



VALLEY
VIEW



August 2024



FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER **STEVE JOHNSON**

Thank you to all the Valley View staff. Sadly, it is that time of the year when we start saying goodbye to some of our staff as they return to school. Many of them will be returning to out of state schools, leaving early for the start of fall sports or simply taking a short break before starting back at MSU or high school. The restaurant, course and bag room are particularly hard hit by this annual event. Our department heads (Gary, Ken, Ted and Danielle) goal is to continue to offer great service to our members with the quality folks we have. This time of the year they must get very creative in staff scheduling for the remainder of the season. Please take the time to thank all our staff for their service to the club.

We try hard to be good neighbors with the homeowners that border the course. Unfortunately, we have had a few calls from our neighbors lately. The issues are errant balls hitting houses and golfers not taking responsibility, trespassing and men “watering” bushes and trees in sight of folks trying to enjoy their decks. If you happen to hit an errant shot, which we all do from time to time, that hits a house please do not run the other way. Do the responsible thing and try to find out if there was any damage, a

simple apology usually goes a long way. If you hit a ball into someone’s yard or property don’t climb the fence to retrieve your ball. We pay for porta potty’s that are strategically placed on the course along with the restrooms at the Snack Shack. Please use them, folks really don’t want to watch you relieve yourself as they are enjoying a drink or meal on their deck.

The club is in the sixth and final year of a lease for our motorized carts. As we gather information on a new lease it is a bit shocking on how much the price has increased since the last lease was entered into in 2019. The use of carts has steadily increased in that same period. As we finalize the selection, we will be looking at cart rental fees including season cart pass fees for next year and beyond.

Enjoy the remainder of your 2024 golf season and get out and play some golf.





FROM THE DIRECTOR OF GOLF
TED BABCOCK ^{PGA}

We have just passed the mid-way point in the golf season. It seems to go by faster each season. The month of July VVGC hosted The 4th of July Orang Ball, Men's Invitational, Ladies Swing for Hope Scramble, Gallatin Valley Junior Tournament and the Iron Person.

The month of August starts with the Montana State Senior's. We are anticipating over 110 golfers each day it is needed to have the tee sheet blocked off for over five hours. This also allows for the possibility of a weather delay needed to hold up the conclusion of the round. Play is allowed during the "Free for All" times we typically have on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. However, with Gary and his crew tasked with putting the golf course back together after State Senior only one nine will be open. Barring any weather delay for Thursday, the tee sheet is open for members to play at 2:30.

Congrats go out to the winners of the Orange Ball Scramble, Men's Invitational, Ladies Swing for Hope, and of course Iron Person. Thanks to all the members that signed up

and participated in these events. As with all our tournaments and league play the golf operation will continue to tweak format and flighting to benefit the entire field.

You all should have received an email with details regarding VVGC events for August. All tournament details regarding are included in the email. If you have any questions pertaining to August events, please contact the golf shop.

VVGC is fortunate to host a Callaway Fitting/Demo Day, Saturday, August 10th from 10:00-4:00. The new Callaway Opus wedge will be available to hit and be fit for. It has worked well for Xander Schauffele since he put them into his golf bag. Scan the link in the golf shop or you can give us a call to book a fitting.

It is my honor to be your Director of Golf.





FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

GARY COLSTAD

We are nearing the end of our summer here at Valley View being “fully staffed.” We have a couple more tournaments on the schedule before we scale back due to lack of maintenance staff. Once MSU classes begin, you might notice a few finer details that slip down on the priority list. This really does drive me crazy, but losing staff back to school is something we have dealt with “forever.”

The next noticeable maintenance event will be August 19th and 20th. We will begin greens aerification Monday morning the 19th and HOPEFULLY complete this process on Tuesday night. There will be plenty of touching up the remainder of that week so please show some patience while we get the greens back in good playing condition. The scary situation right now is the lack of available sand for the aerification process. This has been an issue since the end of 2023 when it seems as though new golf course projects in the area are gobbling up all the available sand. Hopefully, we get the situation remedied soon!

I have a request that I would like to present to the membership. We have a comment box which is available for members to express concerns on basically any topic that involves Valley View Golf Club. This a great idea but...PLEASE SIGN YOUR NAME on your comment card. Many of the comments that are presented to us need DISCUSSION and if there is not a name available to us...we do not know who to talk to.

I will comment in next month’s newsletter on a few of the ideas that members presented in the suggestion box. I need to do some research on a couple of the more expensive ideas that members are bringing to the table.

The maintenance crew is prepping for the MT State Seniors tournament August 6-8. We will provide a great golf course for this group next week, but my only wish is for the 90-degree weather to go away. Hot weather seems to add another couple clicks to my blood pressure and one more notch on the stress level...but we will survive!

Everyone have a great August. See you out on the course.

It is almost football season so...GO CATS!!!



FROM THE F&B MANAGER
KEN HODGSON

August is upon us. Which means that the golf season is at its midway point.

We would just like to remind you that our weekend dinner entrée menus are in full swing. Please come out and join us on any weekend evening to see what we have to offer even if you are not golfing. Feel free to ask us what kind of wine we can pair with your entrée. Come in and beat the heat or enjoy our beautiful patio.

With July behind us, we are looking ahead at our remaining tournament schedule. However, none of the upcoming events will affect the restaurant hours. We will be open from 10am-8pm in the bar and we will be serving food from 11am-8pm.

Please remember to check your event calendar to see when the restaurant might be full of tournament participants. The greens will be aerified on August 19th and 20th. The restaurant will remain open both days for normal business hours.

Please come join us for appetizers or a meal even though golfing will not be premium. It would be fair to let you know that the restaurant may close early each of those evenings if there is little to no business.

Thank you all for your continued support!

Come check out our daily specials!



**Restaurant, Bar, and Snack Shack hours
and notes can be found on the club
calendar!**



CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEMBERS

Dan Elsberry
(Replaced Ashby Miller as
American Bank Member)

Stephen & Shelley Newberry
Gary & Cathy Zimmer

OUTGOING MEMBERS

John & Katie Miiller
Lew Zimmer

WELCOME NEW DINING AFFILIATES

Joel Baller
Pam McCutcheon
Jordan Davis
Jeff Clements
Edge Trullinger

Eric Gilje
Dan Jochem
Max Yzaguirre
Lew Zimme

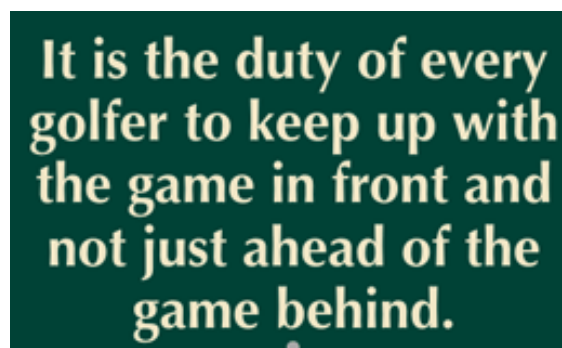
HOLE-IN-ONE CELEBRATIONS

There were no reported hole-in-one celebrations in July.

If you get a Hole-In-One report it to the Pro Shop along with your witness. Members receive a \$200 credit on your bill (usually used up by your bar tab). Also, don't be shy about taking a picture for the newsletter.

GOLF ETIQUETTE

Our behavior and actions at Valley View impacts others' enjoyment of the game. Here are some signs from other courses submitted for the newsletter by fellow members.





On July 9th Cancer Support Community Montana had their annual Swing Fore Hope golf tournament. This event was sold out and was the most successful Swing Fore Hope tournament yet! Over \$32,000 was raised to continue providing support to all Montanans impacted by cancer. These funds allow CSCMT to host programs including education, support groups, exercise classes, retreats, and so much more, all free of charge for our participants.



**WE WANT
YOUR
FEEDBACK**



Please complete this month's single question survey!

Get started

CLUB EVENTS

AUGUST 2024



Restaurant & Bar
 Restaurant: Normal Hours: 11 AM to 8 PM*
 Bar: Normal Hours: 10 AM to 8:00 PM*



Snack Shack
 Normal Hours: 11 AM - 7 PM*

* Events or Incliment Weather May Alter Hours

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Montana State Seniors Tournament - 8:30 Shotgun 1:30 - 6:00: (Open Golf (Front 9)) 6 PM: Women's League	7 Montana State Seniors Tournament - 8:30 Shotgun 1:30 - 5:45: Open Golf (Back 9) 5:45 Men's League	8 Montana State Seniors Tournament - 8:30 Shotgun 2:50: Open Golf (All 18)	9	10
11	12	13 6 PM: Women's League	14 5:45 Men's League	15	16	17 VVGC Club Championship 10 AM Shotgun Post-Round Derby Open Golf?
18 VVGC Club Championship 10 AM Shotgun Open Golf?	19 Green Aerifications (9 Holes)	20 Green Aerifications (9 Holes) 6 PM: Women's League	21	22	23	24
25 Red, White, and Blue Scramble 10 AM Shotgun Open Golf?	26	27 6 PM: Women's League	28 5:45 Men's League	29	30	31





VVGC MEMBER TRAVEL

GOLF ON THE ROAD

Course Name | Location: Torrey Pines | LaJolla (San Diego), CA

Getting There: BZN to SD, short drive to LaJolla

Staying There: The Lodge at Torrey Pines, Hilton Torrey Pines. Both are on the course. Hilton is dated.

Review of Clubhouse and Amenities: The clubhouse only consists of a retail store. Food at the Lodge at Torrey Pines is exceptional.

Review of Course: The south course is the played on tour every few years, and has more variety of hole layouts. The north course has more straight back-and-forth holes. Both courses were difficult but in excellent condition. Sharpen bunker play before going. Take plenty of extra golf balls.

Pros: Playing along the ocean is hard to beat.

Cons: Torrey Pines is a municipal course, so everything is bare bones. It is difficult to make a tee time, and very expensive. Small range and practice area. Expect a 5 hour round.

Go Again: No - there are tons of other courses on the ocean to try that are not as expensive or crowded.

Advice to Others: Stay on site and have your hotel make a tee time for you 90 days in advance. Be prepared for cooler ocean breezes and rain. Don't expect to have the premium overall experience the price would lead you to believe you are getting.



SHARE YOUR GOLF TRAVEL ADVENTURE!

Tell fellow VVGC members about your latest golf adventure! Send us a few photos and answer these questions in an email and we'll feature your story in an upcoming newsletter.





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