

# Valley View Golf Club

## September 2023 Newsletter

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### **From My View**

#### **Steve Johnson, General Manager**

Goodbye to long time VVGC member and friend Walt Mosby. In addition to being a great member Walt was the Club's Tech expert and we also use the software he built to run our payroll. Our condolences to the Mosby family.

Because of reliance on college students to fill our seasonal jobs, VVGC always struggles this time of year. Please be patient as we cut back on our seasonal staff a bit and replace some of you to all the members that offered words of encouragement for the great job our staff is doing. VVGC is the best it can be with the resources you provide.

Please think of VVGC when you are planning your holiday parties and get on our calendar early. We plan to keep the restaurant open for daily service through November 16<sup>th</sup>. We are planning to have a Cat/Griz "tailgate party" during the game on Saturday November 17<sup>th</sup> since the game is in Missoula this year. After that, we will be doing some deep cleaning, needed repairs and hosting holiday parties until the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year when we will open again for lunch Monday through Friday.

VVGC has a transfer fee when stock is sold or transferred to a new member. The regulation states:

*Stock may be transferred and/or sold by the stockholder subject to the approval of the transferee or purchaser by the Board of Directors and the payment of a \$500.00 transfer fee. All indebtedness of the stockholder to the Club must be paid before the stock may be transferred.*

The Board of Directors has approved an increase in the transfer fee from \$500 to \$750 effective January 1, 2024.

#### **September Events**

Thursday September 7 – Belgrade JV Invitational

Thursday September 14<sup>th</sup> – Bozeman Varsity Invitational

Thursday September 14<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting

Saturday September 23<sup>rd</sup> – One Person Scramble

### ***VVGC Membership August 2023 Activity***

#### **Outgoing members:**

Jamison Plavic  
Jack Day  
Walt & Carol Mosby

#### **New Members:**

Cole Schneider & Erica Hart  
Melissa & Burke Moran  
Andrew & Stacie Ash

## Restaurant

Ken Hodgson, Food and Beverage Manager

GO CATS!

Well, we are getting ready to turn the corner into Fall already. Bobcat football is upon us, and the days are getting shorter. However, sometimes this is the best and most enjoyable weather of the year.

The school year is also upon us, and that means that we are somewhat short-staffed in the restaurant. We are doing the best we can to keep the restaurant and snack shack open for usual business hours. As most of you are familiar, hiring more help has proved to be very difficult. Thank you all for being patient and respectful to our amazing restaurant staff. I personally would like to thank Sydnee, Anisten, Avery, Riley and Pralie for hanging in there and working so hard through this tough time. Also, thank you to the kitchen staff, which has also slimmed down due to school schedules; and they are also working very hard and lots of hours.

Please continue to join us for weekend dinner entrée specials. Look for drink specials at the snack shack; but be aware that we will slowly start reducing our inventory out there as the season starts to wind down. We will also have the Bobcat games on our TVs on Saturdays with draft beer specials. If you have not tried Maryanne's homemade pies for dessert you are missing out! The key lime pie is my personal favorite.



It is officially the time of year to remind any of you to start planning your company Holiday parties. The December calendar will fill up fast and I encourage you to secure a date sooner than later. We will be offering similar menus to last season with either sit-down dinner style or appetizer party. The best, quickest and most effective way to book a party is to contact me via email ([vvgckitchen@gmail.com](mailto:vvgckitchen@gmail.com)).



Both men's and ladies league were a huge success this year. We enjoyed serving you. Enjoy the photos from the last ladies league night.

The last thing I would like to announce is our Fall menu, we have made a few changes to the summer menu with the addition of rice bowls. This menu will start soon after Labor Day. Please come see what's new upstairs this September!

Thank you for reading,

Ken Hodgson and The Valley View Restaurant Staff

## Course

Gary Colstad, Superintendent

Is it obvious that I seem high strung lately? Does it show? Well.... if you are not sure, just ask those fine young people that work for me on the maintenance staff. We have reached that dreaded time of year when college classes start, and I am left with about 50% of my maintenance crew. As most of you have noticed, the grass is still growing full tilt...so pull up your bootstraps...it is going to get deep!!! Just kidding...sort of. We will try to stay on top of the mowing situation as best we can. The bunkers might suffer a little, but the goal is to maintain great golfing conditions here at Valley View.

Mother Nature did not help matters when she hit us with the 60 mph winds last Tuesday night. We are still cleaning up tree mess and will be for another week I'm guessing. We performed a modified aerification on the greens a couple weeks ago. I had intended to pull a core but the steady dose of rain we received two days prior caused me to abort the coring mission and instead aerify with a solid cross-tine. They turned out incredibly well, and we are for the most part done mowing up sand. Once there is an absence of sand in our greens clippings, we can then put on sharp reels and get back to normal putting conditions.



Once we get through these next couple of weeks dealing with tournaments, we will begin aerifying tees and fairways. This process is weather related so I'm keeping my fingers crossed that Mother Nature cooperates. I better cut this short. I have a mower calling my name, and I can hear the grass growing!!!

Hope you are all well. Take care.

Gary Colstad

The maintenance crew spends considerable time providing you with great greens, please do your part by fixing your ball marks.

The Pro Shop has great divot repair tools, some are even free!

## Pro Shop

Ted Babcock, PGA Professional

Dear Valley View Members,

The final two months are upon us. Here's to making it through the rest of the season without snow. Just wanted to start by thanking Gary and his staff for all the hard work during the green deep tinning process. Valley View does have the best greens in the Valley. One reason we do is because the greens receive maintenance, they need this time of the season. The heat will be advantageous in the healing progression. Thanks to all the members for their patience and understanding.

August tournament calendar had the VVGC Club Championship played on August 5-6. Congrats to Chris Haas on winning his 9th VVGC Club Championship. Addiley Lloyd won her 1st VVGC Club Championship, congrats to Addiley. The two Club Champs in Senior's were Jon Youko along with Gail Eaton. Flight winners include 2nd Flight Gross, Mike Schottler, 3rd Flight Gross winner, Ryan Saunders, 4th Flight Gross winner, Dick Stefani, 5th Flight Gross Jim Brinkman, and 6th Flight Gross winner Robert Gibson. Thanks to all the members that supported their Club Championship.

Just a reminder on all merchandise credit that has been issued for the season. All credit does and will expire October 31, 2023. Speaking of merchandise credit, if you plan to use your credit on a special order, please do that this month. The reason is, with the ongoing supply chain issues ordering items in October has the possibility of not arriving till November or December. It will work best for both parties if your special order arrives when the golf shop is still open. Thank you for your understanding.

Our second annual Red, White & Blue scramble was a great success. We had some challenging weather on Saturday, August 19th. 116 players participated in the event. 1st Flight gross winners were the team of Brisben, Dennehy, Friedel and Harmon. 2nd Flight gross winners were Wilkinson, Bosley, Stone and Harris. 3rd Flight gross winners were the team of Williams, Davison, Davison, and Davison. Fourth Flight gross winners were the Miles Family. The golf operation is excited to add an additional scramble event for 2024.

Men's and Ladies Day Restrictions are over for the season. Governing these restrictions is one of the more difficult aspects for the Golf Operation. None of us enjoy calling members to tell them they can't play or worse, turning them away when they are at the facility. We are merely the employees tasked with enforcing the member rule.

Saturday, September 23rd will be the One Person Scramble. There will be a 10:00 shotgun start. This event is open to all members. The email with the link to register for the event will be sent out at noon on Friday, September 8th. When filling out the survey please include all players in the group along with if the group is planning to walk or ride. The golf operation is excited to host our final VVGC event of the season. Let's hope for great weather.

Thank you again for your ongoing support of the golf operation. We look forward to the final two-months of the season.

It is my honor to be your Head Golf Professional,

Ted Babcock PGA

