

# Valley View Golf Club

October 2023 Newsletter

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## From My View

Steve Johnson, General Manager

The Long-Range Planning Committee made a recommendation to the Board to adopt a Mission/Vision statement for the club to help guide their work. The committee proposed language and the Board had two readings and made minor changes to the recommendation. The following was adopted at the September meeting:

### Mission Statement:

*Provide an exceptional and valued golf and social experience for members and guests.*

### Vision Statement:

- *Promote the game of golf by providing a superior clubhouse facility with a fair but challenging golf course in exemplary playing conditions with a quality practice area.*
- *Foster the importance of etiquette of the game of golf and provide members with a pro shop with professional instruction and guidance.*
- *Encourage utilization of the restaurant and participation in club events.*

This is a tough time of the year for the restaurant. On the one hand we want to be available for our members and their guests, but we also want to be prudent with the revenue we receive from you. Staffing the restaurant for hours with no customers is not always the best business decision. However, consistent hours that you can depend on is also important. We plan to remain open from 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM until October 30. However, if there is a gloomy day where very few folks are playing and there are no customers, we may close early. If there is doubt, please call the restaurant (406-587-9751 Ext. 3) and make sure we are open. If we know some folks are coming, we will be here. Thanks for your understanding.

As we come down the home stretch of a wonderful season, I would like to thank the members and the entire staff for making VVGC the great golf facility it is. The forecast for October shows some fine fall golf weather so let's finish it strong. See you on the course or in the restaurant.

### October Events

Sunday October 1st - One Person Scramble

Thursday October 12<sup>th</sup> - Board Meeting

Monday October 30<sup>th</sup> - Restaurant Hours changed to 11:00AM-2:00PM

**Tuesday October 31<sup>st</sup> - Last day to use your food minimum and Pro Shop Credit.**

# Restaurant

Ken Hodgson, Food and Beverage Manager

Happy October from the restaurant staff!

As we wind down the 2023 golf season, there is still plenty of news and goings on in the restaurant and at the snack shack. First of all, the hours will obviously start reducing at the shack. Look for us to try our best to be open 10:30am-5pm as regularly as possible. Look for drink specials as we try to gradually reduce our inventory as October rolls on. Secondly, the restaurant will remain open until 8pm each night with our weekend dinner specials continuing for as long as our weekend evening business stays steady. With the promise of some fall weather not being so great, we may close the restaurant early on rainy evenings when there is no business. Feel free to call ahead if the weather is sketchy. We'll stay if we know folks are coming in.

Here is a couple of reminders for the membership:

Book your company or personal Holiday parties as soon as possible, we still have some dates available; but our calendar is filling up.

Also... please remember to use up your restaurant credit this month. Please don't wait until the last day, it is very difficult as we wind down to keep everything in stock.

Save the date... The Valley View Membership Holiday Party is scheduled for Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Details will be forthcoming but please email the restaurant to reserve your table ([vvgckitchen@gmail.com](mailto:vvgckitchen@gmail.com)) if you know you plan to attend.

Lastly, I would like everyone to know that the restaurant will be open for lunches only (11am-2pm) Monday-Friday starting on Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.

This will continue through Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> when we are closing for the Holidays (except for Holiday parties). On Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> we will be here for the Cat-Griz game with tons of food and drink specials!! Show up in your Blue and Gold and cheer on the home team (yes, we are biased)!!

Thank you all for your continued support!

Come check out our daily specials,

Ken Hodgson and The Valley View Restaurant Staff



***VVGC Membership  
September 2023 Activity***

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| <p><u>Outgoing members:</u><br/> Damon &amp; Katrine Rao<br/> John &amp; Cheryl Perdaems<br/> Mike &amp; Cynthia Mosby<br/> Mike &amp; Susie Spring</p> | <p><u>New Members:</u><br/> Stephen &amp; Rebehah Grady<br/> Dustin &amp; Rachel Rising<br/> David &amp; Ashley Bowen<br/> Mick &amp; Donna Durham</p> |
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## Course

Gary Colstad, Superintendent

We are now down the home stretch of our 2023 golf season here at Valley View Golf Club. With that comes a few maintenance events that could possibly impact your round of golf on any given day. All hitting on the driving range will now take place from the mats. Drivers only out on the grass please. For those of you new to this procedure, “mats only” is enforced because there is little to no divot recovery taking place at this time of year. Next spring, we will cover the range tee off area with a woven cover to initiate recovery. For now, EVERYONE please stay on the mats for the remainder of the golf season. Also, we will not be changing cups daily. With very little recovery happening on the greens, the old cup plugs are not healing up so we will minimize the number of times that we are changing pin locations. The only people that will notice this will be those of you who play the golf course every day!!! We have started the process of tee box aerification. As the weather allows, we will continue this process until completion. If you encounter a tee box covered with aerification cores, the tee markers will be located up in front of the tee box. I will return the tee markers once I have the cores cleaned up.



Hopefully we will get an extended fall and have the chance to aerify fairways. If this occurs, we will have a hole shut down while we aerify and clean up cores. We must allow time for the cores to somewhat dry once the fairway is aerified. This lengthens the amount of time to aerify a fairway. I'm targeting one fairway per day so the members will be playing a 17-hole round of golf. Hopefully Mother Nature allows us to perform this task. We have a few fairways that are in dire need of aerification.

Irrigation system winterization will take place October 24th and 25th. If you will be playing the golf course these days...bring your rain gear!!!

I hope everyone has enjoyed the 2023 golf season. You all know I enjoyed EVERY minute of my time here...haha! Let's have a great October and those of you who I won't see...have a great winter. Stay healthy and we will see you in 2024!

PLEASE replace the monster fairway divots that we continue to find every morning. Show respect for other golfers and your maintenance staff. Thanks.



Gary Colstad

## Pro Shop

Ted Babcock, PGA Professional

Dear Valley View Members,

We are entering the final month of our golf season. I would like to start by thanking the VVGC Members for all their support of the golf operation. The 2023 season blessed us with much better weather for most of our tournaments.

**Just a reminder, all Merchandise Credit will expire on October 31<sup>st</sup>.** If you need to special order any item, please do so now. At this point, it may be difficult to have said item arrive before November 1<sup>st</sup>. As of now the golf shop has a pretty good supply, that hopefully changes in the coming weeks. Thank you again for your continued support of Valley View Golf Shop.

We had a great turn out for the One Person Scramble to wrap up the tournament calendar for the season. It is a fun format where you can hit a second shot on each shot but if you do you have to use it. I have always been surprised how often your first shot is a quality shot. It seems the psychological comfort of having another shot is substantial. Might be something to think about when we are all out playing our round. The results of the One Person Scramble were:

|          | <u>1<sup>st</sup> Gross</u> | <u>2<sup>nd</sup> Gross</u> | <u>1<sup>st</sup> Net</u> | <u>2<sup>nd</sup> Net</u> |
|----------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Flight 1 | Paul Uitoven                | Jon Yousko                  | Derek Dennehy             | John Brisben              |
| Flight 2 | Todd Olson                  | Bret Tudsbury               | Tom Harvey                | Dan Gerharter             |
| Flight 3 | Andy Remely                 | Del Richter                 | Dan Davies                | Jeff Ridgeway             |
| Flight 4 | Glen Kellog                 | Tony Roberts                | Griff Davidson            | Dan Klusmann              |
| Flight 5 | Jason Anderson              | Justin Ridgeway             | Steve Johnson             | Corey Gensemer            |
| Flight 6 | Mark Koscinski              | Tim McNicholas              | Pete Serino               | Gordon Davidson           |
| Woman    | Dena Loucks                 | Dana Johnson                | Ann-Marie Moran           | Angie Serino              |

The 6th Bozeman Cup was conducted between members of VVGC and RCC on September 22 and 23. The Modified Chapman was played at RCC on Friday followed by the singles matches at VVGC on Saturday. In a true strumming VVGC was victorious with 12 points to 5 points final score. Nice playing to all the VVGC Members that played. Nice to have the trophy back where it belongs!

My final thanks are to all the staff members in the golf operation. I personally receive frequent member compliments on the work ethic and professionalism exhibited by Paul and Jack. The club and I are extremely fortunate to have Jack and Paul as our Assistant Golf Professionals. Appreciation goes to the golf shop staff and bag room attendants. All their efforts, especially in the Spring and Fall of the season while balancing school and sports does not go unnoticed.



Hope to see many of you Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> for the One Person Scramble. Go Cats!!!

It is an honor to be your Head Golf Professional.

All the best,

Ted Babcock

PGA Head Golf Professional Valley View Golf Club