

March-April 2020



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From the General Manager

The 2020 annual membership meeting was February 11, 2020. There were 33 members who attended the meeting and total of 147 members voted this year, 373 members did not vote.

Listed below is a summary of the 2020 annual membership meeting election results.

Officers Elected Serving Terms

Steve Johnson -President

Dan Rust -Vice President

New Directors Elected

Griffin Davidson -Director

Steve Wheeler-Director

2020 Board Members Serving Terms

Dan Davies -Director

Joe Rossman – Director

Dan Roth- Director

Many thanks to outgoing board member Ken Mosby (President) his dedication and service to Valley View Golf Club while serving on the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors would also like to thank Bonnie & Stefany for facilitating all the 2020 annual membership meeting requirements and information distribution.

The Clubhouse and Restaurant will be closed March 16th thru March 20th, 2020 for our annual spring cleaning. We will be cleaning and preparing the building, restaurant & kitchen for the 2020 season. Unfortunately, we are having a very snowy winter, hopefully it will warm up soon so we can get the 2020 season underway as soon as weather permits.

Enjoy the rest of winter & stay warm, see you this spring,
Jordy

From the Superintendent

I wish I could...but I just can't say we're getting close! At this point, opening day seems rather distant. We've witnessed a few warm afternoons recently, but these seem to be followed up by weather systems that add to our snow depths. I'll have to admit, I'd rather not plow snow again until November!!!

We've been steadily making our way through all the equipment maintenance. A couple more weeks and that task should be completed. We still have benches, ball washers, and tee markers to prepare for the upcoming golf season. At that point we should be able to start thinking about some outside details that need to be given some TLC. It seems like tree trimming could be a year-round project here at Valley View due to the vast number of willows we must deal with. I would like to get that project going before we lose all our snow. Also, we have plans to give our little greenhouse a facelift this spring before the golf season begins. The poor thing is looking quite neglected.

I wandered out to #10 green today in order to inspect any ice layer that may have developed. We're looking good...other than the 15-16 inches of snow blanketing the golf course. As far as any ice layer, the only issue I saw was the annual winter deer trail that cuts through the middle of 10/12 green. Some of you have probably noticed these areas that struggle for a few weeks once the ice melts away. The green-up in these areas is delayed where these animal trails have created a thick build-up of ice. Last year we dealt with a few of these "trail areas" such as the approach in front of #9 green and the trail leading across #7 fairway to the nearby houses. These areas eventually return to healthy turf but are somewhat unsightly for a few weeks. I wish I could control the animals around here a little bit better!!!

Please remember that once most of the snow leaves the golf course...the maintenance staff still needs some time to get the course playable. I know golfers get anxious, but we always have a big mess to cleanup before we can open the course up for play.

Think sunshine!!!

Gary Colstad



From the Professional

I'll be glad when February is over as it has become my least favorite time of year. All those nice days in January once again got my hopes up for an early golf season. On the other hand, I'm always amazed how fast the snow can melt given the right conditions. Let's keep our fingers crossed and hope for the best. Remember- golf injuries are quite common this time of year and most could have been avoided. Simple stretching and aerobic exercise will go a long ways towards making your golf game more enjoyable. Hit the gym, blow the dust off the golf clubs and get ready for a wonderful golf season.

I'd like to welcome all new members to Valley View Golf Club. Please stop in and introduce yourself as we would like to get to know all the new members. If you have any questions about VVGC rules, regulations or whatever we would be glad to help answer them for you. Also- we would appreciate it if every member would obtain a VVGC bag tag. Golf bags are often left outside and we would like to know who they belong to. Bag tags are available for you at the Pro Shop. Thank You!

The biggest change in golf for 2020 will be the merging of all handicap systems into the World Handicap System (WHS). Players around the world will have an apples-apples handicap index. Most golfers at VVGC should see a handicap change of less than one stroke. The end result is that handicaps will go down faster and slower to rise. The main changes are:

1. Net double bogey will replace the equitable stroke control. (ESC). The maximum hole score for posting will be limited to a net double bogey. The calculation is simple: Par +2 + any handicap strokes you receive on that hole
2. Your handicap index will be revised daily instead of twice a month
3. The new system will limit extreme upward movements of handicaps, will automatically reduce a handicap when an exceptional score of at least 7 strokes better is posted, and adjustments will be made for abnormal course or weather conditions exist.
4. A minimum of 3- 18 hole scores are needed for a handicap.
5. Handicaps are based on the best 8 of 20 scores posted.

It's going to be a tough year to decide on equipment as all the major player have introduced new products this spring. The main equipment lines for this year will be Ping, Callaway and Titleist. Demo clubs will be available for you to try out in all the brands we carry. Apparel and shoes by Footjoy, Sun Mountain Sports, Sketchers, Straight Down, Adidas and Level wear will be offered this year.

Valley View members receive a 5% pro shop credit on merchandise purchases over \$100 (custom golf balls and Xmas sale items excluded). The merchandise credit will be issued to your account for you to use at your convenience before October 21, 2020. This applies to your guest purchases as well but the credit will be issued under the members account. This is our way of saying thanks for supporting your Pro Shop!

GUEST GREEN FEES: Guest green fee rates for this year are:

18 Holes:..... \$50.00

9 Holes:..... \$30.00

Reciprocal rate:... . \$90.00 (9 or 18 holes)

ANNUAL GOLF CART PASS: Annual golf cart passes will again be offered. Pre season rates good through March 31st, 2020

Pre Season - Single seat pass: \$525.00.....after April 1st:.....\$550.00

Single seat pass w/ additional family member : \$775.00

Please keep in mind that this is not an unlimited ride program. The single seat passes are good for 18 holes per day only. Normal rates apply for additional holes played. Some restrictions may apply to league and Tournament days

CLUB STORAGE operations will be available. If you wish to store your golf clubs please contact someone in the Pro Shop. Members who stored their clubs last year will have a spot reserved and be billed in May. Space is limited so please notify us if you need to be added or removed from the list.

---Club Storage yearly fee:... \$100.00 / bag only.

---Club Storage yearly fee:... \$150.00 / bag with pull cart together

APRIL CLUB REGRIP SPECIAL: Did you know that slick; worn out grips make you grip the club tighter for control. The increased grip pressure creates tension in the forearms whereby restricting a proper release of the club through impact. Properly fitting grips are one of the most important and overlooked component of club fitting. If you are serious about your game you should replace your grips every season. Do yourself a favor and replace those worn out and slick grips!

---Save \$1.00 per club on regrips through April 2020

Think Spring!!!

Scott G. Kremmel – PGA Professional



From the Restaurant

It sure has been a snowy winter so far, join us for our lunch specials and our homemade soups and salad bar buffet Monday thru Friday from 11:00am- 2:00pm.

We will have our spring menu ready to go as soon as the golf course is ready for play. We are adding some new entrees & sandwiches.

Remember if you are looking for a venue to host a function for 50 or more people, the clubhouse restaurant is available in the evenings until the golf course opens for the 2020 season. For more information call 585-2921.

Easter is Sunday April 12th, we will email you the Easter Buffet menu information as soon as we finalize the menu. You will need to make reservations. (585-2921)

Just a reminder the clubhouse restaurant will be closed March 16th thru March 20th for our annual spring cleaning in preparation for the 2020 season.

Regards,

Mary Ann Kent & the Kitchen Staff





Valley View welcomes the following new members:

Chris and Sandi Cazalet

Office Hours Monday-Friday 9:00am-3:00pm