



# DELLWOOD

## COUNTRY CLUB

DECEMBER  
2022



# MEMBER NEWSLETTER



By Mark Richman, 2022 Club President

## *From the President*

It's almost Christmas time at Dellwood. As we wind down the year and the snow and cold overtake us we continue to find ways to enjoy our time at the Club. This past November saw a number of activities taking place. We had our Annual Past Presidents dinner. I was surprised and happy to see the number of past Presidents there are that continue to be Members today. Our Thanksgiving Buffet was extremely well attended and our Thanksgiving to-go service was a welcome option for many of our Members.



Looking forward to December and the rest of the winter, we will have Thursday Night Game Nights, Wing Wednesday's and Happy Hours, Cozy Cantina Tuesday's to name of few of the new activities our team has put together. I would be remiss if I didn't mention our Santa Brunch on Dec 18, which is already filling up.

Stay warm and continue to take advantage of what your club has to offer, even if it is cold outside, just use the Club's Valet service that Josh graciously provides us!

See you at the Club, Richie



## From Michelle's Desk

by Michelle Murray  
Office / HR Manager

Hello DCC members! I hope that you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. I know I saw some of you picking up to-go orders, which I did myself and brought home to have with my family. Kudos to Chef Peter, Chef Michael, and all of the culinary staff on a fantastic spread of food and desserts!

Some of our team, pictured below, along with my daughter, took time the Tuesday before Thanksgiving to volunteer at the White Bear Lake Area Food Shelf. It is our second year in the books and we look forward to continuing this tradition every year.

The White Bear Area Food Shelf has been serving the White Bear Lake area since 1977. They provide food and support to over 1,800 families each month, and their vision is to end food insecurity in the White Bear Area. This Thanksgiving, they provided meals to over 800 families.

If you are ever looking for volunteer opportunities, please consider the WBLAFS. It's not only fun, but very rewarding as well!

Peace & love to all of you this holiday season!



*In order of appearance:*

*Clayton Johnson, Pete LaCoursiere, Michelle Murray, Michael Lopata, James Boyd. Unofficially the best team of volunteers WBLAFS gets all year!*



## From Your GM...

By Pete LaCoursiere, General Manager

It is hard to believe that winter does not technically "start" for another three weeks (Dec 21st), being that it's felt like we've dealt with it for months. With the most recent snow storm, we all of a sudden are gearing up for the variety of winter activities provided at the Club. As Eric touches on in his article, we are in the process of grooming trails for cross country ski, breaking out our snow shoes, setting up our skating rink and clearing a path to the top of the sledding hill, to be lit up on the weekends of course.

This time of year provides a natural opportunity for our members to utilize the Club in different ways. We'll see the bar banter made up of bogey's ("*should've been*" birdies) and belly flops at the pool, shift towards Bingo, brunches and our bartender's butter Bourbon. We've experienced some wonderful turnouts in our events so far this season, notably Boo Bash, Thanksgiving and Game Nights. Santa Brunch (Dec 18) is gearing up for a record attendance with expanded seating times, which will include Santa accompanied by Mrs Clause, along with horse-drawn sleigh rides through the picturesque setting between Holes #10 & #18. In February, we'll be introducing the "Starlight Ball," (*formerly Ties & Tierras / Father-Daughter Dance*) on Saturday the 11th, as we shore up details for staple events at the Club like Easter and Mother's Day brunches. With Game Nights evolving, Tuesday's Cozy Cantina Nights and regular specials occurring in the restaurant, we hope to see many of you take advantage of these fun opportunities in and around the Club as we finish this "Fall" season with a bang!



Superintendent Eric Peterson providing the traditional Tractor Rides during Boo Bash



In her article this month, Michelle shares a bit with you about a volunteer shift some of our team took part in this past month at the White Bear Lake Area Food Shelf (WBLAFS) to help distribute Thanksgiving Meals to those in need. We didn't need to look hard to understand the direct impact it had on the folks we served, and makes for a great way to spend time away from the Club as a team. The WBLAFS is an organization we continue to spend more time with, and as the cost of EVERYTHING grows exponentially, they need our support more than ever. You may recall we restored the Dellwood CC Pro-Am this past summer (*We know DCC Member Mike*

*Fitzgerald does - staking local regional fame for his Hole-In-One on #6 to win a car!*), and collaborated with River Valley Charities in the process. RVC used this opportunity to expand their area of impact a little west, as they're based primarily in the Saint Croix River Valley, putting us in a position to bring these two organizations together. RVC consists of an amazing group of individuals who volunteer their time and have impacted thousands of kids in eastern Minnesota and western Wisconsin by working with local Food Shelf's to establish or enhance "Backpack" Programs. In this program, physical backpacks are slipped into the hands of those in need, which are loaded with essentials that these kids can bring home

to ensure their next meals are not skipped. Through the relationships established within our Pro-Am, the support of DCC Members who played, those who sponsored holes (*we had 12 Members do so!*) and contributions by fellow PGA Professionals, RVC recently presented the WBLAFS a \$10,000 check (*the formal presentation is actually this Saturday!*)! We're grateful for this partnership with RVC and their amazing contribution to this organization that hits so close to home for us here in the Dellwood / White Bear area. Stay tuned for a confirmed 2023 Pro-Am date in early August, which again will be run in partnership with RVC & WBLAFS. A sincere THANK YOU to all those that were a part of that special day.





## *Your Banquets & Events Team*

By Katie Boyd, Director of Banquets & Events

Happy Holiday's Dellwood Membership!

As we enter into this holiday season, and into the start of a new calendar year, our Dellwood Country Club Banquets & Events staff is busier than ever! The word has spread: Dellwood has great food and hosts memorable events!

Some of you may not know this, but we have many event spaces to utilize for all different types of events, of all sizes with a variety of menus available (all of them DELECTABLE). Dellwood is the spot to host Holiday gatherings, baby showers, bridal showers, rehearsal dinners, birthday parties, business meetings, golf tournaments, weddings, graduation parties, school banquets.....the list goes on. If you just want to gather with friends and have great food & drink, well....we will invent a party with you.

As you are reading you may be thinking "who would I call to plan such an event?" Or, "Who will help me to invent a party?!?". The answer to that question is two part (or two person rather). The first being myself, Katie Boyd, and the second, Sarah Drayna.

I joined the Dellwood Banquet & Events team back in April as a manager, and have recently been promoted to the Director position! My favorite events to plan are membership wide events, including the new "Starlight Ball" in February. I love working with our Members as well for special events they choose to hold within one of our venue spaces. As mentioned above, the cause for celebration is a long list and we love making each and every event truly unique. Stay tuned for a very cheery & spectacular Santa Brunch on December 18th as well. The planning itself has been so much fun!



## Sarah Drayna, Banquets & Events Manager

I'm excited to introduce you all to Sarah Drayna, who joined the Dellwood Team as Banquets and Events Manager just a short two weeks ago. Sarah brings experience and work ethic to the team that makes her a most exciting addition. Sarah's most recent event planning and catering experience has been at Jimmy's Food+Drink as well as D'amico & Sons Catering. Sarah started creating Dellwood memories of her own back in October when she celebrated her own wedding day here at Dellwood!

Katie, Sarah, and the Dellwood Country Club management team are already underway collaborating with our talented culinary team to create exciting member events for the upcoming 2023 calendar year. But, don't worry.....we have saved some dates for all of you to add special events to the calendar as well. Please email Sarah or myself if we can help with your next event.

We hope to see you all around the Club. Happy Holiday's!!



*Left: Abby serving up a cold Oktoberfest brew to Eric Blasing in a DCC Stein at DCC's Oktoberfest event.*



*Right: A long exposure photograph catches a ball in flight on #18 during DCC's Glow Ball event.*



## From the Pro:

By Clayton Johnson,  
Head Golf Professional

### Simulator Information

The Vault, Dellwood's state-of-the-art Trackman Golf Simulator, is open and available for both Golf and Athletic Members. Golf Members can sign up on Foretees up to 14 days in advance. Athletic Members have reservation access 3 days in advance. Junior Golf Members (16 & Under) to be accompanied by their parent.

The simulator fee is \$35 per/hour Monday-Thursday, and \$45 Friday-Sunday. Members wishing to invite guests are billed \$10/guest. Please note we have introduced a Cancellation Policy this year, which is created to optimize the availability of The Vault and provide as much access as possible. If you're not able to use your reservation, **please cancel within three hours** to avoid a fee equal to 50% of the cost of the reserved time.

Members can sign up for 1 hour per player and up to 4 hours with 4 players. To plan your tee times, please reference the following guidelines: Allow 30 mins for each player to play 9 holes. (Ex: 1 person plays 18 holes in 1 hour. And 4 people play 9 holes in 2 hours.)

Trackman is universally accepted as the best product on the market. It's many features include:

\*200+ Golf courses available to play. Courses feature lots of different tee options with many also having junior tees available.

\* 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. We are highly skilled in using the Trackman for teaching. This can be a good way to improve your game during the long winter months. You can set up a lesson by calling the golf shop or by e-mailing Clayton, Cory, or Drew.

### Holiday Shopping

The golf shop has been restocked with some new lines of clothing for both men, women, and juniors. We have also restocked the popular UNRL Hoodies in the last couple of weeks and have included kids' sizes now. Make sure to stop in and get your Christmas shopping done here at Dellwood.

### Winter Fittings

We will begin to have Fitting Days for the new golf product that will be launching after the New Year. Fittings are complimentary and a great way to test out the latest and greatest!



# Greetings from the Culinary World

by Michael Lopata, Chef de Cuisine

Happy December, everyone!

As we wind down for the year, I wanted to take a moment and thank you all for making me feel so at home here during my first year at Dellwood. I have said it numerous times, but a year ago, I didn't even know Dellwood was a town. But now, it's home for me. I'm here and you are all stuck with me for better or worse...hopefully for better. I have had such a great time getting to know, golfing with, and most importantly cooking for all of you this last year and am looking forward to what next year will bring.

While this will inevitably be our slow time, there are still things happening here at the Club in the culinary world that are definitely worth mentioning. Taco Tuesday proved to be the hit of the summer and fall, and because of that, our Cozy Cantina was born and will be open for service Tuesday, December 6th. We have normally been closed on Tuesdays in the past during the winter, but we will be offering a fun Mexican themed menu each and every Tuesday. Fresh, homemade corn tortillas, authentic street tacos and so much more will be available for both dine in and to go/delivery all winter long!

In keeping with our amazing alliteration additions and amendments, Wing Wednesday has shown to be a hit. Our featured wings are \$1, order whichever variety and as many as you'd like. In addition to our traditional flavors, we will be showcasing a weekly special sauce or rub created by one of the members of the kitchen staff. Our first Wing Wednesday saw 157 wings leave the kitchen, so come on down Wednesday nights and help us get to our goal of 300 wings!

From all of us in the culinary department, we'd like to say Happy Holidays and thank you so very much for letting us cook for you and letting us do what we all love to do. Whether it's a company holiday party, a business lunch, or a dinner with the family, we enjoy every single opportunity we get to cook for you all.

Happy Holidays!

Michael



## Food & Wine

by Brita van Guilder  
Food & Beverage Director

The months are certainly flying by, especially when you're having fun at DCC! What a fabulous month November was here, saying hello to the holiday season, yet goodbye to some of our snowbirds. Please send us some sunshine!

We launched our new menu in the grill and it's been a hit so far- top sellers have been the Meatball appetizer and our hearty, warm pastas. We have a new seasonal cocktail menu-although some of you have already snuck some of Gunnar's newest creations at the bar- we will be having a homemade Brown Butter Bourbon represented in a nutty Old Fashioned, and we have been experimenting with Pete's favorite, Empress Indigo Gin. Be sure to let us know your favorite!

James and I also MC'd our newest addition to our off-season agenda, Thursday Night Game Nights! We have quite the lineup of adult and family events for fun for all ages on these, cold and blustery nights. We had around 30 people join us for Bar Trivia a few weeks ago with questions ranging from Minnesota specific trivia, to golf facts, to "What's the happiest country in the world?" We had a blast testing everyone's knowledge and giving out fabulous prizes. Be sure to check the schedule in the newsletter, weekly connections, or on the TV in the bar for upcoming game nights!

Now time for me to get sappy – this month you may not have seen me around as much as I've dealt with some personal medical issues. I just want to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone- thank you for the kind words, the hugs, the notes, the smiles, the well wishes, and even the offers to come fold my laundry. I truly am so grateful to be a part of this community and be surrounded by such a fabulous group of people. You all make work not feel like work at all! I mean they say "if you love what you do, you never work a day in your life." Something to think about...anyway, thank you.

As always, cheers and bring on December!!!



# Restaurant Specials

Upcoming December Specials

**Friday, Dec 2 - Saturday, Dec 3**

DCC Southern Comfort

**Friday, Dec 9 - Saturday, Dec 10**

Dellwood Smokehouse BBQ

**Friday, Dec 16 - Saturday, Dec 17**

DCC Fried Chicken

**Friday, Dec 30 - Saturday, Dec 31**

New Year's Extravaganza



And don't forget, beginning Tuesday, December 6, the restaurant is OPEN for the launch of Cozy Cantina! Special hours of 4:00-8:30PM.

# Mixing it Up

Gunnar van Guilder, Bartender

I am looking forward to showcasing several new seasonal cocktails this winter!

Recently, I have been experimenting with various flavor combinations to create balanced cocktails reminiscent of the winter season. Rosemary paired with lemon, sage with blueberry, and browned butter with toasted pecan, to name a few.

A new addition to our cocktail menu, the Nutty Professor features a brown butter fat-washed Makers Mark whiskey (which you must taste before passing judgment based on the description) made in-house. This process gives the whiskey a slightly thicker mouthfeel and a hint of sweetness.



Paired with a homemade toasted pecan simple syrup, this Old Fashioned is NUTS!

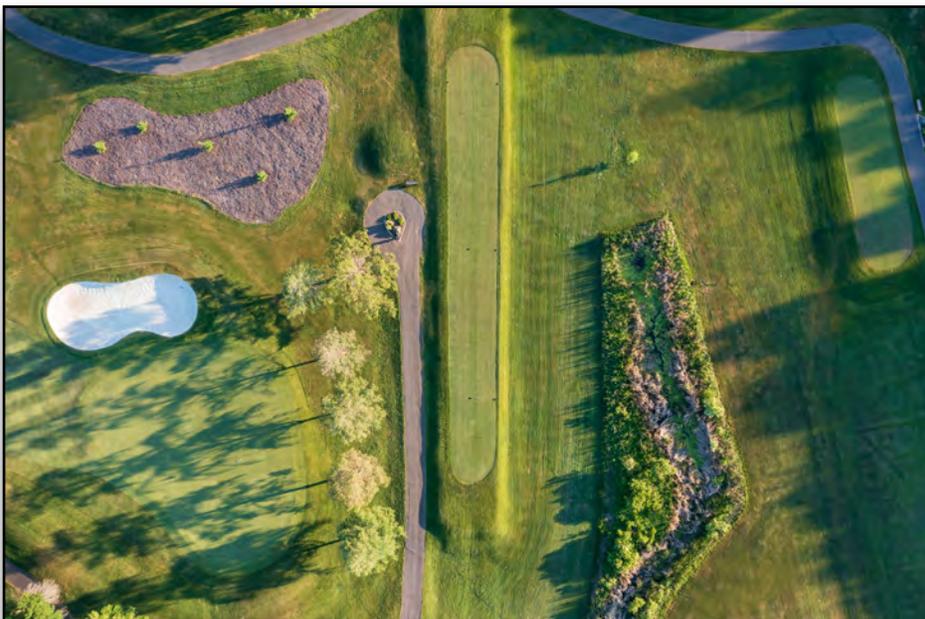
Come try one next time you're in and let me know what you think!



## *From the Grounds* by Eric Peterson, Superintendent

Our maintenance staff has been busy finishing up fall cleanup and complete some projects. This fall cleanup really sets the stage for a much easier spring prep. This is also the time we prepare the golf course for winter by blowing out our irrigation system and spraying plant protectants to keep the turf from getting Snow Mold. Both our grounds staff along with Drew and Josh from the golf staff put in some solid days of filling divots on tees and fairways. Thanks to them for their help! We were able to complete some early tree removals, some irrigation repair, clubhouse drainage and plant some trees near the Clubhouse and on the golf course before our last big snow fall.

As we transition into winter mode, look for the opening of the sledding hill, the ice rink, and the cross country ski trail and as always snow shoeing. The ski trail will be groomed this week and we will start on the ice rink next week. Other winter activities for our staff will include snow removal, tree trimming and removals, equipment repair and maintenance, accessory maintenance and the on going maintenance of the rink and ski trail.





## Winter Lessons

by Drew Jenniges  
Assistant Golf Professional

With no signs of winter letting up, now is the perfect time to revamp, repair, or create the swing of your dreams. This month only I am offering Discounted Winter Lesson Packages for you or the golfer in your life. This promotional pricing is available through December.

With state-of-the-art Trackman Technology I am confident that I can help you improve your game and have more fun on the golf course. Don't let another golf season go by wishing you had taken a few lessons in the winter to help set you up for success during Club Championship Season.

### Adult Lessons:

3 for \$225

5 for \$350

7 for \$475

### Junior Lessons:

3 for \$165

5 for \$250

7 for \$325



Lesson Packages include: 1 Hour Lessons , Full Video of Lesson, Custom Lesson Plan

\*\*\* Lessons Packages valid only in the Winter (Dec – March) \*\*\*

Contact: [Drew@DellwoodCountryClub.com](mailto:Drew@DellwoodCountryClub.com) to Sign up.

# TOYS FOR TOTS

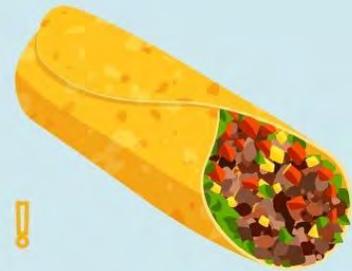


**U.S. MARINE CORPS**

This holiday season, in conjunction with KARE 11 and the US Marine Corps, Dellwood CC will again be collecting generously donated TOYS FOR TOTS! Please make any donations by December 14, as our pick-up is scheduled for December 15. Toys must be unwrapped! You can make your drop in the large bin near the front entrance of the Club.



# Cozy CANTINA



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BEGINNING DECEMBER 6 !

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6:00 Arrival

6:30 Start Time

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**Register by December 5th**

\*A wooden box will be provided to design your arrangement in, but if you want to upgrade to a black, white, or gold ceramic container, an extra \$10 will be added to your total. Please include your 1st and 2nd choices when you sign up for the class.

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# DECEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	1  BAR BINGO	2	3 <b>SPECIAL</b> SOUTHERN COMFORT
4	5  CLOSED	6  COZY CANTINA	7	8  FAMILY BINGO	9	10 <b>SPECIAL</b> DCC SMOKEHOUSE BBQ
11	12  CLOSED	13  COZY CANTINA	14	15  COOKIE DECORATING	16	17 <b>SPECIAL</b> DCC FRIED CHICKEN
18  SANTA BRUNCH	19  CLOSED	20  COZY CANTINA	21	22  BAR BINGO CENTERPIECE CREATIONS	23	24  CLOSED CHRISTMAS EVE
25   CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY	26  CLOSED	27  COZY CANTINA	28	29  FAMILY TRIVIA	30	31 <b>SPECIAL</b> NYE EXTRAVAGANZA

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