



# DELLWOOD

COUNTRY CLUB

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## MEMBER NEWSLETTER



# FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Mark Richman, 2022 Club President

Fellow Dellwood Members, Pete assures me that our range will open up very soon and just after that, the course. Hopefully we are all back together enjoying everything Dellwood has to offer during the warmer months. I'll make this short, and this might be one of the most important messages I send this year. Starting when our course opens we will have a "Presidents Drink" available. Each year moving forward, Dellwood's President will have their pick of a cocktail, specially priced at \$6. My choice as "President's Drink" will be the



infamous Bootleg. The Bootleg is a mix of lemon-lime, mint and Tito's Vodka. Many may not know but the Bootleg Cocktail originates in Minnesota's Twin Cities from the prohibition period when alcohol was off limits. Although many have staked claim, it cannot be attributed to one Club, but the drink originated at Twin Cities area country clubs during this time in our history. The refreshing ingredients in this cocktail were intended to mask the alcohol!

I hope to see everyone soon at the Club, on the course, in the newly renovated bar and soon to be renovated patio area with a President's Drink in hand!

~ Richie



# MICHELLE'S DESK

By Michelle Murray,  
Office & Human Resource Manager

Let's talk about Food & Beverage Minimums! It's always a hot topic and I feel like it's time for a refresher. For those of you who are Golf, Athletic, and Clubhouse members, the structure is as follows:

The monthly minimum is \$125 Food Only / \$150 Food & Beverage and includes all purchases made in the Bar, Grill, Pool Bar, Depot, Take-Out & Delivery orders. Please keep in mind that this is calculated before tax and service charge. Catering purchases are not included in the food and beverage minimum. The billing cycle is based upon your last name.

## April through September:

*Group #1 Last name starting with A-M must spend \$125 Food Only/\$150 Food & Beverage, during the calendar month: 1st through the end of the month.*

*Group #2 Last name starting with N-Z must spend \$125 Food Only/\$150 Food & Beverage, between the 15th of the month and the 14th of the following month.*

## October through March:

*Group #1 Last name starting with A-M must spend \$250 Food Only/\$300 Food & Beverage, in each two-month period: October 1st through November 30th, December 1st through January 31st, and February 1st through March 31st.*

*Group #2 Last name starting with N-Z must spend \$250 Food Only/\$300 Food & Beverage, in each two-month period; October 15th through December 14th, December 15th through February 14th, and February 15th through April 14th.*

Anyone is welcome to change to the \$150 Food & Beverage option any time! Just let me know and we can make that change for you. Please email [michelle@dellwoodcountryclub.com](mailto:michelle@dellwoodcountryclub.com).

Cheers!

Michelle



# SPRING <sup>HAS</sup> ARRIVED!

By Pete LaCoursiere, General Manager

Spring is here, but it hurts to think that we had 70 degree weather at this time last year and were open for play on April 3! Dellwood staff is as eager as many of you are after another grueling Minnesota winter, and will be ready to welcome all golfers back as soon as mother nature allows. It's been a very productive off-season for us as a Club, in preparation for what we believe will be a very fun, alive, and buzzing Club this season. We not only have a very healthy Membership, but one that has progressed into a significantly younger Club. Golf has seen a demographic overhaul over the past two years, and Dellwood CC is no different. In the US, 35% of golfers are age 35 and under (up from 23% just five years ago), as women golfers being the fastest growing segment in the game of golf, who now make up ~30% of golfers (up from 22% five years ago). These demographic changes create fresh change in every aspect of Country Clubs, such as food options (avpush for healthier), fashion trends (casual lifestyle versus traditional attire), demands for technology, etc. This all amounts to a trending game thats enjoyed by a more diverse crowd and is extremely welcomed by all those within the golf and hospitality industry! As Dellwood Country Club strives to provide a welcoming, fun environment, this shift plays right into what differentiates our Club from so many others in the market.

With that, we'd be doing a disservice to you all if we didn't take this opportunity as we head into the season to remind all Members, existing and new, of Dellwood's general policies, which are built around providing the most positive golf experiences each and every time you're at the Club.

1. Pace of play 4 hours or less (Achievable by anyone, regardless of skill level, if playing ready golf).
2. Replace all divots with sand mix (not divots!) and properly repair ball marks on greens.
3. If you have Guests, check into the Golf Shop prior to your start time.
4. Men are required to tuck shirts in on the Golf Course & within the Clubhouse.
5. Keep music at a volume that is considerate of others on the Golf Course.
6. Please be open to Starters who may politely suggest pairing you up if your group has an open slot. This allows for better course utilization and free's up tee times for addional players.
7. And finally, be respectful to all Staff! If a Ranger is on the Course and makes you aware that your group is behind pace, please know that it is for the benefit of every golfer behind you. You WILL benefit from this general common practice more times than addressed of it.

If you feel that maintaining a 4-hour pace for 18 holes is difficult to follow, we ask you to consider more off-peak times, which the Golf Professional Staff can assist with.



As some of the Staff has acknowledged in this article, we have some fresh faces around the Club that I am thrilled about having on our team. Coming up on her first month at the Club, CJ Navarro takes on a very important role that has been adjusted slightly to our evolving needs as a Club, as our Director of Marketing & Events. Her background and experiences at a handful of Clubs throughout the country makes for a great fit at Dellwood. You'll certainly see her around, and hope you take that chance to say hello. CJ recently brought Katie Boyd onto her team, having worked together in the past coordinating hundreds of events together. These two have an obvious natural sense of hospitality and making people feel welcome and look to enhance all Member and Corporate event/weddings at Dellwood this season. Katie fills a spot recently vacated by Laura Super, who recently took a position elsewhere and outside wedding coordination. We thank Laura for her time at the Club and wish her the best in her new position.

Lastly, as a fellow PGA Professional, I am happy to announce that as of April 1, 2022, Head Golf Professional, Clayton Johnson, is now officially a Member of the Professional Golfers Association, the PGA. This certification is earned through years of education and testing, and is a testament to Clayton's determination to further his expertise within the golf industry and expand his professional network. Having had a chance to spend time with Clayton in the final leg of this pursuit, I'm excited for him in this hard-earned achievement.

**Congratulations Clayton!**

### **UPCOMING CHANGES IN OPERATING HOURS**

Beginning week of Mon, April 18:  
Restaurant will return to in-season operating hours of six days/wk (Tue-Sun) for breakfast/lunch/dinner.

### **DCC BAR/PATIO REMODELS**

We completed the bar remodel over closure in March, and hope you enjoy the refreshed look!

We will begin Patio updates mid-April, with a targeted finish date of late May/early June. The Patio will remain usable throughout phases of the renovations, with any closures communicated to the Membership in advance.



## FROM THE PRO

By Clayton Johnson,  
Head Golf Professional

### Introducing New Golf Staff for 2022

As we begin the 2022 Golf Season you may notice a new Golf Pro on Staff. We would like to welcome Cory Moran to Dellwood Country Club. Cory recently worked at Wayzata Country Club for the past 8 seasons. He has been the lead assistant the past few seasons and was involved in all aspects of the operations. Outside of golf, he is a huge sports fan, loves to travel and spends his free time fishing and bowling. Please help me welcome Cory to the Dellwood Family and please make sure to introduce yourself if you see him when the season starts.

At this time, I would personally like to thank Blake Lentner for his time at Dellwood. Blake has moved on to Wayzata Country Club to become the Lead Assistant. Blake put in many hours helping with the golf operations and also with Junior Golf this past season. He will be greatly missed!

## DREW'S CORNER:

With the start of the golf season right around the corner, now is the time to start to get your game ready for opening day! We offer a wide variety of ways to do so including clinics, group, or individual lessons. New for the 2022 Season will be a Get Golf Ready Program. This program will include everything the beginning golfer will need to know to confidently and comfortably step up to the first tee. The Get Golf Ready program will start on Tuesday, May 3rd and will be hosted every Tuesday night in the month of May from 4:00-5:00 PM.



Lessons are another great way to get your game in shape for opening day! The Professional staff is already hard at working conducting lessons in our new simulator and would love to help you with your game if you're looking for an edge up on the competition. When the golf course opens for play you can find our lesson schedule on the ForeTees app under the Lessons tab. In the meantime, feel free to contact us via email to set up a lesson time that works for you!

Women's Sip N Swing Clinics – Clinics will be hosted in June every Thursday from 3:30 – 4:15. Sip N Swing Clinics are a fun and easy way for you ladies to improve your game while sipping on a refreshing cocktail exclusive to our clinics. Cost of attendance is \$20. Keep an eye out for the flyer which will be posted on the bulletin board in the Women's Locker Room.

Junior Golf – There is still room for a few Juniors in our Advanced Academy Session 1 on Thursday Mornings. You can find information for the Junior Academy on our ForeTees App under the Junior Golf Tab.

Spots still remain on our PGA Junior League Team as well. The PGA Junior League is a fun and innovative way for your junior golfer to learn the game of golf in a friendly team environment. You may have seen our players out on the course last season on Sunday nights sporting their PGA Junior League uniforms. Please feel free to Email [Drew@dellwoodcountryclub.com](mailto:Drew@dellwoodcountryclub.com) for more information or with any questions you may have.



# JUNIOR SPORTS: TENNIS & SWIM

2022 is shaping up to be a full season of activities not only on the golf course, but on the tennis courts and at the swimming pool as well! Instruction will continue to be offered in all these areas (see link below for more info), and back by popular demand will be the Dellwood Swim Club. We've promoted an existing Dellwood Staff Member, Lindsay Lutton, to manage all lifeguards this season, as well as coach Swim Club. DCC Swim Club meets four times per week for both practices and meets, which runs June 6 through July 28. Swim Club is open to those swimmers age 9 and over, with a cost of \$175. To view more information on Swim Club or to sign up, please click [HERE](#).



Director of Tennis, Peg Kelly, will be back to Dellwood after wintering in Phoenix over the winter, and has her programs in place to welcome all of our Juniors to the courts this summer! Instruction starts at age 4, with three different dates to choose from.

To view more information and to sign up for JUNIOR SWIM or TENNIS, please click [HERE](#)!

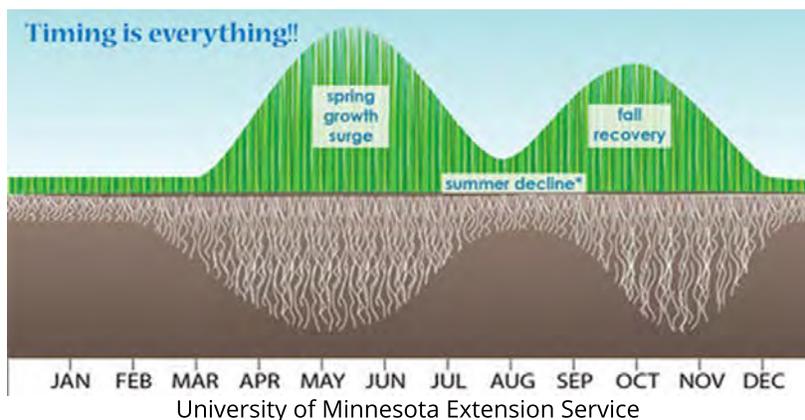


## By Eric Peterson, Superintendent

April is here and the excitement is building as the last of the snow melts and the ground begins to thaw. The Masters is days away and in a typical year the golf course at Dellwood Country Club will open soon.

This is when we get a lot of inquiry as to our opening date. For obvious reasons this date is weather dependent. So what is the determining factors that go into opening? We see that other courses around the state have opened. For us here at DCC we are looking for the frost to come out of the ground and for the playing surface (specifically Greens) to stabilize. As the frost comes out of the soil the pore space between soil particles turns to water and makes the greens soft. These soft conditions can lead to damage when walked on or shots are hit in the surface. The weight can shift the surface and sheer/tear the roots.

The growth pattern of turf plants looks like an upside down bell curve as you look at a calendar year. We want to do all we can to support root development in the Spring so we have healthy plants when the stress of summer begins to shorten the roots and stress the plant. We need healthy roots to sustain the turf by allowing it to deal with the weather and the wear and tear of mowing and traffic.



Looking at the exposed turf on the course this far it appears as though all playing surfaces weathered Winter quite well and now we have to “root” for the weather to cooperate.

We are all excited to start a new golf season. We look forward to seeing you out on the golf course and we look forward to a great year! As opening dates near, we will be communicating these with as much notice as possible so you can all plan accordingly!

Eric



*New Member*  
**COCKTAIL**  
**Party**

Open Bar &  
Hors D'oeuvres

**Thursday, May 19th**  
**5:30pm - 7:30pm**





# FROM THE KITCHEN:

by Michael Lapota  
Chef de Cuisine

Happy (almost) Spring, everyone! As a resident of Minnesota since January of this year, I can officially say that I have one Midwest winter under my belt! I only thought about moving back to Seattle 42 times, so I think that's pretty remarkable. As we gear up for the upcoming season, I wanted to fill you all in on what's going on in the Dellwood culinary world and to share a couple things that we are all very excited about over here.

We have three buffets in the next couple months, and after the past two years, there is definite excitement in the air as we get the opportunity to bring back all the onsite events that we were forced to deviate from due to the pandemic. The Easter Egg Hunt Brunch will include a cookie decorating station and will hopefully give everyone enough time to get home for the final round of the Masters! Our Easter Brunch the following weekend will have all the usual suspects complete with three carving stations, a "do it yourself" yogurt parfait bar, and the Donut Wall! Jumping forward to May, our Mother's Day Brunch Buffet will feature freshly made whole fruit pies, roasted vegetable frittatas, and an abundance of both kid and adult friendly selections.

During the winter, we showcased different cuisines and themes on Saturday nights in The Grill. This was a great way to generate a buzz around the club during a predominately slow period here as we saw some very busy Friday and Saturday nights over the last couple months. It also gave me a platform to introduce myself and cook for you without a complete overhaul of the menu. I have really appreciated the opportunity our theme nights have provided to visit in the dining room and introduce myself, my food, and inevitably golf. Whether it was a quick conversation while bringing out an entrée at our new bar or talking about past entrées as I was leaving the The Vault, Chef Peter and I have put a lot of time and effort into creating a Spring menu that will stay true to the Dellwood Classics, but also provide a nice transition as we move into the warmer months. Have no fear, the Steak Sandwich isn't going anywhere! Look for these changes to happen over the course of the next month as we revamp both the dessert and breakfast menus and introduce our new Spring Menu in the Grill.

As always, I would love to hear about all experiences, both good as well as the areas we can improve on. This is your club, and we are here for you. Please do not hesitate to reach out via email at [chef@dellwoodcountryclub.com](mailto:chef@dellwoodcountryclub.com) with any requests as far as specials, soups you'd like to see, and everything in between!

Michael



# FOOD & WINE:

by Brita van Guilder  
F&B Director

Well, spring is upon us here in Minnesota and I know you all are just as excited to get back out there as we are! We've got a lot of fun events planned this spring and summer not just the golf side, but all membership as well. One thing you will see coming in April will be our new cocktail menu! We've had a lot of great feedback from so many of you over the winter, which has allowed us to compile those ideas and create some exciting new offerings, ready to be crushed on the patio! With the help of Herman, our new F&B Manager who I'm sure you've all seen around and Gunnar as our Lead Bartender, the cocktail list has taken a turn for the better. The classics will still be present of course (we won't ever get rid of the Bootleg, I promise) but, we've added some flare and some trends that are going around throughout the beverage world currently. A popular practice currently is putting a spin on classic cocktail recipe. For example, we took the prep and the execution making an Old Fashioned but substituting tequila for whiskey and orange liqueur for the bitters to make it brighter and tropical in preparation for the warmer weather coming our way.

You will also see some additions and changes to our wine list this month! Over the March shutdown, I was fortunate enough to take a trip out to Oregon to visit the Willamette Valley. I was able to visit some of the wineries that we currently showcase on our list, such as Left Coast Estate and Domaine Drouhin/Cloudline. We toured the facilities to see how the wine prepared and stored and even try some new vintages! It was an amazing experience to further my love for wine, but also to gather great ideas to bring back for you all. As I update the wine list, I am continuing to feature new items on that inspired me during my time in Oregon. If anyone is looking for a sign to go out there and visit - GO! It was truly beautiful.

As always, if anyone has recommendations or something that you'd like to see on the menus, please let us know. We are always willing to name a drink after you, \*wink wink\*.

Cheers all and we'll see you on the patio soon!

Brita



# CATERING & EVENTS:

Hello Everyone!

My name is C.J. Navarro and I am proud to say I am your new Director of Marketing & Events here at Dellwood Country Club! I am thrilled to be here and look forward to meeting everyone! A few things about me: I grew up in Charleston, South Carolina then moved to Atlanta after college where I stayed for 15 years prior to my move to Minnesota. I was fortunate enough to work for Country Club of the South and Atlanta Athletic Club where I gained valuable experience and truly found a passion for the work that I do. I moved to Minnesota four years ago to be closer to family and being able to spend time with my nieces and nephew has been a blessing I didn't know I needed!

As I get settled here at Dellwood and we look forward to Spring, I want to put some items on your radar! While we will host our traditional events such as the Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 10th, the Easter Brunch on Sunday, April 17th (there is still room if you're interested in either Easter event!!) and our Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 8th; you will also see some new concepts on the calendar. We will host a New(er) Member Cocktail Hour on Thursday, May 19th and invite all of the adult members of our new(er) member households to join us for cocktails and some exciting new items from the partnership between Culinary and Catering. We will also host a family-friendly version once we open the pool, so look for that in our May newsletter!

Again, I am absolutely thrilled to be a member of the Dellwood team and look forward to what I am sure will be a banner year! Stop by my office (right behind the reception desk) to say "Hello", send me an email at [cj@dellwoodcountryclub.com](mailto:cj@dellwoodcountryclub.com), or call me direct at 651-426-4155 for any questions, suggestions, or reservations for our club events!

C.J.



JOIN US AT  
DELLWOOD FOR THE 2022

# *Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch*

April 10, 2022

Two Seating Options: 9:30 & 11:30

TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT, PLEASE CONTACT

**C.J. NAVARRO**

[CJ@DELLWOODCOUNTRYCLUB.COM](mailto:CJ@DELLWOODCOUNTRYCLUB.COM)

651-426-4155

\$32 || \$22 || Free

Adults

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# *Easter Sunday Brunch*

**April 17, 2022**

**Two Seating Options: 10:00 & 12:00**

TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT, PLEASE CONTACT

**C.J. NAVARRO**  
CJ@DELLWOODCOUNTRYCLUB.COM  
651-426-4155

**\$45** || **\$24** || **Free**  
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**MOTHER'S DAY**

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\$34 per Adult & \$15 for Kids  
Kids under 5 are Complimentary

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Reservations beginning at 10am  
on Sunday, May 8th, 2022

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