

Deer Tracks

Deerfield Members' Association

Newsletter

AUGUST 2008

The Labour Day weekend is fast approaching which means that it is time for the Annual Deerfield Classic Tournament, Dinner, Dance and BBQ. The event is co-convened this year by Di Pomroy and Don Gemmell.

Door prize donations would be greatly appreciated. Please let Di or Don know if you have a prize to donate.

Sign up now either in the Pro Shop or on the Sign-Up sheets on the bulletin board for this great event.

*****WELCOME**

On behalf of the DMA we welcome Bonnie Budd as a new member!

RAIN, RAIN AND MORE RAIN!

The rain has not dampened (or has it?) the turnout for the following tournaments which have been played over the last few weeks starting with the **LADIES BETTER BALL**, held on July 5. It was convened by Cecile Mackie and Jessie Smillie. Prizes were awarded too the following winners:

1st Place: Di Pomroy & Gini Decelles

2nd Place: Mary Cochrane & Bonnie Budd

3rd Place: Heather Slater & Betty Heuthurst



Closest to the rope on # 7: Bonnie Mackay

Closest to the pin on # 6: Kelta Fleck

The **AQUARIUM TOURNAMENT** was held. on Sunday July 13, There was a great turnout for this event which raised a record amount of funds for the Halton Women's Shelter. Judging by some of the scores posted using the Stapleford System it would appear that the self-proclaimed WGP was on the positive side this year. The overall winners were: **Carol Jack** for the Women with 42 points and **Jim Smille** for the Men with 44 points.

Thanks to the convenors and to Brian for all their efforts in organizing this fun event.

Saturday, July 26, the **CAPTAINS CUP** and **GOLDEN BOYS' TOURNAMENT** was held. Two tournaments in one, with the Captain's Cup open to all and the Golden Boys open to those 60 & over. Prizes were awarded to:

CAPTAINS' CUP

Net: 1st Place:	Alan Wight	62
2nd Place:	Grant Parson	67
3 rd Place:	John Ince	67
4th Place:	Paul Richardson	68
Gross: 1st Place:	Don Gemmell	74
2nd Place:	Bob Cherrett	76

GOLDEN BOYS

Net: 1st Place:	Alan Wight	62
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2 nd Place: John Ince 67
3 rd Place: Mike Daniels 68
4th Place: Seig Hummelbrunner 71
Gross: 1st Place: Bill Marriott 81
2nd Place: Iain Ross 82

2008 DEERFIELD CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

The annual Club Championship Tournament for both Mens' and Ladies' was played over three days on the August holiday weekend. There was a little rain on Saturday but otherwise we had good weather with the following winners:

Ladies'

"A" Flight Club Champion: Val Richardson

2nd Place: Laurie Parsons

3rd Place: Jessie Smillie

"B" Flight Champion: Di Pomroy

2nd Place: Kelta Fleck

"C" Flight Champion: Sue Batting

Men's Club Champion: Richard Mann 234 Runner Up: John
Ferguson 235

"A" Flight :Champion: Chris Molloy 249

"B" Flight Champion: Ness Ariganello 258

"C" Flight :Champion: Jim Smillie 284

"D" Flight Champion: Darryl Harris 288

Senior Champ: John Ferguson 235

Thanks to Kerri and her crew, and to John Phelan for all their work on this event.

***** **Congratulations to John Ferguson, and
thanks for the libations, following his Hole-In-One on the 13th hole!**

A NEW HANDICAP SYSTEM FOR 2009

The RCGA Handicap system which we currently use at Deerfield is in its final year of operation. At this time, after looking into alternative systems it makes good sense to migrate to the RCGA Network, an internet-based system.

At the time of writing this memo provisions are in the works to have an internet line connected to the current computer which, together with a Sympatico DSL software package, will allow for access to the RCGA Network. There will be a monthly cost to the DMA for the Sympatico system but this will be alleviated by discontinuing the service temporarily through most of the winter months.

There are many benefits to migrating to this system which members will appreciate. The main advantage is that members will be able to post their scores from anywhere where they have access to the internet, in addition to the current process of inputting a score directly using the current handicap computer.

Golf course searches will include information on courses across Canada and the US with up to date ratings.

Members will be able to immediately correct any erroneous scores recorded and, hopefully, the software will reject obvious errors such as recording a 9-hole score as an 18-hole game. The Handicap chairperson will have a deeper access to correct other mistakes in recording scores.

Your committee is currently in touch with the Golf Association of Ontario to have a trial version of the software available in early August of this year.

Members will continue to use the existing handicap system to enter their scores until the new version of the handicap system has been tested by the handicap committee. Appropriate instructions on how to use the new system will be communicated accordingly to ensure a smooth transition to the new system for 2009.

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HOLE IN ONE

It has been quite a while since we have been able to extend congratulations (and thanks for the drinks) to one of our members for recording a hole-in-one. The honour goes to **Bob McCrudden** who aced hole # 2 on Sunday July 6, 2008. For club selection please speak to Bob.

NATURALIZED AREAS

Apart from the fescue growing rampant in some areas and it being almost as tall as some players (not to mention any names), Ian and his crew have been working hard to have the course in terrific condition as many members have mentioned. As for the fescue and our local rule, if you have not read the notice and are not sure what to do, please read the following. If you still have any questions please speak to someone in the Pro Shop.

In 2008 Deerfield will be continuing to develop its freeform naturalized areas program. These areas were designated by blue stakes in 2007.



This year however, the concept of “blue stakes” has been eliminated. The areas will be designated and played as “red stake” lateral water hazards. However, the margins of these areas will be defined by the long grass not by visible red stakes.

- if found, the ball may be played as it lies if desired as with any lateral water hazard.

OR

If lost or unplayable, under penalty of one stroke, the relief procedures will apply for the RCGA rule for lateral water hazard. Rule 26-1a) 1b) 1c).

NOTE: A ball may not be declared unplayable in a (lateral) water hazard.

NO POWER OR PULL CARTS ARE ALLOWED IN THESE AREAS

Speaking of the Pro Shop, be sure to look at the good bargains available in clubs, clothing etc. in the Pro Shop where you can redeem your vouchers.

TOURNAMENTS & MORE TOURNAMENTS

The tournaments this year have been well attended regardless of weather, and, with the odd exception, have been played in good conditions.

The following is a list of various events covering the past few weeks with the respective winners in each event.



LADIES' CHARITY BALL

The Ladies' Charity Ball was held on the Saturday May 24. We had a great turn-out of 28 ladies. The results were very close, but the winners were Jessie Smillie and Monika Weismann. The longest drive went to Carla Shold. Judy Killeavy won the prize for closest to the pin on #9, and Cecile Mackie won for closest to the pin on #11.

Afterwards the ladies had a delicious lunch of afternoon-tea style sandwiches and salad, nicely prepared and presented by the kitchen and dining room staff. After lunch we had fun exchanging the gift bags and comparing booty.

Many thanks go to John Phelan, who came down to say a few words about the new rules for the environmental areas, and to do the scoring.

Jessie and Monika have chosen the Canadian Cancer Society as their charity. The money donated by the Lady Members will be forwarded to this charity on their behalf.

Submitted by Toni & Betty

PRESIDENT'S CUP

May 24, 2008

Two man team

- 1st Place:** Iain Ross,
 Adrian Kyte
- 2nd Place:** Jay Shoemaker,
 Seig Hummelbrunner
- 3rd Place:** Rodney Read,
 Ken Musgrave
- 4th Place:** Phil Groff,
 Don Mclsaac
- 5th Place:** Brian Turnbull,
 Jim Harries
- 6th Place:** Paul Richardson
 Mike Daniels

Vouchers were awarded by John Phelan to the winners who posted some good scores which resulted in retrogression being required in a number of placements.

THIEVES AND DAMSELS

With a new name this year, the Thieves and Damsels Tournament was played June 14, 2008. The draw and pari-mutuel betting taking place the Friday night before. The winners were:

THIEVES' DIVISION

- 1st Place:** Ness Ariganello
 Bob Cherrett
 Ches Hornibrook
 Bob Minson

2nd Place: Phil Groff
Mike Mallon
Grant Parson
John Webster

3rd Place: Tish Bose
Dev Prashar
Rodney Read
Thomas Wong

4th Place: Stewart Bryan
John MacKenzie
Jochen Schmitz
Clayton Shold

DAMSELS' DIVISION

1ST Place: Cecilia Ferguson
Kelta Fleck
Doris Minson
Tony Schmitz

2nd place; Joyce Gordon
Sharon Entwistle
Jeanette Gray
Jessie Smillie

Thanks to all who work at putting this event together, Handicapping, Names, Drawing Teams and the pari-mutuel. A special thanks to Don McIsaac.



THE LONGEST DAY OF THE YEAR

On June 21, the 2008 Putting Championship took place with our putting green laid out in championship form by our two Johns', Ferguson and Phelan, on a beautiful summer late afternoon.

After listening to a lot of oohs and aahs, together with some loud bantering, after the final match the championship trophy was presented to **Phil Kelly**, D.G.P., who defeated the self proclaimed, W.G.P., **Brian Turnbull**.

Other prizes were awarded to **Grant Parson** who took 3rd place and **John Ferguson** took 4th place. Fifth place was a tie between **Stewart Bryan** and **Ron Fleck**.

Thanks to everyone for making this event a lot of fun!

CANADA vs THE WORLD

On Sunday June 29, 2008, the Canada versus The World Tournament, the 10th year for this event, resulted in The World combining their team's scores to

win an overwhelming victory with a score of **34** points to Canada's **14** points.

The tally so far in the 10 years is now Canada, 7 wins, to The World's 3 wins.

Awards were presented for Closest to the hole on

9: Iain Ross

9: Val Richardson

#11: Mary Cochrane

13: Don Gemmell.

Thank you to the convenors for the arrangements and to the staff for the lunch.



VINDICATION FOR THE WGP

An 'outside the club' tournament attended by our runner-up in the 2008 Putting Championship

The Halton Women's Place Golf Tournament was held at the Crosswinds Golf Club on June 5th and they invited me to come and play in appreciation for the \$11,000.00 I have raised for them over the last 13 years.

They had 136 participants and they anticipated setting a new record of fund raising. In the putting contest, you had 3 balls to get the highest score and the distance was 50 feet. Of course, the WGP rose to the occasion and made two 50 foot bullseye putts to become the champion, winning a large gift basket.

For all the skeptical members at Deerfield who have been questioning the ability of the World's Greatest Putter, eat your heart out! You had better pray that I don't have a hot putter at the upcoming Aquarium Tournament on July 13th, as it has the potential to be a Blood Bath with many bodies thrown into the fish tank.

I invited Jochen Schmitz to join me at this event as his wife does not let him out much and our team shot 11 under par. We lost the tournament by one shot.

On hole 17 my beautiful nine wood got me inside the marker for closest to the pin until that sleaze bag Jochen hit his shot a shoe length closer so he won a gift basket as well. We both carried swag back to the car.

Submitted by Brian Turnbull



Golf can be best defined as an endless series of tragedies obscured by the occasional miracle.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Sadly, **Dennis Adams** passed away peacefully on Sunday night April 27, 2008. Those who knew Dennis, knew him as a charmer and a born salesman. He will be missed. Our sympathy is sent to his family and friends.

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It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of a very active member of Deerfield, **Sharon Entwistle**, who died suddenly June 24, 2008. Our condolences go out to her family and friends. She will be missed by her many friends at Deerfield.

FUTURE EVENTS

July 26 Captain's Cup and Golden Boys

Aug. 2 Men's' & Ladies' Club Championship 1st round

Aug 3 Men's' Club Championship 2nd round

Aug 3 Ladies' Club Championship "B" & "C" Flights...Final round

Aug 4 Men's Club Championship Final round

Aug 4 Ladies' Club Championship "A" Flight Final Round

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FREE-FORM OR BLUE STAKED AREAS

If you hit your ball into one of the free-form (currently blue staked) areas you may hit the ball as it lies or relief may be taken as follows: under Rule 28 (Ball Unplayable) or under Rule 26.1 (Relief for Ball in Water Hazard). Rule 26.1 is being used as a Local Rule in this instance. If relief is taken a ONE STROKE PENALTY is applied in both instances

Details of the above rules can be found in the RCGA Rulebook or on the RCGA Website (www.rcga.org)

For those of you who haven't got access to a rulebook or the internet here are extracts from both sections:

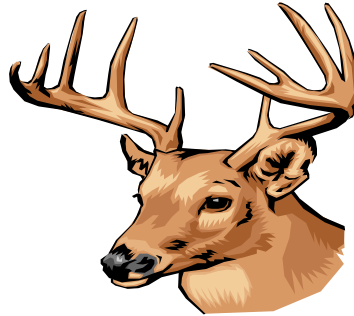
26-1. Relief for Ball in Water Hazard

If a ball is in a water hazard or if it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found is in a water hazard (whether the ball lies in water or not), the player may under penalty of one stroke:

a. Play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played (see Rule 20-5); or

b. Drop a ball behind the water hazard, keeping the point at which the original ball last crossed the margin of the water hazard directly between the hole and the spot on which the ball is dropped, with no limit to how far behind the water hazard the ball may be dropped; or

c. As additional options available only if the ball last crossed the margin of a lateral water hazard, drop a ball outside the water hazard within two club-lengths of and not nearer the hole than (i) the point where the original ball last crossed the margin of the water hazard or (ii) a point on the opposite margin of the water hazard equidistant from the hole.



Rule 28. Ball Unplayable

The player may deem his ball unplayable at any place on the course, except when the ball is in a water hazard. The player is the sole judge as to whether his ball is unplayable. If the player deems his ball to be unplayable, he must, under penalty of one stroke:

- a. Play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played (see Rule 20-5); or
- b. Drop a ball behind the point where the ball lay, keeping that point directly between the hole and the spot on which the ball is dropped, with no limit to how far behind that point the ball may be dropped; or
- c. Drop a ball within two club-lengths of the spot where the ball lay, but not nearer the hole.

Even though a notice was posted outside the pro-shop over a month ago golfers, including some members, are still taking pull carts and in some cases power carts, into these areas. Please respect the rules.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I sit and write this article for Deer Tracks it is now June and finally the sun is shining and the temperature is above 20 degrees centigrade, just!but wait the weather report is now predicting rain, lower temperatures for the balance of the week...but wait again, ah-ha , it looks like 30 degrees at the end of the week so maybe summer has finally arrived. Never mind the weather, the course looks great and the greens are running true and getting faster – great job and kudos to Spike and his team. The blue staked areas are back so please read the note in Deer Tracks as to the correct way to play from them - if you are unfortunate enough to land there.

You'll also see a note on the introduction of internet booking at Deer Field. As a membership, we will need to be a bit more disciplined and planned about organizing our games but overall moving into the modern age this should be a positive move for us and the Golf club.

Now that the warm weather is here, I'd like to draw attention to the Turnbull Aquarium Tournament which raises much needed money for Halton Women's Place. Last year was going to be the last tournament as Brian Turnbull was retiring from being the sole organizer. However, it was (and is) such a good cause, plus a great day out at Deerfield, that Brian was persuaded to act as spiritual guide and advisor to a small group, the Richardsons, the Gemmells, The Groffs and the Pomroys, who are willing to take over running the tournament.

We already have well over 30 'hole' sponsors, many great prizes and a major sponsorship arrangement with BMO (thank you Don Gemmell). We cancelled the member guest last year due to limited support but my suggestion to Deerfield members is to consider bringing friends and family to this event. At \$115 for a guest, you get a great day out on a course that looks fantastic, a meal, plenty of truly great prizes, and a tax receipt in addition. Oh yes, Deerfield members also get a tax receipt, but, far more importantly, they get to challenge for the "flying dolphin" trophies and the chance to take money from Brian Turnbull.

Come on, guys, what could be better than that!!

Ray Pomroy

Every time a golfer makes a birdie, he must subsequently make two triple bogeys to restore the fundamental equilibrium of the universe.

BOOKING TEE TIMES VIA THE INTERNET

The internet age has arrived at Deerfield and we soon will be able to book tee off times via the internet. As with any change there are always pluses and minuses and, of course, the normal number of glitches associated with systems start up. There will be changes in the booking process for the membership. It will still be possible to continue to phone the Pro Shop to book times but clearly using the internet will likely be faster.

The following approach will be taken.

- 1.** Members will be able to book tee times 14 days out. The public will be able to book 10 days out.
- 2.** We will hold blocks of time as required for the Tuesday ladies, the Wednesday Men's league, the Couples on Friday night and of course Saturday and Sunday mornings.
- 3.** In order to strike the right balance between preferred playing time for members but also maximising public play for the Deerfield owners, we will need to be prompt with our booking.
- 4.** The Games Captains and their assistants will need to confirm their foursomes, one week out.
- 5.** For the time being, booking for Saturday and Sunday play will continue to be via the ballots system. The ballots will need to be entered by 1 pm Saturday for the following Saturday and 1 pm Sunday for the following Sunday. John Phelan will put together the foursomes from the ballots for the following week end. This process will allow continue singles and others to be matched up by John. It should be noted that times not booked by either 1 pm Saturday or 1 pm Sunday, will be opened to all for booking via the internet.
- 6.** At a latter stage the success and work load on the Pro Shop of ballot system will be evaluated.

7. For booking playing times outside of these “block” times, Singles will need to book via the Pro Shop as the new computerised booking system only allows two, three or foursomes to book via the internet.

This change will require more planning on our part when arranging games but used properly there is every reason to believe that internet booking will be a positive change for us.
Ray Pomroy

Please Note: Online booking is scheduled to begin Monday, June 9th (or shortly thereafter). The password for the members will be **dgc1998**.

Counting on your opponent to inform you when he breaks a rule is like expecting him to make fun of his own haircut.

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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 Tumbull 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

Deer Tracks is found on the Deerfield website

www.golfdeerfield.com Select Members Only



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.

Deer Tracks March 2008

Schedule of events for the month of April 2008.

Early Bird Scramble April 5th 8:00 AM

Lunch & Spring General Meeting

FROM THE EDITOR

Looking out my backyard with about 2 feet of snow on the ground as of March 3rd, it is somewhat demoralizing to think that the 2008 golf season is scheduled to get underway in just over a month's time. Bring on the warm weather and melt all this white stuff, please!

You will find a registration form enclosed to complete and return to the Pro Shop as well as a calendar of all events scheduled for the 2008 season.

For those who have not visited the club recently you will find changes have been made in the snack bar area and to the lay out in the Pro Shop.

PLEASE NOTE: Future issues of Deer Tracks will be posted and available on the website by accessing www.golfdeerfield.com under the "Members" section. Your co-operation in advising the Editor that you no longer wish to receive a paper copy

LADIES CHRISTMAS CHARITY DRIVE

The Ladies Christmas Charity Drive got off to an excellent start in November at the lunch following the annual Sniff N" Snort Tournament. Three beautiful gift baskets were assembled by Diane Pomroy from gifts donated by the ladies. Persuasive ticket sellers and generous Deerfield members ensured that the raffle that was held was a great success. More funds were raised from Celia Ferguson's great idea of guessing the number of Maltesers in a specific gift container. Additional donations were made by ladies at their Christmas dinner bringing the total amount raised to &750.00.

This year the Committee consisting of Gini Decelles, Sharon Entwistle, Kelta Fleck, Diane Pomroy and myself made the decision that funds raised would be split to help support the Salvation Army and a needy family.

Thanks to the funds raised and the additional items donated, the chosen family, a single mother and her two daughters aged 13 years and 9 years old, had a very special Christmas. Thanks are due to Sharon and Di who delivered the gifts to the family. The generosity of all who supported this initiative is very much appreciated!

Submitted by Jeanette Gray

WEDNESDAY LEAGUE 2008

The following is a recap of changes to the Men's Wednesday League which was previously sent to all members last fall. Convenors for the Wednesday League are Sieg Hummelbrunner , Jim Smillie and Don Wiggins.

1: Starting date is the last Wednesday in April which is April 30th.

2: Wednesday tee times: League scores may be recorded any time on Wednesday. Participants may reserve tee times a week ahead for any time including the reserved lunch time block. Players who do not have a reserved time should let the Pro Shop know on Wednesday morning that they intend to play during the lunch time block. Every group must include at least two players participating in the team event.

3: Payment Options:

Option 1: \$150.00 payable by cheque to "Deerfield Wednesday League" dated and delivered to convenors or Pro Shop by Sunday, April 20, 2008.

Option 2: FIRST SESSION PAYMENT of \$100.00 payable by cheque to "Deerfield Wednesday League" dated and delivered to convenors or Pro Shop by April 20, 2008.

AND

SECOND SESSIONS payment of \$70.00 payable by cheque to "Deerfield Wednesday League" dated and delivered to convenors or Pro Shop by July 2, 2008.

Option 3: Participation fee for one session is \$100.00 payable April 20 for the first session or July 2 for the second session. Participation in the final event of the season (Three Club tournament and closing dinner) is included.

General Spring Meeting April 5th 2008

The General Spring meeting will be considered a Special General Meeting. At this meeting it is proposed to table a motion to amend the constitution . The amendment will be to Article V,

sec 1 which states “an elected Director can not be elected for more than five consecutive years.”

It is proposed to extend this requirement to ten years.

Background The current Handicap Chairman will have completed five years service by the end of 2008. The Handicap Chairman is the only member of the DMA executive who requires training and external certification. He is also required to work with the RCGA ,to maintain a good working relationship, influence and stay current with RCGA thinking