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Friday & Saturday 4:00 PM - 10:00 PM

##### CHAMPIONS BAR

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##### CIGAR LOUNGE

Tuesday - Sunday 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM

##### THE STAND

Monday - Sunday 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

##### POOL STORE

Tuesday - Sunday 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

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## On the Cover

Bryson DeChambeau won 2020 Rocket Mortgage Classic by three shots at Detroit Golf Club to capture his sixth PGA TOUR victory.

**ROCKET**  
Mortgage Classic  
DETROIT





*Dear Members,*

Today, I wish everyone continued good health and wellness as we continue to fight these challenging times in southeast Michigan. I also wish to congratulate the entire membership on another successful execution of the Rocket Mortgage Classic (RMC) for 2020. We had outstanding weather for the entire week and all feedback to this point has been extremely positive. So again, I say Bravo to all that donated either their time or their efforts to make this event the success that it was.

I would next like to recognize Jake Mendoza for the outstanding work he and his team provided, and the great condition our golf course was in for the tournament and for our members. In my nearly 30 years of playing our courses, I don't think I have ever seen them in such great condition. With the excessive dry weather over the past few weeks, things could have gone a lot different; but our grounds crew more than rose to the occasion. I personally would have liked to see the greens a little faster for the pros, but that's another issue for the PGA. Again, thanks to Jake and his team for all that they do.

I don't know what everyone else may have thought, but I believe our club looked spectacular and showed very well during the RMC. This reaffirms what most of us already know, which is that we have one of the premier clubs in the entire country, not just in S/E Michigan. And, once the Kahn Clubhouse Experience (KCE) is complete, I believe we will rival any club, anywhere. We still have a scheduled completion date of mid-August and we remain hopeful this can still be met. We are also looking to host you all for a "Back to the Club" event of sort around that time, so stay tuned.

In closing, I want to recognize one last person that made the RMC not just a possibility, but also a reality. That person is Andy Glassberg. He was instrumental in bringing the tournament to Detroit, negotiating its existence, and ultimately delivering its execution. Andy touched all aspects of the tournament as well as the club. I was proud to serve as Vice President during his tenure and I miss our almost daily talks about the club and the tournament happenings. He was the little guy that cast a huge shadow and I will undoubtedly miss my friend. So, with that, God bless his family and God bless the entire membership of the Detroit Golf Club.

*Mark Douglas*

President of Detroit Golf Club  
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Click the video to play WXYZ's tribute to Mr. Glassberg that was shown during the 2020 Rocket Mortgage Classic



# DETROIT GOLF CLUB

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*Dear Members,*

We are now heading into the peak of our summer golf season. I'd like to thank everyone involved in the planning and execution of this year's Rocket Mortgage Classic. Truly a unique experience for everyone involved, it will be one more feather in the cap for the long history of this premier Club. I especially want to recognize the efforts of the grounds maintenance crew, led by Jake Mendoza. Last year I thought conditions were superb, this year the condition appear absolutely fantastic. I look forward to learning the thoughts of the players and PGA officials. Most importantly though, is that there are outstanding conditions for the golfing members to enjoy on a daily basis.

For golfers, it has been a busy a busy first half of the year. Rounds played this year through June compared to rounds played last year through June are up considerably. Financially, we have experienced a large slide in the food and beverage revenues due to the Michigan executive order restrictions. On the flip side, the member carts and guest fees have been considerably better than budget his year. As long as the weather stays good and executive orders regarding food and beverage options don't become more restrictive, our fiscal year should finish in a position better than predicted in March and April but certainly less than our original fiscal year budget.

As we continue in this "new normal", it is critical we respect the safety and health of others and ourselves. Aside from social distancing, you'll notice staff wearing face masks in the Clubhouse, and gloves being worn in food and beverage areas. We've added signage to serve as reminders for everyone, and posted floor markings in high foot traffic service areas. Plexiglas shields have been added in various clubhouse areas as well as the Stand. We've taken additional measures as well, and ask that everyone entering the clubhouse do their part. Wear a mask when walking in the clubhouse.

The reservation system put in place at the pool has been working well. Thank you to everyone who has become familiar with the system and the process. The online reservation system has been updated to help improve the user experience and provide a consistent look within the website and app. We are also in the process of creating a dining reservation system that will be very similar to the pool reservation system.

Construction on the KCE (Kahn Clubhouse Experience) project was moving along very well once construction restrictions were lifted. Great progress was made to the patio and fire pit areas, and the beautiful Donald Ross statue is in place. Inside, the Ross Grille has drywall installed with woodwork installation to begin late in the first week of July 6. Construction was stopped during the Rocket Mortgage Classic event, and will resume full activity on Monday, July 6. Nearly all furniture and fixtures needed for completion of the project is on property or stored off site, waiting for installation. As completion of the project gets closer, we will provide additional communications.

Detroit Golf Club continues to be an attractive Club for prospective members. There has been a strong and steady number of new members each month this spring and summer. For July, membership totals are slightly less than our original budget, and significantly above 2019 numbers for the same month. I anticipate August, the final month of our fiscal year, to also be a strong month for welcoming new members. This will place us in a solid position for the start of a new fiscal year. Our Tuesday men's league and Wednesday Girls Night Out resume July 7 and 8, respectively. The food and beverage management team is planning themed dining options for each week. The addition of the Stand as a location for food and beverage during league play worked well as the league play began. Food and beverage service for the league activity will continue there and the Sundial/Crystal room as we continue to use those clubhouse spaces as our restaurant. Once the KCE project is complete, we will move the dining activity to those newly remodeled spaces.

My quote this month comes from Steve Jobs: "We don't get a chance to do that many things, and every one should be really excellent. Because this is our life."

I look forward to seeing everyone soon at the Club.

*Derek Jacques, CCM*  
Chief Operating Officer



*Dear Members,*

Summer is here and we could not ask for better weather. Members and their families are enjoying everything that the Club has to offer. This month we welcome 11 new members and their families.

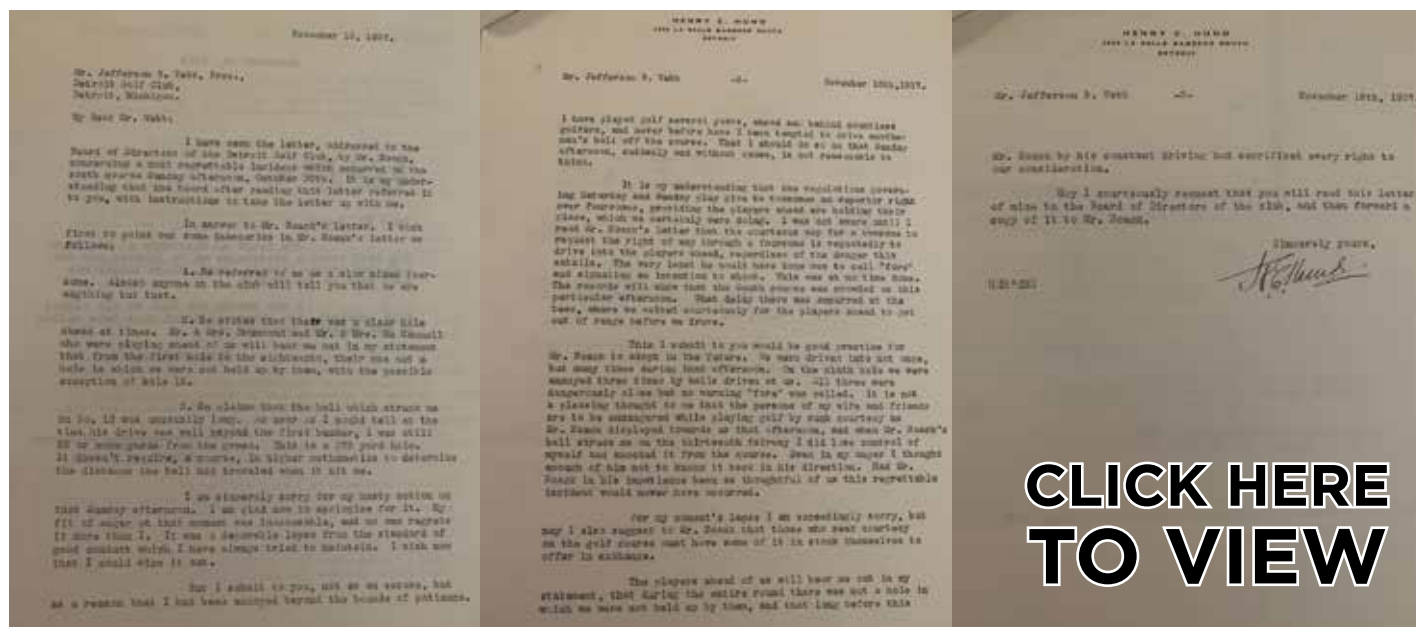
We were excited to welcome all the members back after our second Rocket Mortgage Classic. It was exciting to have some of the world's best players playing on the very course that you are able to play on every day if you chose to. As I sit in my office with the window open it strikes me how peaceful it is outside. If you didn't know you would not think that the entire golf world is watching the beautiful Detroit Golf Club at this very moment. Now and then I see players walk with their caddies from 9 to tee off on 10. A moment later I hear the click of a driver hitting the golf ball. How cool is that?!

This made me think of a letter that I found written by former DGC member Henry E. Hund in response to a letter written by DGC member Noack. Mr. Noack wrote to the Board in regards to "a most regrettable incident which occurred on the South Course Sunday afternoon, October 30, 1927". This afternoon was not so peaceful. Mr. Hund explains the series of events in his view and also outlines his understanding of the regulations governing Saturday and Sunday play. His frustration definitely comes through in his writing. I hope that you enjoy reading these letters, please click the link below to view..

With the start of a new month I always start looking forward to create as enjoyable membership experience as possible. In June we had a virtual mixology class with Tara Jagodzinski. Everyone was provided with the ingredients needed and learned how to make a spin off DGC President Douglas favorite drink. Members that joined had a great time. This past Friday we welcomed Tara for her second mixology event and we all had a blast. We look to have her back soon and hope you can all join us.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Club. Remember to introduce your friends to the Club. A member referral is the best compliment to a great club.

*Lena Angott*  
Membership Sales & Marketing Director







**THE BEST GIFT  
YOU CAN GIVE  
YOUR SON OR  
DAUGHTER**

# **DGC INTERMEDIATE MEMBERSHIP**

**CONTACT OUR MEMBERSHIP SALES & MARKETING  
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*Hello Members,*

It is nice to see members around the club enjoying golf, the pool, lunch in the Champions Grille and dinner on the back lawn. Every day we are getting a little closer to the reopening of the new Ross Grill, Patio and Pro Shop for all to enjoy. Its been a great week hosting year 2 of the Rocket Mortgage Classic, although it looks a little different this year, we plan on being back into the full swing of things in 2021.

Please contact me if you or someone you know would like to secure space for an event in 2021 as our Saturdays are starting to fill.

Kind Regards,

*Jen Howton*

Catering and Special Events Director

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*Dear Members,*

I hope that everyone had the opportunity to watch the Rocket Mortgage Classic on television last weekend! The golf course and staff exceeded my expectations for the event. We were able to produce firm, fast, and healthy conditions, using primarily our in-house staff! This was a very unique experience with no spectators, limited volunteers, and extra protocols in place to keep everyone safe.

The rough was long, fairways and greens were firm and fast, and most importantly we came out of the event with very healthy turf. Yes, there are some areas that are off color, but these areas will bounce back quickly. One of the main reasons that I feel confident in the turf bouncing back quickly is the quality of root density and depth that we have right now. As you can see in the picture below root depth is approximately 4 to 5 inches, and has excellent density.



One of the most important ways to improve rooting is through aerification. The picture to the left shows green, healthy turf in this spring's aerification holes, with dry, dormant turf around the holes. This turf is just dormant, not dead. With regular watering and some cooler temperatures, it will bounce back! Most of the dormant turf is Poa Annua, over time we can use stress periods like this to promote Bent Grass encroachment into the Poa. We will take advantage of the summer heat and interseed Bent Grass into these areas. With continued aerification, careful water management, and patience we can slowly reduce our Poa population.

The build out for this year's event was smaller, and there were no spectators, but there was still a lot of traffic on the golf courses.

Volunteers, PGA Officials, TV personnel, tournament officials and maintenance all added to the wear and tear on the golf courses. There are some rough areas that will need to be repaired due to cart traffic. There are also some green, tee and fairway areas that will need a little extra attention in the coming weeks. These areas were stressed due to mowing repetitions, high temperatures and dry weather.

As you get back on the course please be patient as we return to normal golf conditions. We have prioritized our recovery efforts to all in play areas first. Areas such as tree lines and the PGA Driving Range tees will be addressed once all other areas are completed. This will be a much quicker process than last year but will take some time.



During the event, staff safety was at the forefront of everything that we did. Our volunteer pool was reduced to 13 volunteers. These volunteers only worked our morning shift, which was 3:30 am to 7 am. We kept the volunteers and staff on the same jobs, with the same equipment all week. This allowed us to thoroughly sanitize all equipment, limit morning meetings and keep all social distancing protocols in place. All of the mid-day and evening tasks were completed by DGC staff, which means we had to get creative in our scheduling. The DGC staff worked 3:30 am to 8 pm every day of tournament week. There was a lot of multitasking and completing jobs with fewer staff! The days were long and hot, but the staff did an amazing job executing! I could not be more proud of them!

*Jake Mendoza*  
Golf Course Superintendent





## TENNIS 2020 AT DETROIT GOLF CLUB



**First row L to R:** Nolan Gustke, Brendan Abbey, Ainsley Ballarin, Eden Bashai, Lauren Mallett

**Back row L to R:** Ben Gustke, Owen Abbey, Madison Faraj, Heidi Carroll, Axelle Ballarin, Olivia Essebagers



**Nathan Kwon**

Winner at u6 6/27 Singles Shootout held at Plum Hollow



**Cardio Tennis Social Distanced Style!**



**Andrew Kwon**

Boys 10 winner at 6/27 Singles Shootout at Walnut Creek CC





**Front middle, boy in front red/blue striped shirt going clockwise**

Jack Carter, Grace Cibor-Vasseliou, Peter Gray, Ben Follis, Jack Follis, Lucy Carter, Jonah Klow, Nolan Bortman, George Quinn, Camella Carter in middle



**Stars class session #1**

1ST ROW L TO R= ZOEY KEIPER, CAREY CONROY, CATHERINE CHRISTENSEN, AINSLEY BALLARIN

MIDDLE ROW L TO R RIP DANCZAK, ELI PANZA, CAMPBELL JOHNSTON, MICHAEL RUZYCKI,

TOP ROW L TO R: LILLY RUZYCKI, VIOLET KEIPER, MIA CARROLL, CAROLINE CHRISTENSEN, MOLLY CONROY



*Dear Members,*

This past month certainly lived up to the hype with the excitement and pageantry that was the PGA. I personally thought the Club showed very well and we received a lot of positive feedback throughout the week both with the players and their caddies, as well as the groups that helped coordinate the event. Thank you for allowing us to show your Club in such a positive light that resulted in a lot of Americans being able to mentally escape over the holiday weekend and enjoy the competitive spirit of the sport. It was an honor to be a part of the process, I look forward to seeing more of you at the event next year.

My staff and I have appreciated your cooperation with our makeshift a la carte dining on the Sundial. Ron, our Dining Room Manager, did an excellent job with optimizing the outdoor seating and doing so in a very welcoming format. That being said, please keep in mind that when you enter the Clubhouse area for dining you are to wear a face mask until you are seated, and once again when leaving your table whether it be to use the facilities or converse with a fellow member. This past week was a particularly grueling week with the heat and having to wear the masks while working so please trust me when I say that we understand they are uncomfortable, but greatly appreciate those Members that have worn masks and gone as far as to encourage other Members to wear masks.

As the summer progresses, I look forward to seeing all of you and your families and making the most of our time together at DGC.

Thanks!

*Zach Hintalla*  
Clubhouse Manager

# SUMMER SAFELY



**Practice social distancing.**



**Wear a face covering in public places.**



**Wash or sanitize your hands frequently.**



**Stay home if you're sick.**







*Dear Members,*

The Rocket Mortgage Classic might have looked a little different from last year but, what a great event! Our course showed wonderfully and received many compliments from the players. The hard work of all staff members at Detroit Golf Club was on full display and it really showed.

July is a welcomed month at Detroit Golf Club as we will begin to welcome back many of our favorite events. Our Men's Senior Club Championship will take place July 24-26. If you are interested in playing or would like more information please contact the professional shop. July was also the start of our Junior Program which has seen great participation with over 130 boys and girls signed up! Thank you to all the juniors and parents for making our program what it is.

Invitations for our 2020 Whistler are now out. As a reminder this event will take place August 26-29. Please remember to fill out all the information on the card before returning. Invitations must be mailed in or returned to the professional shop. We are looking forward to a wonderful event.

August is quickly approaching and I wanted to take this time to remind you of some events that will be taking place during the month. The Women's Texas Scramble will take place on August 7. The Club Championship will take place August 14-16. Women's Member-Member will take place August 21-22 followed by The Whistler August 26-29. It will be a very busy month so make sure to mark your calendars if you are interested in playing. Also, please look for more detailed information on all of these events in the coming weeks.

As always I hope to see a lot of you the next few months and if there is anything myself or our staff can do to make your golfing experience more enjoyable please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

*Josh Upson, PGA*  
Head Golf Professional

# JULY AT DETROIT GOLF CLUB

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			ROCKET MORTGAGE CLASSIC	ROCKET MORTGAGE CLASSIC	ROCKET MORTGAGE CLASSIC	ROCKET MORTGAGE CLASSIC
			1	2	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i>
ROCKET MORTGAGE CLASSIC	CLUB CLOSED <i>Golf Weather Permitting</i>	MEN'S LEAGUE	JUNIOR GOLF	WOMEN'S LEAGUE		
5	6	7	GIRL'S NIGHT OUT			
	CLUB CLOSED <i>Private Party Motor City Slitters</i>	MEN'S LEAGUE	JUNIOR GOLF	WOMEN'S LEAGUE	WINE CLUB STROLLING DINNER	
12	13	14	GIRL'S NIGHT OUT			
	CLUB CLOSED <i>Private Party Gleaners</i>	MEN'S LEAGUE	JUNIOR GOLF	WOMEN'S LEAGUE	MEN'S SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP	MEN'S SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
19	20	21	GIRL'S NIGHT OUT			
MEN'S SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP	CLUB CLOSED <i>Private Party Beaumont</i>	MEN'S LEAGUE	JUNIOR GOLF	WOMEN'S LEAGUE		
26	27	28	GIRL'S NIGHT OUT			
			29	30	31	

## JULY GOLF SERVICE HOURS

PROFESSIONAL SHOP	Tuesday - Friday	7:00 AM - 8:00 PM
	Saturday - Sunday	6:30 AM - 8:00 PM
PRACTICE RANGE	Tuesday - Sunday	6:30 AM - 8:00 PM
STARTING TIMES	Tuesday - Sunday	7:00 AM - 7:00 PM

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## JULY DINING HOURS

ALA CARTE DINING	Weds, Thurs & Sunday	4:00 PM - 9:00 PM
	Friday & Saturday	4:00 PM - 10:00 PM
CHAMPIONS BAR	Thursday - Sunday	11:00 AM - 5:00 PM
CIGAR LOUNGE	Tuesday - Sunday	11:00 AM - 8:00 PM
THE STAND	Monday - Sunday	10:00 AM - 7:00 PM
POOL STORE	Tuesday - Sunday	9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Please Note, the Club will be closed 2 hours after the latest closing time of the above published a la carte food and beverage service each day.

## JULY POOL HOURS

Monday- Sunday 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM