

# Valley View Golf Club

June 2024 Newsletter

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## From My View

Steve Johnson, General Manager

At their May meeting the Board of Directors made extensive changes to the VVGC Employee Handbook to bring it up to current law and practices. The handbook allows the Board to communicate VVGC's culture, mission, vision, and values. It sets clear expectations for employees and outlines work policies and procedures. There is a safety section that defines rules, guidelines, and procedures to ensure employees work in a safe environment. It has a section on harassment, just as our members Rules and Regulations do. Member to member, member to employee and employee to employee harassment is not tolerated at VVGC. Another section of the employee handbook defines the requirements of our servers when serving alcohol. We value our liquor license very much and strive to stay in compliance with the laws around overserving and bringing your own alcohol onto the property for consumption. Please do not get offended when a server suggests that "you have had enough". Also, our employees are not allowed to drink while on duty so please do not put them in a bad spot by suggesting they have a shot with you. Not only are they not allowed to drink while on duty but many of them are not of legal drinking age yet.

The Board also revised the process for selling and buying a Stock membership effective July 1, 2024 as follows:

- A Stock holding Member must notify the Club Office and complete the back of the stock certificate to assign your share back to Valley View. Signature(s) must correspond with the name(s) as written upon the face of the certificate. If the stock certificate cannot be found, an "Authorization to Sell VVGC Stock" form can be signed and returned in lieu of the actual stock certificate.
- A Member will set the selling price of their stock and notify the Club if the price is negotiable, and who will pay the transfer fee. Valley View currently requires a \$750.00 transfer fee, which may be paid by the seller, buyer or split between both parties.
- Valley View requires individuals that are interested in becoming stockholder members to first become dining affiliates. These dining affiliates are ranked by the date they joined, and this is used as the "waitlist" for purchasing stock from members that wish to sell their stock. An exception to using the waitlist will be made for members that wish to transfer their stock to immediate family members (spouse, children, grandchildren, parents, and grandparents).
- The Club will work from the waitlist to sell the stock at the members' asking price. If no one on the waitlist is willing to pay the asking price the member can find a willing buyer and meet with Club management and the buyer to arrange the sale.
- Applications for stock membership shall be in writing, signed and dated by the applicant and in such form as the Board of Directors may require but must contain the applicant's residence address, place of business, occupation, marital and family status. Falsification of any information by the applicant or member is cause for suspension or expulsion by the Board of Directors. Election or rejection of an applicant shall be in the sole discretion of the Board of Directors and two or more negative votes shall reject the application.
- The Member's account must be paid in full (zero balance) before the transfer is final.
- The Member cannot apply for stockholder membership at Valley View Golf Club for one (1) year after termination of stock.

Next Board Meeting - Monday June 17th 5:00 PM

# Restaurant

Ken Hodgson, Food and Beverage Manager

June is finally here; and we hope to be done seeing snow now!

With the golf season just starting to get rolling, we are busy in the restaurant and getting busy on the patio. The weather has been an adventure so far; but the outlook is improving. Our weekend dinner entrée menu has just kicked off and we are excited to bring you a new menu each week. Tournament season is also underway, and we have a couple of events coming right up. On Thursday, June 6th we are hosting the MSGA Seniors Tour, and the restaurant will be open for normal business hours. On June 15th, "The Kenny" Gambler is back! Look for us to be grilling burgers and Polish sausages at the shack as well as "Kenny" drink specials. On Wednesday, June 12th, we will be joined out at the shack by 406 Agave to promote their tequila. There will be tastings and margaritas as well as street tacos! (I hate to say it; but this event is weather permitting)

The one biggest issue that we are having in the restaurant is that some members are still just scribbling on their tickets and not printing their name legibly (see examples) and don't know their member number. I cannot stress enough the importance of helping us to charge the proper account or any account at all for that matter. PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME CLEARLY ON YOUR GUEST CHECK!! Do not sign it, do not scribble gibberish on your ticket. It costs the membership lots of money to have to write off the bill and to have our servers running all over the building to track down customers. Also, please learn your member number. Lots of members think that they know their number and do not. Please double check your monthly statement to ensure that you do know your number. You might be surprised. Not every employee automatically knows who you are. This has been a daily occurrence; and can be easily avoided.

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10269  
PAIGE M Table 23  
Sun 06/02/24 1:22 PM Guests 3  
Guest Num: 1

1 B.L.T.	12.00
1 WITH TOTS	4.00
1 CAESAR WRAP	14.00
1 GRILLED CHIX	0.00
1 WITH TOTS	4.00
1 FAJITA WRAP	15.00
1 BEEF	0.00
3 ALL SODAS	6.00

SubTotal 55.00  
Please pay this amount  
Total 55.00

GRATUITY 13.00  
TOTAL 68.00

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\*\*PLEASE PRINT NAME AND NUMBER\*\*  
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MEMBER NAME - \*\*\*PLEASE PRINT\*\*\*  
MEMBER ACCOUNT # \_\_\_\_\_

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THANK YOU!

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MARJIE J Table 33  
Mon 05/27/24 8:36 PM Guests 4  
Guest Num: 1

2 APPLE CRANBERRY	28.00
2 ADD CHICKEN	12.00
1 THAI SHRIMP BOW	16.00
1 BANG BANG	16.00
3 DBL CALL	24.00
1 CALL	6.00
2 GLASS \$8.00	16.00

SubTotal 118.00  
Please pay this amount  
Total 118.00

GRATUITY 24.00  
TOTAL 142.00  
(142.00)

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\*\*PLEASE PRINT NAME AND NUMBER\*\*  
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MEMBER NAME - \*\*\*PLEASE PRINT\*\*\*  
MEMBER ACCOUNT # \_\_\_\_\_

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MACY W Table 22  
Sat 06/01/24 1:06 PM Guests 3  
Guest Num: 3

3 ALL SODAS	6.00
1 BIG SKY WRAP	15.00
1 FAJITA SALAD	15.00
1 BEEF	0.00
1 BURGER	13.00
1 CHEDDAR	1.00
1 WITH FRIES	4.00
1 SIDE FRIES	4.00

SubTotal 58.00  
Please pay this amount  
Total 58.00

GRATUITY 12.00  
TOTAL 70.00

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\*\*PLEASE PRINT NAME AND NUMBER\*\*  
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MEMBER NAME - \*\*\*PLEASE PRINT\*\*\*  
MEMBER ACCOUNT # \_\_\_\_\_

Now that I got that rant out of the way, please come join us for lunches and dinners, or just drinks on the patio. Check out the still new salad bar and see what our daily offerings are. The salad bar has not yet taken off and we are constantly trying to make it unique and exciting. You can add grilled chicken or fried shrimp to the salad bar as well, just ask your server.

Thank you all for your continued support!

Ken Hodgson and The Valley View Restaurant Staff

# Course

Gary Colstad, Superintendent

The rain we are receiving is fantastic. My only wish is that I could control the when and where buttons! We are limping through this rainy season, as always, creating and then cleaning up messes as we go. There are areas of the golf course (namely the southeast section) that we need to avoid for days, even weeks due to soggy terrain. Avoidance is not my preferred method, but muddy tire tracks are the WORST! I ask everyone to please use caution when traveling throughout our chronic wet areas. The fact that we have not been able to spray has allowed the dandelion crop to flourish. Once again it is not a preferred site on the golf course, but I will just tell myself we are helping the pollinators.

Thank you to everyone for the wonderful compliments about the golf course. I am trying to better myself each day but there is no getting around the fact that I am a “glass half empty” kind of guy. I would love to sit back and enjoy the scenery, but my attention is always drawn toward the long “to-do” list staring me in the face. We will get all the inexperienced staff dialed in and the weather will stabilize. At that point, maintenance can take on a few of these projects that need to be completed. I have been waiting patiently for Mother Nature to present us with a dry Monday morning so that we may verticut greens. We are creeping closer to tournament time so I would like to perform this task a couple times before we get into the heavy part of our tournament schedule. The verticut procedure takes about 5 hours so this is a Monday-only task.

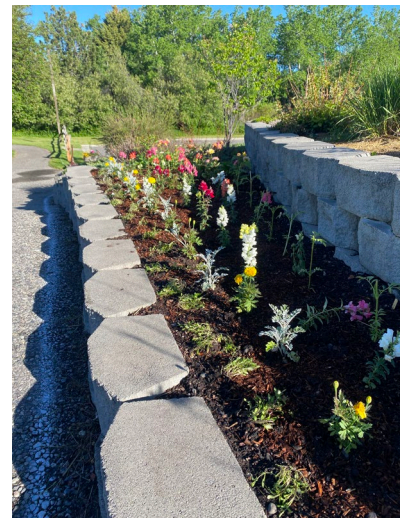
I am sure most of you have heard about my little incident of getting hit between the eyes with a golf ball. I was incredibly lucky in that it did not hit me in the eyeball. The only reason I am mentioning this is because this was a freak accident with a ball hit from the driving range tee. The area of concern for me is out on the golf course when a golfer and a maintenance staff person cross path. Maintenance personnel are no different than golfers. Hopefully, you would not hit your next shot if there were other golfers in harm’s way. Same situation with maintenance people. Please wait until they are out of range or have at least made eye contact with you. Sometimes it is a matter of waiting 10 seconds until the mower has driven past you. Please do not take a swing when we are at point blank range. It is scary! Been there...done that!

To top off this amazing piece of literature, I would like to announce that my amazing friend Kim and I are getting married! Valley View has so graciously allowed us to throw a little celebration party on July 13th from 7 PM - 11 PM. Hopefully, we will not be displacing anyone from the restaurant after their round of golf. But anyone that wishes to stop by and say “Hi,” we would love to see you on our special day.

Take care and... hit ‘em straight. Gary Colstad



**It’s Beginning to look a lot like summer!!**



## Pro Shop

Ted Babcock, PGA Professional

A bit of stop and start first couple of months to start the season. Thanks to all the members that have been patient regarding course opening/closing and whether we are having carts allowed on the course. Believe me, it is much easier for the staff and the membership for the facility to be a full go in all operations. Let's all hope for some nice, consistent weather as we venture deeper into our league and tournament schedule.

The June Tournament Calendar will include "The Kenny Gambler Event" on Saturday, June 15. This event is a fun two-person scramble. There will be multiple flags on some of the Par 3 Holes, plus Jack Thorsen and Paul Bennett will be out there hitting a few drives for you. The event is open to all members and will start with a 9:00am shotgun start. In addition to the "Gambler Event," our Rocky Mountain Section PGA Men's Pro-Am will be conducted on Monday, June 24. If you would like to play, please register through the Rocky Mountain Section PGA website via Golf Genius.

For a nice change of pace, the VVGC Two-Person Best Ball and the Memorial Day Flag Event were conducted under relatively sunny conditions this Spring. Congrats to all the Flight Winners!

### Two-Person Best Ball

	<u>Gross Champs</u>	<u>Net Champs</u>
Flight 1-	Scott Eide & Quay Butler	Paul Uithoven & Todd Olson
Flight 2-	Chris Cazalet & Tim Benjamin	Lance Carl & Madison McCarthy
Flight 3-	Del Rupert & Dan Klusmann	Tie - Todd Hillier & Dan Roth
		Tie - Dave Corcoran & Dave Goldan
Flight 4	Joe Rossman & Ken Mosby	Mark Kosinski & Tom Kwarciak
Flight 5-	Griff & Gordon Davidson	Ann-Marie Moran-Gail Eaton

### Memorial Day Flag Event

	<u>Gross Champ</u>	<u>Net Champ</u>
Flight 1-	Scott Eide	Paul Uithoven
Flight 2-	Tim Benjamin	Joe Rossman
Flight 3-	Cody Armknecht	Tie - Steve Klarich & Dan Moyer
Flight 4	Scott Sorenson	Steve Johnson
Flight 5-	Tom White	Gordon Davidson
Women's Flt 1-	Madison McCarthy	Ann-Marie Moran
Women's Flt 2-	Gail Eaton	Jennifer West

It is my pleasure and honor to be your Director of Golf,

Ted Babcock PGA

### *Membership Activity*

#### Outgoing Stockholders:

Vern & Nita Veltkamp  
Frank Harriman  
Nancy Planalp

#### New Stockholders:

Matt & Mara Eubank  
Jacob Klatt  
Holly Jensen & Brian Nostrant

#### New Dining Affiliates

Micael & Kristy Johns      Triel & Robin Culver      Nicole Bergan