

November 2024



MEMBER NEWSLETTER



From the President

By Brienna Schuette, Club President

Dear Fellow Dellwoodians,

Big congratulations go out to Mary Dinndorf and Sue Ryan who finished first and second place, respectively, in the Dellwood Women's Derby on Saturday, Oct. 5. And, congratulations to all the women who qualified. If you're not familiar, the Derby is a shootout event made up ofwomen who've earned a spot to play through their combined participation and event winnings throughout the women's golf season. The beautiful thing about the Derby is that it brings together all skill levels, and levels the playing field through the handicap system to yield an event where all the women involved are cheering each other on while competing. It's just the best. By some act of God, I finished third. Sue sunk an epic putt on hole 8 to eliminate me and move on to battle it out with Mary on the final hole. Being in the company of these two outstanding lady golfers was both super fun and super anxiety-producing. Shout-outs to Kim Gillespie and Alexa Holm, the Derby drivers who helped me channel my inner pro while my inner toddler threw tantrums about my many crummy shots.





After an "extended" summer golf season, which I'm very grateful for, I welcome the crisp air and vibrant colors of fall. At the same time, the dread of winter's snow, cold and darkness sets in. Yes, I am a lifelong Minnesotan who's not built for winter. As unpopular as it may be, I'll admit it. I'm a winter hater.

What softens the blow of winter's tundra-like winds is knowing our dedicated staff has been hard at work planning a variety of updates and events designed to enhance our autumn and winter experiences at Dellwood. From cozy gatherings and seasonal meals, to visits with Santa and wonderful wine events that warm the soul (and the cheeks), there's a whole lot to look forward to.

Pete and Katie will touch on a number of these events and happenings in their messages this month, so read on for details. Pay close attention to news about an entirely new Thanksgiving-themed event for all ages scheduled for Sunday, November 24!

Wishing you all a wonderful fall and a winter that warms your heart.

Yours in Bad Golf,

Brienna



Frow Your GM... By Pete LaCoursiere

General Manager

Like many of you, I too am a big fan of golf (albeit a stressfully complicated love/hate relationship) and am holding onto a some last shreds of hope that we still have some favorable weather ahead of us yet in November to squeeze those last rounds in for the season. Inevitably, we will eventually switch gears at the Club into Winter mode. This includes adjusting some of our operating hours in the restaurant, the Golf Shop and naturally the golf course. Please keep an eye out as we'll be communicating these changes ahead of when they'll be made via our Weekly Connection, which is sent out every Thursday.

Speaking of our Weekly Connection, I hope many of you noticed a NEW event that popped up in yesterday's communication.. the Dellwood Turkey Trot. We are releasing this one a bit closer to the event date than normal (Sunday, November 24), but are excited to be adding something to our calendar that aligns with some core values here at the Club in staying connected to our community and giving back. As we've touched on over the months, and as you may have read in other publications, our local White Bear Area Food Shelf (WBAFS) is incurring extreme demand increases for their support and assistance in our community, which will only be amplified during the upcoming holidays. Through the 5k Turkey Trot, our goal is to provide enough assistance to the WBAFS to feed 500 families over Thanksgiving. This can only be accomplished with your support and participation! **All proceeds** of the event will benefit the Food Shelf, with our contribution being matched by one of their donors. The 5k is accompanied by a 1k Tiny Turkey Trot so that nothing stands in the way of those, young or old, who want to take part in this great cause. Your entry (\$40 adults/\$20 kids) comes with a race bib, custom Turkey Trot Tee Shirt, N/A beverages and energy snacks before and after the big race! Thank you to our 2024 Advisory Committee who have been drivers of this event behind the scenes. We hope you can join us for this inaugural event.. register by clicking HERE or

register through the Club App!





This inevitable shift in gears right around the corner comes with a lot of events and gatherings around the Club that we hope continues to draw you and your families in for. Game Nights on Thursday's have expanded into different games and are a fun way to break up the week, along with Brita and Katie's events that stem from Wine Dinners to Centerpiece Craft classes, and well-executed holiday events like last month's Boo Bash and upcoming Santa Brunch and New Year's Eve Celebration. The growth in popularity for many of these events has allowed us to put more into them which has been a lot of fun to see. We know we have an evolving membership with new ideas and interests, and hope that you share ideas with us so that we can add to the fun!

When winter officialy sets back in, we'll be setting up our skating rink on the patio again this year, begin grooming for cross country ski on the golf course, and lighting up the sledding hill of the tee box of the first hole.



A NOTE FROM MICHELLE -

As we inch closer to our implementation of Foretees back office and Point of Sale, we want to inform members of some changes happening in January.

There will be a 2.5% service charge added to all credit payments made at the Club. This includes purchases in the restaurant and golf shop, as well as making online payments for your account balances.

All members will be setup to have their monthly statements emailed.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping DCC go paperless!

All account and statement information will be accessable through the Foretees app and website, along with the option to pay your statement balance via ACH (if not already setup) or credit card.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

michelle@dellwoodcountryclub.com



Food & Wine

by Brita Van Guilder Food & Beverage

And that's a wrap! On "summer", sunny warm days, and the golf season as we know it. What a solid few months and great fall so far. But don't worry – the fun didn't stop this month. October gave us some amazing memories including great golf weather, new cocktail and food offerings, a good handful of patio days, and our annual Boo Bash celebration for Halloween last Sunday 10/20. Thank you to everyone who came out for that event, over 400 of you enjoyed our delectable boo-fay, spooky activities, hayride and more on a warm fall day. Thanks to Eric Peterson, our Superintendent, for taking on the hayrides again – always a big hit!

As we enter into holiday season now, (can't believe we're already here!) I'd like to touch on how to make reservations for our upcoming Member events. We have a plethora of new members who have joined since late summer and most of them young families, so wanted to refresh everyone on how to make reservations on our app.

Currently we have our Thanksgiving Day buffet/Takeout sign-up available as well as our famous Santa Brunch. Both of these sign-ups are available in our club app, called Foretees. You can find the page by logging into the app on any mobile device (iPhone, Android, Tablet, etc) and clicking on "Foretees" on the bottom toolbar. Then click on the Events Registration icon and you'll find our active events. These sign-up links are also frequently listed in our Connection emails Pete sends out each week, as well as in this month's copy of the newsletter. Let us know if you're not receiving those emails and would like to—it's super easy to add your name to our list. As always, if you have any special requests, dietary restrictions, seating accommodations or questions, let us know in the comments section on the form when you sign up or feel free to also email me directly at brita@dellwoodcountryclub.com. Sometimes our events are so popular, we do sell out. We are delighted to offer events so many of you want to attend. We work diligently as a team to maximize our space and accommodate as many people as possible. We are always working to accommodate each and every one of you along with your families and so appreciate your excitement surrounding our events! We look forward to seeing you at some this holiday season!

Cheers!

































SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

RESERVATIONS
AVAILABLE ON
THE CLUB APP

SCHEDULE

9:15 - 9:45 AM Buffet Seating 1

Those attending this seating are invited to partake in activities AFTER dining.



11:00 - 11:30 AM - Buffet Seating 2

Those attending this seating are invited to partake in activities BEFORE or AFTER dining.



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10AM - Activities Begin 1PM - Sleigh Rides Conclude 2PM - Santa & Mrs. Clause leave for North Pole



From Catering & Events:

by Katie Boyd
Director of Banquets & Events

Hello Dellwoodians,

What an October! As some of you may have noticed we have been busy here at the club. The warm fall weather has kept our club active and full of fun! This past month, Dellwood Country Club was host to: (3) golf tournaments, (8) weddings, (4) school banquets, (1) Spooktacular Boo Bash, (1) surprise 40th wedding anniversary, (1) Whiskey & Cigar Tasting, (1) Gala, (1) retirement party, homecoming gatherings, many business meetings, and countless other reasons to gather and have good times.

A huge thank you to all of our members who have decided to host with us recently, and/or attend and event over the past few years. It's always a pleasure to receive a phone call or message from our members wanting to host an important event for their family, business, community, or special cause. Helping to host great events that create lasting moments, is exactly why our Dellwood Country Club team shows up every day.

Upcoming events:

- -NEW EVENT!! 11.24.24: 1st Annual Turkey Trot 5K This event will benefit the White Bear Area Food Shelf. There is a 1K tiny-trot for the kiddos as well. Registration starts at 9:30 AM, race time is 11:00 AM. Please visit the club app for more details and information.
- -Thanksgiving 11.28.24: A DCC family tradition, both pick-up AND buffet! Let us cook, clean up and do the dishes for you this Thanksgiving! To-Go Ordering and Buffet Registration are now LIVE!
- -Santa Brunch 12.8.24: Mr. & Mrs. Clause are coming to Dellwood for a visit. They are also bringing elves to take photos with the jolly couple. Of course, no gathering is complete without Dellwood CC's traditional buffet in the ballroom, a small gift for all kids, crafts, Chef Peter's famous hot chocolate, cookies, and horse drawn sleigh rides on the course! Registration is now LIVE!

PRO TIP: Activities begin at 10:00 AM. Horse-drawn sleigh rides conclude at 1:00 PM. Please dress warm for the sleigh rides. Mr. & Mrs. Claus head back to the North Pole with their elves at 2:00 PM.

Please note photographers are present at our larger member events. They are here as a resource for you, our membership! One of our goals is to assist with capturing special moments for everyone in attendance. Every time you register, and attended an event where a photographer is present, in the week following the event an email will be sent with a link to the photos taken at the event.

Happy start to the holiday seasons everyone. I look forward to seeing around the club!

Katie Boyd

PS. We are now booking our event spaces through Fall 2026. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have been thinking of hosting. Our team is ready to help create a successful gathering!

From the Kitchen

Chef Peter Christenson Corporate Chef



Hello Members,

The kick-off to our fall menu has been a huge success. The recent warm weather has kept the course and restaurant busy through out the past month of October. Of course, now as I type this article, the first snowflakes of the season have officially begun to fall. But, have no fear, we have the new "comfort food" menu items to remedy the snowfall.

The most popular menu item, coming out on top once again for sales with the fall menu release, is The Beef Stroganoff. This warm, creamy, Dellwood Country Club tradition is sure to keep you satisfied and warm this fall. The Pretzel & Beer Cheese, and the Pretzel Anti-pasti are two new menu items that have been quite popular as well. Both include warm Bavarian style pretzels, and are listed in the appetizer section of the menu.

One of my favorite comfort food specials begins this week: The Turkey on sausage and cornbread stuffing waffle is back! Yes, a tasty pre-qual to Thanksgiving.

In last month's newsletter it was mentioned that Brickhouse Chef Yia and I participated in an off-site charity event called the Canvas Health's 2024 Valley Vine & Harvest Throwdown. The event was a huge success for Canvas Health, as well as The Brickhouse. It my pleasure to announce that we did win the Chef competition portion of the charity event with our Sticky Ribs. Thank you to all of the members who were in attendance and came out to support such a great cause.







Please do not forget to place your Thanksgiving orders soon! Our to-go Thanksgiving options are the perfect remedy if you are hosting an entire Thanksgiving Feast at home or just responsible for bringing one dish to the potluck. The thanksgiving to-go menu features everything from Traditional Meal options to Ala-Carte menu items.

Cheers and I look forward to seeing you all at the club!

Chef Peter Christenson



Thanksgiving or Thanksgiving Buffet

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

JOIN US FOR OUR INCREDIBLE THANKSGIVING BUFFET!

SPENDING THE HOLIDAY AT HOME?

TAKE A LOAD OFF AND ORDER FROM **OUR THANKSGIVING TAKEOUT MENU!** FROM A LA CARTE, TO FULL THANKSGIVING DINNERS, WE HAVE YOU COVERED, WITH PICK-UP OFFERED BETWEEN 10a-12p THANKSGIVING DAY.

ITEMS INCLUDE:

WHOLE TURKEY, CARVING HAM, ROASTED TURKEY BREAST, HOMEADE PIE. AND ALL THE TRADITIONAL SIDES!



From the Pro

by Clayton Johnson Golf Professional

The winter simulator league is right around the corner, and we look forward to another great year. The league will be for both men & women, with the season beginning December 1st and carrying through March 26th. You will sign up in teams of 3-4 players, of which you will take your best two individual scores for your team each week. Your team will be competing against the rest of the league. Points and payouts are awarded to each segment based on rank within the league. Handicaps for this year will be your November 1st Dellwood Handicap at 80% and will be given to you before the start of the first league round. The cost for the League will be \$300 per team (\$50 goes towards weekly payouts). Simulator time is not included in the fee. Please email clayton@dellwoodcountryclub.com to sign your team up.

The Vault Dellwood's state-of-the-art Trackman Golf Simulator is open and available for Golf, Athletic and Clubhouse Members. Golf Members can sign up on Foretees during operating hours no more than 14 days in advance. Athletic and Clubhouse Members can sign up no more than 3 days in advance.

The simulator fee will be \$15 per/hour Monday-Wednesday before 4 pm, \$30/per hour after 4 pm Wednesday-Thursday, and \$40 per/hour Friday-Sunday. We will have a cancellation policy in place this year. If you do not cancel your reservation 1 hour prior and do not show you will be charged 50% of your reservation time. This of course is in place to free up unused simulator time to allow other members to utilize it.

Members can sign up for 1 hour per player and up to 4 hours if 4 players are playing 18 holes. We expect high usage in the simulator and want to accommodate as many members as possible. To plan your tee times, please use the following general guidelines:

9 Holes: 2 players will take 1 hour, 4 players will take 2 hours

18 Holes: 2 players will take 2 hours, 4 players will take 4 hours

All junior golf members under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a parent.

Guests of DCC Members are charged \$10/guest and will be billed to the member's account.

Features of the Trackman simulator include:

- *250+ Golf courses available to play. Courses feature lots of different tee options with many also having junior tees available. NEW "Virtual 3" courses added recently by Trackman with improved graphics!
- * Work on your game with Trackman's shot analysis which features over 30 data points about your swing. The shot analysis is available on the virtual driving range or you can do on-course practice on any hole of the 200+ courses.
- * Lessons on the Trackman are also available during the winter. All of our pro's are highly skilled in using the Trackman for teaching. This can be a good way to improve your game during Minnesota's long winter months.

From the Course

By Eric Peterson, Superintendent



At the end of the season it is crucial to prepare the golf course for winter. Some of the steps we take include late season aerification to fairways and tees, topdressing fairways and greens, final mowing, spray Snow Mold protection to all fine turfed playing surfaces, pull in all accessories and fountains, blow out our irrigation system and of course leaf cleanup.

The last three weeks becomes a bit of a blur as we pack as much into a day as we can. With that said it is equally important to take a look back and celebrate what we have accomplished this year. We started out the year with getting our crew early in April. Having the crew here early set us up to get the course ready for play, even tackle some early projects and get the patio and pool set up for the season. In late May we were able to get the culvert repaired on hole 12, which was good timing as the skies opened up and rained for the next 3 months. In spite of all the rain, the crew was able to keep the course in good shape, and worked through (and adjusted their schedule regularly) mother nature's curve balls to prioritize playing conditions for our members. We've received some positive feedback from membership regarding the greens this season, which I believe comes from a couple of modiciations we made to our seasonal practices. As most people know we decreased the hole size of our aerification but increased the number of holes. This led to a refined process and a more rapid healing (closing) of the holes. Along with the aerification, starting early in the year we began topdressing greens on a more regular basis. We were going out on greens roughly every 2-3 weeks with a very lite topdressing. We feel like both of these practices improved playability in spite of constant wet conditions.

This Fall we have been doing a fair amount more of general course maintenance due to the weather, but we have made a number of improvements here in the last few weeks. With the help of Arnt Construction we were able to add white tees on holes on holes 7 and 10. These tees are complete and should open for play by Memorial Day. We were able to get the Tournament practice tee stripped and seeded. We have already seen germination of the seed happening and our goal is to have it open in time for the Boxcar event. We have been able to add irrigation coverage on holes 4, 13, and 16. We added drainage on holes 14 and 17 and we were able to till and level some rough areas on holes 4 and 17. Last but not least we added trees on holes 2, 3, 4, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15 and the Depot area.

At the end of the season the Club has traditionally celebrated our crew and their hard work and dedication to making Dellwood Country Club a great place with a farewell luncheon. Here is to another great season full of great accomplishments and great golf.

DELLWOOD TURKEY TROT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

5K RACE

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1K "TINY"

TURKEY TROT



11:00AM

START TIME!

\$40 ADULTS \$20 KIDS (18 & UNDER)



ENTRY INCLUDES:

DOC TURKEY TROT TEE SHIRT

RACE BIB ~ N/A BEVERAGES ~ ENERGY SNACKS

>TO REGISTER.. CLICK HERE OR ON THE CLUB APPI <

Holiday Centerpiece Class December 18th, 2024

5:30-6:00PM - ARRIVAL TIME & APPS 6:00-8:30PM - CLASS

REGISTER BY: DECEMBER 2ND ON THE CLUB APP!

\$125++ PER PERSON (INCLUDES APPETIZERS, N/A DRINKS, INSTRUCTION & MATERIALS)

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THE TRADE, AND BE ABLE
TO BRING A BEAUTIFUL
HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENT
HOME. CLASSES WILL FILL
UP QUICKLY SO MAKE SURE
TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!



THURSDAY NIGHT GAME NIGHTS



2024 Dates



11.7.24 - Family Bingo 5:30-7pm 11.14.24 - Bar Trivia 7-9pm 11.21.24 - Family Trivia 5:30-7pm 12.5.24- Bar Bingo 7-9pm 12.12.24 - Family UGLY SWEATER Bingo 5:30-7pm 12.19.24 - UGLY SWEATER Bar Trivia 7-9pm -BALLROOM

Sign Up On The Foretees
App!





2024



CALENDAR EVENTS

CALENDAR KEY

—Special Member Event ---- Member Holiday Event

—Men's Golf —Couples Golf

-Family Game Nights

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Ladies Golf —Culinary Happenings —Bar Game Nights

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11.7 Family BINGO Night 11.8 Wine Dinner

11.14 Bar Trivia Night 11.21 Family Trivia Night 11.24 Turkey Trot 5K

New Event!

11.28 Thanksgiving Buffet

12.5 Bar BINGO Night

12.8 Santa Brunch

12.12 Family BINGO

12.18 Floral Workshop

12.19 Bar BINGO

12.18-12.22 Winter Elegance 12.26-12.28 Winter Elegance 12.31 End Of Year Celebration Brunch & Sleigh Rides **New Tuesday Date!**



TURKEY TROT 5K





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2024 Advisory Committee



Paul Edwards

Member Since: 2012

Amenity Used Most: Golf

Favorite Menu Item: Big fan of our Turkey Burger, right behind that is the Ahi Tuna

salad and the Filet.

What I Enjoy Most about DCC: The group of 20 or so guys that gather on Wednesday's and Saturday's. Play a little 2 of 4 Net game. Great group of people.

More About Me.. I enjoy wakeboarding, the outdoors, my new labrador and keeping busy in retirement.



Kate Gonzalez

Member Since: 2020

Amenity Used Most: Golf, but we use it all!

Favorite Menu Item: Farmhouse Salad w/ Chicken

What I Enjoy Most about DCC: Women's Golf on Thursday nights! So fun to get out on the beautiful course with friends and stay for dinner & drinks afterwards.

Little Did We Know. I have been known to, how do I say this, out-drive my husband!

Member Since: 2020

Amenity Used Most: Golf

Favorite Menu Item: Turkey Burger w/ Cranberry Aioli & Bootleggers

What I Enjoy Most about DCC: Women's League on Thursday nights and Couples Golf Events. Lifelong friendships have been created through these events.

Claim to Fame: My husband Steve & I won the Couples Club Championship in 2022!





Amenity Used Most: Pool is #1

Favorite Menu Item: I'm advocating to bring back the Tater Tatchos!

What I Enjoy Most about DCC: I love the family friendly atmosphere and the many events that children enjoy participating in. Big fan of the sleigh rides!

Claim to Fame: I once made a net hole in one on the second hole during the big Box Car Member-Member Tournament!

Lisa Kaler



Adam Larson

Member Since: 2020

Amenity Used Most: Golf, Pool a close 2nd (thanks to my son Aksel, 7)

Favorite Menu Item: Chicken Wings, extra crispy, buffalo sauce

What I Enjoy Most about DCC: The welcoming nature of the Club. Very family friendly, accepting, no cliques,& the right balance of laid back, casual, and still nice. **Claim to Fame**: I once eagled Holes 5 & 8 and failed to break 40 on the front!



Bill LeBlanc

Member Since: 2012

Amenity Used Most: Golf & Restaraunt Favorite Menu Item: Everything breakfast

What I Enjoy Most about DCC: #1-Great golf events. #2-The people! I'm fascinated at how approachable members are and the respect everyone has for one another.

Claim to Fame: I've had two aces at DCC on the same hole: #16 which was #7 the first time I aced it. The second one was with Driver, but hey, it was from the tips!



Blair Oklobzija

Member Since: 2016

Amenity Used Most: Myself: Golf. My wife Amanda & Kids: Pool Favorite Menu Item: Seafood Risotta & Oktoberfest Pretzels!

What I Enjoy Most about DCC: The overall welcoming feel. I entertain a lot of customers and business partners at the Club and they all love the experience and look forward to coming back.

All Family: Amanda and I have three boys, Miles (14), Oliver (12) & Calvin (10). They love hanging at the pool and enjoy the food!

Member Since: 2009

Amenity Used Most: Golf. IMO it's one of the most alluring courses in the Metro Favorite Menu Item: Seared Ahi Tuna w/ Sweet Chili Sauce and Wasabi Aioli

What I Enjoy Most about DCC: Dellwood Members have become second family. I've created lifetime friendships with men & women, young and old. Every summer I look forward to seeing the next generation partake in Junior Golf Camps.

Claim to Fame: I aced Hole #12. On Mother's Day. AND in front of all my kids. That's tough to beat!

Beth Pilacinski

Representing DCC Staff:

Clayton Johnson, Head Golf Professional Michelle Murray, Office Manager

Pete LaCoursiere, General Manager Brita van Guilder, Director of Food & Beverage

