

January/February 2021



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From the General Manager

Happy New Year! 2020 was quite a different and difficult year for all of us. In our lifetime none of us could imagine having a Pandemic disrupt our daily routines and result in tragedy. There have been thousands who have suffered and perished due to Covid-19. Valley View has also had some members perish in 2020, our deepest sympathy goes out to all of you who have suffered the loss of loved ones. The Valley View Staff is looking forward to a much more enjoyable 2021 golf season. Winter has been relatively mild compared to recent years; it could be an indicator that our 2021 golf season may get off to an early start. In the last 12 seasons our earliest opening day was March 12, and our latest opening day was May 5th 2 seasons ago. The average season opening day is usually anytime in mid-April. Our staff will have the golf course ready for play in 2021 as soon as the weather provides us some adequate preparation time.

2021 Annual Dues & Guest Pass Program

The annual dues and guest pass program are extremely popular, your club has 525 memberships and there are 425 members who pay annual dues. The purpose of the annual dues program is to provide cash flow for the club in the early stages of each fiscal year and to provide 8 complementary guest passes for members who pay annual dues with cash or a check. To avoid incurring thousands of dollars in credit card processing fees the annual dues and guest pass program is now cash or checks only. Annual dues payments must be received by February 15, 2021. You will receive 8 guest passes for the 2021 season if you pay annual dues with cash or a check. The annual dues amount is **\$2,040.00**. Members may continue to pay annual dues with a credit card; however, you will not receive any guest passes. **If you are going to pay annual dues with cash or a check the payment is due no later than February 15, 2021.**

The Board of Directors has three Director positions vacant in 2021. These are three-year terms which will be served by the elected members. The terms will commence on February 9th, 2021. If you are interested in running for one of the three vacancies, feel free to contact a nominating committee member listed below to inform them of your interest in becoming a board member. The nominating committee members are Dan Roth, Ron Hecht, Lindsey Hurlburt, Ralph Lindahl & Walt Mosby. All interested members must fill out a candidate questionnaire. You may contact the business office to obtain a candidate questionnaire. You must submit your candidate questionnaire no later than Friday January 22nd, 2021.

2021 Restaurant Information

The absence of the members and private Christmas parties were a significant loss of revenue for Valley View. Due to all of the restrictions we were instructed to follow there was not an option to host the parties. The restaurant did make a small profit during the 2020 golf season, this was a result of lower food costs and labor costs. As soon as restriction guidelines improve, we plan on opening the restaurant for indoor dining. Currently there is not a specific date for Valley View to open for indoor dining. Valley View's primary concern is the safety of our members and staff, we will not make any decisions that will compromise your safety. Thank you for understanding as we experience these difficult circumstances.

Enjoy the rest of the winter! The VVGC staff looks forward to seeing all of you during the 2021 golf season.

Happy New Year!

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From the Superintendent

Happy New Year. We can only hope that 2021 will be happier than 2020. As usual for this time of year, we are experiencing our “preferred pace” down here at the maintenance facility. This is our time to re-charge the batteries and get ready for the upcoming golf season. It has been somewhat odd; in that I have not spent much time behind the steering wheel plowing snow at the golf course. I am sure Mother Nature is lurking around the corner waiting to dump a large blanket of snow on the Gallatin valley. The lack of snow maintenance at the course was such a blessing for yours truly. This winter we have experienced the least amount of snow on the golf course in recent years. If January and February’s weather is the same, the golf course will be in great shape to start the 2021 season.

I am really excited for the 2021 golf season to start taking shape. Soon we will start preparing for the installation of a new pumpstation for the golf course irrigation system. The technology used in these new pumps and control units allow for amazing efficiencies when distributing irrigation water throughout the golf course. As we continue to replace outdated sprinklers around the golf course, we should see some of our chronic problem areas begin to show considerable improvement.

As we maneuver towards the upcoming golf season, please keep in mind the frost situations that occur quite frequently during the spring months. When the golf course is officially closed we do allow play to the temporary flag placements in the fairways, please remember to stay off the golf course if it is frosted over. Golfers are not allowed to be on the golf course when there is frost present. Let us hope it warms up soon so the 2021 season can experience an early start.

Please stay safe and healthy. We want to see your smiling face out on the golf course this spring!

Take care,

Gary Colstad

From the Professional

Happy New Year!..... The golf industry had a successful year despite the pandemic. More new golfers were introduced into the game than in previous years. Chances are good that a lot of these new golfers will continue with the sport. The trend of adding new golfers looks to continue into 2021. Player rounds at VVGC were up last year even with the delayed opening. The course was in awesome shape and there was quite a demand for tee times regardless of what day of the week it was. It was quite the year to say the least, but I feel fortunate that the problems we faced were minor compared to what other industries or people were going through.

As the days get longer it's time to start thinking about the upcoming golf season. January and February are spent planning this year's events and evaluating all the new golf products. Titleist, Callaway, and Ping Golf will be our main equipment lines for 2021. If you are in the market for new golf equipment; you'll have plenty of new options to choose from again.

Valley View's 2021 golf calendar is still a work in progress. With too many unknowns we are taking a "wait and see" approach before finalizing an events calendar.

It's never too early to get yourself conditioned for spring golf. Injuries are quite common after the long layoff – let's avoid them if possible. Back related injuries take forever to heal and most could have been avoided. The correct form and balance will go a long way in preventing golf related injuries.

I'm glad 2020 is behind us and I'm looking forward to 2021. Last year was a very "unique" but good year at Valley View Pro Shop. Thanks again for all the member support. I sincerely hope that 2021 brings everyone good health and lower handicaps. Stay safe and have a great winter!

Scott G. Kremmel – PGA Professional

2021 VVGC Pro Shop Rates

Green Fees:

9 Holes---\$35.00

18 Holes--\$55.00

Out of town reciprocal (NOT AVAILABLE DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC!)

\$90.00

Golf Cart Rental Fees:

9 Holes-----\$12.00 per seat

18 Holes-----\$20.00 per seat

Single Cart Pass---\$575.00 season

Couple Cart Pass--\$800.00 season

Golf Instruction:

Individual--- \$50.00 (1 hour)

Series of 3-- \$135.00

Club Storage:

Per Bag (No Cart) --\$ 100.00 / year

Per Bag w/cart) ---\$ 150.00 / Year

Handicap Fee:

Per Person--\$ 28.00 / year



Office Hours Monday-Wednesday-Friday 9:00am-1:00pm