

# Valley View Golf Club

April 2023 Newsletter

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## From My View

Steve Johnson, General Manager

Following the annual meeting Director Helm resigned her position on the Board. The Bylaws give the Board the responsibility to appoint a member to serve until the next annual meeting. The Board appointed the candidate with the next highest number of votes at the previous election, John Brisben.

Because of the guest pass incentive for paying your annual dues by January 30, the Club has a healthy cash balance this time of the year. The Board of Directors approved an investment program to securely invest the temporarily idle cash. The investments are 100% FDIC insured and will help bring a little revenue to the Club.

As I stated in last month's Newsletter, we continue to work on the Clubs website. You can now log into the member area. Your username is first name.last name (all lower case). If you do not remember your password, there is a *Reset Password* link. The Member only area contains a Member Directory, Newsletters, Events, Board of Directors Information, Club Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, Men's League Information and Update my Profile. The Update my Profile area allows you to update your information contained in the Directory. Since the Directory is not linked to our Club Systems database that we use for billing, we ask that you inform us of any changes to your email address or phone numbers.

## Restaurant

Ken Hodgson, Food and Beverage Manager

Spring greetings from the restaurant, we all patiently wait for the snow to melt. This winter has been a lot of fun. Doing special dinners, trying out new menus and planning ahead for the upcoming season. We are just starting to hire for the summer season, and I feel as though we are assembling a great team in the restaurant. We are looking forward to utilizing the snack shack a lot more this season and are striving to make it much more accessible and reliable. We will be offering many more food choices at the shack as well as better hours and more attention to golfers' needs.

In addition to our regular menu, we will be introducing a dinner menu at some point in May that will be available each evening throughout the season. We are currently utilizing Facebook and Instagram to send out updates and current happenings related to the restaurant, and we are constantly building up our followings on both platforms. Please check it out and follow us to see what is happening in the food and beverage department. We are looking forward to seeing green grass and people out golfing. Also, just a reminder to email the restaurant for anything, it is the most efficient and effective way to get a hold of us. [vvgckitchen@gmail.com](mailto:vvgckitchen@gmail.com)

That is all we have for now,  
Ken Hodgson and The Valley View Restaurant Team

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## The Course

Gary Colstad, Superintendent

Ok...maybe we are a LITTLE behind schedule. Although...I did come across some of those great “memory photos” that google throws at you every now and then, and we are not as far from “normal” as one would think. The photos of Valley View in April 2014 and 2019 seemed rather similar to current conditions out on the course. Currently we might have an extra 10-12 inches of snow compared to previous years, but it sounds as though warm temperatures are only days away!

We did manage to have some willow damage removed a couple of weeks ago. Safety is the top priority when major tree damage is assessed on the golf course. Most of you have witnessed how much willow debris can fall to the ground during a storm. Some of this damage can include exceptionally large limbs. We will do our best to maintain beautiful trees out on the golf course, but sometimes Mother Nature has the last say in what we must do to provide a safe environment for the membership. There is still much tree maintenance to perform out on the course, but unfortunately our window to get a large bucket truck out on the golf course is shrinking. So much time and money are spent when the tree service must climb the trees to perform trimming. Ideally a bucket truck is the most efficient way to perform these duties, but heavy equipment and golf course terrain do not always agree with each other.

The next few weeks are going to be filled with anxiety for this old Superintendent. Soon we will get to see the effects that winter had on Valley View Golf Course. The fungicides that we apply in the fall to help prevent snow mold damage start to lose their effectiveness after a lengthy period under the snow. We are getting to the end of our comfort zone hoping for complete effectiveness, so you are not alone in hoping for some warm temperatures. Another concern will be how much damage the voles created this past winter. While blowing trails through the snow for the tree trimming truck, I noticed a fair amount of vole activity. Time will tell just how many of these little creatures were out traveling around the golf course this past winter.

Let us all pray for warm temperatures, but keep in mind, we would like to keep all this melting snow within the banks of our rivers, streams, and our very own Nash Spring creek! Moderation...the key word is moderation! [OB]

See you all soon.

Gary Colstad

### Upcoming Events

April 13th – Board Meeting

April 9th – Easter Brunch (sold out)

Restaurant Hours - 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM M-F

Golf - ?????

## The Pro Shop

Ted Babcock, PGA Professional

Dear Valley View Members, That last snowstorm was just rude. Real rude. One of these springs in Gallatin Valley we will be able to golf in early April. Just not the past two. Besides the crummy weather, I know I have started to get excited to play some golf. As I wrote about a year ago, stretching is extremely important this time of year. Even if you have been putting some work in on a simulator this winter, being loose and limber is the best way to start out your spring. One thought to keep in mind, the impact of a simulator turf and real ground contact are two very different scenarios (especially if said ground may be still a little frozen). Be mindful of the impact that will be occurring on your wrist and hands. Let's all do what we can to start the season off in good health!

We are starting to see a good portion of our Spring 2023 product show up to the golf shop. Which brings me a much better feeling than last year. Once we open, we anticipate having our full line of Srixon/Cleveland, Titleist, Callaway, and Taylor

Made golf club in the shop. We will also have Spring apparel line from Sun Mountain, Bermuda Sands, Linksoul, and Under Armor displayed as well. Sketchers shoes will be returning to VV Golf Shop accompanied by True Links and Under Armor. A fresh line of Sun Mountain golf bags and speed carts will also be available.

Registration for 2023 Men's Invite began on Monday, April 3rd. An email was sent out Monday morning which included this [link](#) from Survey Monkey (the same software used previously). It is the goal of the golf operation and club management to have all our Member Tournaments registration done using Survey Monkey. Please be mindful and fill out all the required fields. As of now, the limit for this event is the first 36 two person teams that register. In a situation where there is overwhelming support for the event, we will increase the number of teams to 42. Thank you again for supporting our VVGC Member Tournaments.

Paul and I will be in the shop Monday-Friday during the Club's lunch hours. Feel free to call if you have any questions or would like to sign up for any Player Development Programs. Once we get rolling, you should all see some familiar faces in the golf shop and bag room. The professional worked hard this winter to improve many of the policies and procedures for the golf shop and the bag room. The goal as always is to continue to improve all members' overall golf experience.

It is my pleasure to be your Head Golf Professional, Ted Babcock, PGA Head Golf Professional VVGC

## 2023 Valley View Golf Club Women's Lesson Series



### Program Information:

PGA Assistant Golf Professionals Jack Thorsen and Paul Bennett will be hosting two sessions of Lady's Golf Lessons on Tuesday mornings, starting May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The 9:00am session is designed for new and beginner golfers, while the 10:30 am session is targeted towards intermediate and experienced golfers. If you are unsure which group to sign up for, don't hesitate to call and ask and we will be happy to help you choose. Lesson groups will spend time on the golf course and help you learn fundamentals and improve as a golfer. Topics will include full swing with Driver and irons, wedge play, putting, bunker shots, and much more.

**When:** Lessons are on Tuesday mornings, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>

**Sessions:** 9:00-10:15am- Session 1  
10:30-11:45am- Session 2 (full)

**Cost:** \$125 per player

Equipment and golf balls will be provided for players if needed.

Call the Pro Shop at 406-586-2145 to sign up today!

## 2023 Valley View Golf Club Junior Player Development



### Program Information:

Join PGA Assistant Golf Professionals Jack Thorsen and Paul Bennett for 4 weeks of fun filled junior lessons this summer at Valley View Golf Club. Each lesson will be conducted with a focus on fun and safety, with each week diving into new golf fundamentals. Lesson topics will include Putting, Chipping, Full Swing, Rules & Etiquette, and much more. The final week will include a Junior Championship where players will get a chance to play several holes on the golf course, followed by lunch and an awards ceremony.

**When:** Lessons are on Thursday mornings, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, and July 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> Junior Championship is on Tuesday July 18<sup>th</sup> with assigned tee times in the morning.

**Ages:** 6–10-year-olds meet from 8:30-9:45am; 11–17-year-olds meet from 10:00-11:15am

**Cost:** \$125 per player, includes lunch and awards on the final Thursday.

Equipment and golf balls will be provided for players if needed.

Call the Pro Shop at 406-586-2145 to sign up today!