

Valley View Golf Club

November/December 2023 Newsletter

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From My View

Steve Johnson, General Manager

Thank you to the members and staff of VVGC for a great season. The weather cooperated this year in the timing of our events. It was also very helpful to the maintenance crew to have some timely rain. Ted, Jack, and Paul along with the other pro shop employees and member service employees in the bag room provided exemplary support to the membership. Gary and the entire maintenance crew provided members a course that was second to none in the valley. We thank them for providing such excellent playing conditions.

The restaurant and bar had a great year. The revenue in the restaurant and Snack Shack are going to end up around 40% and 93% over last year respectively. Ken and his crew are providing an excellent dining experience for our members, I have received many compliments about the food and service and the numbers reflect it.

Annual Stockholder Meeting Monday, February 5, 2024, 6:00 PM

Potential Issues to be voted on:

- Election of President and Vice President
- Election of Directors – Three directors for 3-year terms and One director for a 1-year term.
- Bylaw Changes – TBD
- Dues – TBD

The election will be held electronically again this year.

While we reflect on the year and recognize our accomplishments we are also looking forward to next year. We know there are opportunities for improvement and will spend the offseason planning and preparing for an even better 2024.

We will be working on the 2024 event schedule over the next few months. Included in that schedule, the Board has approved VVGC to be one of the three Bozeman courses to host the 2024 State Seniors tournament August 6-8, 2024. We are also working with the MSGA to host a Senior Tour event in 2024. These events are open to both men and women.

Please pick up your carts and golf club bags if you store at the Club. We do not want to be liable for them over the winter. We also need them removed so we can do the necessary cleaning and repairs to the space. Thank you.

Notice to Annual Dues Payers

The December Statements will include the Annual dues for those of you that used that option in 2023. Over 450 of our 525 members pay their dues annually. If you wish to change to monthly billing or from monthly to annual, please contact Danielle or Steve at the office. Reminder of how it works:

- Members paying Annual Dues with check, cash or ACH before the end of January receive 8 guest passes.
- Guest passes are non-transferable and have no monetary value.
- The member using the pass must play with the guest.
- Guest passes will be valid for the 2024 season only.
- Guests living within 90 miles of Bozeman are allowed to play VVGC only 3 times between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

Restaurant

Ken Hodgson, Food and Beverage Manager

Thank you for a wonderful Golf Season!!

November is here and the restaurant hours are as follows: 11am-2pm Monday-Friday. This will continue through Friday, November 17th when we are closing for the Holidays (except for Holiday parties). On Saturday, November 18th we will be here for the Cat-Grizz game with tons of food and drink specials!!

Look for another email regarding the details for the Cat-Grizz football “watch party” on Saturday November 18th. Show up in your Blue and Gold and cheer on the CATS!!

Please come join us for lunch through November 17th.

MEMBERSHIP HOLIDAY PARTY

DECEMBER 1, 2023

Cocktail Hour 5:30 PM Buffet

Dinner Served at 6:30 PM

Plated Salad

Cranberry-Pear Salad
(crisp greens, bartlett pears, dried cranberries, toasted almonds, feta cheese & Balsamic Vinaigrette)

Entrée Buffet

VVGC Prime Rib with au jus and horseradish sauce, Rustic Italian Cod Loin with a white wine butter sauce, House made scalloped potatoes, Basmati rice pilaf with fresh herbs and orzo
Roasted Brussels sprouts, baby carrots and sweet onions & Broccoli salad

Dessert Table

Assorted bite sized desserts

\$90.00 per guest includes wine served with dinner and the gratuity for our great staff.

For reservations, please call 406-587-9751
Ext 3 or email vgckitchen@gmail.com.
Seating is limited.

Here is a couple of reminders for the membership:

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

Save the date... The Valley View Membership Holiday Party is scheduled for Friday, December 1st. Please email the restaurant to reserve your table at vgckitchen@gmail.com.

Starting on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, the restaurant will re-open for M-F lunch service. Keep an eye out for weekly specials and specialty dinners.

Thank you all for your continued support!

Ken Hodgson and The Valley View Restaurant Staff

November & December Events

Monday October 30th through Friday, November 17th - Restaurant Hours 11:00AM-2:00PM, M-F

Thursday November 9th 5:00 PM – Board Meeting

Saturday November 18th – Cat/Grizz Football watch party. Specials served throughout the game.

Monday November 20th through Monday January 1st – Club open for Holiday parties only (Dates are still available):

Booked to date:

Friday December 1st – VVGC Member Holiday Party

Wednesday December 6th – Private Party - Evening

Thursday, December 7th – Private Party - Evening

Friday, December 8th – Private Party - Evening

Wednesday, December 13th – Private Party - Lunch

Thursday, December 14th – Private Party - Evening

Tuesday, January 3rd – Reopen for lunch 11:00AM – 2:00PM M-F

Course

Gary Colstad, Superintendent

Happy Halloween! Although the golf season has come to an end, the maintenance staff is still on standby to see if we can get back out on the course to do a few extra projects. We still need to bring in benches, ball washers, and tee signs for refurbishing this winter. This will happen whether there is snow on the ground or not. The main reason for me wanting the snow to go away involves the greens...and skiing on the golf course. I know there are many members and non-members who ski on Valley View during the winter months. An attempt to educate all people that ski on the course about my concerns of ice damage...would be impossible, so let's pass on my ideas through word of mouth. There are many steps involved with preparing the golf course for the winter months. Obviously one of those steps is spraying fungicide to help reduce snow mold damage. Once we have completed our fungicide applications on the greens, we will topdress them with sand and then rope them off to prevent traffic from skiers. The ski tracks create an ice layer that will damage turf over time. You have probably noticed this once the snow melts in the spring and all that is left are layers of ice (and deer poop) where the deer have continually traveled all winter. When the ice layers finally melt, you can see that the turf beneath the ice is very sickly...if not completely dead. There is not much we can do to prevent deer from making trails across the golf course, but we can hopefully keep the skiers away from certain delicate areas such as greens and tee boxes. We have signs up around the golf course specifying that no skiing is allowed until December 1st. Hopefully this will allow us time to get the greens sanded and roped off for the winter.

If the snow melts and maintenance can get back on the golf course this fall, we will be experimenting with an idea to keep the vole damage to a minimum. We don't use poisons on the golf course, so I am excited to try this new method. If in fact we get back out on the golf course and the idea works, I'll revisit the topic with you all next spring.

I have one request for membership. Those of you who back into parking spaces here at Valley View, please do not attempt this maneuver on the east end of the parking lot, next to the split rail fence. Either your backup camera is not detecting the fence, or you struggle with the whole concept of using your vehicle camera while you are in reverse. This may seem like a silly request, but we have had to repair broken fence posts and rails along the east side of our parking lot a few times, time that could be spent on more productive issues. Thank you.

I felt like we had a great 2023 golf season here at Valley View Golf Club. The weather was cooperative for the most part,

and hopefully this is a positive trend...we had very little vandalism this past summer. A small amount of theft here and there and a little bit of bunker graffiti on occasion, but no real turf damage to speak of. Let's hope that trend continues. I hope you all had a great 2023 golf season. It has been fun!!!

Go Cats!

Gary Colstad



Pro Shop

Ted Babcock, PGA Professional

Dear Valley View Members,

Well, we are getting used to these abrupt season ending weather patterns. I want to start by thanking you all for a memorable season as my second as Head Golf Professional. The weather didn't allow us to get off to the start we were looking for in April and May. However, once the weather turned for the better, we had a very golfer friendly 4 and a half months. Overall, the golf operation was pleased with how our second season together panned out. Paul and Jack were outstanding in their second season as assistant golf professionals at Valley View and were an enormous reason for the success we experienced.

The highlights of the season for myself were numerous. Changing to a new format for the Men's Invite was both stressful and incredibly fun to administer. The staff's take away from the Invite participants was overall very positive. We are already in the process of making modifications to the schedule for the Invite along with improvements centering on player enjoyment and efficiency. The expansion of Lady's League was certainly another highpoint of the season. We were able to expand and use both nines for league play. In doing this, the average pace of the play improved significantly. Which is indeed accommodating for the players, but also for the staff in the golf operation along with food and beverage. And lastly, just having superior weather for our tournament schedule enhanced player enjoyment compared to the challenges of last season.

I have decided to forgo the Christmas Sale for 2023 and replace it with a Spring 2024 Sale. There are several reasons for this decision. I do apologize to the steadfast members that were always present for the annual Christmas Sale. It is an experiment, and we will be able to weigh the pros and cons of this change. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Keep an eye out for the 2024 tournament schedule. This most likely will be approved and published shortly after the New Year. The sign up for the 2024 Men's Invite will also be available near the same time. Preliminarily, the sense is we will complete all the matches over two days going forward (rather than over three like the 2023 Invite.)

Valley View membership, thank you all for a great season! It's been a pleasure getting to know you all better and I appreciate your dedication in support of the golf operation.

It is my pleasure to be your Head Golf Professional.

Warm Regards.

Ted Babcock Head Golf Professional

Valley View Golf Club

October 2023 Membership Activity

Outgoing Stockholders:

Shelly and Pete Beal
Brandon Gross

New Stockholders:

Jeff & Kim Meyer
Don & Lisa Salz

New Dining Affiliates

Beverly Marshall
Bridger Jackson
Nathan & Tricia Statler

Harley & Jamie Huestis
Steve Newberry
Lucas & Jennifer Bostyan