



DELLWOOD  
COUNTRY CLUB

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MEMBER NEWSLETTER



# FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Mark Richman, 2022 Club President

Labor Day has come and gone, the end of another great summer at Dellwood. Fear not, we still have more to do and more fun ahead of us even though the weather is cooling. Leaves will start changing color and if you have had the opportunity to play golf i am sure you have noticed how great the course



looks. This is a whole different course in the fall and is there to be taken advantage of. Moving forward we will be having a number of specials in the bar and dining area. Plan on making the club a place to meet friends and enjoy the upcoming fall.

See you at the club, Richie



# FROM MICHELLE'S DESK

by Michelle Murray  
Office / HR Manager

I was fortunate to attend a membership meeting at Hazeltine National Golf Course this past week, and we listened to an amazing speaker talk about creating a positive culture at our Clubs. He also noted that our Clubs are all about the relationships that are formed and the experiences that are shared. It's these stories that make us who we are. Not only between our members, but with our staff as well. I know for a fact that we all have some amazing stories to share, be that personal or professional. I was excited to share what I had learned with Pete and put that into motion. If you as a member have something that you would like to share with our members and staff, please reach out! It can be a personal journey, a professional milestone, an experience that you had on the golf course or with friends at the Club, or a trip that you took with fellow members. If you have pictures, even better! We would love to hear from you. You'll find a new column in this newsletter that hits on this concept.

Happy Fall!

Michelle



# BRING ON THE NEW SEASON

By Pete LaCoursiere, General Manager

We ended September with a bang! The Club held its 2nd annual Oktoberfest event in conjunction with a new event added to our Couples Event Series, the Couples Glow Ball. Over 200 attended Oktoberfest, with many staying on for what turned out to be a perfect evening for Glow Ball. We as a staff enjoyed the night as much as many of you who attended. It was a lot of fun to see the different activities well attended by the kids and the patio used in a way we all envisioned this spring when its renovation began. Thank you to all came out to the Club, and hope you got a chance to sample some amazing German fair that complimented the event perfectly! Compliments to Chef Peter, Chef Michael & Chef Ryan who spearheaded this well-balanced buffet. We can't wait to rehash this one as a group to expand the event in 2023.

As you may have read in Michelle's article in this month's newsletter, we're adding a column to our monthly communication to highlight some of the work our own Member's have contributed to great causes in organizations throughout the state and here locally. In my short time at the Club, I've recognized there are an incredible amount of those within the DCC family that contribute countless hours to organizations that have amazing stories to share. Michelle and I thought many of you would find genuine interest in some of these stories so that you could help support or even contribute to their causes. Further, for those that ARE involved, what better way to highlight these organizations than through your own inner-Club network?

We recently spent time with a number of folks from Special Olympics Minnesota, who, on top of a number of incredible events they put on, coordinate 22 Polar Plunge events throughout the state. And go figure that, according to Bill Fish, the Director of Special Olympics MN, the White Bear Lake Polar Plunge is one of their largest and original events on their entire calendar.

Dellwood CC will be teaming up with Special Olympics Minnesota in Jan 2023 for what we hope will be the first year of a long-standing relationship in support of the incredible impact they continue to make throughout the state. This relationship was tee'd up by a Member of DCC, Jen Sauer, who is the first Member to be highlighted in our new monthly column, called "Helping Make Today Better than Yesterday."



On an annual basis, we can receive over 30-40 inquiries for donated rounds of golf here at Dellwood, many of which come from our Members, and raise tens of thousands of dollars to go directly to their unique cause. Behind each of these requests is an organization worth sharing. Through this newsletter is a unique opportunity for us to support these causes through dedicating a column for one to share their story. That said, we want to hear from you! There are zero size requirements on these organizations, and no standards for what it stands for. These can be as big as Special Olympics MN, or can be one person pioneering a fund raise for a family member or close friend. Please send us an email to tell us more about it! We'd love to support by highlighting it here in our newsletter. We can't wait to learn more and help you spread the word.

## Helping Make Today Better than Yesterday

***What first brought you to Dellwood CC and what do you enjoy most about it?*** We had our wedding at DCC, so all of the relationships are very special to us. We enjoy the friendships we've made with members and staff, and I love that it feels like a second home whenever we go to Dellwood.

***What organization are you a part of?*** I am a supporter of Special Olympics Minnesota.

***What made SOMN something you wanted to get involved in?*** I became involved because I wanted to support the idea of inclusion, which is really looking at all of our similarities and not differences. I've since developed close relationships with athletes and their families, and have seen how much Special Olympics really does to support them.

***Who does this program support and what impact does it make locally?*** Special Olympics Minnesota supports individuals with intellectual disabilities through sports and games, health and Unified Schools.



**Jennifer Sauer**

DCC Member  
since 2012.

They provide the athletes with healthy competition and training to realize they truly don't have limitations, and health services that otherwise would not be available to them. They work closely with the local schools to create unified teams so young people can also see that there are more similarities than differences with their peers with intellectual disabilities. As we always say, if you have a single interaction with a Special Olympics Athlete, you will walk on air all day and feel like you can accomplish anything because they are so inspiring.

***What can we do as a Membership & as a Club to support this cause?*** It is very exciting that Dellwood has partnered with Special Olympics on the White Bear Polar Plunge. Providing such an amazing venue is a great way to support this event, and to hopefully give staff and members more exposure to the organization. I can only imagine the great organizations that other members support, and Dellwood is a perfect way for all of us to be able to support each other and do what we can to enrich the lives of others.



## FROM THE PRO: By Clayton Johnson, Head Golf Professional

As the 2022 Season is starting to come to a close, we are asking all members and their guests to help out a little with course maintenance as they are out playing. Friendly reminder that it is very important at all times to fill all divots in the fairways with sand that is provided on your push cart or riding cart.

### **Labor Day Event**

We had a total of 36 teams play in this year's Labor Day event. This was a great turnout compared to last year and I want to thank everyone that played this year. Here are the winners from this year:

#### **Men's Labor Day**

1stFlight-Brad Bliese and David Lage

2ndFlight-Tim Lawin and Mike Hilliard

3rdFlight-Tim Meyer and Mike Lehman

4thFlight- Mike Wieczorek and Ryan Everhart

5thFlight- John Berken and David Richter

#### **Women's Labor Day**

1stFlight- Sandy Martin and Cindy Peltier

2ndFlight- Connie Bossard and Michele Klegin

### **Couples Closer**

The theme for the couples closer was 80's rock night and man did we have some awesome costumes. It's great to see a lot of the members dress up for these events and I want to especially thank Penny Fidler for giving me this idea to have themed events a few years ago. The Front 9 winners were Nick & Kate Gonzalez paired up with Jake & Carrie Horak. The Back 9 winners were Ryan & Elyse Sienko paired up with Joe & Monica Ritchie.



# GREETINGS *from the* CULINARY WORLD

by Michael Lopata  
Chef de Cuisine



I think I speak for everyone when I say "Where in the world did September go?????" The days are definitely getting colder and darker, but still a lot of fun events and specials coming from the culinary corner of the Club. Cooking outdoors has been a great way to capture some quick food items on what was always one of our busier days of the week. I was fortunate enough to play on Men's Day back in June, and when we were finishing up, the group was talking about whether or not to grab dinner. The consensus was that with all the guys coming off the course and the pool running at full capacity, the wait would just be too long. The very next week, we were out on the patio, strategically placed so that the smell of grill wafted down the 18th fairway, and Wednesday Grill Nights were born. The goal next year will be to get out there on Wednesday and Thursdays, and with the new additions to the patio, it will be the place to be all summer long!

Taco Tuesdays have turned what has generally been the slowest day of the week into one of the busier week days now. Last week, our shrimp chimichurri tacos sold out in 2 hours, with the better part of 20 orders going out to the bar, grill, and a plethora of to-gos. Taco Tuesday will run as long as we are able to stay open on Tuesdays, so feel free to make it a part of your weekly activities and come down and see us for some fun and exciting taco specials every Tuesday!

We have also found success in our weekend specials! Last weekend's Taste of Tuscany was so much fun; the first restaurant I worked at was a family-owned Italian spot in Coeur d'Alene, ID. Cooking Italian food always brings me back to that place, and the Bolognese was the first thing I learned how to cook there almost 19 years ago! That Bolognese will be on our fall menu, which we are looking to showcase very soon. In addition to a more seasonal approach to our food, you will notice some Monthly Features on the menu. This gives us a chance to run some specials for an entire month, while still doing Taco Tuesday, Grill specials Wednesday and Thursday, and Theme Weekends Friday thru Sunday, and a Breakfast Special or two every weekend as well. We have worked really hard to make sure we are offering something new and exciting for you every day of the week.

Lastly, as we regretfully start to wind down for the season, I wanted to extend a sincere and very heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you. While I had been a member at a club back in Seattle, I had never worked at one. Coming in to such an amazing, fun, energetic club like this, sometimes I forget that I actually work here, because it feels like I belong here. And that is because all of you. And because this has come up on the course numerous times, I want to say it definitively once and for all.... I will NEVER get tired of talking about food! So please do not hesitate to pick my brain, share your experiences (both good and bad, as we need to know it all) and any requests that you have. It'll keep my mind off the bogeys I'm making....errr double bogeys. Thank you all so much for letting us cook for you each and every day. It is not a responsibility we take lightly, and something we take an immense amount of pride in.

Michael



# FOOD & WINE:

by Brita van Guilder  
Food & Beverage Director

I can't believe September has come and gone! What a whirlwind start to fall already, but thankfully we have had amazing weather to still enjoy our many amenities. First and foremost I wanted to thank everyone for a wonderful pool season! Labor Day weekend always marks the end of our beloved pool season and from the many of you I've spoken with (children included who love to express their love for the cookie ice cream sandwiches) had great experiences this year. For those that don't know, or joined during the last two years, we reintroduced chair-side service back to our model and had the luxury of a wonderful staff this season. Thank you to everyone who thanked us with smiles, high fives, and more. We are proud to offer a resort style pool, one of the only like it in the state! Already thinking of more ideas for next year! And yes, a slushee machine has been brought up once or twice, so stay tuned.

We had a number of great events throughout the month as well, including our couples closer, which was 80s Rock themed, and complete with a Bon Jovi cover band! I know the handful of you who live off hole 8, 9, and 10 probably heard it from your house! Free concert, woohoo! Everyone who came and dressed up, thank you for making our events always so lively, exciting, and fun focused!

We look forward to the next couple months as we enter into bonfire nights, cooler cocktails, and of course, the holiday season complete with our first event in a few weeks, our annual Boo Bash Halloween celebration.

**Reminder** to you all that as we switch gears, the weather cools and patio dining becomes less attractive, we **STRONGLY ENCOURAGE** dining reservations! These allow us to staff and seat accordingly, all in effort to provide you with better service. Call the Grill or make your reservation through the App! If you have any questions on how to do that - please do not hesitate to reach out!

As always, see you around the club and cheers!



# FROM THE GROUNDS:

by Eric Peterson  
Course Superintendent

Happy October! The golf season is flying by but our best month is still ahead. October brings the Fall colors and some of the best golf of the year. The grass's growth slows down with the cooling soil temperatures and we lose the moist air (humidity). All this plays into great scenery and great playing conditions.

For those of you that are new to the club September is when we take on one of the most beneficial cultural practices we do to our fairways. Right after Labor Day we topdress our fairways with sand. Typically we apply about 1/4"- 3/8" of sand in conjunction with an aerification. We have been doing this since 2013.

We committed to undertaking this practice to improve the firmness and drainage in our fairways. Most of our fairways are grown on peat soils that tend to hold moisture once wet. As this photo shows, we have accumulated about 2.5" since starting and it has had a huge impact on fairway conditions. A lot of the time rain events would cause us to have a lot of casual water conditions. This makes it tough to play and tough to mow. We rarely skip more than a day of mowing now. In fact when we have had a day of carts on path only we prefer that when restrictions are lifted that you keep carts in fairways over driving in the rough.



As with any golf course work there are inconveniences that occur. We are thankful that our membership values the long-term benefits of this practice over the slight inconvenience of hole closures and sandy conditions in the short-term.



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## COUNTRY CLUB

# OCTOBER

SUN	M	TU	W	TH	F	SAT
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2 Oktoberfest	3  Club Closed	4  W- 18-Hole Closer  Mom's Midwest Ground Beef Tacos	5  M- Closing Stag	6  W- 9-Hole Closer	7 Cozy Cantina Weekend	8  Live Music in the Bar
9 Cozy Cantina	10  Club Closed	11  Pork Carnitas	12  Poker Night	13  W- Halloween Glow Ball	14 A Wknd in the Pacific NW	15
16 Wknd in PNW	17  Club Closed	18  Oaxacan Braised Beef Tacos	19	1	21 Midwest Diner Classics	22
23 Midwest Diner  Boo Bash !	24  Club Closed	25  Korean Bulgogi Beef Tacos	26	27	28 Steakhouse Prime Rib	29  Live Music in the Bar
30 Prime Rib	31  Happy Halloween!  Club Closed	1	2	3	4	5

DELLWOOD CC PRESENTS..

# BOO BASH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23RD

~ RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED ~

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LATE SEATING TIMES- 4:30, 4:45, 5:00



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