

FEBRUARY 2022



## MEMBER NEWSLETTER



### FROM THE PRESIDENT By Mark Richman, 2022 Club President

It's been a cold January. The good news is everyone at Dellwood is getting ready for warm weather, if it ever happens. First and most importantly I would like to welcome a new Dellwood member this month. Kira Kelly LaCoursiere was born on January 13. Congratulations to Katie and Pete on the addition to their family.

Moving forward to this summer, Pete and his team will be releasing the 2022 Schedule of Events this month. In addition to previous events, we will be adding a new Dellwood Pro-Am as well as a new couples 18-Hole Event, built on



the popularity of our monthly Couples Friday Night events. This event, the Luau at Dellwood, will coincide with an after-golf dining event to kick off summer on the new patio.

We are only a couple of months away (hopefully) from an April opening of the golf course, so hang in there! For those counting the days down, we opened the golf course on April 3 in 2021. Try to enjoy "The Vault" and all the other opportunities to go to the Club and get together with your fellow members.

See you all soon and stay warm, Richie

## FROM MICHELLE'S DESK

By Michelle Murray, Office & Human Resource Manager



It's February at the Club, which means we have a little down time to work on updates to our Member Roster and Policies. We kindly ask that you visit your account on the website to make any changes to your accounts as soon

as possible. This could include: change of home address, place of employment, phone numbers, addition of children, etc. You may also email any changes to me at michelle@dellwoodcountryclub.com and I will make sure they get entered.

If you want to add available hockey games to this as well you can. Below are games still available:

March: 8, 21, April: 9, 11, 21, 26, 28

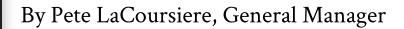
#### Club Communications - Are You In the Loop?

We understand, social media may not be your thing. However, adding it and following Dellwood CC can make your life a little easier! And better yet, we can help you with this so you don't have to hassle with it. By joining us on Instagram and/or Facebook, you'll be that much more IN THE KNOW of current and upcoming events.

This is also done through Push Notifications via the Club Central/Foretees App. Still don't have it? Please call or email me and we can help set up for you! Have the App but don't receive Push Notifications? Activation is very quick and easy.. Once in the Dellwood Foretees App, Select "More" in the bottom right corner, select Add/Change User, and hit the button next to "Notifications" to turn them on.

## READY & SPRING





It would typically seem easy to say there isn't much to report on in a February Newsletter column in Minnesota, however the reality is the opposite and instead raises the question: How much can we jam into this column? It's been an active off-season at Dellwood with the anticipation of a great season ahead of us! Below I will touch on a few of those things that have us ready for spring:

#### Dellwood Patio Remodel, by Shea Design

Shea is widely known to be the experts in architectural design in Minnesota. You may have seen their work at your favorite restaurant (*yes, much of BrickHouse renovations were completed by Shea*) but may not be aware. Check out this LINK to see some of their amazing work at many of the Twin Cities most prominent Clubs and thriving restaurants. While we work through the final tweaks on the design side, the plans HERE, will provide you with a general understanding of the layout. While the footprint itself remains, Shea has focused on flow and functionality. Removing a small portion of the patio's flower garden on the side closest to #10 tee creates more usable square footage and a more accessibile (existing) pergola dining area. The existing pergola gets picked up and extended on the same line, extending to the opposite end of the patio. This not only defines the space, but within the pergola is a stored rollershade that when needed, provides that late afternoon shade. New furniture, more seating options, and new firepits with lounge seating will give you more ways to take in that view of our beautiful Club. Lastly, we have set space aside for the addition of a Chef Cooking Station. Our goal is to utilize this cooking space as often as possible.. Lunch at the turn, Dinner on the Patio, and more. There isn't a member of our culinary team that isn't excited of the opportunity to prepare fresh entrees outdoors and in this new space. We are scheduled for a late spring completion.

#### Dellwood Bar Remodel

Some nice updates in the Dellwood Bar will compliment the Patio's remodel to bring a similar feel indoors. The scope of work includes a new look to the bar wall itself, with new materials and colors. All furniture colors will take on a new scheme. Lighting, flooring and interior paint to be addressed as well. Plans include a new location for kegs to allow for fresh, shorter beer lines. One of the goals from the start of this project was to pour the coldest beer around, and with anticipation of a late spring completion, the cold beer will be just in time as things warm up.



#### **Restaurant Servers using Tablets**

This may not sound as significant as the improvements just mentioned, but the addition of tablets for our Staff provides them a necessary tool that supports our service goals within these areas. With occupancy on the new patio increasing nearly 40%, the need to optimize our processes is even more important. As Brita mentioned in her column, please be aware of this change and appreciate your patience as we become familiar (and faster) with these devices.

#### New Events at the Club

As you'll read in Clayton's column regarding new events at the Club, there are two worth sharing some insight on. Upon joining the Dellwood team last March, Tim brought to my attention his interest in establishing a relationship with a local charitable group to collaborate with for an event. In this past eleven months, we have created a relationship with River Valley Charities, a foundation established by a small local group to provide basic necessities to middle-school and highschool children that would otherwise go without, in the form of a "Backpack Program." They've distributed to over 300 families and 700,000 pounds of food, predominately in St Croix County, as far west as Stillwater. This collaboration provides the opportunity for them to expand their reach into the White Bear Lake and surrounding area. The event will be in the form of a Pro-Am, and is scheduled for Wednesday, August 3rd. Invitations will be sent to Pro's around the area who may bring a guest, to be paired with a group of Dellwood Members (groups of 3) establishing a field of approximately 20-24 fivesomes. Cost to play is \$250, and \$225 to DCC Members. Included in the entry is lunch, dinner, golf, and an overwhelming Swag Bag of goods through the partnerships RVC has established with various retailers. Proceeds benefit this amazing program and we're thrilled to work with them in their efforts to impact more children in our area.

The "Luau @ Dellwood" is a new event for the year and is built around the popularity of our monthly Friday Night Couples events, where golf's "intimidation" factor is all but eliminated. The format of this event changes slightly in its bump from 9-holes on Friday night events to being 18-holes. The fun starts there but rolls into the evening as the Hawaiian themed event will break in Dellwood's new patio on the first weekend of summer, Saturday June 25. More info to come on this one but excited to create a new event that we think you will all enjoy!



#### GREETINGS, DELLWOOD MEMBERS! By Chef Michael Lopata, Chef to Cuisine

DELLWOOD MEMBERS! I hope you all enjoyed a fantastic holiday season and your 2022 is off to a great start. I could not be more excited about joining the team here at Dellwood! I officially came on board in the middle of January in a role called Chef to Cuisine. With Chef Peter as my direct report, I oversee our culinary team in his absence, and work with our existing talented crew to bring out their best in new and creative dishes for you all to enjoy. I've enjoyed a very warm welcome thus far from our staff and the Membership I've met, and love the energy this Club exhibits even in these frigid months. Our goal for 2022 and beyond is to create fun and exciting seasonal menus down in the Grill as well as for banquets, receptions, and other Member related events that allow us to culinarily enhance every opportunity that we are fortunate enough to be presented with.

My Background: I am a Seattle transplant; living out in the Pacific Northwest for almost my entire life. I played baseball in college until an elbow injury put me on the shelf for good. Post baseball, I started working at a family-owned Italian restaurant in Northern Idaho for what I thought would be just for the summer. That was 18 years ago. I jokingly say that cooking professionally has been the longest summer job of my life. While in Seattle, I worked for Tom Douglas and opened 8 restaurants for him, ranging from Mexican to Greek to Japanese. Most recently, I worked for Facebook Culinary in Redmond, WA, writing menus and cooking for the engineers and developers of their virtual reality platform, Oculus. I was out here visiting last Thanksgiving, and everything just seemed to fall into place, culminating with the opportunity to come on board here at Dellwood. It became glaringly obvious that this was an offer I simply could not pass up. While I loved my time in Seattle, my girlfriend who is a nurse at North Memorial Hospital lives here, and I was ready for a change both personally and professionally. I hear underneath all that snow is an amazing golf course that I can't wait to see for myself. While in Seattle, I played out of Meridian Valley Country Club, and it should be noted that I cook for the sole purpose of supporting my golf habit.

I cannot wait to meet everyone, whether it's at the Grill, any of our Winter banquets, or when mother nature decides to give us a break, out on the course to talk food and make birdies! We have some amazing schedule of themed nights coming up in the Grill. Every Saturday, we showcase a new cuisine with appetizer, entrée and dessert specials. It's a great way to try something new and for us to work on possible future menu items. In addition, our three-course menu for the Valentine's Day Soiree on February 12th has been finalized, as well as our Super Bowl Buffet Menu. If you find yourself at any of our theme nights or the Super Bowl Buffet, please do not hesitate to ask for me, as I would love to come out and say hello.

## THE GEAR UP FOR SPRING HAS BEGUN!

#### By Brita VanGuilder, Director of Food & Beverage

I hope everyone is staying warm this winter and enjoying the first few months of 2022! We are looking forward to great new memories made here at the Club this year! We are starting things off with some additions to our F&B Department, as we welcome new Food and Beverage Manager, Herman Walker! We are thrilled to bring Herman onto our team and we hope you all welcome him with open arms! Herman came on board during the last week of January, and is full of energy, passion for hospitality, and excitement to begin here at DCC. Please look for Herman around the Club to say hello and introduce yourself!

Another addition you will see in the restaurant area this season is the use of handheld devices by our serving staff. We are working on implementing this change to rapidly speed up service and increase our accuracy. We appreciate your patience, and are confident this technology will enhance your experience in all of Dellwood's dining areas this spring - which is right around the corner!

We hope everyone has enjoyed our fun, themed nights the past few Saturdays as well! We think of it as a unique way to introduce new cuisine and offer something different throughout this winter season. Lobster Fest, Prime Rib Night & Taste of Tuscany were huge hits. We're always open for suggestions so please let us know if there's anything you'd like to see featured as we move forward. Please reference the calendar on this page for February's themes!



#### Saturday Themed Specials in February

<u>Sat 5th</u> Dell-Schlagen German Specials

> <u>Sat 12th</u> Lover's Lane Menu for Valentine's Day

> > <u>Sat 19th</u> Spanish Tapas

<u>Sat 26th</u> Retro Diner Foods -Flashback to the 50's





## FROM THE PRO

By Clayton Johnson, Head Golf Professional



We are a couple months away from the 2022 Golf Season and I couldn't be more excited. The first thing I would like to do is welcome a New Dellwood Family

Member. Pete and his wife Katie welcomed Kira LaCoursiere to their family on January 13. Kira is their third child and first girl. Congrats Pete and Katie.

The 2022 Golf Season will be jam packed with lots of fun golf events and activities around the Club. We still have a couple of Friday Night Couples themes to identify. Please share any fun ideas you'd like to see added to the rotation.

Starting today, Feb 1st, all Golf Events and Tournaments will be on the Foretees App. This is now the time to go in and get signed up for Events and Tournaments before they fill up.

### Please take a minute to take a look at the 2022 Schedule of Events which can be found HERE.

You'll also see a column from your Assistant Professionals, Blake Lentner and Drew Jenniges. They have put together the information for their junior golf programs for 2022, which includes an additional program offered to juniors starting at age 5.

#### HIGHLIGHTS on the CALENDAR



#### 2022 Member-Member THE BOXCAR

What: 2nd annual Member-Member

<u>When</u>: Fri, June 3rd - Sat, June 4

<u>Who</u>: 2021 Champions Tim Lawin & Mark Naylon to defend. New for 2022 will be a Men's and Women's Division.

<u>Format</u>: 36 Holes Best Ball for Men, 18 Hole Best Ball for Women.

What you Need to Know:

- Cost for Men's event is \$350. Includes Tee Gift, Fri lunch & dinner (and a +1), Sat breakfast \* lunch.

Cost for Women's event is \$175.
Includes Tee Gift, Friday dinner (and a +1), Saturday breakfast & lunch.

\*If both Husband/Wife play, cost is reduced to \$475 total.
- Friday's extravagant dinner will feature live music by TRICK, returning after their legendary performance in 2021.
- We expect another sell out so do not hesitate to register!

#### 2022 Luau @ Dellwood

What: NEW Couples 18-Hole Event

When: Saturday, June 25

<u>Who</u>: Building off of our monthly Friday Night Couples events but taken to the next level!

What you Need to Know: Ring in the first Saturday of the '22 Summer, and help us break in the new patio with a cookout following golf! Additional info to be released later this month for this new event.

### FROM THE ASSISTANT PRO'S



By Blake Lentner & Drew Jenniges, Assistant Golf Professionals





We are excited to announce the schedule of the 2022 Junior Golf Season. Back by popular demand will be our Junior Golf Academy on Tuesday evenings. This is by far our most popular program with rave reviews from both kids and parents. We will also be adding a Thursday morning session of our Junior Academy aimed at the more experienced junior golfer.

You asked and we delivered! New for the 2022 Season will be a PeeWee (Ages 5-6) Program. We had many inquiries about a program for younger children and our PeeWee sessions will be perfect for your Junior Golfer to get their start on the golf course.

Need Clubs? Our U.S. Kids Club Rental Program is an affordable way for your child to always have equipment correctly fit for their height and skill level. Their business is laser-focused on Junior Golf and provide equipment created specifically for juniors. Check them out HERE.

If you are already enrolled in our rental program, please stop by the golf shop by April 15th to get fit for your new set of clubs for the 2022 season.

#### **READY TO REGISTER?**

Click HERE for more info on all of our Junior Golf Programs,

and click HERE to submit an email inquiry to Drew to register. Please indicate the program and session you wish to enroll in, as well as your childrens name and age.



## @ DELLWOOD COUNTRY CLUB

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## FRIDAY-SATURDAY FROM 10:00AM - 05:00PM

Tons of Winter Activities to Enjoy Medallion Search - Ice Golf Sledding - Skating - Bonfires Outdoor Grilling - S'mores Dell-Schlagen Themed Food & Drinks for All!

Embrace the Season

**ENTRY IS FREE - SELECT ATTRACTIONS EXTRA** 

Dellwood Country Club Saturday, Feb 12 Where: Ballroom Time: 6pm Dress: "Date Night Attire" RSVPs Required!

Alenines Soiree

Come celebrate with your special someone here at DCC! Live music from TRICK, delicious menu and wine pairings, and more!



COME CHEER ON AT DELLWOOD!

# SUPERBOWL Sunday



SUNDAY, FEB 13 5-10PM IN THE BAR



Gameday Buffet \$29

Chips & Queso, w/ Homemade Salsas Chicken Taquitos Black Beans & Rice Prime Rib Sliders w/ Horseradish Pork Belly Sliders w/ Carolina Gold Sauce BBQ Meatballs Buffalo Wings Roasted Red Pepper Hummus, Crudite, & Grilled Flatbread Dessert Buffet too!

**~Reservations Required~** 



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