

Valley View Golf Club

August 2023 Newsletter

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From My View

Steve Johnson, General Manager

Goodbye to long time VVGC member and friend Mike Mosby. Mike passed away after a courageous fight with cancer. I will remember and cherish that smile and always a friendly word.

Thank you to those members that have offered constructive suggestions to make your club better. They are appreciated and we have been able to implement several this year. Also, thank you for the occasional complement to our hard-working dedicated staff. Mean spirited, snarky demanding comments are common in today's social media world. Unfortunately, the suggestion box has allowed some folks an anonymous avenue to complain about their issue of the day without offering a constructive suggestion. If writing your suggestion is too much work, help us, help you, by sitting with us to discuss your issue. Please remember that there are 525 club members plus spouses and children so there is seldom unanimous agreement that your beliefs are held by all.

As you can see on the August schedule, the maintenance crew will be aerating the greens on Monday August 21st and Tuesday August 22nd. The hope is that they will be able to complete nine holes each day. However, there have been unforeseen circumstances arise in the past that have prevented them from completing all nine holes the 1st day. Therefore, the plan is to have nine holes available to play on Monday. Tentatively, we will not open any tee times on Tuesday the 22nd until we know we have completed aerated the 1st nine. We will then open the newly punched nine, that may occur Monday night or Tuesday sometime. Please be patient, we are trying to have the least amount of impact on your golf, but this is an essential practice, and the timing will allow the greens to recover quickly for some amazing fall play.

As reported last month, 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 the coming months the committee will be meeting with department heads to help them understand the needs from their perspective. Membership input to the committee members is encouraged.

August Events

Saturday and Sunday August 5th & 6th – VVGC Club Championship

Friday August 11th – Glow Ball

Tuesday August 15th – Ladies' Pro AM

Wednesday August 16th – Last Day of Men's League

Thursday August 17th 5:00pm – Board Meeting

Saturday August 19th – Red, White and Blue Scramble

Monday and Tuesday August 21st & 22nd – Aerify Greens

Tuesday August 29th – Last Night of Ladies' League

VVGC Membership July 2023 Activity

Outgoing members:

Gary & Ann Schaefer
Glen & Kathy Stark
Troy & Beeanna Naki

New Members:

Tyler & Sarah Cotton
Tyron & Magen Reed
Richard & Rachel
Pemberton

**If you have a VVGC
six pack cooler in
your car or garage,
please return it. We
have ordered them
twice this year and
are running low
again.**

Please be considerate
of your fellow
members during their
designated league
time. Allow them to
have the range for a
half hour before their
league starts at
5:45PM. Women on
Tuesday and men on
Wednesday.

Restaurant

Ken Hodgson, Food and Beverage Manager

August 2023 is upon us. Greetings from the restaurant staff!

We would like to remind you that our weekend dinner entrée menu has been exciting and has our members talking. Please come out and join us on any weekend evening to see what we have to offer even if you are not golfing. Feel free to ask us what kind of wine we can pair with your entrée. Come try the breakfast burritos available at the snack shack while you are golfing.

August is here and we are looking ahead to a couple more tournaments and events. The Club Championship will be held on August 5th and 6th; but it will not affect restaurant hours. We will be grilling out at the snack shack with \$6 cheeseburgers on Saturday the 5th. We will also have plenty of breakfast burritos and breakfast sandwiches available both days. Regular food service in the restaurant will be available from 11am-8pm as usual; and we will be offering our dinner entrée menu each night.

Friday, August 11th the kitchen will remain open until 9:30 pm for Glow Ball, the most exciting event of each season! We will not be running a dinner entrée menu that night; but it will be available Saturday and Sunday August 12th & 13th.

The Ladies Pro-Am will be held Tuesday, August 15th. The restaurant will once again be open for business as usual until 8pm and then serving Ladies League.

Saturday, August 19th is the Red, White & Blue Tournament. We will be grilling out at the shack that day with burgers and such. Come hungry! This tournament will also not affect regular restaurant hours or dinner entrée menus.

The greens will be aerified on August 21st and 22nd. The restaurant will remain open both days for normal business hours. Please come join us for appetizers or a meal even though golfing will not be a premium.

Thank you all for your continued support!

Come check out our daily specials,

Ken Hodgson and The Valley View Restaurant Staff



Course

Gary Colstad, Superintendent

I am totally amazed with the fact that August is here!!! I know that here is no way to slow down time...but my mind needs to get facts in order because it feels like June! The only factor that does a reality check for me is the hot, dry weather patterns that are typical of July and August. That situation has made its mark on the state of MT. Maybe not like a substantial portion of the United States, but we are dealing with warm and dry conditions here in our beautiful state.

Right now, the maintenance schedule here at Valley View is somewhat status quo. Mow, clean up willow mess, repair irrigation issues...and adjust the amount of water that is being run through the irrigation system. There is not a day that goes by that we are not turning irrigation up or turning irrigation down. Depending on whether Mother Nature gives us one of those surprise rainstorms, it is generally a daily adjustment to certain areas here or there. If Mother Nature gives us a supplemental rain shower, we might be able to shut the entire irrigation system down for the night. This is always welcome so that we may get the irrigation pond on #5 back up to "full" status.

My thoughts of ideal golf course conditions have changed over the last 20 years. Up until the last few years I have always wanted my golf course GREEN...wall to wall GREEN! These last few years with all the talk of water conservation world-wide, I have felt the need for a little BROWN to creep into my maintenance program. We have certain areas on the golf course here at Valley View that are prime spots to cut back on irrigation and conserve one of our precious resources. It has been tough for me, but those areas that are typically out-of-play (I know I cannot say that for all of you 😊) are ideal areas to cut back on irrigation and



mowing. Some of you may have noticed these areas, and some of you...probably not! These areas will become more extreme as I allow myself to cut back on even more irrigation. It helps for me to watch the British Open. Those golf courses are a perfect example of a water conservation program!!!

I hope you are all having a great 2023 golf season. Please fix your ball marks on the greens and PLEASE replace those MONSTER divots that we are finding in the fairways most mornings. Someone is not showing much respect to the golf course and to the other members. Please replace your divots...big or small.

Take care. It is almost FOOTBALL SEASON. I cannot wait!

Go Cats!!!

Gary Colstad

Pro Shop

Ted Babcock, PGA Professional

Dear VVGC Members,

We have just passed the mid-way point in Valley View's golf season. The month of July VVGC hosted The 4th of July Orange Ball, Men's Invitational, Ladies Swing for Hope Scramble, and the Iron Person events. July was a busy tournament month. Thanks goes out to all the staff members at Valley View for their devotion to hosting these fun events. We will not have events without the membership's participation. The membership's loyalty and feedback will only help the staff to continue to improve in our tournament operations.

The VVGC Club Championship will be held August 5th and 6^h. This event is open to all VV Members. As for me writing this newsletter, we have four ladies signed up for the event, which is double from last season. It is hard to avoid conflicts and we know it conflicts with Riverside's Divots & Divas tournament. We would love to see this doubled each season. If you are interested in signing up or have any questions regarding the event, please feel free to contact the golf shop. Day 1 will be a 9:00 shotgun start for all players. Day 2 will be tee times starting at 9:00 starting off #1 and #10. We will crown four VVGC Club Champions, Women's and Women's Senior, Men's and Men's Senior. The payout for VVGC Club Championship will be flighted gross and net for each flight along with gross and net skins and deuce pot. The cost is \$50 per player and that includes all games.



The VVGC annual Glow Ball Night will kick off in the evening on August 11th. At this moment the event is full. The event field filled in 20 minutes. We are limited in the number of golfers we can have in the Glow Ball. Along with being a good neighbor to the homeowners, there are plenty of logistics that are in place to move the Glow Ball field around the golf course. If you have not contacted the golf shop with your entire team, please do at your earliest convenience. We still have teams on the waitlist and would hate not to have a full event.

We are also excited to have the Rocky Mountain Section Ladies Pro Am back on the tournament calendar for the second season. This event is on Tuesday, August 15th. If you have a team ready for the event, please call the golf shop or register through the Rocky Mountain Section PGA website. Individuals are welcome to contact the golf shop as well, the golf staff will do our best to find you a team. The Rocky Mountain Section does have a pro-am rule that requires the events to have at least 10 teams to have the event.

The second annual VVGC Red, White and Blue Scramble (RWB) will take place Saturday, August 19th. The RWB Scramble will be a 10:00 shotgun start. All members will receive an email the Monday after the Club Championship to register for the RWB. This event is open to all VVGC Members. We had a great turnout last season and hopefully will continue going forward.

Thank you again for all your support of the golf operation.

Warm Regards, Ted Babcock PGA Head Professional VVGC