him all three clubs to keep, and the golfer won his tournament and went home happy.

Sometime later, the golfer was walking with his wife along the water hazard, and she fell into the lake.

When he cried out, the Lord again appeared and asked him,

"Now why are you sad?"

"Oh, Lord, my wife has fallen into the water!"

The Lord went into the water and reappeared with Kate Upton.

"Is this your woman?" the Lord asked.

"Yes," cried the golfer.

The Lord was furious. "You lied! That is an untruth!"

The golfer replied, "Oh, forgive me Lord. It is a misunderstanding.

"You see, if I had said 'No' to Kate Upton, you would have come up with Jennifer Aniston.

"Then if I said, 'No' to her, you would have come up with my wife.

"Had I then said 'Yes,' you would have given me all three.

"And Lord, I am an old man not able to take care of all three women in a way that they deserve... so that's why I said 'Yes' to Kate Upton."

And God was pleased.

The moral of this story is:

If a golfer ever tells a lie, it is for a good and honourable reason, and only out of consideration for others.

Enjoy your winter - see you next year!

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