

Valley View Golf Club

June 2023 Newsletter

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From My View

Steve Johnson, General Manager

To add value to your membership the Club has a Tee Box and Tournament Sponsor program. Please thank the sponsors when you get a chance. While all the Tee Box Sponsorships are sold, there is still an opportunity to be a tournament sponsor. For \$300 per year a sign recognizing the sponsorship is placed at visible locations throughout the course during Club Sponsored Events. Tournament sponsorship proceeds are used to enhance the prizes for the events. If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a tournament sponsor, please contact the office.

Current 2023 Sponsors

Tee Box Sponsors

Pro Shop - Culligan Water - Mark Houser
Hole #1 - RV Center Montana - Danton Wallin
Hole #2 - Chicago Title
Hole #3 - Martel Construction
Hole #4 - Outlaw Brewing - Todd Barry
Hole #5 - Joint Repair Clinic - Spence Jahner
Hole #6 - Farr Automotive - Francis Farr
Hole #7 - Alta Physical Therapy
Hole #8 - State Farm Dan Rust
Hole #9 - Lehrkind's Coca-Cola Bottling
Hole #10 - Stockman Bank
Hole #11 - First Security Bank
Hole #12 - Fisher's Technology
Hole #13 - House of Clean
Hole #14 - Pickle Barrel
Hole #15 - D.A. Davidson
Hole #16 - Ambiance - Toby Zangenberg
Hole #17 - Kasting, Kauffman & Mersen
Hole #18 - Alpine Orthopedic
Driving Range - State Farm Dan Rust

Tournament/Event Sponsors

Bozeman Bowl - Mark Kottwitz
Farr Automotive - Francis Farr
Lehrkind's Coca-Cola
State Farm Dan Rust
CMS - Don Platisha
Tire-Rama
Amatics - Paul Uitoven
Lehrkind's Coca-Cola Bottling
Opportunity Bank
First Security Bank

Annual bag storage fees were billed out this month for those that we know are storing. There is still limited storage available if you are considering it. Handicap fees will be charged on your July 1 bill.

Upcoming Events

Thursday June 8th - Board Meeting 5:00PM - Clubhouse

Tuesday, June 17th - "The Kenny" Gambler Event - Sign up [here](#)

Monday, June 26th - Men's Pro Am

Welcome New Members!

Your Club continues to have high demand for membership. We have 525 full memberships.

The following have joined in 2023:

Thomas & Doreen DeRogue
 Lowell Creel
 Robert Lateiner
 Ben & Catherine Jones
 Angel Demaree
 Jim & Lois Syth
 Louie & Dena Loucks
 Stephen Sayre
 Lisa Kuroawa
 Larry & Amy Alvarado
 Mike Bourret
 Linda McMullen
 Kirk & Deni Hogan
 Steve Parks
 Tim Turek
 Luke Torres & Gabrielle Wirth
 Brian & Heather Rauser
 Chris & Kelly Darnell
 Kade & Chelsea Embry
 Tracy & Bethanie Stone
 Allie Sauvegeau

Goodbye to our outgoing Members!

Gary Scheidecker
 Douglas Shufelt
 Christopher Pannell
 Steve Petri
 Corey M Johnson
 Larry Demarree Jr
 Raleigh Hayden
 Paul Cronin
 Kevin Miller
 Brad Hall
 Roscoe Kronfuss
 Lowell Springer
 Greg Rotert
 Bill Quinn
 David Peterson
 Robert Roades
 Terry Thayer
 Allen Bowers
 Kelly Smith
 Jack Gillum
 Ben McFarland

Restaurant

Ken Hodgson, Food and Beverage Manager

Greetings and happy Spring from the entire restaurant staff!

There is so much new from the Restaurant. We are starting our summer hours, which means that The Clubhouse will generally be open from 10am-8pm 7 days a week. Food will be served from 11am-8pm. Hours will vary depending on tournaments, Holidays, and weather. We have just implemented our new [expanded summer menu](#). Please come and try some of our new selections. Also, we have lots of new local beer and local spirits as well as an expanding wine list. In addition, we are starting a dinner menu that will be available Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings from 5pm-8pm. This begins on Friday, June 9th. There will be a small selection of entrées as well as our regular menu.



With the golf course 9's switched around, we are trying our best to open the snack shack earlier and stay open longer, since The Clubhouse is no longer "on the turn". We are communicating with the pro shop to help keep you informed about the shack hours each day. Obviously, the shack hours will be weather dependent. The snack shack is now offering breakfast burritos and soft pretzels as well as hot dogs, sandwiches and a bevy of chips, candy bars, protein bars and snack mixes. The restaurant staff is working very hard to make the shack more accessible and enjoyable. Please stop by and support your Club, we are here for you.

I would like to take a moment to thank our restaurant staff for working so hard, being dedicated, and open to changes. We have a wonderful team who are committed to making this restaurant a better and more enjoyable place to eat, drink or just sit and relax on the best patio in Bozeman. Please show them respect and understanding as they are doing the same for you. And remember, the front of the house staff works for gratuities, their base pay is not enough to live on, especially in this amazing town.

In closing, I would like to remind you to print your name clearly on all member charges. You do not need to sign it. Also, knowing your member number greatly helps us in charging the correct account. Several of the wait staff are new here and are not yet familiar with all of you. They spend a lot of time checking names and numbers on our list when they could be doing other tasks. Helping us to help you makes the restaurant run more efficiently. Thank you all for your continued support!

Stop by and ask us what's new, Ken and The Valley View Restaurant Staff

Course

Gary Colstad, Superintendent

Hello Valley View members...

We seem to be experiencing our typical June weather pattern these past few weeks. I couldn't have asked for better weather to get our vole damage on the mend. There is still an enormous amount of damage that needs to heal, but the afternoon showers are bringing some much-needed moisture. I have been asked by numerous members as to where they should leave the bunker rakes...in the bunker or out of the bunker? First of all, thank you for using the rakes! The maintenance staff would prefer that you leave the rakes INSIDE the bunker. While mowing the grass around the bunkers, it is convenient for the mowers to not be required to get off their mower to throw a rake back inside the bunker. The mornings that we rake bunkers, we leave the rakes INSIDE the bunkers.

Please obey the cart signs directing cart traffic away from certain areas near the greens. I was watching the webcam last Wednesday to observe the incoming thunderstorm. During my observance, I watched two golf carts drive between the cart signs placed on the right front approach area of #9 green. These carts drove between the cart signs and over the yellow line so that they could park on the east side of #9 green. Largely out of respect for people teeing off on #10 tee, there should NEVER be a golf cart parked on the east side of #9 green. Please be courteous to others and always observe cart signs placed around the golf course.

Hopefully people are giving feedback on the forward markers that have been temporarily placed out on the golf course. I hope to get them all painted (bright fluorescent green) once the weather allows for some drying time. Once we come up with a permanent location, we hope to purchase a set of forward markers that will be similar to our tee markers, only flat so that we can mow over the top without having to get off the mower to move them (the reason for no plastic cones marking the location).

Currently we are in MOW, MOW, MOW mode. The major portion of the day is spent mowing...trying to stay caught up with all the growth. Mondays are quite scary this time of year because very little rough mowing takes place on the weekends. With the grass growing as quickly as it is right now, the golf course looks like a jungle when we arrive Monday morning. The rough area is definitely ROUGH. We just start the routine all over again. Swathe and try to get as many clippings vacuumed up as possible. Once the turf slows down, we will be able to focus more on the finer details of maintaining the golf course. The wet weather has not only inhibited our chances to mow but also to apply herbicides to our "oh so friendly" crop of dandelions!!!

Getting increased green speeds is a PROCESS. This process is not a "snap your fingers and immediately have fast greens" type of a situation. When greens come out of dormancy (hopefully healthy) in the spring, we then begin our "process". We are always dealing with the sand that we placed on the greens last fall for protection from the winter conditions. The sand dulls the blades, so it could be a couple weeks before we are able to mow without dealing with sand. Once we can maintain sharp reels, we can begin the gradual process of lowering the height of cut. This is all based on the health of the greens. This spring we had an outbreak of Pythium, so this delayed the "process" more than usual. Once we have reached our targeted height of cut, we will start our Verti cutting program. Those of you who have not witnessed this procedure can come out this Monday morning to observe. This is a very tedious task which takes a good portion of a morning to complete. This is where our Monday morning maintenance schedule is such a necessity. I have heard people complain about no tee times until 10:00 a.m. on Mondays, but without this schedule we could not perform certain specific tasks. This time of year, we start spraying greens with wetting agents and Poacure to help control the poa annua in the greens. Both products need to be watered into the turf. This is a time-consuming task. The schedule for Memorial Day (our normal 10:00 tee time day) was altered to allow for play starting at 8:00. That day was to be our scheduled Verti cutting greens day, so we have delayed this procedure until this coming Monday (6/5). Between our normal fertilization program and regular maintenance tasks such as Verti cutting, I want the membership to know how valuable those 4 hours on Monday (without golfers) are to maintaining this golf course. Anyway...back to green speeds. One of the last (but ongoing throughout the summer) tasks of maintaining preferred green speeds is Verti cutting. Once we have started Verti cutting for the summer then we just must rely on Mother Nature. Because moisture is probably the main factor in maintaining green speeds. During the rainy season we are not going to have slick greens. Has anyone noticed, while

watching a PGA tournament on television, the fact that some of the greens the professionals are playing look very unhealthy on Saturday and Sunday? That is because they shut the water off to dry the greens out and increase green speed. By Sunday afternoon some of the greens could have dead turf on them because they are so dry! The sacrifices they make to please the pros!!! I would just as soon not go that route. You have probably seen our staff members out hand watering dry spots on the greens here at Valley View. That is a task I do not like to assign. If we are hand watering, we have issues that we are trying to correct. That is my take on green speeds. I do take a stimp reading on occasion just to get an idea of where we are at with green speeds. I have an opinion as to where I would like to keep the green speed here at Valley View. The front of many greens here at Valley View cannot handle high greens speeds. All this does is reduce the number of pin locations that can be used on certain greens. I have to chuckle at this annual ritual.



We transform from “the greens are too slow” early during the spring, to “that is an illegal pin placement” once we’ve reached our faster green speeds during mid-summer. Hilarious...same pin placements, just different green speeds. If my memory serves me correctly, there is no such thing as an “illegal pin placement”. “Unfair pin placement” ...yes...which is what we try to avoid here at Valley View. Just keep in mind all the members we have here at Valley View Golf Club. YOUR ideal green speed is probably not ideal for the people playing behind you...or the people playing in front of you!

Everyone please give a shout out to Dana Johnson for taking on the flower project this year. Thanks to Steve and Dana... that patio area is going to look AMAZING!

I despise spending time in my office, so this lengthy article is a direct result of a full day of rain. My staff finished in the rain. I sent them home soggy...but smiling! This gave me the opportunity to sit down and share my words of wisdom.

Take care and see you out on the course! Gary Colstad

Pro Shop

Ted Babcock, PGA Professional

We lucked out this season! We were able to golf on Memorial Day and for the VVGC Two Person Best Ball under beautiful warm skies. We had a record 13 Mixed Teams for the Two Person BB. Thanks to all the members that played in and supported the golf operation for these two events. Was nice to conduct these two events on their proper date as opposed to last season.

Results for VVGC Two Person Best Ball:

Flight 1 Gross – 1st Place - J. Yousko & D. Caracciolo; Net – 1st Place - Tie J. Brisben & E. Harmon, S. Eide M. Eide
 Flight 2 Gross - 1st Place - Tie Vandervos & B. Tollefson; Net - 1st Place- R. Dailey & S. Dailey
 Flight 3 Gross - 1st Place - A. & C. Remely; Net - 1st Place - B. Freund & AW Layton
 Flight 4 Gross - 1st Place - J. Rossman & K. Mosby; Net -1st Place -Tie Go. & Gr. Davidson, C. Armknecht & R. Nemelka
 Mixed Flight 1 Gross - 1st - L. & D. Loucks; Net -1st - T. & L. Barry
 Mixed Flight 2 Gross - 1st R. Lorenz & A. McNulty; Net - 1st Tie M. & N. Miles, D. & C. Solberg

Results for Memorial Day Flag Event:

Flight 1 Gross - 1st -J. Brisben- 2nd S. Eide; Net - 1st D. Stefani-2nd Tie - O. Miles & R. Saunders
 Flight 2 Gross - 1st -J. Rossman – Tie 2nd D. Rust & AW Layton
 Flight 2 – Tie 1st Harmon & J. Blessum;
 Flight 3 Gross - 1st - C. Armkencht – 2nd J. Ripley; Net - 1st G. Kellogg - 2nd J. Reins
 Flight 1 Women Gross - 1st T. Diercks – 2nd Tie - M. McCarthy & D. Loucks; Net - 1st J. Reins – 2nd J. Eide
 Flight 2 Women Gross - 1st L. Brinkman - 2nd - L. Nichols; Net – 1st N. Miles – 2nd - S. Koslofsky

The June Tournament Calendar will include “The Kenny Gambler Event” on Saturday, June 17. This

event is a fun two-person scramble. There will be multiple flags on all Par 3 Holes, plus Jack Thorsen and Paul Bennett will be out there hitting a few drives for you. The event is open to all members and will start with a 10:00am shotgun start. You can sign up for this event by clicking [this link](#). In addition to the “Gambler Event,” our Rocky Mountain Section PGA Men’s Pro-Am will be conducted on Monday, June 27. If you would like to play, please call the golf shop to make a tee time.

**Please help keep the VVGC Greens
the best in the Valley by fixing your
pitch marks!**

Heck, fix two for good measure.

Reminder that Men’s and Lady’s Day Restriction have started the first week in June. Ladies only till 11:00 am on Tuesdays and Men only after 11:00 am on Wednesdays. For the first day of Ladies Restrictions, we had 12 men on the tee sheet before 11:00. If you are a male and have a recurring request for Tuesday morning’s, please change this.

Warm Regards, Ted Babcock PGA Head Pro VVGC

