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Thompson Classic - Call for entries

The Society's annual tournament, *Thompson Classic*, is only four months away. Be an early bird entrant (*see box below*). Pricing, details and how to register are set out on page 3.

2013 is the fifteenth anniversary of the founding of the Society. This celebration will be at classic Golden Era golf course, Dundas Valley, the first nine opening in 1929. The course is in superb shape and has recently undergone several bunker restorations. And, its newly constructed clubhouse has just opened.

Importantly, Canada's premier golf journalist, and a prolific author, will be the guest speaker. We are pleased to welcome Mr. Lorne Rubenstein. Come for the golf. Come for the beauty of this heritage property set in a Carolinian forest surrounded by the Niagara escarpment. Come to meet old friends and make new ones. Come to support the Society's work. Come to listen to and meet Lorne. Spend a day in a World Biosphere. It doesn't get much better.

Thompson Classic Early Bird Draw

Chance to win three spots to complete a foursome with former PGA Tour professional and now the Director of Golf at Summit G&CC, **Ian Legatt**.

Here is how it works:

- Draw 1:** enter with your payment by June 7 and receive two draw tickets
- Draw 2:** enter with your payment after June 7 and before July 28 and receive one draw ticket
- winning ticket from both draws will be drawn July 1

Eligibility will be based on date your cheque, or PayPal payment is received.

The draw prize is courtesy of Director Grant Forrest who purchased the foursome package at last year's silent auction. The foursome package is good for 2013.

If you have any questions about the *Thompson Classic*, please contact:
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Thompson Outing - June 10 and 11

NOW SOLD OUT

Here is an update and reminder for those registered, and for anyone who wishes to join the group for the Peterborough reception and dinner.

Monday, June 10 Peterborough G&CC: golf, reception, gourmet dinner

Tuesday, June 11 Kawartha Golf&CC: golf

Reception and dinner guests are welcome.

Cost \$90pp, all inclusive.

The guest speaker will be Kirsten Brown:

Master of Landscape Architecture, Society Director,
PGA of Canada Professional, author of the *Thompson Provenance Study*, and an expert in heritage golf landscapes.

Arrangements have been made for a group rate at Holiday Inn, Peterborough-Waterfront.

Note: *recommend* room booking be made asap since there is a major conference in Peterborough on June 10.

Booking: Hotel reservations should be made at the Holiday Inn through Shannon or Michelle 866 258-5181.

For further information contact:

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2013 Thompson Classic - Call for entries

Here are the details (*See cover letter for Early Bird Draw*)

Date: Monday, September 16
Venue: Dundas Valley G&CC
Guest speaker: Lorne Rubenstein

Itinerary:

- Registration 9:30 - noon
- AGM (attendees, light breakfast) 10:45
- BBQ lunch 11:30 - 12:30
- Practice facility will be open
- Golf 1pm shotgun
- Reception 5:45 - 6:45
- Dinner 7:00
- Silent auction during lunch, reception

Dundas Valley was created in 1929 by master architect Stanley Thompson in the *Golden Era of golf course architecture*; and at the beginning of the *Great Depression*. Surrounded by the Niagara Escarpment, it is a classic, natural design.

Below is the first fairway in 1935, and the view today. The just completed clubhouse has a similar footprint and the spectacular escarpment views of its predecessor, but now enlarged and enhanced with modern amenities, expansive use of glass and enlarged balconies. (Note that the flagpole - yellow - has not moved in more than three-quarters of a century.)

Pricing per person:

Society member \$210
Non-member \$250
Dundas Valley member \$150
Reception and dinner \$75

Pricing includes: entry memento, golf w/cart, light breakfast for AGM attendees, BBQ lunch, reception, gourmet dinner, bottle of wine per foursome, all gratuities and service charges.

How to enter: by PayPal on the Society's website

www.stanleythompsonssociety.com

or, by cheque mailed to
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An entry form *must* be completed. It can be found on the website. For further information contact:

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Oakdale G&CC - New Society Member Club

Oakdale, one of the country's most respected family clubs is home to three nine-hole championship courses - Thompson, Homenuik and Knudson nines.

The triumvirate represent three of Canada's most respected names in golf. Each is an Honored member of the Canadian Golf Hall of Fame. And each has a place in Oakdale's history.

- **Stanley Thompson** was the club's architect of the original eighteen, in 1926. He was regarded as, perhaps, the best golfer of his four famous brothers.
- **Wilf Homenuik**, born in Saskatchewan and one of seven golfing brothers, won multiple international, Canadian and provincial titles. He was a former professional at Oakdale.
- **George Knudson**, winner of eight PGA tournaments, five CPGA championships, and five times the low Canadian at the Canadian Open, possessed one of the finest swings in the game. Knudson also served as Oakdale's professional.

From a Society perspective, Oakdale was where, fifteen years ago, the founding lunch of the *Stanley Thompson Society* was held, January, 1998. Attending were founders William Newton, Paul Dermott (former Oakdale Superintendent), Bob Pezzack and Geoff Perkins.

Oakdale, a Golden Era architectural masterpiece, adds special lustre to the roster of the Society's Member Clubs.



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Wilf Homenuik



George Knudson



Chedoke Municipal - Society's newest Member Club



John Smith (*left*) attempts to orientate himself, while Garry McKay seems equally as baffled.

(*right*) "This was once a bunker all right, but was it on the Beddoe or Martin," Smith wonders.

(*below*) Halfway up the escarpment a green is perched with views of the 403 and McMaster Hospital beyond.

PHOTOS: BRENT LONG

At 7am, May 2, three detectives set out to solve the mystery of Chedoke Municipal Golf Course. The trio included Garry McKay and Brent Long, the Society's Communications Co-ordinators, who were accompanied by Society Chief Archivist, John Smith; an engineer, turned sleuth, who was armed with his usual arsenal of maps, drawings, notes of hard evidence, and compass, or so he thought.

The property which skirts the Niagara Escarpment with commanding views of Hamilton below it, has an interesting history from its early origins as Hamilton Golf Club to Nicol and Stanley Thompson, to a highway which cut through its heart.

Questions included the original location of the Hamilton clubhouse; who did what to whom, and when; routing and original bunker locations; and what was lost to expropriation for the building of Highway 403.

Smith, who was born in Hamilton and who grew up in nearby Dundas, had never played the course; McKay, a Hamiltonian, and former Spectator journalist of note, had done so since a teenager; and Long, also a writer, represents Chedoke as a publicist through his Burlington communications firm.

If anyone could, you would think they would be able to unravel the ins and outs of the two Chedoke courses - Beddoe and Martin. But did they?

Find out in the next issue of *Dormie Journal* when the complete story is told. In the meantime, the Society welcomes Chedoke as its newest *Member Club*.

