

March/April 2021



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From the General Manager

Thank you once again to all of you who cast your votes for the 2021 Board of Directors and to the members who ran for the board positions.

207 members voted; quorum requires 130 members to vote.
The results are listed below.

President- Steve Johnson
Vice President- Dan Rust
Director- Dan Davies
Director- Todd Hiller
Director- Joe Rossman

A very special thank you to outgoing board member Dan Roth for your years of service on the VVGC board of directors!

Below is the latest information from the Gallatin County Public Health Department pertaining to the current guidelines to follow thru April 20,2021.



Dear Gallatin County Licensed Establishments,

The Gallatin City-County Board of Health on Thursday February 4, 2021 extended its emergency public health rule that places operating restrictions on certain businesses to slow the spread of COVID-19 thru April 20, 2021. The new rule included an amendment allowing bars, restaurants, and other licensed food and beverage establishments to operate until 2am. Previously, the local rule restricted operating time to 10pm.

The rule approved by the Board Thursday retains other significant requirements for businesses including:

Limits of the number of patrons to 50% of capacity, this includes capacity limits at gyms/fitness studios, places of assembly, and pools & spas.

Limits on party size at tables to 6 people (with an exception for families with young children)

Requirements that staff and patrons wear face coverings within indoor areas unless they are seated at a table and at least six feet from other parties

Requirements that patrons remain seated and respect social distancing rules requiring at least six feet between tables; and

Businesses must continue to follow CDC sanitation protocols and adhere to strict physical distancing.

The Board's emergency rule also retains the countywide limit on physical group gatherings of more than 25 individuals for group events including but not limited to parties, weddings, receptions, conventions, meetings, fairs, festivals, and concerts. These restrictions apply to indoor and outdoor events. The group size limitation is intended to address events and gatherings that pose risk due to contact between people who otherwise would not be together if not for that event (meeting, party, festival, concert) being held. The prohibition is not intended as a limitation on usual and customary work in office settings or workplaces that function as the primary place of work for a business or organization.

In a separate action on Jan. 27, the Board also extended its emergency health rule requiring individuals and organizations to use face coverings in most indoor public spaces. The face covering rule applied to all restaurants, bars, bowling alleys, public accommodations, and other establishments and requires use of face coverings by patrons whenever they are not seated at a table and socially distanced from other parties. The rule requires establishments to enforce the face covering rule and individuals to wear face coverings in most circumstances.

The Board rules can be found on the Healthy Gallatin website under Public Health Rules - [Public Health Rules - Healthy Gallatin](#) listed as Phase 2 (EHR-2020-004-D(ii)).

"The Board of Health is seeking to find a balance between important public health precautions that help slow down spread of COVID-19 and the economic and social benefits of allowing

businesses to operate more extensively,” said Matt Kelley, Health Officer with Gallatin City-County Health Department.

During the meeting, Kelley cautioned that variant strains of the virus that causes COVID-19 continue to pose significant risk in the weeks and months ahead. He urged the public – including restaurant and bar owners and patrons – to continue to exercise great caution to help slow the spread of the virus and avoid lockdowns and closures that have been necessary in other nations as the variant forms of the virus have spread and caused hospitalizations and deaths. Kelley asked the public to help slow the spread by leaving establishments that are not following protocols and reporting evidence of clear violation to the health department by “This pandemic is far from over,” Kelley said. “We need to work together to slow spread and keep businesses open.”

We have almost completed our accounting software upgrade and server migration. The last component to be installed will be a retail POS in the pro shop. All of your pro shop purchases will be applied to your bill as soon as the transaction is completed. On Tuesday March 2nd we will implement our new accounting feature which will enable us to email statements members. We will no longer sent statements via the mail. You may request a hard copy statement if you would like one. All members will all be emailed a statement in March because the 2021 \$120.00 driving range fee is billed in March. Some of you have already paid for the driving range in advance, if you have, ignore the statement. This has been a long overdue advancement for the club. Thank you in advance for understanding we are trying to make things more efficient for our members.

The clubhouse updates are making great progress, paint is almost finished, new lighting is 60% completed, flooring is being prepared for installation, new blinds have arrived, bathroom sinks will be installed March 15th. Most importantly the pumphouse is being assembled and will be ready to go when the 2021 season begins.

The restaurant will open following the current county guidelines listed above as soon as the golf course is ready for play and the 2021 renovation is completed.

Enjoy the rest of the winter season!

Happy Trails,
VVG
Board of Directors & Club Management

From the Superintendent

Although our surroundings will be a sloppy mess for a short time...bring on the warm temperatures!!! I am starting to feel those "let's get rolling" vibes. There are numerous triggers every March that tell my body we are inching closer to the upcoming golf season. Most obvious is the extended daylight that we get to enjoy each day. The songbirds migrate back to the valley which signals to me that our surroundings will soon turn to GREEN! The warmer temperatures tend to put a smile on faces after people endured the cold months of winter. People should be especially giddy this spring/summer after dealing with the Covid restrictions for the past 12 months. Hopefully, there is light at the end of the tunnel with health concerns for people everywhere.

The membership will notice a few changes for the 2021 golf season. The clubhouse renovations are going to be amazing. A few more gray hairs for Jordy, but the upgrades are long overdue, and the new look will be fantastic. A not so noticeable feature this year out on the golf course will be our new irrigation pumpstation and pumphouse. This is probably not a big visual difference for most of you, but the efficiency of our irrigation system is going to be leaps and bounds above our system of past years. The new pumps, plus the new sprinklers we have been installing will be major strides towards the renovation of our irrigation system. The efficiency of these pumps will also allow for increased financial savings towards keeping the course in prime condition. Later this fall we will begin an exciting project that will catch your eye (and maybe a golf ball or two). The addition of a rock wall in front of #7 green will take place towards the end of the 2021 golf season. This project, plus renovating the rock wall along #5 fairway will hopefully conclude our golf season at Valley View.

It is business as usual down here at the maintenance facility. The maintenance on the equipment fleet is nearing the end. We are beginning to touchup all the supplies that will be need out on the golf course this season. We are still not sure how Covid will be affecting that situation this year. Tee signs and tee markers will be out on the course so we will begin the "fix 'em up" phase for those items. The next couple of weeks will include pumphouse demolition and old irrigation pump removal. Once that is completed, we will begin preparation for building the new pumphouse Our new pumpstation is scheduled to arrive the first weeks of April. Upon arrival, we will begin the install and connections to the existing underground mainlines.

Hopefully, all projects run smoothly and weather permitting we will be off and running for the upcoming golf season. Exciting times are ahead for Valley View members. See you soon!

Take care,

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 Covid-free (hopefully) golf season.

Until the Gallatin County Health Department changes their stance on Covid restrictions, it looks like the Pro Shop will initially be operating with some restrictions similar to last fall. Gallatin County Covid cases are declining and with any luck we can resume operations without any restrictions by mid summer

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!

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 Antigua will be offered this year.

The 2021 Tournament schedule has not been finalized yet. Covid restrictions regarding group size and gatherings have an effect on what events we can hold. As we get closer to opening we should have a better idea on what tournaments we are able to host and a more accurate schedule of events can be posted.

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, 2021. 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:..... \$55.00

9 Holes:..... \$35.00

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

ANNUAL GOLF CART PASS: Annual golf cart passes will again be offered. These can be purchased at any time. 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. **Please be advised that if you decide to buy a cart pass mid season that previous carts rented will not be credited towards the annual pass.**

Single Seat Pass: \$ 575.00

Single Seat Pass w/ additional family member : \$ 800.00

CLUB STORAGE : If you wish to store your golf clubs - please contact someone in the Pro Shop. Members who stored their clubs last year will have their same spot 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 regripping through April 2021

Stay Safe & Think Spring!!!

Scott G. Kremmel – PGA Professional





New Members:

Ron & Desire Kaye
Jack & Nancy Jo Donovan
Derek & Jamie Clark
Rob Marshall
Craig & Nicole Danehauer
Cash & Juliet Lafferety
Joe & Carrie Schwartz
Keith & Tobie Laskowski
Tim & Diedre Strigenz

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