



**Camelot at 25:
A History
(revised edition)**

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Preface to Revised Addition

“Camelot at 25: A History” was published in April 2016 as the Club approached the celebrations of its 25th year. Several members suggested that the History would not be complete unless the events of the 25th year were also included. I have prepared following updates for this Revised Addition.

- a short new Chapter 5 entitled: “2016: A Year of Celebration”
- updated Appendices incorporating 2016 information
- a new Appendix F listing the Donors for 2016 celebrations
- a revised Table of Contents.

Once again my colleague and good friend Gerry Huneault has provided the French version.

I have received many complements since the publication of the original History and for that I am most grateful.

Al Clayton, Ottawa, December 2016.



**Al Clayton, Audrey Girvan at
25th Anniversary Gala**



Gerry and Claudette Huneault

Preface

When Camelot celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2001, Janelle Sadler came up with the idea for a history of the Club and thus the Camelot Chronicles was born. The concept of the Chronicles was similar to the medieval Anglo-Saxon Chronicles, it would be updated at the end of each year to provide a living record of the Club. In 2001, it also provided a standardized format for tabulating the scattered information on previous years which the Club had on file.

Gerry Huneault interviewed the Founders and prepared a section on the early days of the Club titled the Legend. Janelle prepared detailed lists of winners of club tournaments, board members and executives, intersectional teams and holes-in-one. She then added an annual history titled The Legend Continues. In my role as Greens Chairman, I already had prepared a detailed history of the changes to the golf course and converted this into a section on The Evolution of the Golf Course. Micheline Charlebois-McKinnon edited the text.

Gerry translated the text and has provided all the subsequent french updates to the Chronicles.

In subsequent years, Gerry and I have prepared the annual updates. The Chronicles is now published in electronic format on the Camelot web site.

As the Club approaches its 25th anniversary, it is appropriate to take advantage of the Chronicles data base and prepare a Club history. Although the Chronicles is the primary source

material, it is not the only source for this history. I had access to original Club documents and copies of The Fescue which was the Club's monthly newsletter until 2006.

The photographs included in this history are only a few of the several thousand electronic photos stored on the Camelot server. Nearly all of these photos have been provided by members from their private collections. There are two contributors who require special thanks. Robert Forget provided an extensive photo record of the construction of the golf course and the original clubhouse. The late Bill Danic provided hundreds of photos of the golf course both pre and post the major bunker renovation of 2012.

Drafts of this history have been reviewed and comments and additional information provided by Gerry Huneault, Don Noseworthy, Janelle Sadler, Doug Maloney, John Hoyles and Greg Richardson. Gerry has provided the French version. I thank them for their assistance and advice. Any errors, omissions and opinions are, of course, solely my own.

The Camelot Chronicles published in 2001 included the statement that it was "a labour of love of which we ...are justifiably proud". Now in our 25th year, the same can be said for the current Chronicles and for the Club of which we are members.

Al Clayton, Ottawa, April 2016

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Front Cover: Photo by Bill Danic

Chapter 1

A Dream Becomes a Reality

Golfers often dream about building their own course but do not do much about it. In 1982, Don Noseworthy, on his way back from a golf trip to Pebble Beach, had such a dream. But then he and Phil and André Gagnon made it a reality.

By 1987, Don had sold his business (Freisen Kaye & Associates, Training Consultants) and was the Director of the Ottawa Zone of the PGA of Canada. Phil and André Gagnon, owners of Mr. Gas, were well known in the local golfing community as they sponsored many local pro tournaments. They decided to work together and created Threesome Golfco Inc. as the corporate structure to build their dream course.

Don Noseworthy became responsible for the day to day construction of the golf course and clubhouse and for running the downtown Ottawa office for the sale of equity memberships.

The first item of business for Threesome was deciding on a site. Don had already explored many sites in the region and the best one, the future Camelot site, was well know to all three of them. Phil and André were members of Club de Golf Outaouais and passed the site to and from the golf course. Don lived in Kanata and owned a cottage north of Buckingham and passed the site to and from the Cumberland ferry.



The southern half of the site was open and flat farm land with a stream running west to east. The northern half had a significant slope down towards the Ottawa River intersected by heavily treed ravines. The land needed to be assembled. Fifty (50) acres were owned by Dale Edwards, 96 acres by Paul McMillan and 50 acres by Miles and William Edwards. When these lands were rezoned from agricultural to recreational use on Oct. 24, 1988, the purchase was closed.

Threesome decided the best way to finance and operate the Club was through an equity membership model. Membership would be limited to 450 equity members with an additional 25

memberships granted to the three Founders and their families. Equity members would be permitted to assign their playing rights to “designates” but would remain accountable for annual dues and F&B minimums. There would be a limited number of junior members.



Don and Lee Noseworthy

All equity members would have equal rights regarding access to the course and clubhouse amenities and equal obligations regarding annual dues and F&B minimums. Once all memberships were sold out, members could sell their memberships on the open market.

The Club needed a name and it was Lee Noseworthy who suggested Camelot. Later Gerry Huneault

would research the Camelot legend and provide the themed names for each of the holes. (See Appendix B.)

Threesome decided to select the course architect through a design competition. Graham Cooke, an accomplished golfer and architect based in Hudson, Quebec, and Thomas

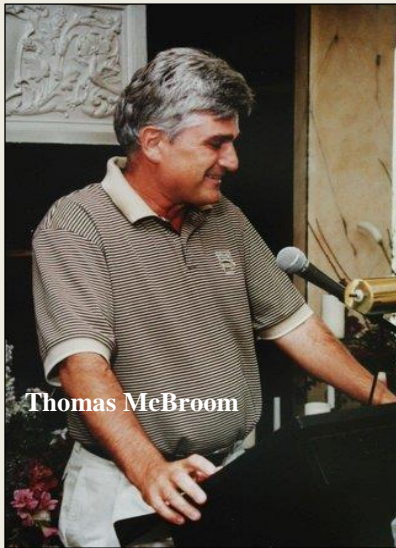
McBroom, a rising star from Toronto who had worked with Jack Nicklaus, eventually submitted designs. The most difficult challenge of the Camelot land was the use of the slopes and ravines on the north half of the property. The proposal by Cooke used corridors going up and down the hills and between the ravines. Each nine included holes on both the north and south portions of the land. The successful McBroom proposal had one nine on the southern plateau with the holes of the second nine traversing the hills and ravines of the north half.

One of the unresolved issues at the time of the design competition was the location of the entrance to the property. The clubhouse, parking lot and practice range were to be on the southern plateau. All the land along Quigley Hill road was privately owned. Access directly off highway 174 and Old Montreal Road presented course design and road traffic difficulties. The entrance question was resolved when Threesome negotiated the purchase of two vacant acres at the corner of 174 and Quigley Hill which had been designated for residential housing.

In addition to changes to the entrance, there were many iterations of the original McBroom proposal before the final design. Among the designs that were eventually dropped were:

- The 9th hole was a par 5 with the tee near the current 10th green running eastward to a green near the current cart barn.

- The 10th tee was located near the current 9th green with the hole running westward and up to a green near the current 9th tee.
- The 2nd hole had a large pond to the left of the fairway.
- The 3rd hole was a par 3 down the same corridor as the current 3rd and the 4th hole was a short par 4 southward towards the area of the current 4th green.
- The 5th hole had a cluster of bunkers defining a split fairway from the tee.
- The 14th hole was a dogleg left, without the current left fairway.



Clearing and stripping the land started in the Spring of 1989. In order to build up the ravines crossing the 12th, 13th, 14th and 16th fairways, 1400 truckloads of fill were provided for free from the construction firm excavating the Green Creek Sewage Treatment Plant. Seeding took place in the Spring of 1990 with the planned opening set for July 1991. The fairways and greens were seeded with bent-grass, the immediate rough with Kentucky bluegrass and outer rough with fescue grasses.

Threesome also held a competition amongst three firms and selected the well known local architect Barry Padolsky to

A personal story. One Monday morning in 1989, when I was working at the Treasury Board, one of my staff and I were at the coffee machine and I asked about her weekend. She was an architect as was her husband who worked for Barry Padolsky. She replied that they had spent the weekend looking through books of German castles for some ideas for a project for some weird golf club that wanted to build a castle on a hill near Cumberland. She was somewhat embarrassed to learn that I had just put \$20K down to join that weird club.

design the clubhouse. His instructions were to design a clubhouse consistent with the Camelot theme and to contain within one single integrated complex all the facilities of a club: food and beverage, locker rooms, pro shop, club and cart storage, offices, meeting rooms and general storage. The original approved design was approximately 20% larger than what was finally constructed. This reduction was caused by financial shortfalls from delays in sales of memberships described below.

The final clubhouse design had cart and club storage, the Pro shop, a halfway house and a physical fitness centre on the ground floor and locker rooms, offices and F&B facilities on the second level. A balcony was off the west and north sides of the second level.

Early on, Threesome also started to build the management team. In 1989, Robin Stafford was brought on as the Green Superintendent. Robin had previous experience at Outaouais and the Dome (now Hautes Plaines) golf courses.

In 1990 Barry Laphen joined as the Club's Head Pro. Barry came from the Head Pro job at Cedarhill which had been the home course of Don Noseworthy. Before the design was finalized, Barry would be out with McBroom's staff hitting shots off the dirt fairways to test design elements.

The biggest challenge in realizing the dream was to be the sale of equity memberships. Starting in 1988, T.V. and newspaper ads alerted the local market to Camelot. The price of the first 150 memberships was set at \$20,000. The price would increase in increments thereafter to encourage buyers to commit. The first member, outside the Founders, was Doug Maloney who was given the number K007 – licensed to golf.

In August 1989, after 110 regular memberships had been sold, the first meeting of members and Founders decided to create a spousal membership category. Spousal memberships would sell at \$6,000 and be non-equity but would have the same annual dues and F&B minimum as regular memberships.

In mid-winter 1990, the sales of regular memberships reached 150. These 150 were designated Ladies and Knights (see Appendix A). On June 6, 1990 Camelot Golf and Country Club became an operating non profit corporation when it assumed the land and project from Threesome Golfco. Inc. The first Board of Directors included Don Noseworthy as President and General Manager, Phil and André Gagnon as Vice Presidents and six other members as directors.



The First Board. Back from left – Robin Stafford (Super), Gerry Huneault, Peter Doherty, Ross Couchman, Bob Little, Doug Maloney. Front from left – Don Noseworthy(Pres.), André Gagnon, Kathy Turner, Phil Gagnon, Barry Laphen (Head Pro).

The Club signed a 10 year agreement with Threesome Golfco. Inc. to complete the project and manage the Club. Threesome also retained options on specific parts of the land for development of future housing sites.

When the Club opened on July 6, 1991, there were 280 equity members. The following Feature article entitled "Opening Day: July 6, 1991" provides more details. By July 10, Bill Danic had shot the first hole-in-one; it was on #4. By the end of the year, Cathy Brownhill, a name which would dominate the champions board over the coming years, was the first Ladies' Club Champion. The first Men's Champion was Réjean Théoret. Paul Winford won the Junior Boys. There was no Junior Girls championship that year.

The official clubhouse opening was delayed until September 7. The opening was celebrated with a formal black tie gala.

In 1991-93, the Canadian economy was in recession. In Canada, particularly in southern Ontario, several new equity based clubs ran into financial problems. Clublink was created and scooped up many of these clubs for pennies on the dollar. In Ottawa, Eagle Creek, which was the other equity club in the area and had opened one year before Camelot, declared bankruptcy with very public claims of fraud by the equity members.

Camelot, however, was receiving rave reviews. In 1992, Golf Digest named Camelot the second best new course in Canada (Devil's Paintbrush was first) and the fifth best new course in North America. Nonetheless, in this economic environment it was not surprising that the sale of Camelot memberships slowed. By December 1991, there were 310 regular members. By the fall of 1992 the price of a regular membership had risen to \$30,000; there were 350 regular and 50 spousal members and sales had dried up.

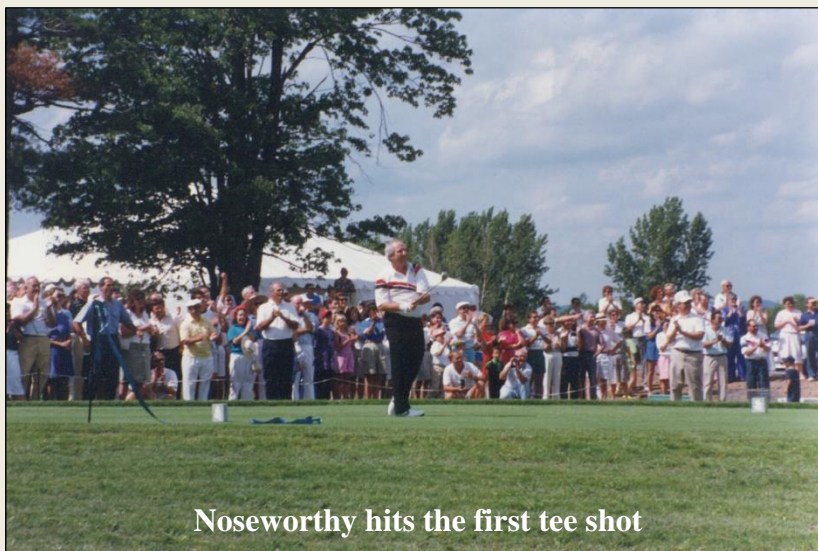
The lag in membership created a revenue shortfall to cover interest costs on the debt. So in the winter of 1993, the Board approved a program whereby individual equity members could either provide a \$8,500 interest free loan to the Club or be charged \$85 per month. The loan would be repaid and the monthly charges terminated when the final 100 memberships were sold.

Camelot cut the price of memberships back to \$20,000 and undertook an aggressive marketing campaign of direct member contacts with personal acquaintances. By July 1993, all 450 regular memberships had been sold. The restriction on the private sale of equity memberships was lifted.

Feature Article

Opening Day – July 6, 1991

On July 6, 1991, a beautiful summer Saturday, Cumberland mayor Peter Clarke cut the ribbon and Camelot was formally open. Phil Gagnon, André Gagnon and Don Noseworthy hit ceremonial tee shots off the first tee; all three were straight down the middle.



Noseworthy hits the first tee shot

To the 280 members of the Club, the wait seemed to have taken forever. Most of the course had been seeded in early 1990 with the expectation that three growing seasons (Spring and Autumn of 1990 and Spring of 1991) would be required before the

course would be playable. But the weather in 1990 was not good for grow-in.

The road to the clubhouse site was closed so members would drop their cars off at the hydro station on highway 174 and scramble up the hill to the future 12th tee or jump the fence off Old Montreal Road and take a look at how the grow-in was going. Watching grass grow was a painful process.

However, the weather in the Spring of 1991 was ideal and the formal opening took place on schedule. But the course and clubhouse were not finished. The practice range would not open until 1992. The opening of the back nine would be delayed until August as grow-in was slower, particularly on #11 – a difficult growing environment to this day. The clubhouse would not be fully open until late August. Nonetheless, an enthusiastic crowd gathered that Saturday and partied with a buffet meal served under a marquis erected in the unpaved parking lot.

The first official tee time was at 7:00 am the next morning with a foursome of Phil, André, Don and Ross Couchman. Ross was the Captain of the Men's Intersectional team and the next three tee times were for the 12 members of the team. Later that day, the team would play at Irish Hills in Group L, right at the bottom of the table. Camelot would finish second that day; it would be last time for many years that the Club would not win its Group.

The course the members would play that weekend was a little different from the current course. Six of the current back

(black) tees on the front nine would not be built for many years. There were no continuous cart paths. The original



André and Phil Gagnon at Course Opening

design had cart paths only from green to tee, on par 3s and on severe slopes (eg: #11 and #12). Only the severe slopes were paved. There were large waste bunkers down the right of #1 and the left of #3.

That first Sunday when members reached the 8th tee they could walk over to the yet unopened 12th tee and see the majestic view of the hole and of the Ottawa river. They would then take out an old golf ball, tee it up with their persimmon driver, and hit a shot down into the fairway. Very soon there were hundreds of golf balls stuck in the 12th fairway mud.

But despite any imperfections members were enthusiastic. After years of anticipation, the Club was open for play.

Chapter 2

Creating a Vibrant, Elite Club

With the clubhouse built, the course open and the equity membership sold out, Camelot spent the decade of the 1990s putting in place the elements of a vibrant, elite Club. This included fine tuning its management structure, creating a strong competitive golf program and dealing with emerging problems in the design and maintenance of the course.

In 1993, Gérard Huneault became the President of the Club. By 1994, the Board and the three Founders decided that the Club had reached the maturity to revisit the management agreement with Threesome Golfco. Inc. In October, the Club agreed to buy out the agreement.

Threesome relinquished its options on potential housing lands. Twelve (12) of the 25 memberships held by Threesome were reserved in perpetuity for the Founders and their families and Threesome obtained the right to sell the other 13 as equity memberships within a specified time period. The Club agreed to pay off the remainder of a mortgage still held by Threesome. To finance the buyout, the Club assessed a \$2,000 levy against equity members; to this day it is the only levy instituted at Camelot.

Don Noseworthy stayed on as the General Manager through 1995. Don had devoted the eight previous years to realizing a dream. Today, still an active member, he is completely

satisfied with the many great improvements that have been made since. Camelot has truly made that dream a reality.

Don was replaced as General Manager by Jo-ann Gawinski-Lajoie who came from the Cataraqui Golf Club in Kingston, Ont.

Another sign of the growing maturity of the Club was the degree that Camelot reached out to the local community. The Club donated two heritage barns, located to the south of the 2nd hole, to the Cumberland Heritage Village Museum. They remain intact at the museum to this day. The membership approved a policy of hosting a limited number of charity tournaments a year. One of the first was with Ronald McDonald House, an association which continues to this day. Camelot also started its ongoing support to the Canadian Cancer Society and its “Fore the Cure” fund raising efforts.



Nobody better displayed the concept that “one member can make a difference” than Bill White. He volunteered to work through the multi-stage and multi-year process for designation under the Audubon Co-operative Sanctuary Program. By 1998, Camelot had become the 13th fully certified club in Canada as a result of

submissions prepared by Bill and Robin Stafford in Environmental Planning, Wildlife Habitat, Water Quality, Water Conservation, Public Education and Participation and Integrated Plant Management. This placed Camelot ahead of the curve which a decade later would become, to some degree, regulated practices.

Of course the major activity of the Club was golf. Two of the key members during the early years of Camelot were the initial Club Captains. Darlene Bisailon was the Ladies' Captain and Ed Bleakley the Men's Captain in 1991 and 1992. As first Captains, Darlene and Ed along with Barry Laphen decided such issues as the handicap holes and tee block arrangements. They created and organized Ladies' and Men's nights and most of the current internal competitions of the Club. Ed stayed on in 1993 and Camelot started the tradition of rotating the Senior Club Captain position between the Men and Ladies.

The design and potential of the course attracted many top quality golfers to the Club. After finishing second in the first Men's intersectional contest in 1991, Camelot would win Section L in 1992 by scoring a perfect 60 points; it was the first sweep in the history of OVGA intersectional play. Camelot Men would win every other intersectional for the remainder of the decade. The streak stopped in 2000 when Camelot finished second in Section D to the host Royal Ottawa.

Camelot Ladies started intersectional play in 1997 and were assigned to Section H. They won that year and every year until

2000 when they finished second in Section E to the host Outaouais.

Camelot entered the Senior Men's intersectional play in Section H in 1994. In the early years, the Club had difficulties finding enough qualified golfers to make up the team. By 2000, the Club had progressed to Section E.

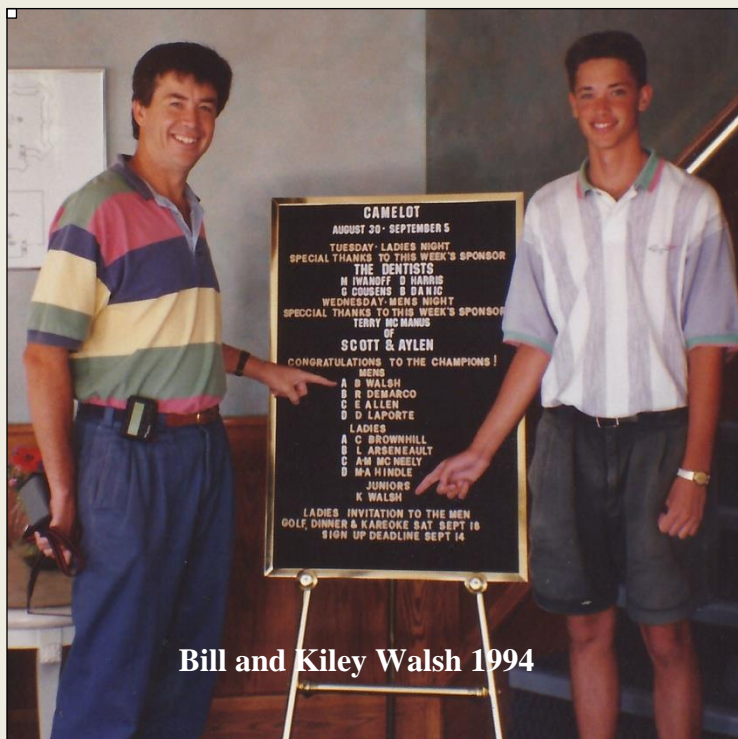


Cathy Burgess

Camelot Ladies' championships were dominated by Cathy Brownhill. Except for 1992, she would win every championship up to 2001 and then again in 2003 for a total of 11 titles. She would also win the 2002 Ladies' Senior championship. In 1997, Cathy would marry member John Burgess and go by the

name Cathy Burgess, but it was still the same Cathy. Eventually Cathy and John would move to New Brunswick where Cathy would win multiple provincial ladies' senior championships.

The were several different winners of the Men's club championships. In 1993, the Walsh family created a unique double when Bill won the Men's and Kiley the Juniors. Kiley



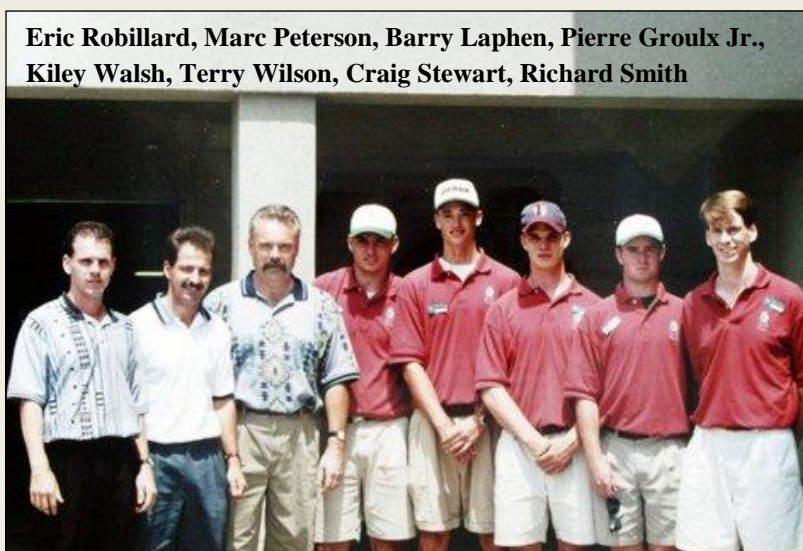
Bill and Kiley Walsh 1994

would proceed to win the Junior and Men's title in 1994 and the Men's in 1995, 1996 and 2000. Kiley was limited from further titles because he left for a golf scholarship in the U.S. and later turned pro.

Appendix C contains a list of Ladies' and Men's Club Champions.

During the decade, Camelot had a strong junior program. Louis Séguin would win the Junior Boys four times and later win the Men's championship in 2002 and 2003. Ryan Ellis would win the Juniors twice and later become a professional golfer. Josée Guibord won the 1992, 1993 and 1994 Junior Girls titles. Julie Ethier would win the Junior Girls three times, the Ladies championship in 2002 and leave for a U.S. golf scholarship.

Lindsay Walker would also win three Junior Girls championships and be part of a unique double in 1998. That year she would win the Girls Juniors and her brother Geoff would win the Men's club championship.



Eric Robillard, Marc Peterson, Barry Laphen, Pierre Groulx Jr., Kiley Walsh, Terry Wilson, Craig Stewart, Richard Smith

Much of the success of juniors came from a strong teaching program headed by Marc Peterson, associate pro under Barry

Laphen. The reputation of both Barry and the Club promoted the recruitment and development of top level assistant pros. Over the years, Eric Robillard, Marc Peterson, Luke Saunders, Greg White, Scott Mikkelson, Roger Beale and Bill Keating would work on the Camelot Pro staff and then become Head Professionals.

The course records for the decade were shot by Barry Laphen. In 1995, he had a 68 off the back Gold tees (approx. 6850 yards). In 1999, he would shoot a 63 off the 6000 yard White tees.

The emerging reputation of the course made Camelot an attractive site for outside competitive tournaments. The Club would host various Pro, Men's, Ladies' and Juniors' tournaments for Ottawa Valley associations. For a few years the University of Ottawa golf team used Camelot as its home base and held interuniversity tournaments at Camelot.

In 1998, Camelot hosted a du Maurier Series event as part of the Canadian women's golf tour; it was won by professional Heather Lee from Edmonton with a 68. In 1999, the RCGA held a Team Canada golf camp attended by 20 of the premier young male amateurs in the country.

In 1997, the Club held the first of what became an annual Ladies' Pro-Am. The top pros in the Ottawa valley played for a best gross purse and joined teams of lady members in a net best ball format.

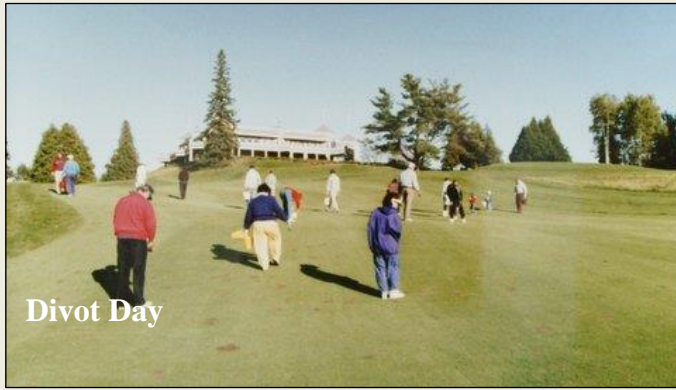
These competitions were played on a course with the inevitable problems of a new facility. In the case of Camelot, by far the greatest problem was drainage. The Feature Article entitled "Drainage and More Drainage" tells that story in more detail.

It did not take long for the Club to discover that the plan to only provide cart paths from green to tee on most holes was not going to work. The clay soil did not drain well enough to permit carts on wet days. So at the end of 1992, the Club built a complete tee to green network of gravel cart paths. It would be a decade before these paths would be completely paved. The parking lot would be paved in 1994.

The year that Camelot opened was the year that Callaway introduced its Big Bertha, the first large faced steel driver. Courses soon were under pressure to increase the length of their back tees. In 1992, Camelot installed new back (Gold) tee decks on #4 and #14. In 1993, Tom McBroom visited the course and staked out a series of additional potential back decks although most of those tees would not be constructed for another decade.

In 1996, on the recommendation of the Ladies Playing Committee, the Club implemented a set of Green tees at 5,700 yards. The objective was to fill the gap between the 5,200 Red tees and the 6,000 Whites tees. The Green tees were located on a combination of the existing Red and White decks. Unfortunately, the Green tees became known as the "other ladies tees" and, to this day, men with higher handicaps are hesitant to use them.

Camelot went spike-less during the decade. It is difficult to imagine now the degree of controversy surrounding the decision. In 1995, the Club gave members three years warning of the eventual ban. By the following year nearly all golfers had converted and by 1998 the policy was a non issue.

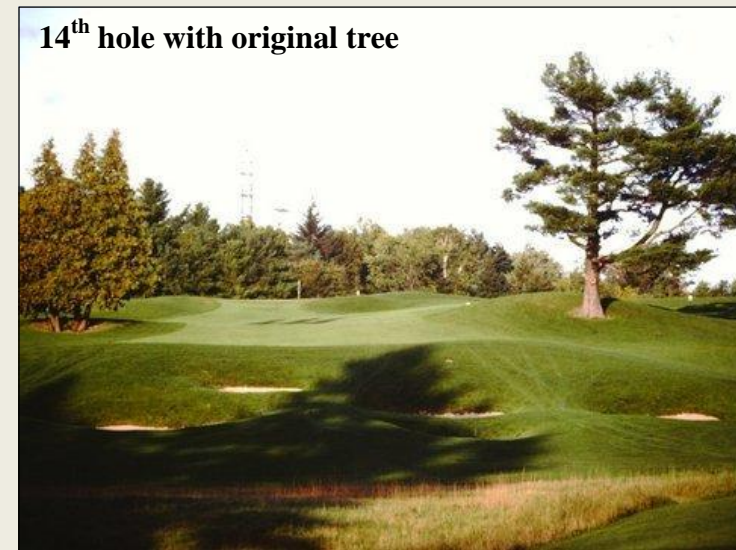


During the 1990s, Camelot members often formed work parties to help maintain the course. Over three years, members brought their chainsaws and broad backs and cleared deadfall and barb wire fences from the forested lands at the front entrance and between #12 and #13, #8 and #11 and #17 and #18. No men were harmed in the completion of this work. For several years, the Club also organized divot days on Sunday afternoons when members and their families with their own buckets in hand would be provided sand mix by the Greens staff and fill in divots.

The most significant example of member work parties is described in the Feature Article titled “The Great Tree Planting Party”. But there was one tree that was unfortunately lost.

Perhaps the most dominant “signature” tree on the course was a white pine at the peak of the split fairway on #14. It dictated accuracy off the tee. It was not possible to go over it but it allowed for creative shots under and around its branches. From the clubhouse balconies, it was the dominate feature of the northern part of the course.

In the winter of 1992-93, the tree fell during a heavy storm. Two 12 foot pines were planted to replace it. One would die soon after and three spruces were added in 2001. As we reach our 25th anniversary, this cluster of trees is only now beginning to replace the strategic value of that original tree.



There is no better example of projects cut back due to early financial shortfalls than the lack of on-course washrooms. From opening to mid 1997, the Club used porta-potties. The

first on-course washroom was constructed by the 5th tee in 1997. The washroom on the 14th hole was operational the following year. Using the same design theme, the starter facility was built one year later.

As the decade ended, the Club engaged member Darryl Bricker of Angus Reid to conduct a survey of attitudes and desires of members. A very high number of members (254) completed the lengthy questionnaire. The key responses were that 77% of members considered the Club excellent or very good and 80% considered the golf course excellent or very good. However, the membership was split as to whether to continue with the status quo or make significant changes.

Feature Article

Drainage and More Drainage

In 1996, Camelot hired David Oatis of the Greens Section of the USGA to review the condition of the course and provide advice. His report started with the statement “Camelot ruined an ideal spot for a pottery factory when it decided to build a golf course on this land”. Oatis had encountered the Ottawa Valley clay plain on which Camelot is located.

Due to this soil, drainage was a constant problem from the opening of the course. Moderate rains made the course unplayable. Rains would wash the gravel from unpaved cart



paths down hills creating days of work for staff raking the gravel out of the grass. Large “bubbles” of turf would appear on fairways from water trapped in pockets under the surface and unable to drain. The area between the 9th and 18th fairways became unplanned wetlands. Several fairways (especially #9) were damaged every Spring because the system could not adequately drain the winter runoff. All of this consumed an inordinate amount of Greens staff time.

Starting in 1992, Camelot Greens staff built drainage works to resolve individual problems but the course needed a more comprehensive solution. So in 1995, Greens Chairman Bill Danic and Superintendent Robin Stafford engaged consulting engineers Kelly, Ami of Montreal to recommend solutions to the drainage problems.

The Kelly, Ami report outlined a million dollar solution based upon installing “slit drains” every 5 metres on most of the fairways. These drains consisted of trenches 80mm wide and 55cm deep filled with drainage pipes and sand. The slit drains would then be connected to collector pipes to take the excess water off the site. To resolve doubts a group headed by George Kirkpatrick, Jirka Danek and Lorenzo Nicholini visited Montreal area courses, including Royal Montreal, where similar work had been done. Greens Chair John Hoyles and Al Clayton put together an implementation plan in consultation with members and it was approved at the December 1996 AGM.

In the Spring of 1997, Kelly, Ami and NMP Construction implemented the plan on the 12th hole as a test case. The improvement was significant and the disruption to play was acceptable, so in 1998 work was carried out on the most difficult area of the course - the 9th and 18th holes. The work transformed the area. In 1999, work on the 1st hole was completed including replacing the original waste bunker with the current bunker cluster to the right of the fairway.

During the first three years, financing of the construction was carried out from annual cash flow. The improvement had been so dramatic that the Board used debt financing to speed up the



process and during 2001 and 2002 drainage on the remainder of the course, plus paving of all remaining cart paths, was finished. The overall cost of project from 1997 to 2002, including the paved cart paths, was \$1.2 million.

This drainage work did not solve all the problems inherent in the clay soil of Camelot. But the problems since, such as on #11 and #16, have been dealt with as required by Camelot staff. Kelly, Ami indicated that in 15-20 years the surface of the slit drains could start to clog with clay and would need repair. No such problems have yet to appear.

Kelly, Ami and NMP Construction have continued in the golf course drainage business and both now have a client base and reputation across North America.

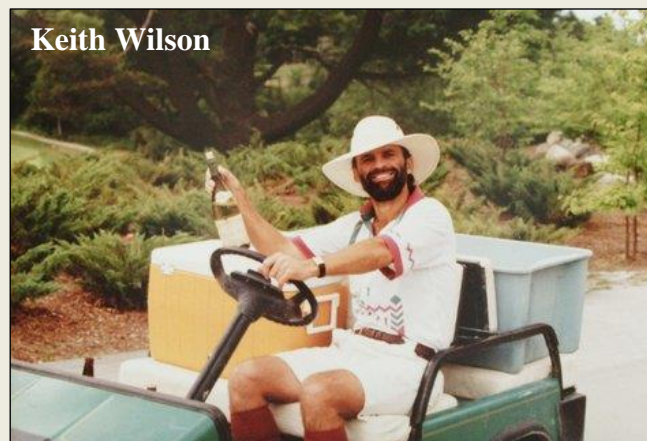
Feature Article

The Great Tree Planting Party

When construction began, the Camelot property was mainly barren of trees on the south and the northeast quadrants. The northwest quadrant was heavily treed with sections of hardwood forest and old growth white pines in and around ravines. In May 1989, significant clearing took place to create corridors for holes #6, #11, #12, #13 and #16. Except for a few pines around the clubhouse and parking lot, no new trees were planted during the original construction.

There were also few trees around the perimeter of the property. Car traffic was fully visible and noisy on highway 174 and Old Montreal Road and the farm was visible to the west and houses to the east. In late 1994, the Greens Committee, chaired by Bill Danic, decided that the Club should start a long term program of planting trees around the perimeter. The budget was limited but 150 trees or so would be a good start. Keith Wilson, a member of the committee, had spare time and volunteered to search down a deal for some trees.

In the Spring of 1995, Keith came to the Club with a surprise. The province of Ontario was getting out of the tree farming business and was liquidating its inventory of seedlings. Camelot could have 10,000 seedlings for free as long as we picked them up. They had to be planted within several days or they would die. Thus was born the Great Tree Planting Party.



So on the weekend of April 22 and 23, 1995 members and their families showed up at the Club for work with their personal shovels. The Club provided food and drink and instructions on how to plant seedlings. About 50% of seedlings were predicted to die in the first year, so members were instructed to plant the trees relatively close together.

By the end of two long days of hard work in unusually hot weather, 10,000 trees were in the ground. The dominant species were white pines. White spruce, Norway spruce and green ash were planted as well. The trees were placed along the south edge of the property, along the fences down the 1st, 5th and 12th fairways and at the west end of the area between the 9th and 10th holes. There was no attempt to plant trees in areas that would normally be in play; the open “links-like” look of the course was to be retained.



700 trees replanted to date

The next surprise was that almost none of the trees died. An unplanned consequence was that Camelot now had a tree nursery. So over a decade later when Camelot started to move towards a “parkland” look emphasizing white pines, the Club could simply replant trees now 15 – 20 feet high instead of ordering grown trees from private nurseries at \$400 each. By our 25th anniversary about 700 trees have been transplanted; and the nursery is well stocked for the future.

Chapter 3

Changes and Championships

In 2001, Camelot celebrated its 10th anniversary with a week of special events organized around July 6. On that day, the Club held a special black tie gala starting with Doug Maloney raising of the new official Camelot flag and the presentation of the bound Camelot Chronicles to the three Founders. The night ended with the haunting sound of a lone, spotlighted piper marching up the 18th fairway to be met by President Terry Peterman with a wee dram of single malt.



Terry Peterman presents the Camelot Chronicles

The competitive climax to the 10th year was the hosting of the RCGA Canadian Senior Men's Championship. On the first

day, that new Camelot flag would be lowered to half mast. The Feature "2001 Canadian Men's Seniors" contains the details.

In 2000, after a year long consultation process led by Vice President Al Clayton, the Board endorsed a comprehensive Strategic Plan for the Club. The plan was presented to members at that year's AGM. The plan would drive many of the changes which would take place over the coming decade. Among the changes were:

- To provide better tenure and more stability to the Board, the number of Governors was reduced from 11 to 9 and their terms increased from two years to three years.
- The maximum equity memberships was increased from 450 to 475, however the total maximum number of playing members remained at 550.

In 2002, the Club took over the management of the Pro Shop from Head Pro Barry Laphen. This was the emerging practice of private clubs but, unlike many others, the Camelot change was relatively seamless as the Club retained Barry as the salaried Head Pro. Barry would remain in that position until 2007 when he would retire and Camelot would grant him and his wife Liz free lifetime honorary memberships. Barry was replaced by Scott Mikkelsen who had been an assistant under Barry and earlier had left to take positions at Ottawa Hunt and Mississippi.

Similar to Barry Laphen, course Superintendent Robin Stafford had been with Camelot before the Club opened. Robin left in 2004 to become the Superintendent at Islington Golf Club in Toronto. He was replaced by Robert Rodrigue from Devil's Paintbrush in Toronto.

In 2003, a full service halfway house was constructed between the 9th green and 10th tees. However, the most significant physical changes did not take place until the middle of the decade. At the AGM on April 24, 2006, the membership approved a Board proposal for a \$2.7 million improvements plan by a vote of 149 to 20. The plan included a \$2.0 million renovation of the clubhouse and further improvements to the grounds and course. The work was to be financed by increasing the long term debt to \$5.1 million. The debt would be financed from the existing fee structure and capital reserve contributions.

The inadequacies of the clubhouse, particularly the cramped locker rooms, had been an issue for members for many years. Three separate reviews had highlighted the needs and possible options. The new plan incorporated many of these ideas. Over the winter of 2006-07:

- A cart barn was constructed to the north of the 10th tees thus opening much of the ground floor of the clubhouse.
- An expanded and upgraded Men's locker room was moved to the ground floor. A much expanded and

upgraded Ladies' locker room was moved into the former Men's locker room space on the second floor.

- The original wooden balcony was replaced with a multi-layer concrete balcony and patio leading down the west side of the clubhouse.
- The interior design of the furnishings and finishes of the clubhouse was changed from a very 1980s teal and salmon motif to a more subdued classic look.

The new clubhouse was a huge hit.



Renovated balcony and patio

The course improvements were designed by Tom McBroom and took place at the end of the 2006 and the beginning of 2007 playing seasons.

The severity of the slopes and small area of the 18th green had been controversial since the opening of the Club. The revised green area was expanded by about 40%, reshaped and re-sodded. The false front was retained but the back to front slope was softened and the central spine removed.

The design and drainage of the practice range had been a longstanding problem. The range had been closed for substantial parts of three years to allow for reshaping to improve drainage and sight lines and for expanding the bent grass deck. Each time the changes were inadequate; this time they did the job. The practice deck was retained with small modifications but the landing area was completely reshaped incorporating bentgrass target greens and a bentgrass target fairway. Upgraded practice bunkers and a new chipping and pitching green were added to the south of the 10th tee.

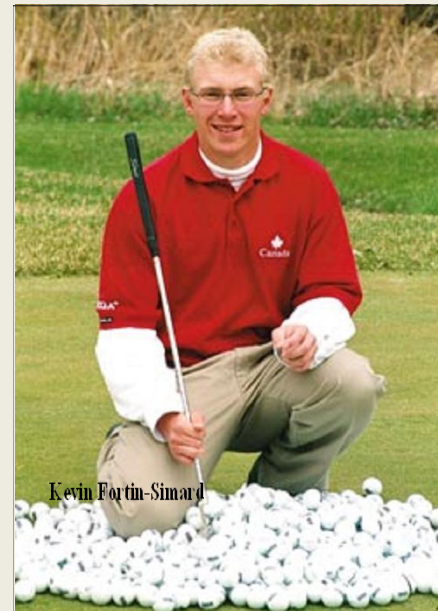


The redesigned practice range

By the Spring of 2007, all clubhouse and course improvements outlined in the Strategic Plan had been completed with three exceptions. The road from the front entrance to the clubhouse,

the practice putting green and the bunkers required major required upgrade.

Camelot was becoming a favourite location for golfing associations to hold their championships. In addition to the 2001 Canadian Amateur Seniors, Camelot hosted five significant outside championships during the decade. In 2003, the Quebec Boys Juniors was won by Kevin Fortin-Simard of St-Prime, Quebec shooting 68-75-68-71. Charles Séguin, the Camelot junior champion, finished 5th. Following an opening round 68, 15 year old Thomas Westfall finished 5th among Juveniles and 15th among Juniors.



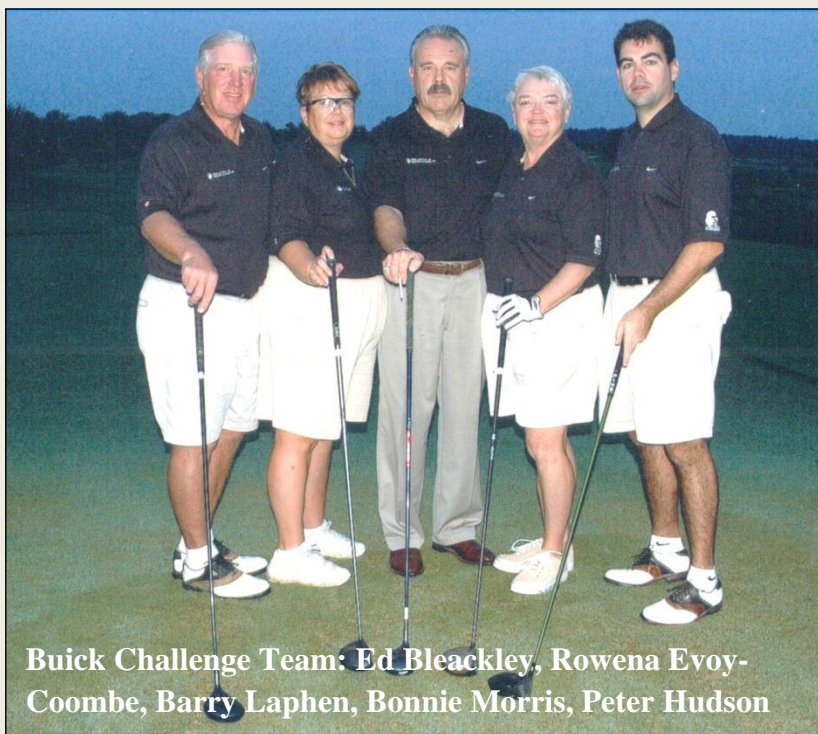
Kevin Fortin-Simard

Three years later Fortin-Simard won the Quebec Men's Amateur at Camelot shooting 75-71-69-72 and winning a playoff with Matthew McMahon from Brockville.

In 2008, Camelot hosted three ladies' tournaments. Details are in the Feature Article titled "The Summer of the Ladies".

One of the Club's greatest golfing accomplishments of the decade was Team Camelot in the 2005 Buick Challenge. The Challenge was a North American wide competition

involving teams composed of four members and the Head Pro playing in a scramble format. The team of Rowena Evoy-Coombe, Bonnie Morris, Ed Bleackley and Peter Hudson won the right to play with Barry Laphen in the OVGA championship. Team Camelot won with a 57 at Greyhawk and then proceeded to win the Canadian championship held at the Legends on the Niagara in a chip-off after shooting a 58. They travelled to the finals held in Orlando, Florida and finished in the middle of the pack with rounds of 59-64-62.



Buick Challenge Team: Ed Bleackley, Rowena Evoy-Coombe, Barry Laphen, Bonnie Morris, Peter Hudson

Another Camelot team won a national championship in 2005, but it was in curling. The team of Bonnie Morris, Joyce Potter, Janelle Sadler, Muriel Potter and coach Joe Potter won the Canadian Ladies' Senior Curling Championships. Bonnie, Janelle and Joe were Camelot members. The team then played in the 2006 World Seniors in Denmark and won the silver medal.

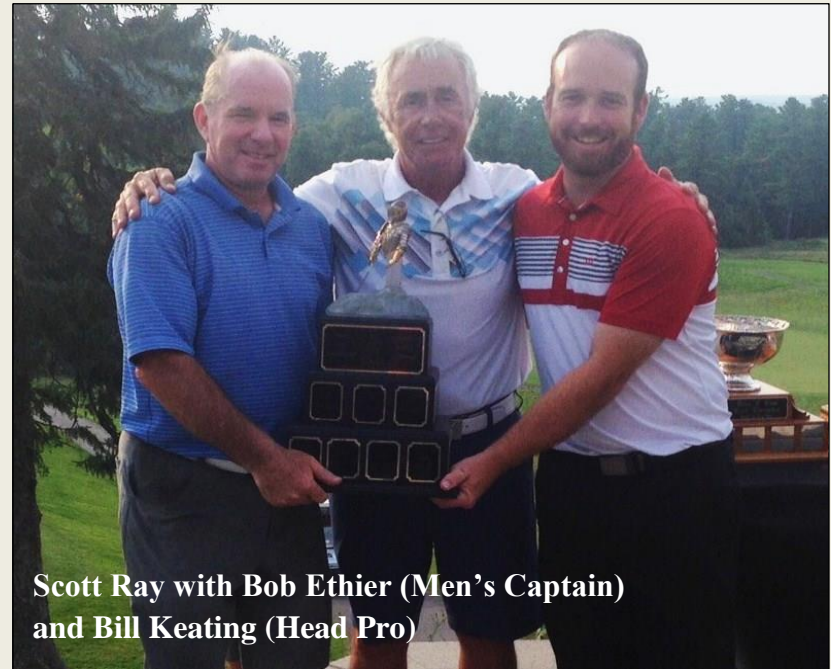
All three intersectional teams continued to move up their respective ladders during the decade. The Men's team reached Section A in 2005, the Senior Men's in 2006 and the Ladies in 2010.

During the decade, the Ladies' Club Championship was won by six different golfers. In 2002, the title went to Julie Ethier who was also the reigning three time junior champion. In 2004, Reina Brunet won the title as well as the Senior Ladies' championship. Reina has since won five more senior titles. Tari Duguay won the Ladies' championship in 2005 and 2007. Amongst juniors, Sarah Ellis would win four consecutive titles.



Mark McBride, Tari Duguay – 2005 Champions

Scott Ray was a Club champion at the Essex Golf Club near Windsor, Ontario when he joined Camelot in 2000. He would win his first Men's Club Championship in 2004 and has won five more titles since. Mark McBride won the title in 2001 and 2005 adding to his initial title in 1992.



Scott Ray with Bob Ethier (Men's Captain) and Bill Keating (Head Pro)

Camelot did not hold their first Seniors Championship until 1998 when Dave Hastings and Bonnie Morris would win. Bonnie would win four Senior Ladies titles in total. Francine Beauchamp also has won four Ladies' seniors. Brian Darling dominated the Men's seniors winning six times by the end of the decade.

In 2003, the Men finally caught up with the Ladies and held their own Pro-Am. This now annual event has been lubricated since its first year with some "modest" wagering.

Top level competition requires qualified rules officials. Two Camelot members passed the very difficult 3 1/2 hour rules

exam to become certified rules officials. Claudette Huneault became a level 4 (the highest level) nationally certified RCGA/CLGA rules official in 2004 and then Rules Chair of the CLGA Ottawa District. Jean Stone-Séguin became a nationally certified level 4 rules official the following year

While changes to the clubhouse and the course went well during the decade and the golfing competition was exceptional, the financial and membership status of the Club were less stable.

In 2000, there were 441 equity and 21 spousal members. No new spousal memberships had been sold since 1993. The high tech boom that had been fuelling much of the National Capital Region economy ended. The open market price of Camelot memberships dropped. Nonetheless, due to an aggressive campaign to sell spousal memberships, by 2003 there were 524 regular and spousal memberships. Annual dues were \$2,850 and had not increased in 4 years.

The use of designates at the Club had always been a matter of concern. When the Club started designates, they provided a purchase incentive for members who were not going to play or were unsure if they were going to play. By the mid 1990s, there were as many as 150 designates and the Club restricted the period any person could play as a designate from unlimited to three years. By 2003 there were 63 designates and the restriction was down to two years.

The concern continued that rotating designates did not further the culture of an elite club. Furthermore, many members

believed that the advertising in newspapers for Camelot designates and memberships for sale harmed the reputation of the Club.

So in 2004, at a Special General Meeting, the membership with confidence in its market position voted 86% in favour of a fundamental change in membership structure. Under the new structure, designates would be eliminated. Once a member decided to put an equity membership up for sale, the member would lose all playing privileges but would no longer be liable for annual dues or F&B minimums. Memberships would be sold only by the Club.

It was forecast that the normal attrition of about 20 members per year would continue. In 2005, 48 members assigned their regular memberships to the Club for sale. Few memberships were sold. By the end of the year there were 460 adult paying members (410 regular, 38 spousal, 12 others). Memberships numbers continued to fall over the next two years.

In 2007, the Club suffered its first financial loss in many years with a deficit of \$211K. The following year the deficit had reached \$395K and for the first time the Club did not meet its bank covenants. Treasurer Gordon Richie informed the membership it had to face reality and increase annual dues for the next several years unless membership sales increased dramatically. The dues would eventually increase from \$3,450 in 2007 to \$4,250 by 2010.

The Club continued with the new membership structure until 2008. By then the number of regular and spousal members was

at 410 and the world was in financial crisis. In November 2008, Camelot members approved changes to the membership arrangements reversing many of the elements of the 2004 decision. Henceforth, members were liable for annual dues and F&B until their memberships were sold. Members could sell their memberships directly in the market. There would be no further entries on the Club sales list. The Club set the price for sale of its memberships at \$12,000.

The changed helped some; by May 2009 there were 427 regular and spousal members. There were 458 such members by February 2010 but the market price of memberships was now below the cost of annual dues.

There were still many former members on the Club sales list established back in 2004. In February 2010, the Club's approved new by-laws providing an incentive for former members to sell by May 1 or relinquish all rights.. By May, the sales list was over and there were 435 equity and 63 spousal members. The Club's financial status was positive and covenants had been met.

Camelot had survived the decade of financial turbulence reasonably well. However, the decline of the North American golf industry, accelerated by the ongoing impacts of the 2008 economic crisis, would soon hit Camelot with full force.

Feature Article

2001 Canadian Men's Seniors

On September 11, 2001 as terrorist attacks took place in New York and Washington, 82 golfers were on the course playing the opening round of the 40th RCGA Canadian Men's Senior Championship.



The Seniors was the competitive climax to a year of celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Club. Some 163 golfers aged 55 years and over had collected from across Canada and the

United States . There were 18 U.S. players. Many competitors had brought their wives and used the opportunity to visit the Capital.

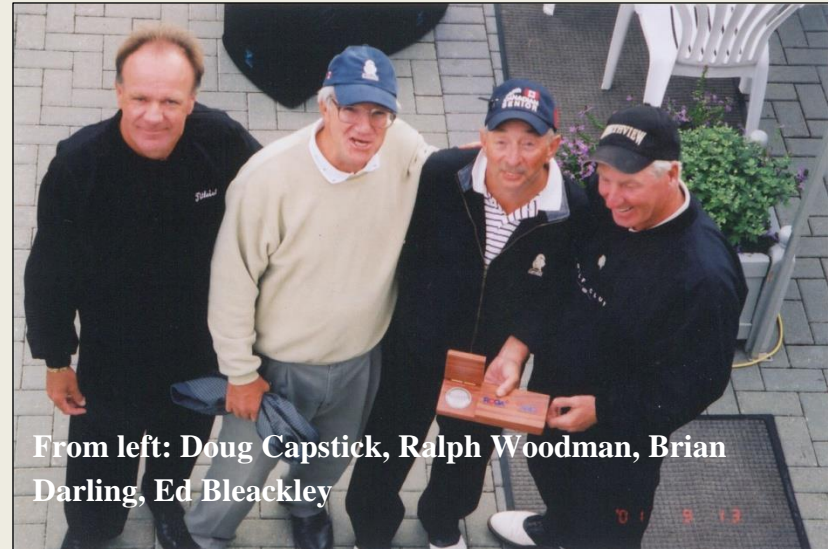
The previous day and night had included formal opening festivities and that Tuesday morning the RCGA executives and Camelot organizing committee members were slowly gathering at the Club while half the field were out on the course. Then the disaster struck. RCGA Tournament Chairman Skip Dion and Camelot Committee Chair Ross Couchman immediately went into conference to decide how to proceed.

The decision was to continue with the tournament. Camelot committee members were dispatched to various tee decks, with their cell phones (this was before the iPhone), to inform players what was happening and give them the opportunity to leave and/or to make any phone calls they wished. Camelot member Jim Williamson talked to a U.S. couple who phoned their daughter in Arlington, Virginia to be told that she was watching the Pentagon burn from her house.

The tragedy came even closer to home when members later learned that Casey Walsh, oldest son of Bill Walsh, had been on the 15th floor of a building adjacent to the twin towers in New York. He and his Merrill Lynch colleagues had run down the stairs, walked away and watched the buildings and the bodies fall.

Eventually, only one of the competitors left the tournament but understandably the mood remained subdued. The competition itself was a comfortable victory for Graham Cooke shooting

72-72-70 for a 7 stroke win. Cooke was a former 5 time Quebec Amateur and 7 time Canadian Mid-Amateur champion. He had become eligible by turning 55 on the day of the start of the tournament. In subsequent years, Cooke has won the Seniors 3 more times.



From left: Doug Capstick, Ralph Woodman, Brian Darling, Ed Bleackley

The real competition was for second place amongst four golfers including Brian Darling, Camelot's Senior Champion. Coming up the 18th, in front of a crowd of loud and partisan members, Brian hit a majestic 7 iron to 18 inches to clinch second place. His rounds were 72-76-73.

Feature Article

The Summer of the Ladies

Camelot has a rich history of hosting tournaments for top women golfers. The first national tournament was in 1999 as part of the du Maurier series. However, 2008 was a special year as Camelot hosted three tournaments in quick succession.

The first was the Quebec Ladies Amateur from July 6 to 8. The opening round was on a Sunday afternoon and many members, with their post round drinks in hand, stood by the first tee and watched a tall, thin blond push her drive off the white tee deck towards the bunkers. Except the ball started to draw, cleared the bunkers & bounded down to the 150 yd mark.



Maude-Aimée Leblanc

The golfer was Maude-Aimée Leblanc who went on to shoot a 63 on the 5800 yard course. It remains the lowest round shot by a woman at Camelot. Leblanc, the reigning Quebec Amateur champion, would shoot 71 – 75 in the next two rounds and lap the field. In 2010, she would lead her Perdue

golf team to the NCAA championship. Since 2011, Leblanc has played on the LPGA and Symetra tours (she currently has

full status on the LPGA tour) and has always finished in the top 10 in driving distance stats.

One week later, 67 women were back for a 36 hole tournament on the CN Canadian Women's Tour. The winner was Kirby Dreher, an amateur, from British Columbia with rounds of 67-76. Dreher would turn professional and have limited success. One stroke behind was professional Samantha Richdale, also of B.C., who since has played on the LPGA and Symetra tours.

The 2008 Canadian Women's Open was held at the Ottawa Hunt Club. On August 11, Camelot hosted the 18 hole Qualifying round with 80 participants with 4 to qualify.



Eunjung Yi

Three golfers were leaders in the clubhouse with 70s and several more had 71 when, late in the day, Eunjung Yi from South Korea came in with a 64. Chris Montenegro caddied for Yi that day and said “that is simply the best round of golf I have ever seen”. The course was played from tees set at 6,275 yards. Arguably, it is the best round of golf

shot by men or women in the history of Camelot.

The following year Eunjung Yi would win the Jamie Farr Owens Corning Classic on the LPGA tour. After several years of injuries, she currently plays on the Japanese and Korean tours.

Chapter 4 – *Tough Economics, Great Course*

In the 1990s, unprecedented growth was predicted for the golf industry. Post war baby boomers would be free of financing their children and join clubs. Older boomers would retire with their good pensions and then take up golf. Tiger Woods would draw a new generation and demographic to the game. Golf course construction boomed. Golf architects became rock stars. The boom hit Ottawa as many new semi-private and public golf course were constructed.

By 2008, there were major cracks in the golf industry. Supply of courses had outpaced demand. Many golf courses in the Ottawa Valley were quietly for sale. Retirees who had dreamed about taking up golf found that learning the game was a difficult and lengthy process. It was easier to take up bird watching and cycling. As the 24/7 work week arrived along with with communications technology, working adults did not have the time to justify a private golf membership. Both parents were now expected to participate equally in child rearing. Younger adults were taking up sports that did not require the hours required by golf. The number of golfers and rounds played declined in Canada and the United States.

The 2008 economic crisis blew open the cracks. Only the very elite “bullet proof” clubs were protected from the economic and societal shifts. There were no such clubs in the Ottawa Valley.

To attract new members, private and semi-private clubs virtually eliminated the traditional upfront initiation fee. To attract and retain members, clubs introduced menus of different types of partial and reduced fee memberships.

Camelot aggressively adapted to the new environment. The Club already had Intermediate memberships to bridge juniors from ages 19 to 26. In 2005, it introduced the Sponsored and Non Sponsored Young Adult memberships which expanded the age limit to 35. In 2012, Camelot introduced Senior Memberships whereby equity members aged 70 plus and 15 years as members who sold their membership could receive a 25% reduction in annual dues. Other new categories followed including Introductory Regular, Introductory Limited, Spousal Social, Ladies Tuesday, Dining, Restricted and Weekday. In 2015 the Club adjusted the Senior membership category allowing access to members who gave up their equity membership.

By 2015 there were 22 different membership categories. The statistics for 2013 and 2015 show the dramatic shift in the membership composition:

| Category | 2013 | 2015 |
|----------------|------------|------------|
| Regular Equity | 370 | 304 |
| Spousal | 33 | 20 |
| Young Adult | 47 | 43 |
| Senior | 14 | 17 |
| Junior | 53 | 57 |
| Other | 70 | 137 |
| Total | 587 | 578 |

Many of the 22 categories are non dues paying; for example Spousal Social and Dining. Five hundred and eight (508) of the 578 members in 2015 are dues paying. Significantly, all the dues paying memberships other than Regular Equity and Spousal pay reduced dues.

This change in membership structure created shortfalls in traditional revenue streams. After running modest surpluses in 2012 and 2013, the Club had deficits of \$188K in 2013-14 and \$234K in 2014-15. However positive results returned in 2015-16 with a comparative surplus of \$61K.

One of the responses to the revenue problems was to increase annual dues. Regular dues were \$4,625 in 2014 and \$4,925 in 2015. There will be no increase in 2016. Despite the sharp rise in dues over the past decade, Camelot dues are still in line with rates charged by other elite clubs in the Ottawa valley.

The various Camelot Boards have had difficult decisions managing these changes but perhaps the most difficult situation it faced did not involve membership.

A few days following the AGM in September 2011, the Board announced that it was not renewing the contracts of the General Manager (Brian Bruni) and Head Professional (Scott Mikkelsen). The Head Professional position was to be eliminated, with the tasks reassigned among the three other golf professionals and a new General Manager. The Board had previously announced that the Greens Superintendent had submitted his resignation effective at the end of September.

It was the Mikkelsen decision which upset many members. Under the by-laws of the Club, 5% of members could call for a special meeting. Sufficient signatures were obtained for a meeting with a motion calling for the resignation of the Board. An emotional meeting was held on November 2 and the motion was defeated 344 to 115.

On November 7, Randy Moncrieff took over as the new General Manager. He came from the St. Thomas (Ont.) Golf and Country Club. Also in November, Stuart Bradshaw took over as the new Greens Superintendent. He had been the Assistant at the esteemed Hamilton Golf and Country Club. Eventually in 2013, Bill Keating, who had been with the Pro staff for many years, was named Director of Golf and later assumed the traditional position of Head Professional.

Randy Moncrieff would resign in 2013 and be replaced by Greg Richardson who had spent the previous 12 years as the General Manager at the Carleton Golf and Yacht Club. Stuart Bradshaw would leave in 2015 and be replaced by Chris Chapman, a long time Greens Assistant Superintendent at Camelot.

During all this turbulence, the golf was never better. The highlight was the 108th Canadian Men's Amateur held August 7-10 in 2012. The 240 participants from Canada, United States and several other countries split the first two rounds between Camelot and Club de golf Outaouais. The low 70 players plus ties played the final 36 holes at Camelot.

There had been near drought conditions that summer resulting in sparse rough but the fairways and greens were firm and fast. Then it rained constantly all four days of the tournament. The fairways and greens were softened but amazingly all four rounds were played with the ball down. The drainage work of 15 years before was still paying off.



Mackenzie Hughes

The Amateur was won by the defending champion Mackenzie Hughes of Dundas, Ontario. He shot 72-67-65-72 for a 12 under par 276. His 65 in the third round, climaxed with a chip-in birdie on #18, is the competitive course record.

The Alexander of Tunis is the top amateur tournament in the Ottawa valley for men and is part of the Golf Quebec Triple

Crown. This annual 36 hole event has been held since 1950 and rotated amongst Royal Ottawa, Rivermead and Ottawa Hunt. Rideau View and Camelot were added to the rotation in 2013 and the first event at Camelot was in July 2015.

The tournament was a contest among a group of young golf scholarship bombers and a surprising interloper. Fifty-five

year old Scott Ray, both the President and Club Champion of Camelot, tied for the first round lead with a 68. In the second round, Scott held the lead until he bogeyed the last two holes for a 72 and a tie with 18 year old Étienne Papineau and 20 year old Pierre-Alexandre Bédard. Before a very partisan crowd, Scott lost on the second playoff hole to a birdie by Papineau. Papineau was the two time Quebec Junior Champion and a member of the Golf Canada Amateur Development Team.

In September 2015, the PGA Assistants' Championship of Canada took place with 108 assistant pros from across the country. The winner was Brad Kerfoot of Maple Downs Golf Club, north of Toronto, with a 70 – 69 – 68 – 207. He sunk a curling 10 foot par putt on the 18th green for the win.

During the decade, the competitive ladies' program was dominated by the Klekner-Alt sisters and Liz McCourt.



Kiersten Klekner-Alt

The Klekner-Alt family had joined the Club in 2009 and soon members were meeting the three sisters out on the practice range. The oldest, Kiersten has won both the Junior Club championship and Ladies' championship twice. She also won the OVGA Class A Tournament of Champions as the Club representative.

Lilian, the youngest, won the Junior championship four times and is the reigning Ladies' Club Champion. The middle sister, Marlies, as well as her two siblings have earned golf scholarships at U.S. universities.

Liz McCourt joined the Club in 2005 on a one year trial membership. By 2006 she was a regular member and the Ladies' Club Champion. She has won the title five more times since. Liz also has won the Class A Tournament of Champions.



On the Men's side, Club championships were won by Scott Ray, Brian Keller (once), Russ Passmore (3 times) and Jeff Crowe (once). On July 21, 2010, Jeff shot a 62 from the blue

tees during a friendly round. That round is the lowest score ever shot at Camelot.

Several of the top level golfers that had joined Camelot in the early years were now reaching the stage that they could shoot their age. The first to do so was Ralph Woodman who shot a 73, his age, on September 19, 2010. It was no surprise that Ralph was first; he had been a member of the first inter-sectional team back in 1991 and many teams since. He has shot his age three times since.

Peter Cooke shot his age of 68 in 2012 in a doubles match against a team which included this author. It was a short match. Lionel Beauchamp and Brian Darling have also joined this select club.

There were three quite unique golfing feats from male members during the period.

Camelot member Dave Dahms is long. In 2014 and 2015, he participated in the World Long Drive Championship and reached the match play round of 64. In 2015, he did it with a drive of 421, yes 421, yards. Both years he lost in the round of 64 to the eventual world champion.

In 2013, the Club introduced the Men's Super Senior championship for members 65 and over. It was played as part of the Seniors' competition from the same tees. The extra category was not needed, at least that year. Eddy Morin shot 73 – 70 and won the Men's Seniors, Super Seniors and Seniors



Eddy Morin

Net championships. The 70 is the lowest round Eddy has ever shot at Camelot.

On May 14, 2012, Ed Simac and his regular golfing buddies Bob Bisailon and Pete Bisailon teed off for another normal Monday morning of golf. But what happened was not normal. On #7, Ed had a hole-in-one. Four holes later on #11, Ed did it again. The odds of two holes-in-one round are 67 million to 1. The estimates of odds of doing it on consecutive par 3s vary but range as high as 162 million to 1.

In 2011, the OVGA introduced the Senior Ladies' Intersectional competition and seeded Camelot in Section A.



Ed Simac with his magic golf balls

As a result in that year Camelot achieved the rare feat of having all four adult intersectional teams in a Section A. Camelot has remained competitive in the top ranks of intersectional play in all four categories but is still seeking its first Section A win.

As this history was going to press, two long time members had achievements of particular note. After becoming a level 4 rules official, Jean Stone Séguin has officiated at Camelot, local and national tournaments for over a decade and served as President of the Ottawa Valley Golf Association. She is a member of the Golf Canada Rules and Amateur Status Committee and, in

April 2016, was appointed Chair of the Amateur Status Sub-Committee. In her new role, she will have the onerous task of attending four meetings a year in St. Andrews, Scotland.



Pierre Dorion is one of Camelot's keenest golfers. During his days as an amateur scout with the Montreal Canadiens and New York Rangers there was a rumour that he paid particular attention to players from the Portland Winterhawks. Portland is only a few hours drive from Bandon Dunes. For a few years, he held his pre-draft evaluation meetings in Camelot's Founders Room. He eventually joined the Ottawa Senators in 2007 and after assuming several different positions, Pierre was named General Manager in April 2016.

The course on which all of these competitions and every day play were held had become one of the best. Appendix G

contains the current layout of the course. Until 2013, Camelot had five sets of tee blocks – Black, Blue, White, Green, Red. With new software available to Golf Canada course and slope ratings could be revised easily and quickly. Thus, in order to create more variety to golfers, the Golf and Handicap Committees introduced four additional “hybrid” sets of tees

In 2010, the Club officially abandon attempts to maintain “fescue” rough, which had really become local field grass, and moved towards a more “parkland” style. Much of the fescue rough areas were maintained at 4 to 6 inches which provided an improved aesthetic as well a better chance of players finding balls. Hundreds of trees were replanted in areas that impacted play.

The final piece the evolution of the course was the renovation of bunkers. The need to change bunkers had been identified early. The clay subsurface was infiltrating into the bunker sand. Moreover, the “shadow bunker” design was no longer appropriate for a course that had moved to parkland design.

The renovation had been delayed over the years due to budget and timing issues. From August to October 2012, the long awaited renovation was carried out. The project was supervised by Camelot staff with Tom McBroom providing design advice. The construction company was Vergeer Golf from St. Thomas, Ont. The bases of the bunkers were treated with ‘Klingstone’ which is a polyurethane based liquid which binds soil particles into a concrete-like form thus creating an impermeable barrier

between the sand and the clay underneath. The new sand was ‘Signature Best Ohio’. The work was completed under budget at a cost of \$500K.

All bunkers were reconstructed, many were expanded, several were combined, a few were removed and a few were added. Most of the existing bunkers were recut higher into mounds thus increasing their visibility. The two most significant changes were:

- Hole #3 – The waste area was eliminated and replaced with a combination of fescue and bluegrass rough and four deep, “evil” bunkers.

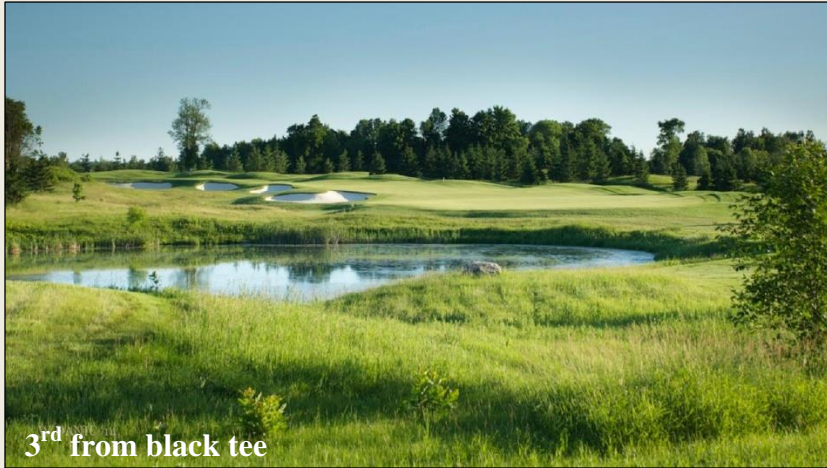


- Hole #10 – In order to present greater challenge in the second shot area, two new bunkers were added about 100 yards from the green, one on each side of the fairway.

The bunker work received high praise from members and visitors for both the improved aesthetics and strategic challenge. It provided an additional “wow factor” to the course. Yet, despite this and many other improvements in the past 25 years, the course retains with the same corridors and same green sites that Tom McBroom had designed and Threesome had approved back in 1989 and 1990.

The following photos are from the Bill Danic collection.





3rd from black tee



12th from blue tee



8th green from fairway



15th from behind green

Feature Article

The Social Side of Camelot

A golf club is much more than about playing the game, it is about establishing friendships for a lifetime, social events at the clubhouse, away trips and good food and drink.

The Club has a mixture of female and male members and of members with French and English as their first language. The regulations and policies to ensure equal treatment of men and women were established at the start of the Club. The use of languages has evolved into a comfortable environment without formal policies but with practices which respect all members.

One of the first employees of the Club was Serge Desforges who became the Food and Beverage Manager. When the clubhouse opened in September 1991, the Dining Room was “jackets and ties only”. The empty dining room soon indicated that Camelot was not going to be that type of club.

Over the years, the Club has had many F&B Managers and Head Chefs. This reflects the very difficult situation, common to most Canadian golf clubs, of operating a F&B service on a seasonal basis. It is even more difficult when the season for golfers does not coincide with the season for potential student employees. On a few occasions, the Club has attempted to operate F&B on an annual basis by opening for weekends and supporting cross country skiing and other activities on the property but it has not been successful.

But despite these difficulties, current Head Chef Tony Nuth and F&B Manager Laurie O’Brien have continued the Camelot



tradition of social and gastronomic feasts. Chef Tony has also continued the practice of Camelot producing some of its own food. Maple syrup production started in 2015 from maple trees around the parking areas and 6th and 8th holes. Crab apple jelly is made from trees around the property; fiddleheads are used from the forest on the 9th hole; and there is a herb garden next to the patio.

The Club opened on July 6, 1991 with a party in a tent in an unpaved parking lot and when the clubhouse opened a few months later it was with a black tie Gala. A similar Gala took place on the 10th anniversary and will be repeated on the 25th.

Led by the Social Committee, the Club soon established a series of different types of special events including a western night, “knight” at the movies, rock and roll night and a black tie Casino night. For a number of years there was a successful New Years dinner dance until that fell out of favour.

The Club has developed a series of annual events. It starts with an Easter brunch which often is the first event of the season and then follows with an always sold out Mothers Day brunch, Fathers Day BBQ and Thanksgiving brunch and dinner. Canada Day is celebrated with a BBQ on the patio. Perhaps the most favourite regular eating events are Seafood and Pasta Nights.

Nine and dines have been held, usually on Sunday evenings, for the past 25 years. Also very popular are wine pairing nights, especially the Opening Wine Sampling evening where free samples are provided of some of the wines on the wine list for the coming season. For several years, the Club returned to its golf roots with an Quai Society. An “around the world” series of special dinners highlighting food from various countries was another favourite.



Much of the social side is built around Tuesday Ladies' Night and Wednesday Men's Nights. The Ladies' often supplement their event with guest fests. There is an annual fashion show with members performing on the runway. The Tin Cup event was started on the 10th anniversary and continues whereby the Ladies' entry fees, plus canned and dry goods, are

donated to the Cumberland Resource Centre.

Both Men and Ladies have hosted one day Member Guests from the early days of the Club. The events combine a modest degree of competitive golf with a healthy degree of food, beverage and entertainment.

Men's Night features a season long Men's League with a “Ryder Cup” type format on the last week to decide the league title. Once a month there is a special tournament in lieu of league play. Recently, Captain Bob Ethier introduced a highly popular weekly chip-off with shots from the patio deck to the 9th green.

The Men have traditionally closed the golf season with the Smoker which is played on the last Saturday of October. It has been played in shorts and in overcoats but it is always played. Lots of warm beverages and chili follow. Recently the event was opened up to women and the ungrateful ladies promptly won a lot of the money.

The Ladies Christmas party is held in early December with contributions provided to local charities. A Family Christmas brunch is held each year with a special appearance by Santa Claus providing gifts to members' children and grandchildren. In the early years, Santa (aka John Hoyles) was assisted by two elves (daughters Julie and Lesley). In recent years many other new volunteers have taken on the role of Santa.

Camelot is available for special parties and events as long as sponsored by a member. Many birthdays have been celebrated

at the Club. The children and grandchildren of many members, and even a few members themselves, have been married at Camelot.

Entertainers have performed at many Camelot events. The Club has seen Elvis impersonators, magicians, comedians, Highland dancers, sport trivia experts and numerous bands. In 1997, the Hull Olympiques won the Memorial Cup and head coach Claude Julien (now with Boston) repeated his pre game speech to a hushed Men's Night crowd.

For years one of the favourite entertainers was Off the Menu with John Lang and Camelot members Bill Danic and Mike Pastuch.



Off the Menu: Bill Danic, Mike Pastuch, John Lang

Undoubtedly the greatest entertainer to appear at Camelot was jazz legend Wynton Marsalis. Unfortunately, he came only to golf at the Rautins-House Charity tournament which was held at the Club for a few years. Another famous visitor had a less enjoyable experience. Claude Giroux, the Philadelphia Flyers star, came to play a casual game in August 2013. On the 8th hole he hit an iron fat, snapped the shaft and ripped tendons in his right index finger. He was out of action for six weeks. Golf is a tough game.

One of the advantages of the club environment is that groups of friends are able to form their own social circles. Friends organize their own events within the Club, take golf trips together and socialize away from the game. Descriptions of four of such circles follow.

Les Senateurs are a group of “senior” members who usually gather on Mondays to play a round and dine. They started with only francophone members but now include anglophones as long as they know how to swear in French. There are currently 17 members. Some of the longest running members are Jean Sicotte, André Gagnon, Claude Turpin, André Rail and Phil Gagnon. Most weekly games are medal play with an after the game blind draw for twosomes. The season ends with a “ringer” tournament over consecutive weeks – net best score on each hole over the two rounds wins the Senators Cup. It is followed by a dinner in the Founders Room in which the winner(s) get to defend their high handicap.

The No Mulligans is a group of usually four foursomes who have played and wined and dined together on Men's Night for the last 12 years. Six of the members – Albert Lefebvre, Claude Massicotte, Pierre Paradis, Phil Gagnon, Mike Onysko, Luc Rouleau – have been members since the opening of the Club. In addition to posting their scores for Men's League, members play various internal competitions including frequent putt-offs after rounds with a putting trophy going to the season-long winner. The group also has an annual golf outing to locations such as Mont Tremblant and Turning Stone. The group ends the year with fine dining with their wives. The name No Mulligans does not refer to their dedication to the rules of golf; it reflects that members of the original group were still with their first wives. The average years of marriage for the group is 37.

Valerie Frisken was instrumental in gathering ladies together to form the Ladies Bridge group. Over the years, Val, Jean Stevenson and others have taught bridge on Tuesday nights. The group has fluctuating membership of 8 to 12 players. Bridge nights and weekends and week-long getaways have taken place over the years. Somehow wine, gourmet meals and shopping became part of the mix. The record is 65 pairs of shoes (some golf) bought on one trip by these well-heeled ladies. The original members of the group acquired the Senior Ladies Trophy which recognizes the low gross and net champions.

Led by Donna Gagnon and Claudette Huneault, the remaining original Knights and Ladies have gathered each year to play for

the Camelot Cup since 1992. There are now 40 eligible members (see Appendix A). There is a gross and a net winner. Winners of multiple cups have included Robbie Robillard, Dave Westfall, Pierre Groulx, Doug Harris and Ed Bucovy. The round is followed with F&B as participants discuss how prescient they were 25 plus years ago when they decided to help found the Camelot Golf and Country Club.



Donna Gagnon and Claudette Huneault

Chapter 5 - 2016: A Year for Celebration

The 25th year of Camelot was planned as a year long celebration – and what a celebration it was!

Under Chairman John Hoyles, a 25th Anniversary Organizing Committee was set up in 2015. It soon established a program of events for the year including the construction of a 25th anniversary bridge across the stream on the 2nd hole. The cost of the bridge was estimated as \$36,000.

The Board decided that 25th events would be self financing through a combination of fund raising and event fees. The committee decided to raise funding through \$6,000 donations, with patrons names to be inscribed on the bridge, and \$500 sponsors. Twelve individual or groups of patrons came forth (Appendix F). Combined with 21 sponsors and other revenue sources, the committee raised \$92,000.

With this money, all Camelot members were provided a special 25th anniversary ball marker and the 95 members who had been members since 1991 were also provided special anniversary driver head covers. The Club also purchased a 12 foot high pedestal clock with a 24 inch face. The clock will be installed on the practice range for the start of the 2017 season.

On July 6, 2016, the 25th anniversary of the day of the official opening, the bridge was dedicated to rave reviews.



Many other special events took place through the first few weeks of July. Among these were:

- The Camelot Cup was played for the 25th time with 32 of the 40 remaining Knights and Ladies participating.
- 110 participants attended a special Ladies' Night where former members were invited back for golf, reminiscing and partying.
- Throwback Thursday with \$25 green fees for former members resulted in 224 current and former members playing golf and then reminiscing into the night over a roast beef dinner.

The highlight of the events was the sold out Gala on Saturday, July 16. The clubhouse was decorated by Paula Theborge and Laurie O'Brien to a fine elegance that suited the occasion. The Gala included a reception at the fountain, piping the 200

participants into dinner, a superior meal from Chef Tony and his staff, a Don Noseworthy video presentation on the early days of the Club and wonderful music and dancing which went on to the early hours of Sunday morning. This night was topped off with a show stopping fireworks display mounted from the 9th/18th fairway.



But these events were not all to celebrate during the year. On July 22, *SCOREGolf* magazine announced it had rated Camelot the 63rd best golf course in the country. It was the first time Camelot had appeared on the top 100 list. Royal Ottawa at #53 was the only club between Toronto and Montreal rated ahead of Camelot.

SCOREGolf has been rating Canadian golf courses every second year since 1988. Each time members would look at the

ratings and wonder “where is Camelot”. The simple reason was that the Club never had enough ratings. There are about 100 designated raters from *SCOREGolf* and a club has to be reviewed by 10 raters within the previous four year period to qualify. There are few local raters and Camelot had never had the minimum 10 ratings. When new GM/COO Greg Richardson took over one of his objectives was to get Camelot on the list. Using the 2012 Canadian Men’s Amateur as a launching pad, he “recruited” raters to come to Camelot and finally by 2016 the minimum level was reached.

Greg Richardson also had another success to celebrate during the year. In September, the 560 members of the Canadian Society of Club Managers (CSCM) gave Greg its President’s Award. The award recognizes individuals for their significant achievements through a lifetime of effort. Greg was the 18th recipient of the award in the 60 years of the CSCM.

In August, the Camelot Junior Intersectional Team won the OVGA Junior Championship. After many near misses, by many intersectional teams, in all the various categories, this was the first Camelot team in the history of the Club to win an OVGA intersectional championship.

Finally, on November 21 at Sea Island, Georgia a celebration took place for which Camelot had a special interest. Mackenzie Hughes, the winner of the 2012 Canadian Amateur at Camelot and the holder of the Club’s course record, won the RSM Classic on the PGA tour. It was Hughes’ first win in only his 9th appearance in a PGA tour event.

Feature Article

The Year of the Juniors

Many fine golfers have participated in the Camelot Junior Program over the past 25 years. In the early years, Kiley Walsh, Ryan Ellis, Lindsay Walker, Louis and Charlie Séguin and Julie Ethier were some of the golfers in the program. Sarah Ellis, Philip and Thomas Westfall, Marie-Andrée Cadieux, Steve Upton, the Klekner-Alt sisters and Gabriel Gingras were standouts in later years.

But Camelot had yet to win the OVGA Intersectional championship. Then, on August 17 Camelot won the Junior Intersectional scoring 22.5 points to edge defending champion and host Rideau View by 2.5 points. The other competitors in Division A were Prescott and Hylands. The Junior intersectional teams have 10 players - 4 must be 15 years or older, 4 at 14 years or less with at least one female and two alternates. They play stroke play within each foursome with points awarded for first, second, etc. The older group play without handicaps while the younger group use handicaps.

This success had been building with Camelot finishing second in 2015. The past four years the program was led by Junior Captain Christine Lacroix and Head Pro Bill Keating. Maxx Rochette will take over as Captain in 2017. Associate Pro Marc-André Piette runs the program. Marc-André also provides individual instruction to several of the elite juniors. In 2016, Marc-André was voted the Junior Leader of the Year by

his peers in the Ottawa Valley. He is assisted by Pro Gary Graveline who, among his tasks, runs the Junior League.

This program has some emerging elite golfers. Nick Workun, 17, started playing serious golf three years ago and takes lessons from Marc-André. Nick won the 2016 Junior Club Championship shooting a 67 in the first round. He was second in the OVGA Junior Match Play. Through the Optimists junior golf program, he qualified for its 2016 World Championship in Florida where he finished 14th. He also represented Canada in the Euro Junior Golf Cup in Fife, Scotland.

The 2016 OVGA Juvenile championship was won by Alexandre Lefebvre with a win in the finals over Quinn Arial. Both Alex and Quinn are members of the Camelot Junior program and are taught by Marc-André. Alex also won a Canadian Junior Golf Association tournament in 2016 and shot a double eagle on the 5th hole at Camelot.

Undoubtedly Camelot's most renowned junior member in recent years has been Grace St-Germain, 18. An Orleans resident, she joined Camelot in 2015 to take advantage of the practice facilities. She has been a member of the Golf Canada's Development Team for the past few years. In 2016, she was named to the Golf Canada National Team and started university on scholarship at Daytona State College. Amongst her achievements, Grace has won the 2014 Canadian Junior, the 2015 Quebec Amateur and the 2016 Ontario Amateur. In 2016, she made the final 16 at the U.S. Junior Championship. Unfortunately, when the 2017 Canadian Junior Girls

Championship is held at Camelot, Grace will no longer be eligible.

It is not, however, all a bed of roses for the Camelot Junior program. In 2016 Camelot only had 45 junior members of which half were Sponsored Juniors. Sponsored juniors are not

related to Camelot members. Only three of the juniors were female. The number of juniors has been declining during the past decade from an average of about 60 juniors. It is Club priority and challenge to increase junior participation in the coming years.



FRONT ROW: Ryan Barnes, Riley Richardson, Jordi Kokkinakis, Derek Aspila

BACK ROW: Gary Graveline, Karianne Lefebvre, Nicolas Cosenza, Quinn Arial, Alexandre Lefebvre, Vincent Giroux, Christine Lacroix, Nicholas Workun, Marc-André Piette

THE 2016 OVGA JUNIOR INTERSECTIONAL CHAMPIONS

Appendix A - Knights and Ladies (K# and L# bold notes current member)

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| FK001 - Don Noseworthy | Richard Beehler | K079 - Wayne Johnson | Lorenzo Nicolini |
| FK002 - Philippe Gagnon | Larry Soulière | Rémi Lacasse | Robert Korim |
| FK003 - André Gagnon | L042 - Claudette Huneault | Edward Bleackley | Samuel Hill |
| FL004 - Lise Noseworthy | K043 - Gérard Huneault | John McFarlane | K122 - Benjamin Lee |
| FL005 - Donna Gagnon | Florence Crain | L083 - Gisèle Savage | Robert Kelly |
| FL006 - Mary-Ann Gagnon | K045 - Albert Lefebvre | Rolly Laberge | Anne Kelly |
| K007 - Douglas Maloney | Jean Aubrey | Suzanne Maurice | Patrick Mahoney |
| Paul St. John | K047 - Douglas Harris | Wayne Hambly | K126 - Ralph Woodman |
| Mike Comeau | Robert Guibord | Michael Scully | Robert Soroka |
| Bonnie Morris | Geoffrey Lowthier | Jean-Guy Rivard | John McNally |
| Jacques Potvin | Irène Labelle | K089 - Patrick McKenna | Myles Edwards |
| Paul Bisson | Jean-Paul Lemieux | Germain Blanchard | Elaine Edwards |
| Ross Couchman | K052 - Jim Hamilton | Peter Cooke | Mildred Edwards |
| K014 - Brent Wilson | David Fripp | Elizabeth McKenna | Marcel Patenaude |
| K015 - David Westfall | Doug Heron | K093 - Pierre Groulx | Dagmar Forget |
| Pierre Carr | Dianne Korim | Luc Brazeau | David McKibbon |
| Peter Brett | Jean-Paul Taillefer | K095 - Michel Paris | Brian Mehr |
| John French | K057 - Mike Iwanoff | K096 - Manny Goetz | Len Burman |
| Guy Matte | K058 - Al Clayton | K097 - Doug McKinnon | Jacques Schryburt |
| Larry Lamarche | Chris Valentine | William Edwards | Normand Perron |
| Robert Forget | Raoul Carrière | K099 - Joe Potter | Pierre Perron |
| Peter Doherty | Bruce Quincey | Gary Hardy | André Pinard |
| Neil Levac | Rico Gileno | Ernie Legare | Mario Grenier |
| Tom Muldoon | Jean Guibord | K102 - Edward Bucovy | Joe Benmergui |
| Denis Laporte | Tom Lemenchick | L103 - Line Lefebvre | Ken Loeb |
| K026 - Robert Robillard | Larry Davies | T.W. Sutherland | Gordon McRostie |
| K027 - Hugh O'Gorman | Yves Taillefer | K105 - David Osepchook | Mauro Civette |
| Jacques Bilodeau | Michael Bell | K106 - Edward Allen | Germain Lemay |
| Marc Leduc | Steven Berndt | Don Ferne | Louis Desjardins |
| André Audet | Robert Walters | K108 - Robert Goyette | Lina Arseneault |
| K031 - Ron Desjardins | Alex Kowbel | Tom Keogh | K149 - Jacques Patry |
| Yvon Lapierre | Jacques Bédard | Phil McNeely | Allan Smith |
| K033 - Jean Sicotte | Denis Beaudoin | Yong Boo Kim | Keith Nesbitt |
| William White | Joe Pruner | Barry Laphen | C. Yong Kang |
| Bert Beaulieu | K074 - Jean Laurin | Vanessa Forget | Jean Brazeau |
| John Connor | Mark Kaneb | Ernest Fern | Gilles Guindon |
| Richard Bellfooy | Huguette Patenaude | K115 - Wayne Lyttle | Pierre Levasseur |
| Robert Beehler | K077 - Ed Simac | Gary Cousens | K155 - Douglas Capstick |
| John Beehler | René Pichette | Hélène Bilodeau | Paul MacMillan |

Appendix B – Naming the Holes

- 1. First Crusade.** Off to conquer the enemy! Armed and determined, Knights and Ladies would leave the safety of the castle for a long and perilous journey in a land filled with natural and supernatural obstacles.
- 2. Moat.** This water-filled ditch would make access to the castle difficult. Legend has it that supernatural forces would lurk in the moat and would attract any projectile directed at the castle.
- 3. Excalibur.** Arthur's magic sword had incredible powers against the enemy. Even its scabbard could heal the deepest wound at a touch. « It is not the sword of a mortal » warriors would whisper.
- 4. Lady of the Lake.** Powerful and mysterious, the Lady of the Lake introduced the French prince Lancelot to King Arthur and made him the most valorous warrior in the world.
- 5. Champ de bataille.** Area where combats would take place. Warriors would use a variety of arms, each with a specific purpose. Battles were governed by a very rigid code of ethics.
- 6. Troubadour.** Lyric poet who would sing the virtues of chivalry, of bravery and of gallantry.
- 7. Guinevere.** Merlin had advised the King against this marriage. She ruled over Camelot. A benevolent Queen! Yet, mysterious happenings seemed to follow her! Arthur loved her madly. So did Lancelot! Legends are made of this.
- 8. Chanson de Geste.** The courageous feats of the Knights and of the Ladies were praised in this type of lyrical poem. Some people claim that a few of these heroic deeds were somewhat exaggerated if not totally fabricated.
- 9. Bastion.** The sight of the protective bastions of Camelot would bring renewed hope in the hearts of the Knights and of the Ladies.
- 10. Table Ronde.** Inside Camelot equity was so important that King Arthur ordered a round table for his meetings. Thus, no one, not even himself appeared to have precedence. It is said however that Lancelot would sit on Arthur's right!
- 11. Dragon.** Only the bravest of the brave would fight this fire breathing monster. It would protect its charges with such determination that very few ever won over it.
- 12. Gauntlet.** To test their fortitude, Knights had to run the Gauntlet. They ran between two rows of Knights who would strike at them with sticks and cords. It has never been explained why anyone would want to repeat the experience.
- 13. Krak des Chevaliers.** These fortified headquarters for some of the Crusaders in the Middle East resisted longer than any other to repeated attacks by the enemy.
- 14. Merlin's Trap.** Merlin the magician! Merlin the maker of kings! Merlin the sorcerer! He had so many tricks in his bag!
- 15. Lancelot.** Arthur's most valiant Knight, Lancelot won many famous battles. Even Guinevere's heart!
- 16. Holy Grail.** The discovery of the Holy Grail, the enchanted cup, was promised only to the most virtuous persons who were also willing to face almost impossible challenges. It was never found. Not even by Lancelot!
- 17. Mort d'Arthur.** This is the title Sir Thomas Mallory gave to his book on the death of King Arthur. It is said that the king's body was placed in a small boat which miraculously sailed towards a small island dominated by a crystal castle surrounded by apple trees in bloom.
- 18. Dernière Croisade.** Honour and determination would urge the Ladies and Knights into their last assault. "Without fear and without reproach" was their motto.

Appendix C - Club Champions

Ladies' Champions

1991 – Cathy Brownhill
1992 – Danielle Poirier
1993 – Cathy Brownhill
1994 – Cathy Brownhill
1995 – Cathy Brownhill
1996 – Cathy Brownhill
1997 – Cathy Burgess
1998 – Cathy Burgess
1999 – Cathy Burgess
2000 – Cathy Burgess
2001 – Cathy Burgess
2002 – Julie Éthier
2003 - Cathy Burgess
2004 – Reina Brunet
2005 – Tari Duguay
2006 – Liz McCourt
2007 – Tari Duguay
2008 – Liz McCourt
2009 – Kiersten Klekner-Alt
2010 – Liz McCourt
2011 – Liz McCourt
2012 – Liz McCourt
2013 – Liz McCourt
2014 – Kiersten Klekner-Alt
2015 – Lilian Klekner-Alt
2016 – Liz McCourt

Men's Champions

1991 – Réjean Théoret
1992 – Mark McBride
1993 – Bill Walsh
1994 – Kiley Walsh
1995 – Kiley Walsh
1996 – Kiley Walsh
1997 – John Watson
1998 – Geoff Walker
1999 – Paul Moulton
2000 – Kiley Walsh
2001 – Mark McBride
2002 – Louis Séguin
2003 – Louis Séguin
2004 – Scott Ray
2005 – Mark McBride
2006 – Scott Ray
2007 – Scott Ray
2008 – Scott Ray
2009 – Scott Ray
2010 – Jeff Crowe
2011 – Russ Passmore
2012 – Russ Passmore
2013 – Russ Passmore
2014 – Brian Keller
2015 – Scott Ray
2016 – Taylor Collins

Appendix D – Presidents, Club Captains and General Managers

| | Presidents | Club Captains | | General Managers |
|------|------------------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------|
| | | Men's | Ladies' | |
| 1991 | Don Noseworthy | Ed Bleackley | Darlene Bisailon | Don Noseworthy |
| 1992 | Don Noseworthy | Ed Bleackley | Darlene Bisailon | Don Noseworthy |
| 1993 | G rard Huneault | Ed Bleackley | Cathy Brownhill | Don Noseworthy |
| 1994 | G rard Huneault | Jim Hamilton | Cathy Brownhill | Don Noseworthy |
| 1995 | Leo Duguay | Jim Hamilton | M.J. Lemenchick | Don Noseworthy |
| 1996 | Leo Duguay | Bob Korim | M.J. Lemenchick | Jo-Anne Gawinski |
| 1997 | Bonnie Morris | Bob Korim | Sharon Bleackley | Jo-Anne Gawinski |
| 1998 | John Hoyles | Ross Couchman | Sharon Bleackley | Jo-Anne Gawinski |
| 1999 | Jean Stone-S guin | Ross Couchman | Vicki Jekabsons | Joe Akl |
| 2000 | Jean Stone-Seguın | Wally Morris | Vicki Jekabsons | Joyce Stewart |
| 2001 | Terry Peterman | Wally Morris | Susan Warren | Nino Croatto |
| 2002 | Terry Peterman | Rob Brownlee | Susan Warren | Nino Croatto |
| 2003 | Terry Peterman | Rob Brownlee | Lyse S guin | Nino Croatto |
| 2004 | John Dathan | Leo Duguay | Lyse S guin | Nino Croatto |
| 2005 | John Dathan | Leo Duguay | Anne Girey | Mark Trepanier |
| 2006 | John Dathan | Paul Moulton | Anne Girey | Mark Trepanier |
| 2007 | Bill Walsh | Paul Moulton | Pam Forsyth | Mark Trepanier |
| 2008 | Bill Walsh/Brian Bruce | Brian Murray | Pam Forsyth | Brian Bruni |
| 2009 | Brian Bruce | Brian Murray | Charlette Duguay | Brian Bruni |
| 2010 | Brian Bruce | Tony Barrow | Charlette Duguay | Brian Bruni |
| 2011 | Brian Bruce | Tony Barrow | Francine Beauchamp | Brian Bruni |
| 2012 | Yves Lacroix | Terry Peterman | Francine Beauchamp | Randy Moncrieff |
| 2013 | Yves Lacroix | Terry Peterman | Bonnie Morris | Randy Moncrieff |
| 2014 | Scott Ray | Bob  thier | Bonnie Morris | Greg Richardson |
| 2015 | Scott Ray | Bob  thier | Janelle Sadler | Greg Richardson |
| 2016 | Scott Ray/Eddy Morin | Vic Melski | Janelle Sadler | Greg Richardson |

Appendix E - *Winners of National and Provincial Tournaments at Camelot*

| | | | |
|------|--|---|-------------------------|
| 1998 | Du Maurier Series | Heather Lee , Edmonton, Alberta | 68 |
| 2001 | 40th RCGA Men's Senior Championship | Graham Cooke , Hudson, Québec | 72 - 73 - 70 - 241 |
| 2003 | Quebec Boys Junior Championship | Kevin Fortin-Simard , St. Prime, Québec | 68 - 75 - 68 - 71 - 282 |
| 2006 | Quebec Men's Amateur Championship | Kevin Fortin-Simard , St. Prime, Québec | 75 - 71 - 69 - 72 - 287 |
| 2008 | Quebec Women's Amateur Championship | Maude-Aimée Leblanc , Le Mirage, Québec | 63 - 71 - 75 - 209 |
| 2008 | CN Canadian Women's Tour | Kirby Dreher , Fort St. John, B. C. | 67 - 76 - 143 |
| 2008 | Qualifier, Canadian Women's Open | Eunjung Yi , South Korea | 64 |
| 2012 | 108th Canadian Men's Amateur | Mackenzie Hughes , Dundas, Ontario | 72 - 67 - 65 - 72 - 276 |
| 2014 | Qualify Round, PGA Tour Canada, Forces and Families Open | Patrick Wilson , New York, U.S.A. | 66 |
| 2015 | Golf Quebec: 66th Alexander of Tunis | Etienne Papineau , Pinegrove, Quebec | 72 - 68 - 140 |
| 2015 | PGA of Canada Assistants Championship | Brad Kerfoot , Maple Downs Golf Club, Vaughan, Ontario | 70 - 69 - 68 - 207 |

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| Luc Rouleau | Robbie Skaff |
| Dr. Dan Seguin | Peter & Louise Singer |
| Jean Stone-Séguin | Suzanne Yelle |
| Trent Young | |

Appendix G – Camelot from Black Tees



| Hole | Par | Yards |
|------|---------|--------|
| Trou | Normale | Verges |
| 1 | 5 | 520 |
| 2 | 4 | 444 |
| 3 | 4 | 362 |
| 4 | 3 | 212 |
| 5 | 5 | 550 |
| 6 | 4 | 456 |
| 7 | 3 | 202 |
| 8 | 4 | 392 |
| 9 | 4 | 444 |
| | 36 | 3582 |
| 10 | 5 | 581 |
| 11 | 3 | 196 |
| 12 | 5 | 602 |
| 13 | 4 | 421 |
| 14 | 4 | 395 |
| 15 | 3 | 190 |
| 16 | 5 | 488 |
| 17 | 3 | 144 |
| 18 | 4 | 448 |
| | 36 | 3465 |
| | 72 | 7047 |