



## From the desp OF PAULA

As we look forward to the opening day of the 2023 season we need to stop and reflect on 2022! I think we can all agree it was a season of smiles, lots of laughter and some tears...

During the past summer, the Bellmere team worked very hard to bring back a bit of normal life at the resort. We were so happy to put the past few years behind us all and start making new memories with everyone.

This summer we saw the return of events at Bellmere. We had some talented entertainers perform this past season for us and lots of events for everyone. The introduction of the 19th Hole Patio & Grill was a great success and became the place to be on a Friday or Saturday night. Planning has already started for next season so fingers crossed some of your favorites will be back! Please share with us any favorite performers and we will do our best to try and have them back again.

James and his team did a great job to improve the owner and guest golf experience this past season. From the feedback we received, I can say that we have come a long way to improving the golf at Bellmere.

The golf course has never been in better shape! Eric and his team have done an amazing job with the grounds. Eric has been busy planning more improvements in the coming year. Thanks to Eric and his team for all the long hours in the heat to maintain the course!

We were sad to see Chris Duff, our property manager, decide to leave Bellmere to spend more time with his family but we are very happy for them. So you will see a new face in this role when you return. I know who ever this is, they will be welcomed by everyone.

As we start the planning process for the upcoming season, we will be looking at the past summer to evaluate how we can continue to improve Bellmere and the time that you and your family spend at the resort.

As each day passes, we get even more excited about this upcoming season. My team looks forward to welcoming everyone back and making new memories.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone for welcoming myself and my team this year and wish everyone a great holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Paula Deschamps, *General Manager* paula@greatblueresorts.com | 905.321.1558



# PRO SHOP



Hello Cottage Owners, I hope you are all settling in for the cold winter months ahead and for those lucky ones heading south for the warmer temperatures...

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for what I believe was a successful golfing season.

We have a ton of things to be proud of this year from our rounds of golf. They were much more enjoyable from what I have been told mainly from a pace of play standpoint. The addition of our volunteer marshals and starters proved to be invaluable and key to the success this season. Great team to work with, highlighted by Cody MacLeod who for those who haven't heard has successfully passed his play ability test and is now a proud member of the PGA of Canada. Our new 19th Hole Patio and Grill was a big hit by our Owners, Members and Guests and would not have been as successful without the help of our amazing staff Gary, Leland, and Jade. What can I say about the

golf course besides WOW!!! Eric Van Gerwen and his team worked tirelessly to bring the golf course back to life and in impeccable condition. Although I know some of you enjoyed the free drop out of the bunkers in the past LOL.

On another positive note our Cottage Owners Seasonal Pass policy will stay as is for another season and you will not be required to send in another one. If you do have any changes and for those who are new to Bellmere please email me your list at your earliest convenience.

2023 will be here faster than you know it and we have more exciting things in the works to only enhance your experiences from this season. Stay tuned and we will share the plans in the Spring prior to the season opener.

All the best over the winter and Happy Holidays to you and your families...

Your Golf Professional James Clark, *Head Golf Professional* jclark@greatblueresorts.com.



# news from the GREENS

I want to thank all our cottage owners for their supportthis past season.
When I first arrived on site in March it was easy to see that the golf course needed some love to bring it back to acceptable

playing conditions, most notably the sand traps. Our golf maintenance team spent hundreds of man hours cleaning them up, repairing drainage, and adding sand (500 tonnes to be exact!) to make them playable again. I know that the sand was soft this year, however it will compact over the Winter months and conditions will improve with time. Some additional drainage and cart path improvements certainly helped to clean up a few of the rough edges around the property. My team went above and beyond all season long, so hats off to them for a job well done. We would not have been able to accomplish as much as we did if it was not for their efforts.

Since you have all departed in the Fall, we have been busy working to prepare the golf course for the season ahead. After the golf course closed, we solid tine aerated the greens, applied sand topdressing to the greens, applied compost to the greens, and sprayed a preventative fungicide on all primary surfaces. In the recent weeks we have been busy cleaning brush and sediment out of the ditches to facilitate drainage, as well as removing brush in a few areas of the golf course. These projects will be ongoing for the Winter months with the goal of making the golf course more playable and enjoyable for all golfers. In the shop, Frank and our new apprentice mechanic Devon, have been busy performing seasonal maintenance on our fleet of equipment and golf carts to get them ready for another busy season in 2023.

Planning has already begun for 2023. We plan to continue improving our cart paths and drainage on the golf course, as well as optimizing our agronomy program to provide the best playing conditions possible. I look forward to 2023 and the opportunities that lie ahead.

I hope that you are all enjoying your time away from the resort whether it is here in Ontario or abroad on a beach somewhere. The maintenance team wishes everyone happy and safe travels this Winter and we look forward to seeing everyone in Spring 2023.

Yours truly Eric Van Gerwen, *Golf Superintendent* 



### **Team Highlights**

A few of our members wanted to share their favourite moments from throughout the season.



Keira Nelson // Resort Administrator

"My second season at Bellmere has been a wonderful season, the company has let me grow from housekeeper to front desk manager to resort administrator and I am thankful for the opportunity that they have given me. I am looking forward to the 2023 season."



Brooke Loader // Sales Administrator

"My first season at Bellmere Winds has been very rewarding! The cottage owners, and my colleagues have always had a positive attitude and I am happy with the amazing relationships we have built! This is a place where memories have and will continue to grow, and I am happy to say I am a part of the process! I am looking forward to many more seasons to come, and more memories to make."

Be sure to share your favourite event or memory from the season to bellmerewinds@greatblueresorts.com and you could be featured in our next magazine!



## Look Ahead at all that's new for 2023



Better late than never... we have finally received the new paddle boards and have tucked them away so they're ready to go for the start of the 2023 season!



We are in the process of locating a large event tent which will be located in Phase 1 by the pool, as in the past. We are excited to have this again so we can have additional covered space to plan even more exciting events on the resort!



### **Fantastic Events**

We hosted so many memorable and fun events this past season, that the whole family enjoyed!

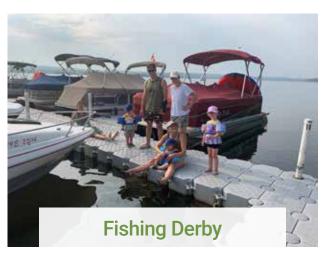














exclusive fun & games FOROWNERS

## **Exclusive Fun & Games**For Owners

Our goal has been to improve upon our Great Blue Resort experience for our Owners and this year was no exception.

For 2022, we introduced monthly contests, interactive emails, and fun, just for you and your family to enjoy!



Be sure to look for more fun each month, sent directly to your inbox!



## Referring Your Friends & Family Is As Easy As 1, 2, 3...

#### Step 1

Scan the QR code below or visit greatblueresorts.com/referral-program, complete the form on the page to send us your interested friends and family looking to purchase their very own resort cottage.

#### Step 2

They will attend a VIP Discovery Visit on resort to learn more and view available models for purchase.

#### Step 3

When their purchase closes, you'll receive your referral credit of \$750 directly deposited into your owner's account.







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Get rewarded for referring your friends and family to book their next vacation at any Great Blue Resort!

If you and your family love spending time on the beach, by the pool, participating in the organized activities hosted by our experience coordinators, and just having a great time reconnecting at the cottage, why not refer your friends and family to do the same!

Refer a family member or friend and if they book their next cottage with us, we'll thank you with a \$25 resort credit!

Have them book their stay by calling 1.877.814.4141 and make sure they mention your name!





\*Credits are awarded to your owner's account, earned after checkout of the rental guests.

All referrals must mention the owner name who referred them in order to qualify.



## **Considering Selling Your Resort Cottage?**

#### **Things You Should Know!**

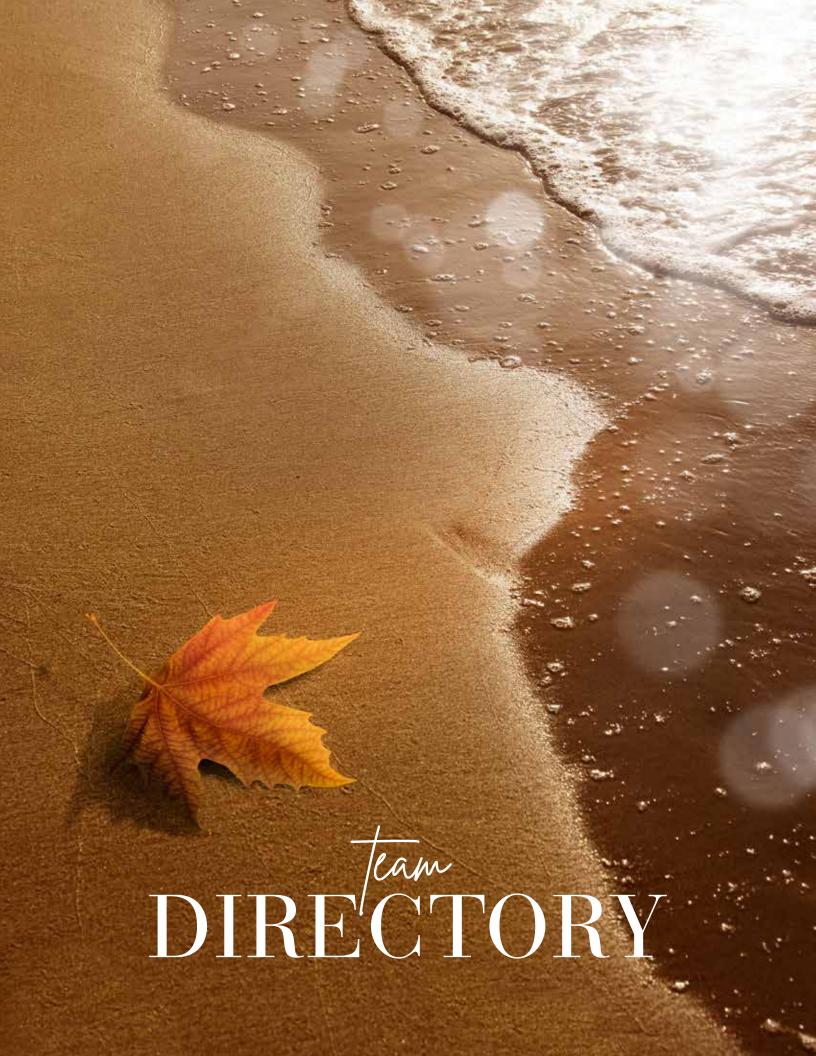
We hope you are enjoying your cottage time with Great Blue Resorts and are taking advantage of the amazing events, live entertainment and activities happening regularly at your resort.

We understand that from time to time, for any number of reasons, people decide to move on. If this is the case with you, we are sad to hear it, but we are here to help!

Resale demand for pre-loved resort cottages (like yours!) is high during the summer season, so that's often an ideal time to sell. But regardless of when you are planning to sell, please allow us to share several options which will hopefully make for a straightforward decision and an easy process.







### **Team Directory**

Maintenance Requests, General Questions, Tee times, reserve a fishing boat, housekeeping requests

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Looking to book a rental cottage for a friend or family member?

#### **Paula Deschamps**

General Manager

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Responsible for overseeing management team and resort development

#### **Keira Nelson**

**Resort Administrator** 

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Responsible for owner accounts, carefree and dock slips administration

#### **Property Manager (TBA)**

Responsible for overseeing maintenance

#### **James Clark**

Head Golf Pro

Responsible for managing tee sheet, facilitation of golf tournaments

#### **Brooke Loader**

Sales Administration

Responsible for processing of new owners, assisting with quotes for decks and sheds







### Bellmere Winds GOLF RESORT

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