

Deer Tracks

Deer Field Members Association
Newsletter

MAY 2008



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

**Murray and Bonnie Mackey
Andrea Wainwright
Clarence Cook
Norma Wright
Peter Skynner, a junior**

COMING EVENTS

May 11 Couples Better Ball Match Play

May 17 Men's Match Play 2nd round

May 24 President's Cup

May 24 Ladies Charity Ball

June 1 Les Estey Memorial

A MESSAGE FROM THE GROUNDS SUPERINTENDENT

WELCOME BACK DEERFIELD MEMBERS

It has certainly been a winter season to remember and yet it feels like we skipped spring and landed in summer! After a long, snow filled winter; the golf course has finally shed its layer of ice and snow to turn into a lovely shade of green. Considering the weather we received this past winter, the golf course came through in very, very good condition. Greens and tees are in great shape with minimal snow mold and ice damage. The fairways (unfortunately) have some large patches of ice damage. The damaged areas are being top soiled, raked and seeded so please do not play off these areas as they grow in. It will only take longer for the turf to heal if you do. Please just treat it as a ground under repair area and locate your ball to the nearest point of relief. The rough had a very rough season all last year due to the drought conditions and the amount of play but it came through the winter reasonably well with only some snow mold and ice damage.

Please be aware that Ian and his crew are working very hard to get the course cleaned up and back in shape for another enjoyable golfing season. Speaking of Ian's crew, Ian has hired Greg Weber as his new Assistant Superintendent. Greg comes to Deerfield after graduating from the Turf Diploma Program at the University of Guelph and having worked at both the Devil's Paintbrush and Cutten Club golf courses. He is looking forward to meeting all of you so please introduce yourself to him, but don't chat too long though because Ian will be wondering where he went!!

Over the winter, Ian attended the Ontario Golf Superintendent's Show held in Toronto, but for extra special reasons this year. He was presented with the Ontario Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Level 2 Accreditation Award at the Symposium. This award is given to superintendents that demonstrate their commitment to the environment through IPM monitoring and a yearly desk audit review and an onsite audit. Deerfield has been practicing IPM over the past few years and this award is particularly important because of the new Oakville pesticide by-law that went into effect on January 1st, 2008. The by-law is intended to restrict the use of pesticides within the Town of Oakville. The interesting amendment to the by-law is that an Accredited Golf Superintendent is exempt because they have shown their commitment to the proper usage of pesticides through threshold measures and to the surrounding environment. This coincidentally falls on the heels of Premier Dalton McGuintys' announcement that he is going ahead with the proposed legislation involving pesticide usage and the regulation of them. Congratulations Ian!!

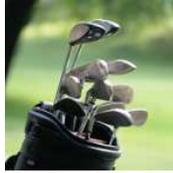
With the talk of the environment at the forefront of issues facing golf courses today, the blue staked environmental buffer zones are here to stay. The buffer zones were cut down in the fall to a height of about 3 inches. The blue stakes are slowly being put back up to help identify the specific areas. These areas have been great to help soften the look of the golf course and to decrease the amount of mowing. There might be some small changes to the buffer zones to allow people to cross in specific areas and to accommodate golfer traffic flow. Please talk to John Phelan if there are any questions or concerns regarding the rules of golf relative to these environmental areas.

As far as new changes to the golf course for the 2008 season, greens have been reshaped (starting last fall) and are continuing to be grown in for the new contour of the greens. Tree work was started over the winter and clean-up is just about finished. Fairways are being looked at for reshaping as well, and will be easier to view the new shape as the grass starts to grow.

The Turf Department hopes everyone had an enjoyable winter season and that the coming golfing season will be a great one for all. Happy golfing everyone.

A Message from the Grounds Superintendent re Unsplit Firewood

If you or anyone you know are interested in getting some firewood that is available as a result of the recent tree pruning and felling, please contact iain McIsaac to make pick-up arrangements.



OPENING DAY April 12, 2008

The weather finally cooperated for our first official event of the 2008 Golf season. A really good turnout of 96 members teed it up for the Opening Day Scramble this year. Following some good, and maybe a little rusty golf, all of which was fun just the same, members enjoyed a sandwich lunch provided by Johnny Mac and his staff.

John Phelan, our club pro welcomed everyone to the 2008 season and presented prizes to the following team winners.

LADIES

1st	Joyce Gordon	Jeanette Gray	Jessie Smillie	Monika Weisman
2nd	Betty Heuthorst	Laurie Monroe	Laura Parsons	Sharon Smalley
3rd	Stella Cheung	Kelta Fleck	Loralee Harris	Carla Shold

MEN

1st	Darryl Harris	Jim King	Bob Marshall	Bryce McBain
2nd	Graeme Gordon	Phil Groff	Bob McCrudden	Ray Pomroy
3rd	MikeDaniels	Mike Mallon	Richard Mann	Jochen Schmitz
4th	Derek Hynes	John Ince	Murray Mackey	David Yawney
5th	Bill Marriott	Ted McGahey	Manu Patel	Dan Shaw

Following the presentation of prizes Ray Pomroy, President of Deerfield Members Association, welcomed everyone to the new season and thanked all for a good turnout and their participation in the opening day tournament. Ray then proceeded to chair the Annual Spring General Meeting with reports presented by the various DMA Directors. Under New Business was the adoption of an amendment to the constitution regarding the tenure of the position of Handicap Chair. A unanimous vote gave approval to the amendment.

BMO TO SUPPORT HALTON WOMEN'S PLACE

The Turnbull Aquarium Charity Tournament has found a major sponsor for 2008 in the form of BMO Bank of Montreal. Through the work of Deerfield members Laurie Munro and Don Gemmell, both BMO employees, BMO Bank of Montreal has generously agreed to contribute \$5,000 to Halton Women's Place.

On hearing this great news, the founder of the Tournament, Brian Turnbull, was lost for words. We will see if this situation persists.

The 2008 Tournament will take place at Deerfield on Sunday, July 13. Brian Turnbull, as in prior years, will "take on all comers" under the Stableford scoring system and the course will be played to its maximum yardage. The Planning Committee is looking to streamline the prize giving this year so that everyone can be home by early afternoon.

Generous donations have also been received from Tim Hortons and the Fram Building Group so we are off to a flying start. We would like to get maximum participation from Deerfield members and their guests for this great event for a great cause – Halton Women's Place. So put Sunday, July 13 on your calendars.

WEBSITE

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www.golfdeerfield.com Select Members Only
Log In: Deerfield Password:dfgmember**



From the Pro Shop

Be sure to check out the new look and new merchandise at great prices!

Vouchers readily accepted.

Drop in to meet the new staff, Eddie Maunder, Andy Walls and say "Hello", and greet the returning staff of Wayne Allard and Rob Phelan.