



April 28, 2024

# Deer Tracks

## President's Message

The 2024 golf season has finally arrived! Once again this year, our membership is at capacity. On behalf of the Deerfield Members Association (DMA), I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new members and a hearty welcome back to all our returning members.

Your DMA executive have been working hard to put together a fun and exciting event schedule for you this year. We are implementing some changes to the event formats and dates, which we hope will increase member participation and enjoyment of these events. The most significant change is that participants will be able to choose which tee block they wish to play from for that event. I hope you will attend as many events as possible this year as they are a great way to meet fellow members and enjoy the camaraderie that golf affords us all.

Below are the faces of the 2024 DMA executive. Please say hello if you find us wandering the grounds.

Enjoy your 2024 golf season at Deerfield.

### Grant Parson, President



**Grant Parson**  
President



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Men's Games Captain



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Deer Tracks Editor

## Opening Tournament Photos



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The tournament scheduled for April 27th was canceled due to the forecast for rain (heavy at times). Turns out meterologists were right.

Thanks to convenors **Andrea Wainwright** and **Gabe Jennings**. A lot of work goes into organizing a tournament and it is disappointing when the elements don't cooperate.

## 2024 Eclipse Captured at Deerfield

Hugely better eclipse pictures were taken by the millions and many cameras were pointed skyward from Deerfield on eclipse day but here are a few of my shots from deerfield parking lot with my Samsung S23 ultra phone at 30/60 100 X zoom. I was babysitting on the 8th when I realized the 14th tee at Deerfield was at the extreme northern limit of totality. So I scurried down to the parking lot by 3:15 and got a few pics through the clouds. I think I actually missed totality as it was only about 5 seconds long at the parking lot latitude. A moment to cherish, a day to remember at Deerfield that wasn't golf related! - **Peter Little**



## Deerfield Bowling League Season Preparing for the 2024-2025 Season (Looking for New Members)

Before going any further, I bet many of our Deerfield membership are unaware that we have a bowling league. It was started over 20 years ago by Deerfield members to provide a fun way to get together Thursday evenings over the winter months.

We have 10 teams of three players and a season of 20 weeks broken into two 10-week sessions. Games are Thursdays at Classic Bowl in Mississauga and start at 6:30. Following the games several players go out for a bite to eat and catch up. You do not have to be a Deerfield member to play and over the years we have added friends, neighbors and partners of DMA members to the league. We always need a few new players and spares each season.

Play is handicapped and so don't worry if you are new to bowling. You also don't play with your significant other if you joined with one. This is all about a getting out with friends for a fun night. Prizes are awarded to the top three teams each half and individual awards are given based on the results of the entire season. You sign up for the entire 20 week season but if you need to get away for a week or two or need to miss a game for any reason you can get a spare to bowl for you or you can pre-bowl.

Pat and Chris Spruin, friends of Deerfield and members of the bowling group for several years, will be coordinating things again this year and can be reached at [cpspruin@gmail.com](mailto:cpspruin@gmail.com). They will reach out through Deer Tracks to remind everyone about the three free fun nights that will be available over the summer. If you have any questions also feel free to ask either Ardeth or Phil Groff when you see them at the course.

### **A recap of the 2023 - 2024 Season:**

#### First Half

First place team - Team 1 (Anna Tang, Tony Sergautis and Claire Elliot)  
Second place team - Team 10 (Kathy Jordan, Chris Spruin and Stu Payne)  
Third place team - Team 3 (Sheryl Kennan, Ugo Gizzi and Paul Richardson)

#### Second Half

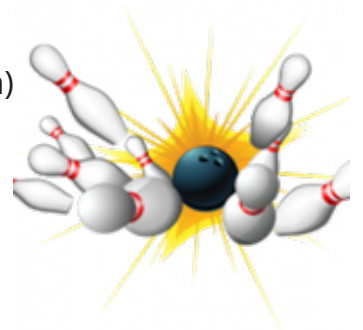
First place team - Team 8 (Eileen Wilson, Gini Decelles and Steve Novak)  
Second place team - Team 10 (Kathy Jordan, Chris Spruin and Stu Payne)  
Third place team - Team 5 (Jan Payne, Graeme Gordon and Judy Killeavy)

High Game Scratch Men - Tony Sergautis  
High Game Handicap Men - Ross Jordan  
Most Improved Men - Stu Payne

High Series Scratch Men - Gerry Cassidy  
High Series Handicap Men - Steve Novak

High Game Scratch Women - Darlene Cassidy  
High Game Handicap Women - Eileen Wilson  
Most Improved Woman - Kathy Jordan

High Series Scratch Women - Judy Killeavy  
High Series Handicap Women - Claire Elliot





## Deerfield Couples Event Starts Sunday May 12

A fun event at Deerfield, Couples will kick off on Sunday May 12th. A popular event pre-Covid, Couples continues to be a great way to get out for a friendly game of golf and to get to meet other members. If your significant other is not a member but would like to golf it is also a way to get them out. You need to sign up as a couple so Deerfield singles are also welcome to sign up as a couple.

Couples is not an officially sanctioned DMA event and we do our best to accommodate handicaps for those that don't play regularly. We averaged 4 foursomes most weeks and Lee has blocked us 5 tee times each week and will block more if needed. We recognize this first Sunday is Mother's Day which might affect attendance.

The format is as follows:

- Sign-up sheets will be on the window at the pro shop
- We will make up teams and email out teams and times
- Each couple throws \$5 into a pot for prize money so bring proper change
- We play a game each week and your foursome will compete against the field
- Games could be a scramble, modified scramble, two low net or Knives, a fun Deerfield game
- Patio or inside lunch follows depending on weather

Please sign up quickly so that we can organize the event and T-Times. **Ardeth and Phil Groff** organize this event so for any questions, please email them at [groff@rogers.com](mailto:groff@rogers.com).



### Play it where it lies...or not!

Thought you might want this awesome shot on 10 for Deer Tracks. I took the penalty and did not hit out of the bush.

Right after this we actually had snow on 11. What a day!

**Sheryl Keenan** (April 20th)

## Ground Under Repair



This photo was taken by **Neil McDonald** on November 22, 2023. **Hole #13** is significantly improved. Thanks to **Spike** and his grounds crew. Hey, the ladies tee blocks on **#9** could use some love. Wink wink.

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### Why spouses shouldn't play golf together.

A husband reluctantly agreed to play in the couples' alternate shot tournament at his club.

He teed off on the first hole, a par four, and blistered a drive 300 yards down the middle of the fairway. Upon reaching the ball, the husband said to his wife, "Just hit it toward the green, anywhere around there will be fine."

The wife proceeded to shank the ball deep into the woods. Undaunted, the husband said "That's OK, Sweetheart" and spent the full five minutes looking for the ball. He found it just in time but in a horrible position. He played the shot of his life to get the ball within two feet of the hole. He told his wife to knock the ball in.

His wife then proceeded to knock the ball off the green and into a bunker. Still maintaining composure, the husband summoned all of his skill and holed the shot from the bunker.

He took the ball out of the hole and, while walking off the green, put his arm around his wife and calmly said, "Honey, that was a bogey five and that's OK, but I think we can do better on the next hole".

To which she replied, "Listen butthead, don't bitch at me, only 2 of those 5 shots were mine."

## DMA EVENT SCHEDULE FOR 2024

Date	Day		Event Name	Team Formation	Playing Format	Lunch		
T Designated tournaments : enter as T score...Also all matches following for those marked with: T*								
Apr 10	WED	Mixed	Member welcome social night					7:00 pm
Apr 27	SAT	Mixed	Opening Day Tournament and <b>SPRING GENERAL MEETING</b>	By Convenor	Best 2 ball Foursomes	(Lunch)	<b>ShotG</b>	8:00 am
May 11	SAT	Men	Better Ball Match Play - 2 Man Teams - First Round	Pick your own	2 person better ball			8:30 am
May 25	SAT	Mixed	Les Estey Memorial - Mixed 2 Ball / Better Ball	By Convenor	2 person better ball	(Lunch)	<b>ShotG</b>	8:00 am
Jun 15	SAT	Men	T Captain's Cup	Individual	Stroke play - net			7:00 am
June 29	SAT	Mixed	Canada Day - Canada vs. World	By Convenor	Better ball match play	(Lunch)	<b>ShotG</b>	8:00 am
July 12	FRI	Mixed	Damsels and Theives - Draw and Parimutuel Betting					<b>7:00 pm</b>
July 13	SAT	Mixed	Damsels and Theives	Random Draw	TBD			8:30 am
Aug 3	SAT	Men	T Men's Club Championship & B flight - 1st Round	Individual	Stroke play			7:00 am
Aug 3	SAT	Ladies	Ladies' Event - 1st Round		TBA			7:00 am
Aug 4	SUN	Men	T Men's Club Championship – Champs 2nd Round	Individual	Stroke play			8:00 am
Aug 5	MON	Men	T Men's Club Championship - Champ 3rd round & 2nd for B flight	Individual	Stroke play			7:00 am
Aug 5	MON	Ladies	Ladies Event - 2nd and final round		TBA			
Aug 17	SAT	Men	T President's Cup - 2 Man Team Better Ball Net	By Convenor	2 person better ball			8:30 am
Sep 6	FRI	Mixed	Memorial Classic - Draw and Parimutuel Betting					<b>7:00 pm</b>
Sep 7	SAT	Mixed	Memorial Classic -1st Round	Random Draw	Scramble			
Sep 8	SUN	Mixed	Memorial Classic Final Round (BBQ at 9th Green)	Random Draw	Scramble			7:30 am
Sep 25	WED	Men	3 Club Championship and Wed League Dinner	Individual	Stroke play - net		<b>Wed League Times</b>	
Sep 27	FRI	M & L	Men's/Ladies' Closing - Team Draw and Parimutuel					<b>7:00 pm</b>
Sep 28	SAT	M & L	T Men's/Ladies' Closing Tournaments - Men's Year End Awards <b>AGM</b>	Random Draw	Best 2 ball Foursomes	(Lunch)	<b>ShotG</b>	8:00 am
Oct 19	SAT	Mixed	Harvest Tournament & Hot Potato	Pick your own	Best 2 ball Foursomes	(Lunch)	<b>ShotG</b>	8:30 am
Nov 9	SAT	Mixed	Sniff'N Snort Scramble	Pick your own	Scramble	(Lunch)	<b>ShotG</b>	9:00 am
<b>DMA WEEKLY LEAGUE</b>								
Apr 30 to Sep 24			Ladies' Tuesday A.M. League					8:40 AM
May 4 to Sept 21			Ladies' Saturday League					8:40 AM
May 1 to Sept 25			Men's Wednesday League					All Day (Book Tee Times)

## Oops!

After a particularly poor game of golf, a popular club member skipped the clubhouse and started to go home. As he was walking to the parking lot to get his car, a policeman stopped him and asked, "Did you tee off on the 16th hole about 20 minutes ago?"

"Yes," the golfer responded.

"Did you happen to hook your ball so that it went over the trees and off the course?"

"Yes, I did. How did you know?" he asked

"Well," said the policeman very seriously, "Your ball flew out into the highway and crashed through a driver's windshield. The car went out of control, crashing into five other cars and a fire truck. The fire truck couldn't make it to the fire, and the building burnt down. So, what are you going to do about it?"

The golfer thought it over carefully and responded..."I think I'll close my stance a little bit, tighten my grip and lower my right thumb."

Thanks for the submission **Al Ferguson**



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