

Valley View Golf Club

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From My View

Steve Johnson, General Manager

The Board recently formed a Long-Range Planning Committee. Thank you, Rex Connell, Lindsey Hurlburt, Bill Layton, Kent Kasting, John Miiller, Rob Miller Victoria Weston for volunteering to serve on the committee. Board of Director members Joe Rossman and Gordon Davidson are also on the committee with Gordon serving as Chair. During their 1st meeting the committee discussed what they hoped to accomplish in the next year. The Committee agreed to start with identifying current needs and building the Long-Range Plan from there. During the coming months the committee will be meeting with department heads to help the committee understand the needs from their perspective. Membership input to the committee members is encouraged.

VVGC currently has 53 dining only members of which 30 are on the waitlist for full membership. The club remains full at 525 members.

We continue to get occasional complaints about pace of play. Here is a [link](#) to an article published by the USGA. Two important points in the article are:

Keep up with the group in front of you

Your correct position on the course is immediately behind the group in front of you, not immediately in front of the group behind you. Arrive at your next shot just before the group in front leaves the area in front of you. If you are consistently not able to keep up and a gap opens in front of you, invite the group behind you to play through, irrespective of the number of players in the group.

Be efficient on the putting green

Mark your ball and lift and clean it when you arrive at the putting green so you will be ready to replace it when it is your turn to play. You can usually line up your putt while others are putting, without disturbing them.

Leave your clubs on the side

of the putting green closest to the next tee and leave the green promptly after holing out. Wait until the next tee to record your score.

Smokers – Please be considerate of your fellow members while on the range and practice green. In addition, the Clubhouse and Patio Area are smoke free zones. Thank you.

We picked up a few additional Tournament/Event Sponsors during the last month. Thank you, **Architecture 118** - Scott, & Karen Hedglin; **Scout Real Estate** – Ben Goodhard and **Bozeman Spirits Distillery** – Jim and Mary Pat Harris.

Annual Handicap fees will be on your August 1st bill.

July Events

Tuesday July 4th – Orange Ball Tournament

Thursday July 6th Board Meeting

Friday July 7th – Ironman & Wonder Woman Event

Tuesday July 11th – Swing for Hope Tournament

Thursday through Saturday July 20th - 22nd VVGC

Men's Invitational

Restaurant

Ken Hodgson, Food and Beverage Manager

Happy July from the restaurant staff.

With the golf season in full swing, we are busy in the restaurant and busy on the patio. The weather has been cooperating and the views from the best patio in town are amazing. Our weekend dinner entrée menu has been a huge success and we are constantly changing it and keeping it fresh. Our drink specials have also been a big hit, and the snack shack has been evolving daily. The breakfast burritos are hard to keep in stock and our tournament BBQ's were fun and exciting.

Now that July is upon us, we are looking ahead to a couple of tournaments that will affect the restaurant's normal hours of operation. On Tuesday, July 11th we are hosting the Ladies "Swing Fore Hope" tournament. The restaurant will be closed during the day to anyone not involved with that tournament. We will open the restaurant at 5:00 pm for dinner and Ladies league on that evening. The Men's Invitational will be starting on Thursday, July 20th and the restaurant will be closed to anyone not involved with that tournament, this runs through Saturday, July 22nd. The restaurant will re-open for normal operating hours at 10:00 am on Sunday, July 23rd.

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 to charge the correct account. A lot of our servers 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!

Come check out our daily specials,

Ken Hodgson and The Valley View Restaurant Staff

Thank You Cheryl McNicholas for this month's Newsletter Pictures!!



Course

Gary Colstad, Superintendent

Something strange is going on in the neighborhood. It is mid-July, and we are still GREEN! Not having to use the irrigation system is fabulous. If I could...I would dial back the rain in certain areas of the golf course, but now I just sound needy! We have our typical wet areas and now some of our chronic dry spots are even rearing their ugly head. But the entire valley looks impressive!

I do not have any earth-shattering news for this article. I was lengthy in last month's article, so I am not too stressed about this short article. Besides, I have enough stress in my life with my current occupation! Speaking of stress...I want to remind you that greens aerification is August 21st and 22nd. Plan and prepare your golf schedule accordingly. Believe me, if I could skip this routine and still have great greens...I would in a heartbeat. We also have fairways and tee boxes that have been neglected and are showing signs that aerification is desperately needed.

I hope that you are all enjoying the golf season here at Valley View. Let's stay on a nice roll with this weather. Our spring golf season was sketchy but the rain sure was appreciated. Now that the temperatures are on the rise, all I ask is that we get a nice little rain shower about 1:00 a.m. every other morning. Not asking too much am I???

You all take care, hit 'em straight, and stay healthy!



Pro Shop

Ted Babcock, PGA Professional

Happy July to all! Let's hope we have turned the corner on all the rain and thunderstorms. Our lightening detector has had itself a workout in June. We will take it. It is good to see members out enjoying their beautiful golf course. A great deal of appreciation goes to Gary and his staff. The greens are back to their speedy feistiness and the fairways are firming up.

I feel the need to bring up our range ball situation. Last August, we received 1,000 dozen new Callaway range balls. Currently, my best estimate is we have 750 dozen left. Where did 250 dozen range balls go? The answer is the range balls are being used to play on the course. I am sure most of us have found one or several range balls out on the course. **For the sake of the entire membership, we need to put a stop to this.** The Callaway range balls are limited flight. Using one of these on our "water holes" is not going to turn out well. The golf shop has plenty of quality golf balls that will clear the water on a well struck shot.

The June tournament schedule concluded with Rocky Mountain Section Men's Pro Am on Monday, July 26th. I would like to thank all the staff members at VVGC for their hard work conducting this event. It is always special to show off VVGC to the tournament participants. The Kenny Gambler Event was conducted on June 17th. This was a new event for Valley View. The golf staff was excited to see the number of participants for a second-year event. We hope all players had a great time and the number of players will increase going forward. Flight One Champions were Chris and Tim Haas with a -13 score of 57. Second Flight Leaders were Andy Remely and Jason Brasseur. Third Flight Leaders were Griff Davidson and Ken Mosby. Mixed Flight One Champions were Scott and Jordan Eide accompanied by Mixed Flight Two Leaders of Sue Koslofsky and Gail Eaton. Thank you to all the June tournament participants.

What tournaments do we have coming out way in July? We started off with a tradition unlike any other, The Orange Ball on July 4th. We had 26 teams play, which was a tremendous turn-out. Sorry to those of you that didn't get in. We would have loved to expand the field. Unfortunately, we are limited in the number of golf carts we have. Beau Freund, Steve and Dana Johnson are nice enough to haul additional golf carts from Bridger Creek GC to accommodate the 104 players for the events. Thanks to them and Bridger Creek GC for their help.

Welcome New Members!

The following have joined in June 2023:

Benjamin Sudduth & Kylie Siemens
Douglas & Rachael Parrott
Tiffany & Jon Olson
Ryan & Amy Mikkola

Goodbye to our outgoing Members!

Scott & Mina Yochim
Gary & Peggy Heckel
Dewey & Sylvia Ypma

The revamped Men's Invite will be starting Thursday July 20th and finishing up Saturday, July 23rd. Upon emailing all players to confirm their place, the tournament field went from 42 teams down to 36 teams. With the nature of the flighted match play format, it is imperative that 36 teams play in the event. If you are registered and have any additional issues confirming your team, please let the golf shop know.

I will finish with my monthly reminder that Men's and Ladies Day Restrictions are in effect. Tuesdays Ladies only till 11:00 am and Wednesdays Men only after 11:00.

Proper golf attire is required not just on the golf course, but also when you are using the practice facility. These are member rules, established by the membership, the golf staff is merely enforcing said rules.

As always, it is my privilege to be your PGA Head Golf Professional.

Ted Babcock Head Golf Professional Valley View GC

