

June 2020



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From the General Manager

This has been an incredibly unique beginning to the 2020 golf season. The golf course opened on April 22nd with Covid-19 golf guidelines and restrictions in place. These guidelines were mandated by the Governor and the Gallatin Valley Public Health Department. It is club managements responsibility to ensure that the guidelines are being followed for the safety of members and employees. There have been members who have criticized club management for following the guidelines that we were instructed to follow. Valley View will not be one of the golf clubs that will risk the possibility of being shut down due to Covid -19 golf guideline violations. We have been in frequent contact with the MSGA who has been in daily contact with the Governor's office and the Gallatin Valley Public Health Department to monitor updates pertaining to golf guidelines. Also included on separate pages are Phase Two MSGA Golf Guidelines and Phase Two Restaurant Reopening guidelines from the Governor's office and the Gallatin Valley Public Health Department. We have tried to operate as close to normal as possible under the current circumstances. Ten-minute tee time intervals have been implemented, benches are being installed, the snack shack is now open, the restaurant will now be serving until 8:00pm. Coursed conditions are excellent, there is some vole damage that will improve with the continued warm weather conditions. Our hope is that we will have less restrictions as soon as possible, members will be informed of any changes as soon as we are informed by the proper authorities.

Listed below are some friendly reminders of our rules and regulations that apply to all members. These rules and regulations have been in place for many years and we will certainly work hard to ensure that everybody respects them.

Please check in with the Pro Shop before you tee off and let them know if your tee time is full or you have openings in your group.

If you are unable to play and you have a tee time, please call the Pro Shop (586-2145) to cancel so they can open up your tee time to other players.

VALLEY VIEW GOLF ATTIRE:

Proper golf attire is required when utilizing golf course or driving range.

Men: Shirts must have collars & sleeves, mock turtlenecks and golf specialty t-shirts are permitted.

Women: Sleeveless shirts without collars must have at least 2-inch shoulders.

No one is allowed golfing without shoes. no hiking boots, soccer or baseball cleats, cowboy boots, or high heels on the golf course or driving range

No un-hemmed cut offs, no short shorts, gym shorts, sweat pants or workout attire such as spandex.

No halter tops, swimsuits, spaghetti straps, tube tops or strapless tops.

No inappropriate or offensive wording on any style of shirt will be allowed.

T-Shirts are not permitted.

Valley View Guest Policy

If you reserve a tee time using the guest selection you must have a guest. If you show up and do not have a guest, you will be charged for your guest. It is the members responsibility to cancel or inform the pro shop that their guest is not playing. Members shall be responsible for compliance with these rules by their families and/or guests. Members have the responsibility to inform their family and/or guests of all Club rules, especially etiquette and attire. Violation of any of these rules may result in suspension of Club privileges.

All Guests of a member must be accompanied by that member.

Out of town players from other recognized Private facilities may use the facilities without a member present. Out of town is defined as a Private facility located outside a 75-mile radius of Bozeman.

Members of a Private facility within a 75-mile radius of Bozeman may only play as a guest of a member.

Guests of members who live within a 75-mile radius of Bozeman may only **play three times** between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Tournament play is not counted.

Members are responsible for the conduct and attire of their guests while on VVGC premises.

Each Member may bring and play golf with a maximum of 3 guests at any time. If more than 3 guests are present, Board of Director approval must be made to allow their guests to play without a member.

All member-guest green fees will be charged to the member's account. Payment of such green fees will be the member's responsibility. Out of town guests from other Private facilities must pay green fees in cash if not accompanied by a member.

The Golf Professional may refuse play for non-members at his or her discretion. Inappropriate attire and/or behavior by non-members may result in refusal of future privileges and/or service.

Other reminders for all members

If you take a break after nine holes you forfeit your place on the course. You must check in with the pro shop for the opportunity to resume play.

If you show up without a tee time and the tee sheet is full, sometimes is very difficult to accommodate you. The pro shop will try to find room for you, however; planning is highly recommended.

No walking fivesomes are permitted.

If you do have a tee time please show up with the numbers of players you have scheduled for your tee time and do not bring additional players.

Guest passes are nontransferable and are to be used by the member who the passes were issued to.

The clubhouse restaurant is open for lunch & dinner daily. Food will be served during the hours of operation listed below, the bar hours will be flexible. If there are poor weather conditions the restaurant may close early. Please feel free to call (585-2921) if we are experiencing poor weather conditions to make sure the restaurant is open. **Daily 11:00 am - 8:00pm.** The Snack Shack will open Monday June 1st, 2020, hours are Daily 11:00am - 6:00pm. If there are poor weather conditions the Snack Shack will close early.

We look forward to enjoying the warm summer golf days ahead!

Regards,

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Phase Two Reopening Guidelines
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Monday June 1st

Governor Bullock has recommended a Three Phase plan to reopen Montana. The Gallatin Valley Public Health Department voted on and approved the implementation of the Governors Three Phase reopening plan. Listed below are Phase Two reopening guidelines that will be implemented at Valley View Golf Club. Safety and your health are our primary concerns for all of you! Social Distancing Guidelines still must be followed while you are golfing at Valley View.

Monday June 1st!

- **Tee Time intervals are now 10 minutes!**
- The pro shop will be open for business, please maintain the social distance 6 feet guidelines.
- The driving range and practice putting green are open, please maintain the social distance 6 feet guidelines. The driving range hours are 7:30am to 6:30pm.
- Fivesomes are allowed, carts must be used when you are playing in a fivesome.
- Carts may be shared by any two players.
- **Bag storage is available, the pro shop can sign you up for bag storage.**
- **Guests are permitted, the guest selection feature is for members who have guest. If you find out that your guests are unable to play let the pro shop know 3 hours before your tee time, so we can use the openings for other players.**
- Lessons and club fittings will be available.

Monday June 1st! Phase Two Restaurant & Bar Guidelines

- The Clubhouse Restaurant is open, members may have guests join them in the restaurant. Please be sure to print your name on your charge slip. Cash and credit cards are acceptable. There will be limited seating inside the restaurant due to the social distancing guidelines. Seating is limited to 10 people per table. Please be considerate on the amount of time you are in the restaurant; in addition to limiting the time you spend in close proximity to each other we would like to accommodate the members who may be waiting for a table. To go orders are available by calling the restaurant. **585-2921**
- We are still offering a limited menu during Phase Two.
- **The restaurant hours are 11:00am – 8:00pm daily last call in the bar is 8:45pm.**
- **The Snack Shack will open Monday June 1st, open daily @ 11:00am-6:00pm.** The Snack Shack will close if we are experiencing poor weather conditions.
 - Capacity must be limited to 75% of normal operating capacity to allow for adequate group spacing.
 - Tables must be limited to 10 people per table.
 - Establishments must provide for 6 feet of physical distancing between groups and or tables by:
 - ✦ Increasing table spacing, removing tables, or marking tables as closed
 - ✦ Providing for a physical barrier between tables

✦ Back-to-back booth seating provides adequate separation. ○ In-house dining for quick service restaurants should remain closed, if all guidelines can't be met, including the cleaning of every table between customers.

- **Sitting or standing at bars or counters is not allowed.**
- In bars, drinks and food must be served to customers at a table. ○ Self-service buffets must be closed.
- Drink refills are not allowed.
- Self-service cups, straws and lids should be behind a counter and handed to customers ○ Self-service condiments should be eliminated.

CORONAVIRUS PREVENTION



PHASE TWO GOLF GUIDELINES FROM MSGA:

May 28, 2020

As you may know, Phase 2 of the Governor's Directive will be effective June 1st.

Phase 2 guidelines can be read [here](#), or you can go to covid19.mt.gov for more information. Below is a brief summary of how Phase 2 affects you.

Three things have NOT changed in Phase 2:

- 1) People who are vulnerable should continue to stay home.
- 2) Physical distancing (at least 6 ft) should still be maintained. Where this is difficult, fabric masks are recommended.
- 3) Good hygiene and sanitizing frequently touched surfaces should be maintained.
- 4) Direction on flagsticks, bunker rakes, modified cups has not changed. (See USGA guidance [here](#).)

What HAS changed?

- 1) Starting 6/1, groups of 50 or less are permitted. Gatherings of larger than 50 should be cancelled unless physical distancing can be maintained. If planning an event with more than 50, you should consult your local public health office for guidance.
- 2) Restaurants and bars change to a 75% capacity, with a limit of 10 people to a table. Tables/open seating must be spaced to allow physical distancing. All other guidance regarding restaurants and bars remains the same as in Phase 1.
- 3) The travel quarantine expires 6/1. The Montana National Guard remains authorized to monitor health conditions of travelers and the State will offer guidelines for operation for businesses that see high-tourist activity.

Will guidance regarding golf carts change in Phase 2?

Guidance for social distancing (for which golf carts are included) will not change in Phase 2. However, the Governor's office recommends checking with your local county health department, since some counties are allowing 2/cart and some are not. **It appears they can make this decision by county, depending on the situation in that area.**

Thanks for your continued efforts in following the guidelines to keep people safe! If in doubt, it may be best to err on the side of caution.

E.H.

Golf Handicap and Website Coordinator

From the Superintendent

The month of May seemed to have disappeared rather quickly. The situations that we are currently facing still seem a bit odd to me. We try to proceed “normally” with daily tasks but at the end of the day...things just aren’t quite the same. I am thankful that you are all able to enjoy a round of golf at Valley View, but please remember the guidelines that we must all follow to ensure the health and safety of everyone. We are still under certain restrictions due to the Covid situation. Once the restrictions are lifted, we will be able to return more equipment (ball washers, garbage cans, bunker rakes, etc) to the golf course. Until the restrictions are lifted, we are just that...restricted.

The golf course did take a beating this winter. The ice damage in a few fairways is the most noticeable event. We have introduced seed into many of these areas and will continue this process throughout the next few weeks. It’s a slow process but hopefully these areas will return to a healthy bluegrass stand. I’m normally happy when Poa doesn’t survive the winter months, but these large patches are rather unsightly. The vole damage is becoming less noticeable with the increase in both daytime and nighttime temperatures. The vole damage that caused the most destruction is located along the rock wall of #5 pond. So sad that the stability of the rock wall was lessened because of these creatures. There are certain areas along the wall where the soil has the appearance of swiss cheese. We are currently checking into remedies to correct the situation along the wall.

I realize the absence of garbage cans on the golf course poses a problem as to trash being left on the course. Please show some pride for your course and dispose of garbage properly once you return to the clubhouse. The most glaring problem seems to be cigar butts, sunflower seed shells, and broken tees. Please do your part and help keep Valley View looking classy!

Gary Colstad



From the Professional

The golfers at Valley View are off to a great start this year. The number of player rounds in May were up compared to the last couple of years. May has always been the most difficult month to get everyone on the golf course. Limited daylight hours and unpredictable weather really puts a demand for tee times on the nice days. Covid restrictions and the number of people not working really compounded the situation. Tee time intervals of fifteen and twelve minutes compared to our normal ten minute spacing really put a premium on availability of tee times. As of June 1, we are back to ten-minute intervals and have extended the hours of operation. Hopefully this will allow all members to access the golf course.

The online tee time system has been a great member benefit with over 90% of our members using the system. However, it's getting more difficult to get foursomes out as a large number of times are taken by singles and twosomes. If you are only a twosome or single please pair up with another group when reserving a time so we can accommodate more foursomes during busy times. If you need to cancel a time but are having problems online give us a call and we can cancel for you. The membership thanks you!

Course conditions are excellent and should continue to get better as the season progresses. We are now entering our prime months so a few comments about the golf course are necessary. As player rounds increase the pace of play becomes important. One slow group can disrupt the play of everyone who follows for the remainder of the day. Please be aware of your pace of play, play ready golf, don't spend a lot of time searching for balls, and keep up with the group ahead of you. Reserving tee times is necessary as the increased traffic has made walk on play a little more difficult. League play has started and Men's and Ladies day restrictions are in effect. Let's avoid any conflicts and keep a positive attitude about the remainder of the golf season. Thanks for your help!

The new World Wide Handicap system is designed so that all players have a chance to compete on even ground. This only works when all scores are posted. Whether you play 9 or 18 holes, all scores should be recorded. Everyone needs to get into the habit of posting all scores regardless of which golf course was played. Selective posting of scores should be avoided. Golfers have an obligation to maintain the integrity of the game so - If you play – you post! If you need help w/ posting scores or have any questions about the handicap system give us a call in the Pro Shop.

DEMO DAY: A Titleist Demo day will be held on Saturday June 13th from 10:00pm - 3:00pm.

FATHER'S DAY: Is approaching fast. (June 21st). Save 20% on Men's Apparel through June 21st.

VVGC JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAM: Begins on Tuesday June 30th. Golf lessons will be held on Tuesdays for 4 weeks from 8:30am – 11:00am (depending on age). A golf event and luncheon is scheduled for Thursday following the last lesson. This program is open to all VVGC members- sons/daughters and or relations between the ages of 6 - 17 years young. Please bring our future golfers to Valley View. Cost per child is \$100.00 which includes all lessons & prizes. Equipment and range balls will be provided. Please contact the Pro Shop for details and to obtain a schedule of events.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE: A couple of dates to put on your schedule:

June 5	Friday Couples Night
June 19	Friday Couples Night
June 27-28	38th VVGC Invitational - 2 Man Best Ball
July 4	4 th JULY "Orange Ball Scramble"
July 11	VVGC Ladies Open
July 13	First Security Bank Junior Golf Tour
July 18	VVGC 2-Person "Ironboy" Scramble

The days have become longer and the need to adjust the Pro Shop hours is here. Effective JUNE 1st, the new hours are:

Pro Shop: 7:30 am - 6:30 PM

Driving Range: 7:30 am - 6:30 PM

Have a great summer!

Scott G. Kremmel - PGA Golf Professional

FATHERS DAY- PRO SHOP SALE:

All Men's Apparel 20% off through June 21st



From the Restaurant

Monday, June 1st, 2020

We will offer food and beverage service. There will be still limited seating inside the restaurant due to the social distancing guidelines. The restaurant will be open for members and their guests only. During Phase Two members can use cash, credit cards, or sign a charge slip. The restaurant staff will not handle cash or credit cards. Seating is limited to 10 people per table. Please be considerate of the amount of time you are in the restaurant; we would like to accommodate the members who may be waiting for a table. To-go orders are available by calling the restaurant (585-2921); all orders will be charged to your account. We will offer a limited menu during Phase Two. For the safety of our staff and customers, we will be using as many disposable products as possible. We will continue to offer daily specials!

The restaurant hours are 11:00am – 8:00pm daily.

The bar will close at 9:00pm, last call is at 8:45pm.

Listed below are the Phase Two guidelines for restaurants:

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- Self-service buffets must be closed.
- Drink refills are not allowed.
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- Self-service condiments should be eliminated.

As always,

MaryAnn Kent



Valley View welcomes the following new members:

Ryan Lorenz & Amy McNulty

Graver & Amy Johnson

Andrew Remely & Julie Anne Lyngdoh

Scott & Kaylie McBride

Michael & Myla Kelly

Sammy & Stephanie Saunders

Carl Kuschke & Sawyer Evans

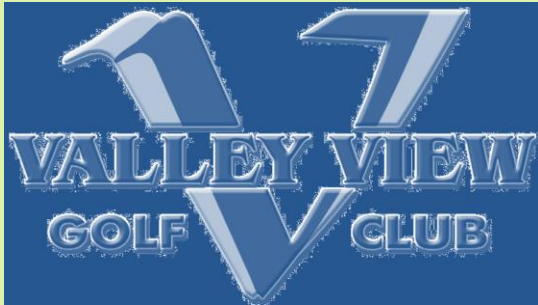
Dean Squires

Douglas Shufelt & Andrea Eastman

Richard & Lisa Bratton

Jeff & Marlene Lerer

Dewin & Rochelle Madill



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