

Donalda Club
Toronto, Ontario, Canada



A “Vision of Beauty” realized and treasured.

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Randy Dalton, Dalton Build, President



Inaugurated in 1960 as the Donalda Club, this piece of property has a much longer pedigree of family values and as a place of refuge.

In 1916, David Dunlap, a wealthy mining executive bought 600 acres along the Don Valley by the developing city of Toronto, Ontario. His goal was to build a model farm that would act as a teaching tool.

“Equally enthralled by the land was Dunlap's wife, Jessie Donalda Dunlap. Jessie believed the property to be a ‘Vision of Beauty’ and it took the couple only one night to decide that this piece of land was where they would build their dream farm.” (donaldclub.com/history)

Donalda farm was named in honour of Jessie Dunlap, taking her maiden name as its moniker. This name is maintained today by what has become one of Canada's most prestigious multi-activity golf and country clubs.

In the mid 90's Thomas McBroom, an internationally renowned Canadian course designer, was asked to renovate the course to achieve PGA classification. McBroom was again welcomed back in 2013 to refresh the course as one portion of a 2 year \$6.25 mil project that included an extensive renovation of the locker rooms and the addition of a 4-bay golf simulator area allowing enthusiasts to enjoy the game throughout the year.

The addition of the golf simulators to an historic building required some careful re-allotment of space. The 19th hole gifted some real estate and the men's locker room was re-configured and modernized.

The historic intent and the caliber of the Club required skilled partners to accomplish the task. Architect, Hossack & Associates; Nicholls & Associates, design planning and consultants; and Dalton Build, professional builders, were each selected for their extensive experience with Club design and construction. Under their vision and guidance, and the strict tendering practices of Dalton, additional suppliers were recruited.

"The Club was looking for the best quality but not at a sole source price. Many bids were solicited and DE was the successful bidder (for the lockers and millwork) based on the appropriate balance between quality and price," explains Randy Dalton of Dalton Build. DE, local to the Toronto project, offered flexibility, a willingness to cooperate and the ability to execute the intricacies of this high quality wood project.

The scope of the expertise engaged from DE ranged from the highly automated production of quality wood lockers to extensive millwork executed by in-house craftsmen. The architect's designs were taken through a comprehensive engineering process and the details refined in order to match production procedures. In conjunction with the designer, DE developed a custom finish colour to provide consistency across the banks of lockers, through the amenities, to the cladding of the columns. Prototypes were created for final designer and client approval.

To ensure minimal interruption to the club members and on a tight time line, DE installed a transitional room to offer the members continued access to a locker room during construction.

The dark wood tones and elegant detailing have received "great comments from members and prospects," says Brett Mance, Donalda Club, membership and marketing manager.

The 'Vision of Beauty' first seen by Jessie Donalda Dunlop continues to bring enjoyment and a spirit of recreation to both young and old.



AREAS

- / Men's Locker Room
- / Golf Simulator Stations

SCOPE

Locker Room

- / 603 Full lockers
- / 40 Duo lockers
- / 8 Grooming stations & towel drops
- / 37 Benches

Golf Simulator Stations

- / 4 units custom cabinetry with camera chase

TEAM

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Architect – Hossack & Associates,
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Construction – Dalton Build, Toronto,
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