

Dunany Country Club - Newsletter 2012



Report from the President

- David Eramian
President, DCC

It is that time of year when, for many of us, our thoughts turn to golf and the hills of the Dunany Country Club. I hope you are looking forward to the upcoming golf season. I know I am and that the Board of Directors has been working diligently to prepare a fun summer for 2012.

We are delighted to announce that Barb Armstrong has agreed to serve as Club Captain this summer. She will be a most welcome and pleasant addition to the Board but Barb will have her hands full as she guides us all through a big transition as the new rules on equitable stroke control come into force.



After 17 years, Stan Roy has stepped down from his position on the Board and we want to thank him for the great service he has provided. He has served in many capacities over the years including as President in 1994 and 1995, as Chairman of the 75th Anniversary Committee, and the last 6 years as Greens Chairman. Our course is in excellent shape, and Stan and his team deserve lots of credit for the work they have accomplished. We are very fortunate to have Bill Gauley ready to take over as Greens Chair. I'm sure we will have a smooth transition and continued excellence in the condition of the course.

Also taking a much deserved break from the Board after 14 years of service is our Past President, Ross Leslie. Ross has served us very well as Club Captain for 7 years, Vice-President, President and Past President, and he is a resident unique to Dunany in his knowledge of the course and the members' history. Thank you Ross for all that you have done for our club and community.

We are very pleased to welcome to the Board our eight-time Club champion Mike Roy. He will serve as a member-at-large and his enthusiasm and knowledge of the game will be a great asset to the Board.

The positive news continues as we are extremely fortunate to have Lynn Palmer-Lowe stepping up to take on the responsibilities of Vice-President, while continuing to coordinate the Junior Program for this season. Lynn will become President in June of 2014 and so, with Chris Wynn taking over as President this June and Lynn two years later, our succession plan is assured.

The news is even good on the financial front, but I will let Mike Fehr, our Treasurer, report on the specifics. This past year, due to the hard work of the Board and with the constant support of Diana Minty we have done better than originally expected. We still, however, feel the urgent need to raise fees by \$25 (as announced in last year's newsletter). The Board has also decided to issue 5 tickets instead of 4 this year. Three tickets will be designated for greens fees and 2 will be designated for social events. Our costs are under control but still rising and we need to be constantly aware of the financial pitfalls that can affect our Club if we continue to spend more than we take in.

Our membership is solid. We added quite a few new members before last season, but we still find ourselves with a little room to grow. Since last summer, we have welcomed Peter and Bonnie Curtin, Owen Cunningham, Mary Ruth Ott, Greg McCauley, Maureen and Jim Cameron, as well as Gilbert Boucher as new Regular members to the club. Chris and Vanessa Nelson have joined us as Intro B members. Dorothy Sutherland and Geoff Gale have switched their memberships to Social, but the good news is that they are both still very much a part of the Dunany community. The Board will continue to monitor the financial situation closely, but at this time, it is not recommending that we increase our membership limits. At present, all our ratios are respected.



All members are listed in the DCC directory which was updated last year. If you do not have a copy of the directory or would like another copy, please ask at the starter shack and they will be happy to provide you with one. Our sponsors very much appreciate hearing that their advertising dollars have been well-spent, so be sure to mention that you are from Dunany if you choose to do business with any of our sponsors.

This year will mark our 90th anniversary and Chris Wynn is heading up a committee to run this special event. Please mark the weekend of August 3-5 on your calendars as it will be an especially fun and busy weekend in Dunany.

I cannot send this newsletter out without remarking on the untimely passing of one of the great Dunany characters, Chico Kiteala. It was very sad to hear of his death, but we all have so many great memories of his smile, his laugh, and of his constant encouragement in all things Dunany. It was inspiring to see so many of our members at his funeral service. We also remember Warren Soper who served on the Board for many years and who most enjoyed working with our juniors to improve their golf skills. We would also like to pass on our condolences to Keith Farquharson's family. He was very actively involved in the Men's Branch and a big part of the Dunany family for many years. All of you will be missed by your friends in Dunany.

I look forward to seeing you on the golf course soon. Please feel free to contact me (514-877-2992; 450-562-4371; deramian@lavery.ca if you have any issues you would like to discuss.

Treasurer's Report

- Michael Fehr
Treasurer, DCC

This past year the club took a big step towards improving its financial performance. The 2011 results were very strong and the club delivered solid profits for the first time in recent years.

Slightly higher fees, more new members joining and contributing to the golf and social events, a great variety of popular social events with a steady stream of engaging volunteers, savings with the greens committee and close management of all expenses across the board have helped impact the numbers.

Look for more of the same in 2012 with a goal towards maintaining our great club spirit while trying to conservatively grow our revenues with tight control of our expenses.

This kind of transformation is a result of a lot of hard work from so many people. I couldn't report these kinds of numbers without the support and insights of Diana Minty. She puts in a lot of long hours to ensure the day-to-day operations are well managed and her due diligence with all the transactions and reporting is flawless.

The volunteers had a tremendous impact this past year and we're hoping to cast that net even wider in 2012. Norm's lead on the social committee has generated significant returns with all

the social events. David has put a focus on welcoming new members to the club and these green fees and initiation fees have helped to build up our capital budgets for club improvements. The new members have also helped invigorate the club and have positively impacted many events. Farrell Hyde and Diane Glionna will be receiving and depositing dues this year and we very much appreciate their assistance with this.

Lynn's junior program was a big hit with the younger generation and their engagement bodes well for us in the future. Same for the winning tradition from our Men's and Ladies branches! Stan's focus and leadership of the green's committee helped save the club some significant costs and David Armitage's team did a great job keeping the greens and fairways in solid shape during what was a pretty dry summer. Here's to another solid year for 2012.

Captain's Report - Match and Handicap

- Ross Leslie

Club Captain, Chairman Match and Handicap



Welcome back! Last year we had great turnouts for most of our tournaments. Thanks to all of those who participated and helped out with each event. I would like to extend a special thanks to all the members who helped run the tournaments while I was working in Newfoundland. Many thanks go out as well to Diana Minty and our starters, Rourke Lowe and Taylor Castator for doing such a fantastic job.

We are pleased to announce that, this year, the starters will be Hannah Azaria, Beatrice Glickman, and Annie Hadley. Take a moment to introduce yourself to them before you play. I'm sure they will do a wonderful job and will be happy to help you in any way they can.

We are all looking forward to another spectacular summer and our 90th Anniversary celebrations at the Club. Please remember that the course is closed on Tuesday mornings at 8:30 and Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 8:15 for our Junior, Ladies and Men's programs respectively.

Please continue to be conscientious about replacing your divots and repairing your ball marks on the green. Doing this speeds the recovery of the greens and the course immensely. To facilitate faster play, if there is a hole between you and the group ahead of you, please let the group behind you go through. This courtesy always applies, even in matches and tournaments.

We have news from the Royal Canadian Golf Association. The RCGA has altered the Equitable Stroke Control formula to the following.

- If your handicap is 9 or less your maximum score per hole is 2 over par
- If your handicap is 10 - 19 your maximum score is 7
- If your handicap is 20 - 29 your maximum score is 8
- If your handicap is 30 - 39 your maximum score is 9
- Over 40 maximum score is 10

This is to be used for handicap purposes. If you are playing in a tournament, you can have any score. Only after your game do you lower it using Equitable Stroke Control. If you have any questions, please email me at ross.leslie@sympatico.ca

Barb Armstrong will be taking over as Club Captain this year. I wish her all the best and am sure she will do a terrific job. We start the season on June 23rd with a Scramble for the Clarence Neill trophy. For those who won trophies last year, please return them to the Starter Shack in July.

Ladies Report

- Kathy Laidley-Wright
Chairman, Ladies' Branch

After such a wonderful and active summer last year, we hope to repeat the same this year, with lots of activities and great participation at all our events. Thanks again to all the volunteers for their time and effort.

Here is your ladies' executive for 2012 :

Ladies Chairman: Kathy Wright
Assistant Chairman: Caroline Roy
Past Chairman: Diane Hislop
Secretary: TBA to replace Barb Armstrong
Ladies Club Captain: Wendy Castator
Assistant Captain: Tracy Wightman
Interclub: Sharon Leslie
Invitational Golf & Lunch Day: Wendy Castator
(This will be a new event - "Golf for the Cure")
Ladies Cocktail Party: Sharon & Maureen Dubiel
Quilt: Diane Glionna
Bridge: Marge Armstrong
Record Keeping: Mary Sutherland
Telephone Committee: Caroline Roy
Gardens: Revilla Sauv 



Please email us at dunanyladies@gmail.com if you have any suggestions or questions about the Ladies Branch. The **Ladies Opening Meeting will be held at the clubhouse at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 24th**. You will get to see old friends, meet new members, and we will give you all the information regarding the upcoming golf season so please be sure to attend.

Any member of the ladies' branch with a handicap of 36 or under is encouraged to join the Laurentian Ladies' Interclub. The cost is 35\$ for the season and you will be matched up with ladies from other clubs who play at approximately the same level. The dates for the Interclub are as follows and if you are interested in participating, please contact Sharon Leslie.

Royal Laurentian - May 24, 2012
Arundel - May 31, 2012
Alpine - June 28, 2012
Ste. Agathe - July 5, 2012
Dunany - July 12, 2012

Junior Report

- Lynn Palmer
Director, Junior Program

We've got another great group of volunteers this year all set to make sure our juniors have another fantastic summer of golf and activities starting with **Golf**. After being co-captains for four seasons, Steve Jackson and Sue Broden are heading to Europe this summer. We'd like to thank them both for their tremendous contribution. Our new co-captains will be Sergio Mastronardi and Donna Laight who will be working together to make Junior Day and the junior tournaments a success. We'd like to welcome them to the team and we hope that you give them a lot of support when they come looking for walkers and referees. It's a great way to contribute to the club! Marc Barbeau has agreed to return as our golf pro and our lessons will be coordinated this year by Marina Chambers. Thanks once again Marina!

Robert Tilden who will be taking care of Sports Night in July will share the role of Sports Coordinator with Randy Best who will take over in August. Kate Tindale, Karen Neill and Tina Moore will head up our Crafts team - but we are still looking for volunteers who would be willing to help some of our younger members create special things on Tuesday evenings - please let me know if you are interested.



I'd like to thank Karen Gordon who has done a marvelous job with **Field Day** for the past 8 years. She's stepping down this year and Vanessa Nelson will be taking over as coordinator for this event. Warren Neill will be responsible for **Family Sports Day** which, this year, will be incorporated into the 90th Anniversary weekend. Mitch Azaria and David Glickman will return again this year as our "**Movie Guys**" - making Thursday nights an evening that everyone looks forward to! Movies will run from Thursday July 12 through to August 9th.

Our **Talent Night** team will be back this year. Marina Chambers, Sergio Mastronardi, Sharon Leslie, Scott Ritchie and Mark Ware did an amazing job last year and there is no end to the talent that shows up in Dunany. In honour of Chico Kiteala, who passed away in January, we will be naming this event "**Chico's Talent Night**" remembering his love of music and his dedication to developing the talent of our juniors for over 20 years. Everybody loves Talent Night!

The success of the junior golf program relies totally on the support and assistance from parent volunteers. In a small community like ours, being involved gives parents the opportunity to meet other parents, get to know the children in the area and build relationships that will last a lifetime. Please don't hesitate to fill out the volunteer section on the attached registration sheet and be part of this great team. As well, it is essential for us to know when you will be up for your holidays and when your children will be able to attend events - the "dates of participation" section is designed for this purpose.

Juniors are eligible to participate in the Junior Golf if they are 8 years old as of Jan 1, 2012. At 7, they can participate in lessons. There are a limited number of **sponsorships** available to juniors who are not the sons/daughters of members so please get your application in early.

Thank you for helping us to continue to make the Dunany Junior Program the highlight of our children's summer!

House Report

- John Wilson
Chairman, House Committee

The summer of 2012 promises to be an extra-special one at the Dunany Country Club. The clubhouse will be well-used for the 90th Anniversary festivities as well as the usual parties and events. If you wish to add a celebration of your own, there are still some dates available for rentals so inquire early to avoid disappointment.



Projects for the summer include sprucing up the outside of the club as well as updating the curtains and doing a complete inventory of the club's kitchen. If you would like to assist in these projects please contact the House Chairman. It would also be handy to have a helper keep track of the club's consumables and keep us stocked up.

I am often asked by renters if we know of any servers, table clearers, washer-uppers or bartenders. If you would like to be referred, please contact me so I can compile a list. I am also asked frequently if there are any cottages that guests at weddings can rent. If this is something that interests you, please let me know. I can be reached at capsjw@bell.net

One event to be sure to attend is the Dunany Community Association Annual General Meeting which will be held in the clubhouse on the morning of July 22nd.

Have a great summer. See you on the course and in the clubhouse.

Greens' Report

- Stan Roy
Chairman, Greens' Committee



Spring is just around the corner and we hope to have the Club ready for play in early May. David Armitage, our Greens Superintendent, and Steve Kennedy are making preparations for the 2012 season. 2011 was a very busy year and the course was kept in excellent shape. We replaced the spruce tree on the 3rd hole with a Norwegian spruce which was relocated from the ninth fairway at no cost to the Club. So far the tree appears to be healthy.

Looking forward to 2012, the ongoing maintenance of the course will continue with steady improvements being made regularly. One of our key focus areas will be to improve the quality of the turf on our fairways. There is a fine balance to be maintained between having good turf and environmental concerns which the Greens Committee, the Environmental Chair and the Board of Directors understand, and take very seriously. We will

also continue to upgrade our equipment in a timely and affordable fashion. This year we will be replacing our 30-year-old Toyota truck with a good, used truck. It's important that we continue upgrading old equipment in order to avoid expensive surprises.

In 2012, I will be passing on my responsibilities to our new Greens' chairman, Bill Gauley. I have enjoyed my time in the role, and as a team we made many improvements to the golf course of which I am very proud. Have a great golf season

Environment Report

- François Côté
Director, Environment

We can be proud to play a golf course that is one of the most environmentally friendly courses anywhere. To me, this adds a lot to the pleasure of playing golf in Dunany.

We cut our greens longer than most golf courses. As a result, the grass of our greens suffers a minimum of stress and requires a very limited amount of



fungicides, pesticides and herbicides to stay healthy. We do not use any herbicides or any other chemicals on our fairways. We golfers may find some weed patches on the fairways, but then we move our ball and that's it. As for fertilizers, we use phosphate-free fertilizers on all our fairways so we are sure that we don't send any phosphate into the lakes. To further protect our environment, we maintain an environmental band that stretches along and across the stream on the 8th fairway. This band filters out any harmful stuff that could otherwise be washed into the stream which flows into Clear Lake.

To make sure that the impact of our actions stays positive, we will continue to test the water flowing out of the golf course for phosphate content, as has been the practice of the DCC since 2004. Four times during the summer, samples are taken at five different locations on the course and they are then analyzed for phosphate content with a Hanna photometer. We have continued to measure low phosphate levels in the waters flowing out of the course. In particular, it was reassuring to find that the main outflow, the creek on the 8th hole, had the same phosphorus content as Clear Lake itself, which is considered to be low. All this is to be expected, since the Club has historically applied low dosages of fertilizers on the course and has been applying zero phosphate fertilizers on the fairways since 2007.

Social Report

- Norm Castator
Director, Social Committee

As the days get longer, we can begin planning out the 2012 summer season which is gearing up to be an exciting balance of good golf and social events. To our new members, I extend a warm welcome to Dunany. I hope you will find value in the social events offered as well as the great privilege we all enjoy of playing golf in Dunany. I have included a few important dates to lock into your calendars and plan your vacation time around.

Summer officially begins in Dunany on June 23rd with the Opening Scramble followed by the Annual General Meeting at 4:00pm. This gives you a great chance to catch up with fellow members and listen to the Board's updates about the DCC and plans for 2012.

On June 30th, the Raguin-Leslie Mixed Field Day takes place followed by the first major social event of the season; The Opening Dinner/Dance. The Social Committee is working hard to put together a great meal to get the season started off right. Space is limited so get your tickets early.

The Ladies Invitational takes place on July 11th with a fun morning of golf followed by a great lunch. This year the ladies will be "Golfing for a Cure" in support of breast cancer. On Saturday, July 14th the bar will be open to help smooth over any disagreements following the Husband and Wife (a.k.a. The Turtle). On July 19th, it's the men's turn to extend their hospitality at the Men's Invitational. A great BBQ meal and huge prizes too big to mention will be enjoyed.

Food lovers, take note of this date. A Nine and Dine Evening will be hosted on July 21st by two of the finest chefs in the Laurentians; Mitch Azaria and Donny Armstrong. Their team of culinary experts set a new standard for gourmet meal excellence the last time that they hosted. Space will be limited for this special event so reserve early!

The youth of Dunany will be fine tuning their talents for Talent Night on Sunday July 22nd. This is always a great night of family fun and performance followed by



a delicious homemade dinner. I know we'll all be singing "Everybody Loves Talent Night" in tribute to Chico as we remember his many contributions to Dunany.

Save up your money for raffle tickets because on July 28th the most anticipated social event of the year takes place; The Ladies Cocktail Party. The afternoon kicks off with the Dan Main Shield Tournament at 1:00 pm, and cocktails begin at 3:00pm hosted by the Ladies Branch. Come out and enjoy endless tables of fancy sandwiches and much, much more as you admire the handiwork of the Dunany Quilters.



On Friday August 3rd, following two days of Junior Club Championship competition, we kick off our 90th Anniversary Celebration Weekend with a Night Golf event. As Chris Wynn describes in his update, the weekend will be action packed and something that you and your families will not want to miss!

After the Anniversary celebrations, it's back to business with the Ladies Club Championship from August 10th - 12th. Come and cheer on the ladies, as the clubhouse bar will open at noon on

both Saturday and Sunday. There will also be a championship lunch on the Sunday afternoon, once the winners have been decided.

The Men's Club Championship takes place on August 18 - 19th and finishes up the following weekend on Saturday the 25th. As always, the bar will be open for thirsty spectators and on the final Saturday evening we will enjoy a great barbecue meal at the Club Championship Dinner.

Sadly, the official golf season comes to a close on the Saturday of Labour Day weekend with the Parkes-Culross Mixed Field Day followed by Prize Giving Ceremonies and our world famous Corn Boil/Barbecue. This is an excellent event for the whole family to come out and have a great time.

Last but not least, Thanksgiving weekend is always worth the trip to Dunany to take in the beautiful fall colours and the Dunany Car Rally. We look forward to seeing what last year's winners, Mike, Scott and Melissa, have in store for us this year. After the car rally, enjoy a casual dinner at the clubhouse followed by music from some of our very talented members.

I would be remiss without thanking all of the volunteers who helped make last year a tremendous success. It is the volunteer spirit that sets Dunany apart from other golf courses and defines our identity. I would especially like to point out the overwhelming support of our new members and the positive contribution that they have already made to the club. As 2012 will be a busy year, we are counting on everyone's continued support this summer.



My first year as Social Director has definitely given me an appreciation for all of the hard work that our "ultimate" volunteer, Chrys Tindale put into the club as Social Director over the previous 7 years. A special thanks to you, Chrys, for all of your hard work and dedication that made so many DCC events so much fun.

I would like to single out the efforts of Ev Wood who manages the bar area and does such a great job keeping inventories to ensure we always have enough cold beer, liquor, wine, ice, soft drinks at each of our events. He made my first year on social much easier to manage.

I would also like to thank the members of the social committee who contributed so much time and effort at all of our events last summer. In addition, thank you to Diana Minty for providing guidance and encouragement to this rookie social director. Thanks also go out to the Armitage clan for their contributions to our club and their patience with my many last minute requests.

From a business perspective, managing our meal inventories is one of the biggest challenges that we face in keeping our expenses in check. Please do your part to let us know if you will be attending upcoming events at the starter shack. We plan to have sign-up sheets for each event at the Starter Shack a few weeks in advance of each event. To support our efforts, we will be increasing ticket prices five days prior to the event date to encourage early registration.

We are always looking for volunteers and new ideas to improve the social activities at Dunany. I encourage you to seek me out if you have any fresh ideas to share. It looks like we've got a great summer ahead of us. I hope to see you on the course and remember, it's not a gimme if you're still away....

90th Anniversary Celebrations

- Chris Wynn
Vice-President, DCC

This year the golf course will mark its 90th Anniversary! In the past we have had some great celebrations at the club and this summer will be no different. Along with all the other great events this summer, the 90th celebration will help bring together everyone to help honour our amazing club and its members. The main festivities for the 90th anniversary will take place from August 3-6.

The weekend will be packed with all kinds of fun events for the whole family starting with our 2nd annual Night Golf tournament on Friday, August 3rd. This was a very popular event last summer and everyone had a great time hitting glow-in-the-dark golf balls around the course.

On Saturday August 4th we will hold a yet to be determined golf tournament with great prizes for the winners. Saturday night will be the peak of the weekend with a special 90th Anniversary Dinner and Dance. This will be a formal affair with a fantastic meal and an amazing band that will have everyone dancing late into the night. We also have some special surprises planned throughout the night, ensuring this will be another historical night at the club.

If you think the weekend is over, think again! Sunday will be jam packed with even more events. On both the 75th and 85th Anniversary everyone came out to play the fastest round of golf and we would like to hold this event again. However, we still need someone to run this activity for Sunday morning so please get in touch with me if you would like to organize this event. While the fastest round of golf is happening on the course, inside the clubhouse there

will be a Dunany Country Club Heritage Museum. We would like to display any items that show the history of our course and community, so we are asking families if they could please share any items they feel might have some historical value. We are looking for trophies, photos, golf clubs or anything else you might have. As well, the artists of Dunany will be displaying their latest works. At 3pm, on the 8th and 9th hole, Family Day will commence. Family Day is a chance to bring your kids out for some fun and games. There will also be a BBQ for the participants after the activities. We will close out the weekend festivities with the antics of Bowser and Blue in concert at the clubhouse on Sunday night.



More information about the 90th Anniversary weekend will become available at the AGM and on our website. As always, volunteers are needed for not just the 90th weekend but for all events

this summer. So please fill out the volunteer sheet or just contact me any time if you're willing to volunteer. I can always be reached at cawynn@hotmail.com

Happy 90th DCC!

Nominating Committee Report:

In accordance with the By-Laws of the Dunany Country Club, there will be an Annual General Meeting at the Dunany Country Club on **Saturday, June 23, 2012 at 4:00 pm**. The following members have agreed to allow their names to stand in nomination for the Board of Directors of the Dunany Country Club in 2012. All have agreed to act in the following chairs if elected.

OFFICERS:

President	Chris Wynn
Past- President	David Eramian
Vice-President	Lynn Palmer
Treasurer	Michael Fehr
Secretary	Kate Tindale

DIRECTORS:

Club Captain & Match Committee	Barb Armstrong
Environment Committee	François Côté
Greens Committee	Bill Gauley
House Committee	John Wilson
Junior Committee	Lynn Palmer
Ladies Committee	Kathy Laidley
Social Committee	Norm Castator
Director at Large	Mike Roy
Director at Large	John Rivière

Respectfully submitted
Chris Wynn
Chairman - Nominating Committee