

The “New” Dellwood Country Club

Under Re-construction for Your Enjoyment

Superintendent Eric Peterson



Dellwood Country Club was established in 1969 as Dellwood National. It was later changed to Dellwood Hills Golf Club and in 2012, the member owned club was sold to a long-time member Mr. Tim Lawin, who changed the name to Dellwood Country Club. The original design of the course was done by Don Herfort. The golf course is unique in that it serves as a tributary for water flow from Pine Tree Lake to Bald Eagle Lake and also has an active rail-line running through it. Also unique to Dellwood C.C., is the four Par 3s touch each other although they don't play consecutively.

The course only received minor changes over the first 42 years, but when the course was bought in 2012 our new owner began a 3-year renovation to upgrade and update both the golf course and the club facilities. The golf course bunkers were redesigned by our owner and rebuilt by Arnt Construction last fall. A porous concrete liner/drainage system and sand were added by our staff.

During this renovation, we also added a continuous cart path system to the entire course and added contouring on a number of

So you think YOU had a busy off-season? New ownership brings great change to Dellwood Country Club. Trees removed, tree planted, berms smoothed and berms created, bunkers imploded, redesigned and rebuilt with porous concrete and white sand, new pool and cart house and a clubhouse renovation to begin in July. Superintendent Eric Peterson and his staff have been instrumental in the on-course modifications since late last summer. Wow, busy, busy!



holes. We also did extensive tree work with over 300 trees removed and the relocation and addition of close to 100 trees. This year, our focus will be on the grow-in of new turf around our bunkers and the newly contoured areas, as well as the seeded areas along the new cart paths. In addition, we will be adding a few more bunkers, drainage improvements, landscaping, and the follow up work to our pool complex. We are currently in the process of a total redesign of our pool complex, cart/club storage and parking lot. This work should be finished by late June and the renovation work to the clubhouse will start shortly after.

Keeping the ball in play is the key to playing well at DCC. Water is a major feature of the course, with hazard coming into play on all but 2 holes (#15 and #17). Out-of-bounds can also come into play on all but 2 holes (#1 and #7). The par 5's offer risk/reward shots. The par 4's are difficult, and holes 11 and 16 are holes the big hitters may think about leaving the driver in the bag. The hazards will come into play off the tee and the greens are

tricky. The easiest hole is probably the first hole. Although the left side of the green is severe, the hole offers a large area to hit your tee shot to avoid hazard. This also may be a hole to leave the driver in the bag. Putting at DCC is no picnic, with many subtle undulations on top of many back to front sloping greens. Staying below the hole will serve you well. Be sure to bring your big hitter, but don't forget to make a straight hitter part of your four-some!

I am fortunate to have a great full time staff. Jeff Bohler, one of my assistants, has been at Dellwood for 28 years starting here as a caddy. He has forgotten more about DCC than I know. He loves crossword puzzles and plays a mean game of Jeopardy. Jon Domning, our mechanic, is the newest addition to our staff, starting with us part time three years ago and full time one year ago. He enjoys Nascar and travelling with his wife, Michelle. Jon is also looking forward to the arrival of his first grandchild. Christian Dunn, my other assistant, is a native of Traben-Trarbach, Germany. He

enjoys working on his motorcycle, long boarding, and anything to do with aviation in his spare time. In Germany, he spent a lot of time hang gliding and working at the airport. Greg Hartley, our Second Assistant, finishing his first year in his new position, started with us three years ago fresh off of active duty. He is an avid outdoorsman, enjoying fishing of any type and bow hunting. He has even been able to convince his wife Lacy to ice fish with him, she's a keeper! I am starting my 17th season at Dellwood. In my spare time I love spending time with my wife Ann,

as well as chase my three boys around as they play baseball, soccer, basketball, tennis, golf and football. We also enjoy time adventuring in the woods.

Dellwood Country Club has always been a big supporter of both the MGCSA and the MGA. We want to continue our support of the game of golf in Minnesota as well as the organization that represents the people that make it happen. So we welcome you to come and experience the new Dellwood Country Club and support the Scramble.

