



# DELLWOOD

COUNTRY CLUB

December 2024



**MEMBER NEWSLETTER**





# From the President

By Brienna Schuette, Club President

Happy Holidays, Dellwoodians!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in, volunteered for, sponsored, or donated to the first-ever Dellwood 5K Turkey Trot! Your incredible support helped make this event a tremendous success, and together we made a significant positive impact on our neighbors in need. Thanks to your generosity, the White Bear Area Food Shelf is better equipped to provide essential food and resources to families this holiday season. We're grateful for all who made this event such a meaningful and rewarding experience for everyone involved!

With Thanksgiving in the rearview mirror, it's time to prepare for the season of giving with the Dellwood tradition of collecting Toys for Tots. We will be gathering new and unwrapped toys for children in the Twin Cities now through December 16 at the clubhouse. Thank you in advance to all who participate in this annual give-back.

Wishing you and your families warmth in your hearts and in your homes this holiday season!

-Brienna



# TOYS FOR TOTS



**U. S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE**

For more information visit [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org)

## **Upper Midwest CMAA 2024 Holiday Project**

Watch KARE 11 News throughout December for updates on toys donated to Toys for Tots.

Your donations can make a difference in a child's life this holiday season.

Please participate!

For More Information Contact  
[michelle@dellwoodcountryclub.com](mailto:michelle@dellwoodcountryclub.com)



This holiday season in conjunction with KARE 11 and the US Marine Corps, CMAA will again be collecting your generously donated **TOYS FOR TOTS** on Tuesday, December 17th.

Each member of our Club is asked to bring unwrapped toys to the club between now and 12/16





# From Your GM...

By Pete LaCoursiere  
General Manager

Happy December Dellwood Members!

This change in weather gives our team the chance to reflect on the season, as well as look ahead at the new year with the continuous goal of enhancing your experience at the Club. This year's reflection is a very positive one, with arguably one of our best seasons at Dellwood since its inception in 1970. Anyone in the private Club business would tell you that success in this industry starts and stops with your team and your Membership. We're very grateful to have both a strong and committed team, and a vibrant and active Membership. These put us in a great position to see sustained Club success for years to come, with 2025 now just days away!

For the fourth consecutive year, much of our management team spent part of our Thanksgiving week distributing Thanksgiving meals at the White Bear Lake Food Shelf for their annual Give a Gobble drive. This tradition of ours links directly with one of our core focuses here at the Club, which is to give back and get involved within our community. The need for food donations continues on a sharp and steady incline, and it's incredible to see what kind of support our Food Shelf receives from local businesses to meet these increased demands over the holidays.



New for this year, we established an event that supported our interest in helping the Food Shelf meet these record-setting demands, with our inaugural 5k Turkey Trot. Over 100 people, consisting of members and some guests, came together to help raise funds and work towards our goal of feeding 500 families. I'm happy to say we accomplished that goal, but could not have done it without the support of our Advisory Committee, our sponsors, and those who showed up on race day to "Strut their Stuffing." What was unique for us as a staff was to see those dollars get put



to work the very next day handing out Thanksgiving meals at the Food Shelf, knowing that our event made a significant impact (the Food Shelf increased their cap for meals to distribute with our sponsorship as well as a few others in the area). I'm already looking forward to next year for this event to grow in size and make an even larger impact in our community. THANK YOU.

This past week we hosted over 230 Members for a festive Thanksgiving buffet, in addition to over 50 Thanksgiving Takeout orders. We'll quickly shift gears for Santa Brunch on Sunday, December 8th where we'll see over 650 in attendance! In addition to some incredible food coming out of the kitchen by Chef Peter and his staff, those attending will get a chance to grab a picture with Santa and Mrs Clause, enjoy a sleigh ride through the golf course, and take home some festive crafts with help from Katie and her team. It's a very fun day and I hope that it is or will soon become part of a special tradition in your family.

You may have seen or read a little about the return of Week of Winter Elegance upcoming here in December. We saw a great response to this new rollout last year. Entertaining friends and family during the holidays? Perfect, let us host! Action begins Wed, Dec 18 and carries past Christmas before it wraps on Sat, Dec 28. Week of Winter Elegance highlights an elevated holiday menu, as well as some light entertainment in the Grill. A full lineup of entertainment will be provided in advance, as well as Chef Peter's special menu offerings. **We anticipate sellouts each night during our Week of Winter Elegance, so do not wait - make your reservations now.**

Lastly, a huge shoutout to a very valued member of our team, Rudy Ketchum. Rudy was voted upon by our team of Directors last month as someone who consistently commits to our core values of providing genuine hospitality, puts forth effort to continuously improve, and carries an infectious positive attitude. Rudy is one of many unsung heroes that spends a majority of his time here at the Club behind the curtain as a Cook, but you'll be sure to see Rudy at many of our upcoming holiday events as well as our outdoor cookouts in the summer. Thank you Rudy!

From all of us here at DCC, Happy Holidays!



## 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 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 information will be accessible 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 if you have any questions. Email me [HERE!](#)





# Food & Wine

by Brita Van Guilder  
Food & Beverage

Well, it's the most wonderful time of the year! Except maybe for our die-hard golfers who had a great last weekend on our course on November 15th-17th! The end of the golf season is like an end of an era for all of us around here so again just wanted to thank everyone for a terrific golf season. As Pete mentioned in a recent Dellwood Connection email, our golf course was open for a total of 221 days this season! We look forward to seeing some of you in our winter simulator league or just enjoying time around the club with family and friends over the winter season!

We also hope to see you in our restaurant space, the Bar and Grill as well! Chef Peter has been whipping up some incredible specials each week you don't want to miss! We especially appreciate everyone who has been utilizing our reservation system on our Foretees app as well. This helps us be better prepared with staffing and allows us to make the necessary preparations to execute an incredible dining experience for you all. Should you have questions on how to get your reservations in during our busy upcoming holiday season, please don't hesitate to reach out to myself or any other member of our Food & Beverage team.

We have Santa Brunch coming up in just about a week as well, on Sunday, December 8th. This is one of our flagship events, loved by so many of our members, new and old! I actually have fond memories of attending this event with my family growing up, and it's so special for me to be on the other side now, planning and executing for you all. This year we have added in a 3rd sleigh ride, which we hope will help finding a seat on them more accessible during our big event day. Hoping for snow this year! Thank you to all of those that have signed up for the big event!

We are all looking forward to a joyful and fun filled December at the club. Don't forget about our game nights on Thursdays too – our next one is December 5th for Bar Bingo from 7-9 pm. We have plenty of family themed ones during Winter Break as well!

As always, Cheers!





**November Events  
2024  
at**



**DELLWOOD  
COUNTRY CLUB**  
A Member perspective...







# From Catering & Events:

by Katie Boyd  
Director of Banquets & Events

Happy Holidays Dellwood Country Club Family!

The Holiday Season is my favorite time of the year here at the club. By the number of calls I am getting from members to host holiday gatherings, I am guessing some of you might feel the same way! For those members who have not had the joy of a winter holiday season here at DCC, the following are some of my favorite parts of DCC in the wintertime:

12.8.24 Santa Brunch: A fun filled family day at the club. Great food, drinks, and activities for all! The culinary team is planning a buffet with holiday favorites and sweet treats. The lower level of the club is magically transformed by Santa's Elves with cookie decorating, a hot chocolate bar, crafts, and photos with Mr. & Mrs. Clause! And, be sure to dress warm & catch a ride on a horse drawn carriage on the course! We have THREE horse teams attending this year! (Currently this event is sold out, but we do have an active waitlist available on the club app)

12.18-12.21 & 12.26-12.28 Winter Elegance. Enjoy delectable culinary specials, music, bingo, holiday floral workshop, warmth and cheer! Reservations are recommended each evening, as we do anticipate many of our DCC members attending! And, each night is a little different. Please bring your friends and family by the club to celebrate each other this holiday season!

12.31.24 Year's End Celebration: Premier Machine Horse & Carriage will be out with the horse team & sled to give members an opportunity to see the golf course from a new perspective, bundled up with family and hot chocolate in hand. A day for the family to get out and have some winter fun!

A friendly reminder: Please keep in mind that we have many great spaces to host gatherings here at the club: The Tamarack Room, The Fireside Room, and The Ballroom. We have a few December & January dates available!

**WINTER BONUS SPACE:** If you would like to host a Tuesday happy hour in the Lower-level Bar, members are able to book the bar area exclusively on Tuesdays for a private happy hour in the months of January, February & March. Please email [Katie@dellwoodcountryclub.com](mailto:Katie@dellwoodcountryclub.com) for details & availability.

Cheers and we look forward to seeing you around the club this holiday season!





*Winter Elegance*

*at*

*Dellwood Country Club*

ENTERTAINMENT, GOURMET SPECIALS & CRAFT  
COCKTAILS TO CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY SEASON!

*Entertainment Schedule:*

**WEDNESDAY 12.18**

**CENTERPIECES CLASS WITH BONNIE**  
*Ballroom*

**THURSDAY 12.19**

**UGLY SWEATER BAR TRIVIA**  
*Ballroom*

**FRIDAY 12.20**

**PIANIST STEVEN C**

**SATURDAY 12.21**

**LITTLE DICKENS CAROLERS**

**THURSDAY 12.26**

**TBA**

**FRIDAY 12.27**

**DAN THE MUSIC MAN - PIANIST**

**SATURDAY 12.28**

**LIVE ACOUSTIC  
MUSIC IN THE GRILL**





# From the Kitchen

Chef Peter Christenson  
Corporate Chef



Hello Members,

November was quite the busy month here at the club. In November I had the opportunity to create and curate a menu with flavors from Spain & Portugal for the Iberian Indulgence Wine Dinner, as well as a private Whiskey based dinner that took the attendees on a journey through the history of whiskey. One item served at both events, but highlighted through different recipes, was the Iberico Pork. This specialty pork is known as “The Wagyu of Pork”. The preparation of this traditional Spanish delicacy begins long before it comes to our kitchen in the Iberian Peninsula of Spain, where it is fed a diet of acorns, then harvested. The result is a product that looks the color of beef, has a flavor of rich nuttiness with a perfect balance of salt, and a texture that melts in your mouth. My personal favorite dish that highlighted this special ingredient was the Iberico pork with apricot and aged sherry preserves, Jamone, and pumpkin bravas.

The traditional Thanksgiving buffet and take-out was a great gathering at the club this past month as well. This is the one holiday buffet that I keep the menu true to traditional American items, but put a little Dellwood Chef's spin on a couple of the items. The stuffing for example, is sausage and cornbread stuffing with fresh roasted sage. It was also truly a pleasure to be serving pumpkin pies from our sister property, Sweets by Brickhouse. Yia and I truly enjoyed conceptualizing, creating and baking the pies, both traditional and gluten-free. We look forward to our pumpkin pies becoming a new Thanksgiving tradition for many!

As the holiday season is now upon us, I look forward to seeing many of you celebrating the holiday season here at the club with delectable food, tasty beverages, and holiday atmosphere. The menu for Winter Elegance is currently in the works. Of course, we will be featuring the Iberico Pork on this year's menu. Calling ahead for reservations is strongly urged.

One more item to note when coming in to dine, or calling in an order: if you happen to have a gluten preference, please do not hesitate to mention so to our staff. We have a designated gluten-free fryer in the kitchen, as well as many gluten-free menu items, and are more than happy to ensure your gluten-free request remains gluten-free. We even have gluten-free chicken nuggets!

Happy holidays everyone!

Peter Christenson, Executive Chef





**November Events**  
**2024**  
 at



**DELLWOOD**  
 COUNTRY CLUB  
 A culinary perspective...







# From the Pro

by Clayton Johnson  
Golf Professional

## **Christmas is Right around the Corner**

It's hard to believe that Christmas is only a few weeks away. We will be running a Christmas sale during this time and here are the details for the sale:

\$100 in the Shop, receive \$10 Shop credit

\$200 in the Shop, receive \$25 Shop Credit

\$300 in the Shop, receive \$60 Shop Credit

\*Shop credit issued for 2025

The golf shop has clothing lines from American Needle, UNRL, Marine Layer, Linksoul, 7Diamonds, Vuori, Greyson, Footjoy, and Robert Graham. We also have additional items on sale. Feel free to stop in and see all the great deals.

## **WINTER GOLF LEAGUE**

***LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER!***

***Season begins next week!***

Sign up in teams of up to 4, or as a single and get paired up with others in this fun league that spans throughout the winter in our state-of-the-art Trackman simulator, also known as The Vault! Open to Golf/Athletic/Clubhouse Members. Cost is \$300 per 4-person team, which includes weekly and year-long payouts. First rounds to be completed by Christmas! Sign up and schedule your first 9-hole round today! Simply register by shooting myself or Cory an email.

Cory - [cory@dellwoodcountryclub.com](mailto:cory@dellwoodcountryclub.com)

Clayton - [clayton@dellwoodcountryclub.com](mailto:clayton@dellwoodcountryclub.com)



Looking to elevate your game for the 2025 season? This winter, Cory and Faith will be providing Trackman Lesson Packages in The Vault here at Dellwood. Trackman is the ultimate tool for golf improvement, providing precise data on every aspect of your swing and ball flight. We will guide you through personalized lessons using this state-of-the-art technology. Our expertise combined with Trackman's unparalleled accuracy ensures that you receive the best insights and advice to improve your swing and enhance your performance on the course.

### Benefits of Trackman Lessons:

1. **Data-Driven Improvement:** Receive real-time data and analytics to pinpoint areas of improvement in your game.
2. **Personalized Instruction:** Tailored lessons based on your unique swing characteristics and playing style.
3. **Quantifiable Feedback Progress:** Track your numbers and progress during your lessons.

### Cory's Lesson Packages:

#### Adults:

- 30 Minutes Session: \$60 single session, 3 Pack of 30 Minute Lessons \$150
- 60 Minutes Session: \$100 single session, 3 Pack of 60 Minute Lessons \$250
- \*NEW\* Winter Coaching Package: \$750. Unlimited lessons during the winter months (December thru March). Limit of one lesson/week.

#### Juniors:

- 30 Minutes Junior Session: \$40, 3 Pack of 30 Minute Lessons \$100
- 60 Minutes Junior Session: \$60, 3 Pack of 60 Minute Lessons \$150
- \*NEW\* Junior Winter Coaching Package: \$450. Unlimited lessons during the winter months (December thru March). Limit of one lesson/week.

### Faith's Lesson Packages:

#### Adults:

• 30 Minutes Session: \$50 single session, 3 Pack of 30 Minute Lessons \$125

- 60 Minutes Session: \$80 single session, 3 Pack of 60 Minute Lessons \$200

\*NEW\* Winter Coaching Package: \$675. Unlimited lessons during the winter months (December thru March). Limit of one lesson/week.

#### Juniors:

- 30 Minutes Junior Session: \$30, 3 Pack of 30 Minute Lessons \$80
- 60 Minutes Junior Session: \$50, 3 Pack of 60 Minute Lessons \$125
- \*NEW\* Junior Winter Coaching Package: \$375. Unlimited lessons during the winter months (December thru March). Limit of one lesson/week.

**How to Book:** Booking your Trackman lesson is easy! Simply e-mail

[cory@dellwoodcountryclub.com](mailto:cory@dellwoodcountryclub.com) or [faith@dellwoodcountryclub.com](mailto:faith@dellwoodcountryclub.com) or call our Golf Shop 651-426-4733 during golf shop hours. We will be limiting the amount of lesson packages that we book to ensure our availability so if you are interested reach out and secure your spot today. Don't miss this opportunity to elevate your golf experience and take your game to new heights in 2025!

# 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!*







**Dellwood Country Club  
End of Year  
Celebration &  
Brunch**

**-BUFFET - SLEIGH RIDES -HOT CHOCOLATE -**

**12.31.2024**

**11:00AM to  
4:00PM**

**Registration  
coming soon!**





# 2024



## CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### CALENDAR KEY

- Special Member Event
- Men's Golf
- Family Game Nights
- Member Holiday Event
- Ladies Golf
- Culinary Happenings
- Bar Game Nights



**WINE DINNER**

### NOVEMBER

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### DECEMBER

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**TURKEY TROT 5K**

**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!**



**SANTA BRUNCH**



**SLEIGH RIDES**

*A sneak peek at the start of the 2025 Calendar*

**January** - Puzzle Contest

**February** - Starlight Ball

**March** - DCC Wedding Tasting

**April 13th** - Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch

**April 20th** - Easter Brunch

**May 10th** - Mother's Eve

**May 11th** - Mother's Day Brunch

**June** - Boxcar Golf Tournament

**And more!**





Catering orders coming soon!

# Sweets BY BRICKHOUSE

OPEN NOW

ICE CREAM - COOKIES- HOUSE MADE DESSERTS



# 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!



Sara Han

**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!



Lisa Kaler

**Member Since:** 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!





**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!



**Beth Pilacinski**

**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!

*Representing DCC Staff:*

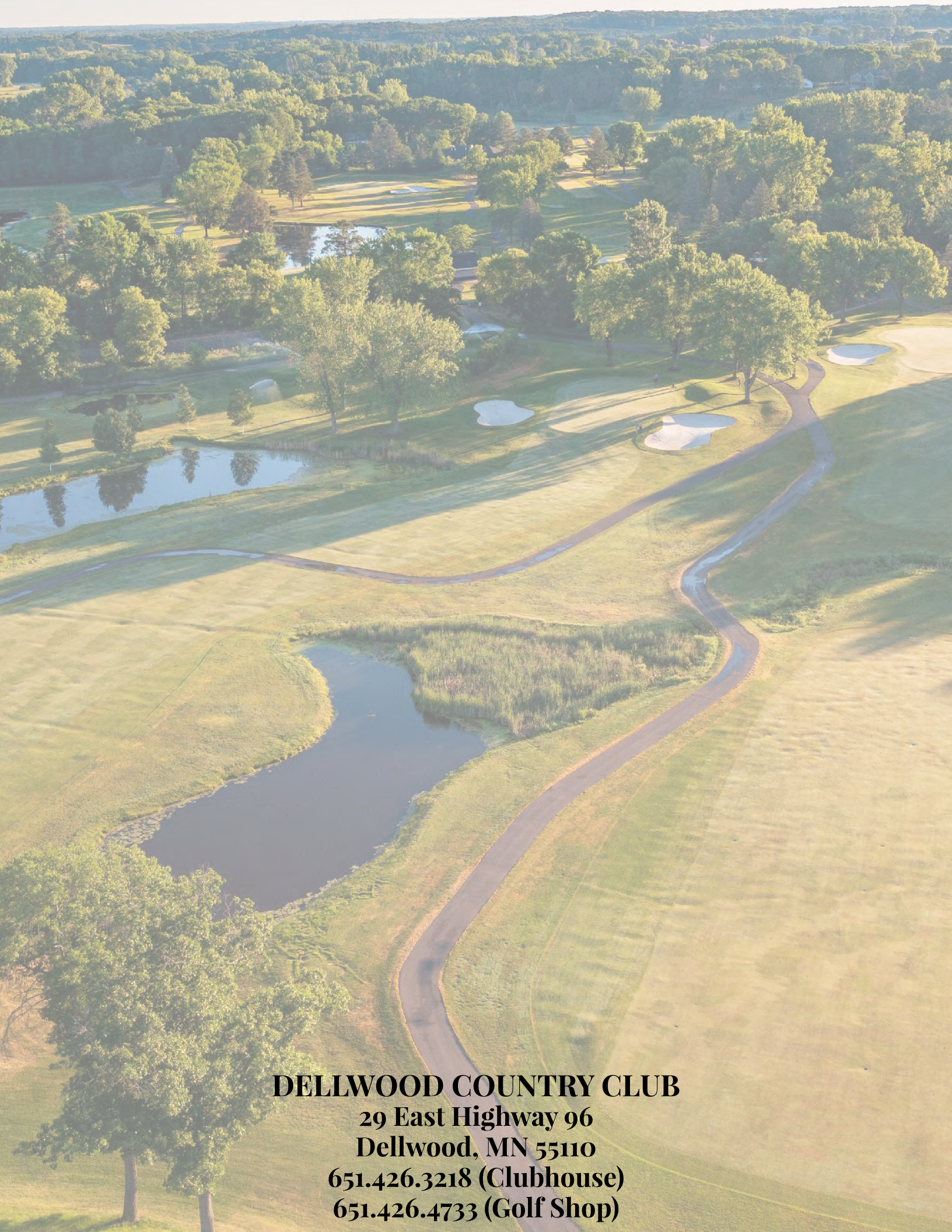
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Pete LaCoursiere, General Manager

Brita van Guilder, Director of Food & Beverage





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