

# Valley View Golf Club

May 2024 Newsletter

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## From My View

Steve Johnson, General Manager

Valley View uses email as our primary means of communicating with our members (billing and club happenings). Please make sure [office@vvgcbozeman.com](mailto:office@vvgcbozeman.com) is in your address book. We also use [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) to advertise specials and upcoming events. There are more than one Valley View Facebook accounts so make sure you are on the one titled Valley View Golf Club with the Clubs logo on the profile picture. The [VVGCBozeman.com](http://VVGCBozeman.com) web page contains the club calendar, restaurant menu, event schedule and [web cam](#) among other useful information. We had a few members drive in from the west side of the county this morning not realizing we had been blanketed by snow. The [web cam](#) would have been worthwhile for them to check out. It also has the current temperature at the course below the web cam picture. The member only area is for stockholding members and contains the club directory, current and past newsletters, club bylaws and rules and regulations. Let us know if you have trouble logging into the member area.

In addition to their routine monthly tasks, the Board of Directors is working on deciding the future of the Club Pro Shop operation. For as long as we can all remember the VVGC Pro Shop has been operated by a PGA Professional that is an independent contractor. We have learned that the vast majority of Clubs employ their PGA professional versus engaging in an independent contractor relationship. In discussions with our pro, Ted Babcock, he is open to either. When long time pro Scott Kremmel retired the Board entered a three-year contract with Ted and this is the last year of that contract. There were substantial changes made from Scott's contract to Ted's. Those changes will make the transition to Club ownership easier if that is the decision. The Board is weighing the pros and cons of the Club owning the Pro Shop and plans to decide in the coming months. If you have questions or thoughts, please feel free to share them with me or the Board members.

Valley View Golf Club is a non-profit 501(c)(7) social organization under the IRS code. As such we are exempt from income tax and with that benefit come federal regulations that must be followed. One of those regulations is limits on nonmember revenue. Therefore, it is important that we track income generated from nonmembers. If you bring a guest and you pay for their food and golf that is not considered nonmember revenue. On the other hand, if you bring them as a guest and they pay their own way it is considered nonmember revenue. Our servers are asked to know the members and we have members that don't frequent the Club that often, therefore it is difficult and takes a while. If you or your guest are asked whether you are a member, please do not take offense. Also, please PRINT your name on your charge slips.

## Membership Activity

### Outgoing Stockholders:

Jim & Lori Ness  
Bob & Jolene Beitman

### New Stockholders:

Scott & Tracy Willard  
Nathan Wiens

### New Dining Affiliates

Gary Zimmer	Ethan Stokes	Andrew Laskowski
Jason Brownell	Dustin Fraker	Adam Hubley

## Restaurant

Ken Hodgson, Food and Beverage Manager

Greetings and Happy Spring from the entire restaurant staff!

There is so much new in the Restaurant. Firstly, we have started our summer hours, which means that The Clubhouse will be open from 10am-8pm 7 days a week. Food will be served from 11am-8pm. (some hours might be subject to change in the early and late season depending on weather) Secondly, we are putting the final touches on our new expanded summer menu. This menu should be in effect during the first week in May. Please come and try some of our new selections. Also, we have expanded our Tap Beer selection. We now offer Modelo and Kettlehouse 56 Counties on tap as well as Coors Light, Bud Light, Bridger Brewing Primo Pilsner and Vigilante IPA, Bozone Amber, and Patio Pounder. We are also expanding our non-alcohol beer selection as well as n/a White Claw. Lastly, we will be starting our rotating weekend dinner menus on Friday, May 24th. Those will be available Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings from 5pm-8pm. There will be a small selection of entrées as well as our regular menu.

We are working hard to get the snack shack open for the season during the first week in May. Staffing the shack will continue to be challenging until the MSU semester ends. We will be communicating with the pro shop to keep them informed about the shack hours each day. Obviously, the shack hours will also be weather depending. The snack shack will have our “soon to be” world famous breakfast burritos as well as hot dogs, sandwiches and a bevy of chips, candy bars, protein bars and snack mixes. The restaurant staff is working very hard to make the shack more accessible and enjoyable. Please stop by and support them, they are here for you.

Mother’s Day is right around the corner, and we are hosting a brunch. This event is available by reservation only and tables are going fast. To reserve a table, simply email the restaurant at [vvgckitchen@gmail.com](mailto:vvgckitchen@gmail.com). The kitchen will be open for regular service on Mother’s Day, May 12th starting at 3pm.

Don’t forget to come by and check out the new salad bar. With a consistently rotating selection of cold items, our salad bar will never get boring. Our small salad bar plate costs \$8 and a large is \$11. We are working on figuring out all the hours to keep it open (nights and weekends?), so keep ordering the salads so that we can have it available all the time. It’s a great thing to order if you are in a hurry as well.

In closing, I would like to remind you to PRINT your name clearly on all member charge slips. You do not need to sign it. Writing legibly will help us so much. Also, knowing your member number greatly helps us to charge the correct account. It is the time of year when we are training new staff in the restaurant, and they 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! Stop by and check out what’s new.

Ken Hodgson and The Valley View Restaurant Staff

### Save The Date

Member Appreciation Celebration with  
drink specials all day and FREE appetizers  
from 5:00-7:00 PM!

Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>

### Valley View Golf Club

#### 2024 Mother’s Day Brunch Menu

\$30 per person / \$15 for kids 6-12yr / 5 and under free  
(Does not include gratuity)

#### Brunch Buffet

*Fresh fruit*

*Fresh baked Cinnamon Rolls*

*Daily’s bacon and Honey ham carving station with  
grilled pineapple*

*Gluten free fried chicken bites, roasted baby  
potatoes, chicken gravy*

*Scrambled eggs, salsa, cheddar cheese*

*Lemon-ricotta pancakes, blueberry-maple compote*

*Sweet potato and Arugula salad*

*Coffee, tea, juice*

## Course

Gary Colstad, Superintendent

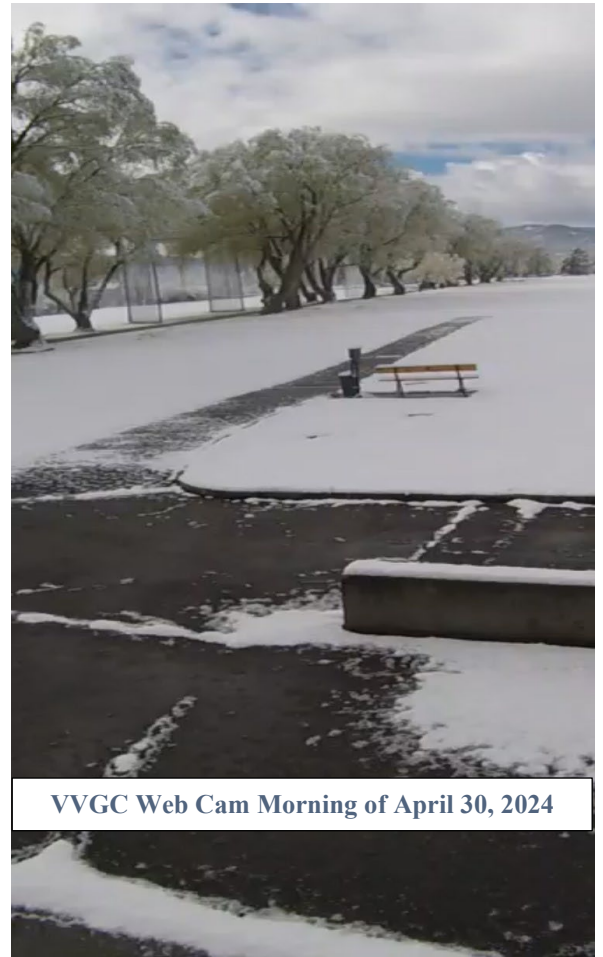
There are benefits to opening the golf course in the first week of April. Dealing with frozen water coolers, frozen ball washers, layers of ice on the greens, and the wide variation of weather conditions in the last 4 weeks have NOT been one of those benefits. The sad part is that the month of May will probably be no different. Thanks to my staff for being flexible. Our current “targeted” start time of 7:00 a.m. has been about as consistent as the temperatures outside. I am ready for warm temperatures...please let the fun times begin.

The “driving range mat only” restrictions will continue for a bit longer. I know some of you are anxious to hit golf balls on the grass, but the turf is not at the point where we can turn the membership loose just yet. We installed a turf cover on the practice range tee for a couple weeks. This creates warm temperatures under the cover which stimulates growth. We have created some very nice green grass under the cover but now that we have removed the cover, we are relying on Mother Nature to take over and provide the warm temperatures to keep the grass growing...and that is the tricky part! We need the turf growing at a fast rate to heal the divots caused by many hours of members trying to hone their game!!! I am sure you are wondering why we do not leave the cover on for a couple more weeks. The temperatures created under the cover on a typical warm day can get too warm. To pull the cover back daily due to warm temperatures is very labor intensive. We would need to shut the range down to remove the cover and then close the range again to install the cover. Weather related issues such as wind, rain, or snow make it impossible to move the cover at all. Also, the practice tee cannot be watered while the cover is in place. Once the turf has a good head start, we pull the cover and let Mother Nature take over. Please be patient...we will have you out on the grass as soon as possible.

I am not a huge fan of having to use golf cart signs out on the golf course. I would prefer to have no signs at all out on the course. There are times when signs are needed such as the “cart path only” signs on hole #6,7, and 12. These are temporary signs and will be removed once these fairways dry out. The signs I would like to permanently remove are the directional signs in front of the greens. I know we have many new members who do not know the golf course very well. But as a basic rule in golf...golfers should not be driving their golf cart up close to the greens. Be respectful to others and consider what kind of lie golfers would have to endure if we allowed golf cart traffic around the greens daily. If I were to remove the signs in front of #8 green, would members still refrain from driving cart through that area? I would hope so. If a member saw someone drive through this area, would they say something about this situation? I would hope so. I might experiment and pull these signs. I hope that this will be a successful experiment.

Another area that I would like to restrict golf cart access is the large group of willows on hole #5. This area stays soft all season and sometimes even produces standing water. The turf in this area is not very vigorous anyway due to the lack of sunshine so the less cart traffic in this area the better turf for golfers to enjoy. No cart traffic allowed EVER in this area would save maintenance from constantly having to install and remove signs, ropes, and stakes. Just a thought...actually a request from yours truly! Stay warm! See you on the golf course and...GO CATS!

Gary Colstad



VVGC Web Cam Morning of April 30, 2024

## Pro Shop

Ted Babcock, PGA Professional

The golf operation could not be more enthusiastic to welcome you all back from winter so soon! What a nice change of pace to have the golf course open in April. We are so grateful to have such eager members out playing at Valley View. Much appreciation to Gary and his staff for their hard work in making the course open as soon as we did. Thank you to all the members that have checked out our new Men's and Ladies' clothing lines in the golf shop. We are anxiously awaiting the arrival of our new Tail and Level Wear. Be sure to come get your new hats and gear for the year!

We have some exciting events coming in May and early June that we hope to see many of you at. We will use Golf Genius to register and score our events this year. Please contact the golf shop if you are having difficulty in registering.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Men's League	May 15	6:00 pm Shotgun Start
Ping Demo Day	May 17	11:00 am-3:00 pm
Cleveland & Srixon Demo Day	May 17	2:00-5:00 pm
3rd Annual Two Person	May 18	10:00 am Shotgun Start
Spring Ladies Group Lessons	May 21	9:00-10:15 am and 10:30-11:45 am
3rd Annual Spring Fling	May 21	5:30 pm
Flag Day Event	May 27	Make your own tee time.
Spring Ladies Group Lessons	May 28	9:00-10:15 am and 10:30-11:45 am
Ladies League	May 28	6:00 pm Shotgun Start

We hope to have another Demo Day with Titleist and Callaway once they inform us, they must have staff available to conduct a Demo Day (insert frustration here).

It is my pleasure and honor to be your DIRECTOR OF GOLF, Ted Babcock PGA

### **May Calendar**

#### **In addition to the above events**

Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup> 5:00 AM – Board Meeting

Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day Brunch

Thursday May 30<sup>th</sup> 5:00 PM - Member Appreciation Celebration