

Le Diamant Newsletter

February 2009



Message from the President

My calendar tells me that there are a mere 60 days remaining until the launch of the 2009 golf season. While the snow and ice make it hard to imagine that our lush fairways and scenic views will soon be in full bloom, the calendar seldom lies.



For the opening of 2009, we have every confidence of achieving a full membership roster for our Club. Our membership drive launched during the fall of 2008 has been highly successful and we envision filling our clubhouse and our golf facilities with enthusiastic and lively members. We have substantially advanced all aspects of our planning for the 2009 season including finalizing the calendar of events and tournaments, establishing new and improved menus and making necessary improvements to our facilities and procedures. We are also very grateful to have found a top-notch dining room manager, Ms. Marie-Pier Veilleux, who will spearhead our efforts toward bringing our food and beverage service to another level.

In the fall of 2008 Le Diamant was blessed with a large influx of new members. It was evident immediately that the new members love their golf and enjoy participating in club events. I am hopeful that their enthusiasm will become contagious and that all members will spend long and relaxing hours enjoying all that Le Diamant has to offer. Economically, 2008 and 2009 have presented their challenges. The atmosphere that we and our members have created at Le Diamant presents a welcome refuge from this negativity. The escape provided by our Club will be especially welcome this year.

I hope to see all of you on the course, in the clubhouse, at the pool and in attendance at our social events this summer. It will certainly be one to remember.

Cordially yours,

Robbie Manis, President

Manager's Corner

I am already eager for the impending season. I am delighted to invite you to our first get together in April. Easter Brunch in the morning and the Master's Tournament in the afternoon. This will be a lovely way to get reacquainted at the Club with your fellow members.

With much enthusiasm, it is my pleasure to introduce you to Marie-Pier Veilleux, who recently joined the Le Diamant management team as Dining Room Manager. Her outlined resume will give you an idea of what she has and will be able to accomplish in the near future.

I am also happy to introduce you to Pierre Labelle who will be part of Pete Bousquet's Golf Professional staff. Please learn more about Pierre on page 2.

Sylvie Chevarie, General Manager

Marie-Pier Veilleux, Maitre'D

Born in Amos, Abitibi, I was raised in the hospitality industry. My parents were restaurant and hotel owners. I was lucky to be greatly influenced by their profession from a young age.

I graduated from Concordia University with a B.A. majoring in economics with an avid interest in politics. After my studies and given my hospitality employment background, I decided to move to Banff and Toronto to enhance my knowledge and acquire new skills. During those years, my experience grew in both the service and management areas and since then I have held managerial positions within the food and beverage department for the Delta Hotel chain both in Montreal and Toronto.

For over 2 years I was the food and beverage director at the prestigious hotel Le Germain in Montreal. (Named in the top 500 worldwide best hotels in Travel & Leisure magazine 2007.) Initially hired to take over the then concession food and beverage department, I oversaw the transformation from inception to completion.

I have always enjoyed a team organization. Being a retired elite athlete in basketball, I cherish and appreciate the value of being part of a club. Having spent years perfecting my personal and professional qualifications, I now look forward to adding my strengths to a strong administrative team like Le Diamant.



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Club News

Sunday April 12

EASTER BRUNCH STARTING AT 11 :30 AM

Please make your reservations as soon as possible with Marie-Pier!

Tel. 450-476-1922 ext. 219
mpveilleux@golflediamant.com

Brunch Buffet

Hot and cold food stations

* Please check our website for the menu
\$23 - Age 14 and up • \$11 - Age 10 -13
\$6- Age 5 – 10 • Children under 4 free



Join us in the afternoon to watch the Master's Tournament Finals.

Special dinner themes this summer:

- Pasta Bar Dinner
First Friday of the month
- B.B.Q. Dinner
Every Wednesday
- Friday Night Dinner with Greg
Last Friday of the month



Book with us for all your special events.

Let us take care of everything for you !

GOLF

Pierre Labelle, assistant pro

1996 was my first year as part of the Canadian PGA.

For me, everything started at the Beloeil Golf Club where I first took my ability test and then continued to develop teaching programs for Junior and Adult Members.

It was a wonderful start to a career that the following year brought me to the Multigolf Golf School where I was involved with both teaching and club fitting.

From there I was lucky enough to move on to the Tremblant Golf Academy where for the last 9 years I have been able to intensify my skill and passion for teaching golf. During this period at Tremblant, I was afforded the opportunity of working with 3 time winner on the PGA tour, Mr. Gary Halberg. To this day, that experience has been a career defining time for me. During the Celebrity Tournament at Tremblant, I caddied for Dereck Sanderson, ex Bruins of Boston player. It is remarkable to see someone excel at the highest level in one sport and be so humbled by another.

Golf is the ultimate equalizer.

I recently received the highest level of teaching and coaching granted by the CPGA and after 9 years, it is now time for new challenges. Perhaps there is a Gary Halberg in one of you just waiting to come out!

I look forward to this season and to meeting with you with great enthusiasm.

Le Diamant is on the road ...



Our team will be at Place Rosemère on April 3, 4 and 5. Our booth will be near Sports Experts, facing Marie Gabrielle

At Le Centre Laval on April 17, 18 and 19. Come and see us !

CALENDAR 2009

The Club's calendar will be available in the member section on the Website on February 27. If you forgot your password, do not hesitate to call the office: 450-476-1922

Volunteer Members Wanted

If you would like to be a part of the celebrations, we are looking for members who are interested in helping us organize your activities. Please contact Sylvie !



***Important – ADMINISTRATION :**

Please be advised that starting in March, monthly statements will be sent by e-mail. For members who do not have e-mail, please call the office at 450-476-1922. Further details will appear in our next Newsletter. Thank you

Less than 25 player spots available for the 2009 season

Call Sylvie at 450-476-1922

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