

Le Diamant Newsletter

December 2009



Seasons greetings

Message from the President

Another exciting golf season is now behind us. Yes, the rain in June and July tried our patience. And yes, the summers seem to get shorter and shorter. But there is no doubt that we all enjoyed some great times, a lot of laughs and some cherished memories. And while our golf scores may not have been as low as we would have liked, we surely had the opportunity to experience an exceptional course on a regular basis.

From my perspective, there are a number of positives to take from the 2009 season. For starters, we ingratiated a large number of new members into our fold. From the number of players that had been on a trial year basis who decided to commit to full membership, it is clear that Le Diamant is meeting and exceeding the expectations of our market. Second, based on the results of the survey that we conducted in the fall, it is evident that we have materially improved the quality of service throughout our club. Third, while we have not yet accomplished everything we intend to vis-à-vis the golf course, we continue to effect improvements and the golf facilities manifested those upgrades in 2009. Finally, we continue to develop a strong sense of community within Le Diamant with a great mix of veteran and new members.

As we have previously communicated to you, we have grand plans for the overall development of the lands adjacent to our club that we purchased in 2008. We have been steadily moving these plans forward and making them more concrete. The plans currently involve the development of several spectacular new holes that will replace some existing holes and in the process materially upgrade the challenge, quality and beauty of our course. We will continue to update you on our progress as we achieve new milestones.

In short, I wish you all a happy and healthy winter and look forward to welcoming you back in the spring of 2010 as we celebrate our 50 year anniversary in Mirabel.

Cordially yours,

Robbie Manis, President

Manager's Corner

First of all, I thank you for your great participation in the October survey. It was a pleasure to read about your satisfaction regarding our team. I am in complete agreement with you. Our 2009 team was an excellent group with single-minded attention to satisfying your needs. I took note of all your comments and I will again review them carefully with my team this winter bearing in mind the continuing goal of improvement in the quality of all that Le Diamant offers.

2009 was an amazing summer! Weather-wise it was unpredictable and deceiving as Mother Nature was up to her old tricks during the heart of the summer. On the other hand, we enjoyed a unique and exceptional autumn. Some of you took advantage of the golf course until mid-November. You have surely noticed that we as well took full advantage of this beautiful weather and worked diligently on the golf course, taking into consideration your comments stated in the survey.

With the help of our various committees, the 2010 calendar has been finalized. It will be presented to you very soon. We are now planning next season with the goal of making it an outstanding one. As in every season, your participation and enthusiasm is necessary for its success. I must repeat that you are the best ambassadors of the Club. For this reason, we are now launching a recruitment-reward-campaign. Sponsor a new member for next summer and you will receive a bonus worth \$500. Please see details further in this Newsletter. I also invite you to visit our Website during the winter as it will be updated on a regular basis.

Thank you again for the great moments of the 2009 golf season. A wonderful adventure awaits us and this is just beginning.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to express my best wishes to you for the Holidays. May the year 2010 be a source of happiness.

Sylvie Chevarie, General Manager

Club News

First gathering to be marked on your calendar: **Easter Brunch – Sunday April 4th.** Join us ! We will also be expecting you the following weekend for the **Masters Tournament Finals.** Come and enjoy watching the game with golf aficionados.



PRELUDE - 2010 GOLF & ACTIVITIES

Our most popular events are back for 2010. Specifically, they are: **Lobster Night, Carnival Day, Derby Day and Friday Night Dinner** among others. A full week in October is planned for an **Oyster Festival.** We welcome your ideas and participation. We are also looking for members to chair a social event. Do not hesitate to contact Sylvie.

A thousand thanks to Mrs Debbie Okun, Ladies' Captain since 2007 for her valued contribution. Thank you also to Mr. Stephane Houle, who acted as 2009 Club's Captain. Welcome and congratulations to our 2010 Ladies' Captain, Mrs. Nicole Dubé and two mens' assistant captains, Mr. Léo Cinq-Mars and François Longpré.

**The office will be closed for the Holidays.
December 19th – January 17th inclusive.**

From the Chef

The New Year is at our door. With the 2010 season in mind, we are planning the dining room and Resto Pub Le Diamant activities.

Last year, my wishes were about sharing good times every day with your loved ones. For 2010, I wish you time. Time to enjoy life and to share. Look around you, keep active while taking the time to share every small magical moment. It is up to you to capture them, cherish them and multiply them.

My way of helping you to have a good time? I will cook for you. Among the 2010 novelties, a list of take-out meals and a lot of surprises!

Thank you for the love of golf you bring to the Club. It is because of you that I fulfilled my 16th season in the golf world.

Warm wishes to you and your family
Frédéric-Vincent Alarie, Executive Chef

The Restaurant

Dear members:

Thank you greatly for your warm welcome in 2009, my first golf season. It has been a real pleasure to be part of such a strong team. Despite the ups and downs of Mother Nature in 2009 we had a great season here in the clubhouse and we are currently working hard to surpass ourselves again in 2010.

On behalf of my staff and myself Happy Holidays to you and your families. Have a great winter and we are looking forward to seeing you in the next season. Kind regards,

Marie-Pier Veilleux, Dining room director



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From the Pro

Hi everyone:

The season has come to a close and I am already anticipating the upcoming 2010 season. I am pleased to announce that both my assistants Mathieu and Pierre will be coming back next year helping me in my everyday tasks. It always seems like the season goes by too fast.

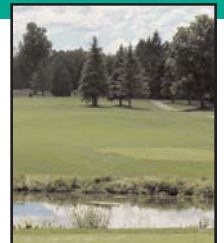
I am also excited to welcome two new people to the Captain's committee who will act as assistant captains, Mr. François Longpré and Mr. Léo Cinq-Mars. On the Ladies' side, we will have a brand new captain taking over the position from Debbie Okun who will be missed by the way. The Ladies' Captain will be Nicole Dubé who will have her hands full but will also be very good in her first year as she brings a lot of experience.

I know I have said so in the past but I would like to thank all members for making the season so eventful and enjoyable. There is a new spirit at Le Diamant and it is very exciting to be a part of it. On behalf of my staff and myself I wish everyone the best for the Holidays filled with health and happiness.

Pete Bousquet, Head Pro

The Course Element

We were blessed again this year with beautiful fall weather. This allowed us to complete some renovation projects such as draining greens # 6 and #14 which will in turn help these greens endure the winter much better. We also drained and changed the sand in the two green-side bunkers on the 14th hole. Our last big project of the season which was cut short due to snow fall was the levelling of the white and blue tee decks of hole # 1.



I plan to take full advantage of the off season to stay up to date with what is happening in the golf business by attending conferences and seminars as well as spending quality time with family and friends. I wish you all a pleasant winter and look forward to seeing everybody next spring.

Patrick Santerre, Course Superintendent

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PROMOTION**

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Reward program for welcoming a new member worth \$500
4 guest green fees to be received upon the signature of the application form by the new member and, \$250 Le Diamant dollars to be received upon the payment of first instalment of the initiation fees by the new member.

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