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## From the General Manager

Don't forget to sign up for this month's upcoming events.

**August 2- Glow Ball**

**August 7- Iron Man**

**August 10-11 Club Championship**

Many thanks to those of you who have participated in some of the events this summer. The course is in great shape, Gary and his staff have done a fantastic job this season! Now that August is here and we are in the full swing of things, here are a few friendly reminders which will benefit all members.

### **Repair your ball marks on the greens!!**

This article was written by Arnold Palmer and has been in the newsletter before. It is a great article that explains how to enjoy your golf experiences!

## **10 Rules for Good Golf Etiquette**

**I. Don't be the slowest player** In my casual games at Bay Hill, we get around in under four hours. Evaluate your pace of play honestly and often, and if you're consistently the slowest one in your group, you're a slow player, period. Encourage everyone to move quickly enough so you find yourself right behind the group in front several times, both early and late in the round.

Remember the old staples of getting around in good time: Play "ready golf" (hit when ready, even if you aren't away) until you reach the green, be prepared to play when it's your turn on the tee and green, and never search for a lost ball for more than five minutes.

**II. Keep your temper under control** In the final of the Western Pennsylvania Junior when I was 17, I let my putter fly over the gallery after missing a short putt. I won the match, but when I got in the car with my parents for the ride home, there were no congratulations, just dead silence. Eventually my father said, "If I ever see you throw a club again, you will never play in another golf tournament." That wake-up call stayed with me. I haven't thrown a club since.

Throwing clubs, sulking and barking profanity make everyone uneasy. We all have our moments of frustration, but the trick is to vent in an inoffensive way. For example, I often follow a bad hole by hitting the next tee shot a little harder -- for better or worse.

**III. Respect other people's time** Because time is our most valuable commodity, there are few good reasons for breaking a golf date. Deciding last-minute to clean the garage on Saturday or getting a call that the auto-repair shop can move up your appointment by a day, just doesn't cut it.

Always make your tee times and show up for your lesson with the pro a little early. Social functions are no exception.

**IV. Repair the ground you play on** I have a penknife that's my pet tool for fixing ball marks, but a tee or one of those two-pronged devices is fine. As for divots, replace them. Rake bunkers like you mean it. Ever notice that the worse the bunker shot, the poorer the job a guy does raking the sand? Make the area nice and smooth -- don't leave deep furrows from the rake. Before you exit the bunker, ask yourself, *Would I be upset if I had to play from that spot?*

**V. Be a silent partner** During one of my last tour events as a player, I noticed another pro making practice swings in my field of vision as I was getting ready to hit a shot. I stopped, walked over and reminded him (maybe too sternly) that it was my turn to play. The point is, stand still from the time a player sets himself until the ball has left the club.

Even with the advent of spikeless shoes, the etiquette rule of never walking in someone's line of play on the putting green is an absolute. The area around the hole in particular is sacred ground. The first thing to note when you walk onto a green is the location of every ball in your group, then steer clear of their lines to the hole.

Know where to stand and when to keep quiet. Position yourself directly across or at a diagonal from a player setting up. Never stand on the line of play, either beyond the hole or directly behind the ball. When a player is about to hit a shot, think of the fairway as a cathedral, the green a library.

**VI. Make your golf cart 'invisible'** Carts are very much a part of the modern game. Think about it: They're mentioned on the backs of scorecards, discussed in the *Decisions on the Rules of Golf*, bags and other items are designed specifically for them, and they're used at most courses. The sheer pervasiveness of them makes cart etiquette vitally important.

Your goal when driving a cart should be to leave no trace you were there. Because we tend to look where we're going and not where we've been, it's easy to damage the turf and not realize it. Avoid wet areas and spots that are getting beaten up from traffic. Golfers tend to play "follow the leader" and drive in single file out to the fairway before branching off. It's usually better to "scatter" -- everyone take a different route -- so cart traffic is spread out.

**VII. Always look your best** From Bobby Jones and Walter Hagen to Ben Hogan and Sam Snead to Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson, the best players have been meticulous about their

appearance. Their clothing has been sharp, and not one of them has shown up on the first tee with his cap backward, mud caked on his shoes, or his shirttail hanging out. (My shirt often came untucked, but it was my swing that did it. I started with it tucked in!)

Your appearance speaks volumes about you as a person, and the neatly appointed golfer, like a businessman or someone headed to church, gives the impression he thinks the golf course and the people there are special.

**VIII. Turn off the cell phone** Nobody knows less about technology than I do. But I know enough to recognize a cell phone when it rings in my backswing. If I had my way, cell phones would be turned off at all times on the course, but most clubs have given in to the fact that people are going to use them. I don't know all the gadgets and settings on those phones but do whatever you have to do to keep it quiet. And if you absolutely have to make a call, move away from the other players. And keep the call so brief that they don't even know you made it.

**IX. Lend a hand when you can** It's easy to help out your fellow players, if you just pay attention. One obvious way is looking for lost balls -- better yet, watching errant shots so they don't turn into lost balls. Pick up that extra club left on the fringe or the headcover dropped next to the tee, and return it to its owner after saying, "Nice shot!" And if you see a cart out of position or a provisional ball that needs picking up, don't just walk by.

**X. Learn the little things** There are a hundred bits of etiquette I haven't mentioned, like laying the flagstick down carefully, tamping down spike marks when you're walking off a green, letting faster groups play through, and so on. All of these things are learned by observing, with a sharp eye and a considerate heart. Just know that golf has a way of returning favors, and every piece of etiquette you practice will be repaid tenfold.

Have a great August!

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## From the Superintendent

All good things must come to an end. The wonderful rains that we received well into July have now come to an end. Our once luscious green golf course is now starting to show signs of “irrigation blight”. We’re still looking satisfactory for the first of August, but those frequent rains made us look amazing.

The large group of willows on hole #14 is still under restrictions for cart traffic. There has been water standing in this area for a good part of the golf season. Due to the lack of sunlight that reaches the ground and a few fairway and tee box sprinklers that reach out into this area...I can't seem to get the soil firmed up in this area. Please try to avoid any cart traffic in this “famous little forest”. I would love to remove the signs from this area, so if I do, please keep carts out of this area permanently please.

The unrepaired ball marks have been quite numerous lately. This also includes the practice putting green in which I've seen people chipping their golf balls off the green and back into the long grass. Please respect you golf course and try your best to fix all ball marks.

We will be aerifying greens (weather permitting) on August 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. The golf course will be closed all day on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will attempt to finish up on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you in advance for understanding this needs to be done so we can continue to enjoy our greens.

Enjoy your round of golf each day. Our goal is to provide excellent golf course conditions here at Valley View. Course conditions change daily but we will always try to maintain the course to the satisfaction of all. Take care, stay healthy, and hit 'em straight.

Gary Colstad



## From the Professional

I was wondering if summer was ever going to arrive at VVGC. Spring weather conditions made it difficult to get fired up to play golf until July. The good news is that the golf course is in prime shape and should remain that way for the remainder of the season. The warming temperatures have started to slow down our afternoon play. Early morning and late evening tee times are very popular now so be sure to reserve your starting time in advance. Please call the night before if you plan on golfing before the Pro Shop opens. The starting hole may change because of league play and we want to be sure everyone starts on the correct hole. Thanks for all your patience and support this year.

**August Pro Shop Hours: 7:30 – 7:00pm (except on league nights)**

**Club Storage and Carts: 7:30 -- 9:00pm**

A couple of golf events are scheduled for August. The annual Glow Ball Scramble is scheduled for Friday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Men's "Ironman" game will be played on Wednesday August 7<sup>th</sup>. The VVGC Club Championship will be held on Saturday and Sunday, August 10-11<sup>th</sup>. Please check with the Pro Shop for availability if you plan to golf in any of the August events.

<b><u>Upcoming Events:</u></b>	<b>August 2<sup>nd</sup>:</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Glow Ball Scramble</b>
	<b>August 7<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>VVGC Men's Iron Man Game</b>
	<b>August 10-11<sup>th</sup>:</b>	<b>Sat. / Sun.</b>	<b>VVGC Club Championship</b>

The Fourth of July "Orange Ball" / Scramble was a huge hit as always this year. Twenty four teams competed in this year's event. First flight winners in the net "Orange Ball" game were Chris & Deb Friedel, Eli Harmon and Gail Eaton. The team carded a net 63 to secure the "Orange Ball" victory. Winning the second flight with a net score of 60 was the team of Pete, Cheryl and Trevor Peck with Cody Armknecht. Winning the scramble game in the first flight with a net score of 58.3 was the team of Rhett & Molly Nemelka, Aaron and Abby Maki. Winning the second flight with a net scramble score of 60.8 was Jess Short, Mike Pessig, Nancy Gensemer, and Lori Harvey. Congratulations to all those players for their stellar play.

The team of Sami Yates and (guest) Cooper Knarr claimed the gross division title honors in the 11th VVGC Ladies Invitational. Sami and Cooper fired a gross score of 67 over 18 holes consisting of two 9 hole matches. The first flight net division winners were Gail Eaton and (guest) Susan Haskins. Tying for first place in the gross division- second flight was: Kim Longnecker & Pam Watson (guests) along with Ginny. Hunt and Joann Wilcox (guest). Second flight net division winners were Bev Piette and Katie Miiller. Thanks again for all the local

sponsors who helped make this event happen. For additional flight and side game results in this tournament or other events please refer to Valley View's web site.

As the season slows down and league play comes to an end we still have to remember to reserve tee times. I expect VVGC to remain busy all the way through till the end of the season. Please check in with the Pro Shop prior to teeing off, be courteous and respect the rights of other members.

Enjoy the rest of summer!!

Scott G. Kremmel - PGA Golf Professional





## From the Restaurant

Where has the summer gone, it's hard to believe August is upon us. Thanks to all of you who have enjoyed this July's Prime Rib Friday night.

The Restaurant is open 7 days a week from 11:00 to 8:30 offering our full menu along with Daily Specials. Check the menu board at the top of the restaurant stairs to view our daily specials. Soup & Salad Bar are available Monday thru Friday from 11:00 to 2:00.

**We will feature a Pasta & Fried Chicken Buffet with Salad, Sides and Desert on Friday Night august 19<sup>th</sup>, serving from 5:30 to 8:00pm. Please call 585-2921 for reservations. The cost is \$25.00 the gratuity is included in the price**

See You Soon,

Mary Ann & Staff



**22nd Annual "Bea Zimbric Memorial" - Susan G Komen Golf Tournament  
July 9, 2019 at Valley View Golf Course**

We would like to thank all of our participants who played and supported our 22nd Annual Breast Cancer Golf Tournament. We also thank those of you who were not able to play but still supported this important cause with your donations. Special thanks to Mr. Jim Zimbric thankful for your generous donation of \$300 in memory of your beloved wife, Bea.

We are pleased to announce that we raised \$2,556 for the Susan G Komen Foundation. Of this amount, 75% remains locally for services in Montana and Idaho and the remaining 25% goes to the Susan G Komen towards research.

Our sincere appreciation and special THANKS to the following friends and businesses who contributed goods and services for our 17 raffle baskets. 100% of the funds raised from raffle ticket sales go directly to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

Mike Dunlop, General Manager, Old Works Golf Course, Anaconda  
Livingston Golf Course, Erin Young, PGA PRO  
Cottonwood Golf Course  
Valley View Golf Club, Jordy Bowman, GM; Scott Kremell & Staff; and Gary Colstad and Staff;  
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Hillary Guilford, MSU Athletic Department  
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First Security Bank (Sharla Rae Stuber)  
Stockman Bank (Callan Nagy)  
City Brew Coffee  
Naked Noodle  
Teresa Diercks  
Mary Routhier  
Lynn Corcoran  
Nancy Maloney  
Leslie Drummond  
Cynthia Redmond & Kay Johnson  
Christy Egbert  
Katie Miller

**EARLY DETECTION** minimizes loss but there is always more that can be done. We are very proud of the contribution that the members of Valley View have made this year.

**THANK YOU!!!**

**Teresa Diercks and Mary Routhier, Chairpersons**



The AM shotgun was well represented and showed tremendous support for a great cause



The PM shotgun had a fantastic turnout as well. Thank you to everyone who participated!!





**Valley View would like to welcome our new members:**

Mike & Laura Nichols

**Office Hours Monday-Friday 9:00am-4:00pm**