





CRAIG T. JOHNSON

GENERAL MANAGER

As we move fully into golf season, it certainly feels like we are officially off and golfing. With the mild winter and unusual weather patterns we've experienced lately, this has been anything but a typical start to the season. One of my favorite things this time of year is the smell of freshly cut grass in the morning. It always brings me back to being out at the course as a kid with my dad before he headed off to work. Those memories remind me just how special places like Valley View Golf Club can be across generations.

I hope all of the amazing mothers in our membership had a wonderful Mother's Day. A big thank you goes out to our staff for putting together such a great brunch, and thank you to all of the members who came out to celebrate and enjoy the day with us. Events like these are what make the club such a special place.

I would also like to congratulate all of the college graduates this spring and wish them the very best as they begin their next chapter. With classes wrapping up at Montana State University, I have to admit that driving around town has become just a little more peaceful as well. High school graduation is also just around the corner, and I know many families are busy with spring sports, concerts, ceremonies, and all of the activities that come with the end of the school year.

We have a great lineup of golf events planned for the summer, and I am looking forward to seeing all of you out on the course. We are also in the early stages of organizing a volunteer day during the first week of June, so please keep an eye out for additional communication in the coming weeks.

Lastly, I want to extend a sincere thank you to all of our managers and department directors for what is shaping up to be a very successful hiring season. It has been great seeing so many returning staff members alongside several new faces joining the team. From everything I have seen so far, I am incredibly excited about the season ahead.

Thank you all for being such an amazing membership. I truly feel blessed to serve as your General Manager.



President Update

CLUB NEWS AND NOTES

As we move further into the 2026 season, the Board of Directors continues to focus on strengthening member involvement and helping shape the future of Valley View Golf Club. One of our major areas of focus this spring has been the development and expansion of member committees designed to encourage participation, generate new ideas, and support the continued success of the club.

In addition to the ongoing work of the Future Planning Committee, the Board is actively organizing three additional committees: Finance Committee, Golf Committee, and a House/Fun Committee. These committees will provide additional opportunities for members to become involved in the club while helping guide important discussions related to golf operations, member events, dining, social activities, and the overall club experience.

Each committee will be chaired by a member of the Board of Directors and supported by club members who are interested in contributing their time, ideas, and expertise. The goal is to create collaborative groups that can provide thoughtful recommendations, encourage member engagement, and help continue building a strong club culture for years to come.

We believe Valley View's greatest strength has always been its membership. These committees are another way for members to have a voice in the future of the club while fostering communication, transparency, and involvement across all areas of operations. More information regarding committee participation and application opportunities will be shared in the near future. We appreciate everyone's continued support and enthusiasm as we continue working together to make Valley View Golf Club the very best it can be.

Sincerely,
Ken Mosby
President, Board of Directors
Valley View Golf Club



TED BABCOCK PGA

DIRECTOR OF GOLF

Spring is here with a taste of summer though winter is still hanging around. Thank you to the members who played this spring and for your patience with our day-to-day weather changes. April in Montana still has it. We will email all golfers through Chelsea on the morning of your tee time if there are any frost delays or cart or range restrictions.

Registration is open for the Two-Person Best Ball on Saturday, May 16. To enter, log in to your Golf Genius account (members with an active handicap should have received an email on 4/28). The event is a 10:00 a.m. shotgun start and is open to all members with a USGA Handicap. Men's, women's, husband/wife, and junior teams are welcome. Teams will be flighted by combined handicap, with flighted net and gross skins plus a deuce pot. When registering, please include both players' first and last names so we can verify handicaps.

Valley View GC and the Board of Directors are pleased to bring back the Presidents Cup, a season-long, 18-hole, head-to-head match play event. Brackets will be based on

Handicap Index, and a USGA Handicap is required for all players. Matches are played at 100% of each player's Handicap Index. To determine strokes, subtract the lower course handicap from the higher; the lower-handicap player plays as scratch. Example: if Player A is a 10 and Player B is an 8, Player A receives two strokes. Once brackets are set, we will publish deadlines for each round.

Bracket size depends on the number of registrants, and we will aim to group players with similar handicap indexes. The President's Cup is open to all members; men, women, and juniors are eligible with a USGA Handicap. Members with a USGA Handicap should have received a Golf Genius email to register for both events. When booking tee times for Presidents Cup matches, please tell the golf shop attendant it is a match so we can prepare a match scorecard.





TED BABCOCK PGA

DIRECTOR OF GOLF

We have added two stations on the golf course to replace your Sand Divot Bottles. There is now a small green station next to #10 tee box along with one behind the Blue Tee on #8. If these two stations need replenishing, please call the golf shop and we will take care of it. The golf shop does have pull carts sand divot bottles for players who walk.

We have two demo days coming up in May. Ping will be at Valley View on Friday, May 15, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. We are also awaiting confirmation from TaylorMade and Srixon for May 15. Callaway will be at VV on Saturday, May 23, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. We will post information in the golf shop on how and when to book fitting times for each demo day.

It is my honor to be your Director of Golf,





GARY COLSTAD

SUPERINTENDENT

Has anyone taken a goose home with them after their round of golf? I wish you would! These birds are becoming more of a nuisance as the days go by. We had such a mild winter with very little snow that the golf course was a very handy place for the geese to hang out for a few months. We are in the process of obtaining permits to alleviate part of the mess with which we are dealing. Hopefully, this process goes smoothly.

I would like to concentrate this article almost entirely on cart traffic. We are dealing with numerous “bad habits” that some members have sadly passed on to other members. First, there should NEVER be a golf cart near a golf green. Carts should always be parked on the cart paths. For years we have painted yellow lines in front of numerous greens to hopefully get the message out that no carts are allowed beyond the yellow lines. Previously we had small signs included with the yellow lines. I am not a huge fan of signage on a golf course. What it comes down to is just one more obstacle that maintenance must stop and move while they are mowing.

Two of the more prominent areas where golfers have been ignoring the cart path rule, we have since the start of the golf season placed ropes and stakes to direct golfers to the cart path. We will be removing these ropes soon! THIS DOES NOT MEAN YOU CAN NOW DRIVE YOUR GOLF CART IN THESE AREAS! Simple rule...there should be asphalt under your tires when you park by a green. This goes for tee boxes also. Yellow line or not, there should not be a golf cart near a green. Some day it would be great to get rid of the yellow lines too! FYI...the left front area of #17 green...is not a parking spot. Between shade, tree roots, and high cart traffic, that area will soon be dirt. Hopefully, no one will have to hit their chip shot from a worn-down patch of dirt.

Hit ‘em straight!



KEN HODGSON

FOOD & BEVERAGE MANAGER

It's May already?!

We have started our summer hours, which means that The Clubhouse will be open from 10am-8pm seven days a week. Food will be served from 11am-8pm. Starting on Friday, May 15th we are going to try something brand new this season. For the summer, the kitchen will remain open until 9:00pm except on League nights where we will remain open until 8pm and then focus on Ladies and Men's League. We are going to try these expanded hours to see what happens and how much support we get during the late evening hours with extended daylight. We are planning on maintaining these hours until mid-September when the daylight wanes.

Also, starting on Monday, June 1st we will be starting our dinner entrée menu for the season. Yes, walleye will be back, 7 days a week. As well as wild caught sockeye salmon and more.

We are working hard to get the snack shack open for the season here in early May. Weather and 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. Please stop by the shack and see the improvements.

We are still working on getting our new restaurant staff trained and available. We have lots of new faces this season, both in the kitchen and out on the floor. Please be patient and kind to them as they learn the ropes and the membership.

Thank you all for your continued support! Stop by and check out what's new.

Save The Date: Monday, June 8th for our Member Appreciation Celebration with drink specials and FREE refreshments!

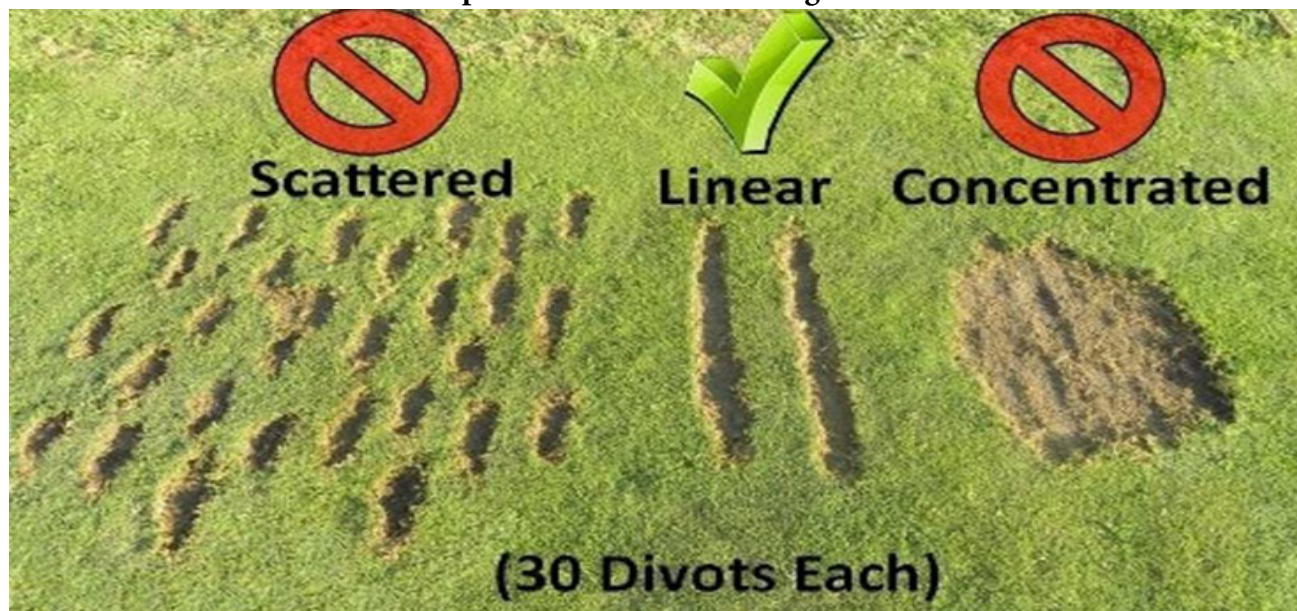




GOLF Course Care

Signs in the Proshop stating the fact that sunflower seed shells are not allowed on the golf course. This also holds true for pistachio shells. It is sad that this even must be brought up. Respect your golf course. Other members should not have to put up with your trash. Gum, Zyn packets, cigarette butts, cigars, paper products should all go in the trash receptacles. This includes the parking lot. Help do your part to keep Valley View trash-free.

Proper Divot Method on Range





ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLUB NEWS AND NOTES

NEW FULL MEMBERS

Sam Lessard
Chad Ward
Sam Lafferty

NEW DINING AFFILIATES

Tyson Granlie
Ronald&Rose Robichaud
Linda Eidet
Chad Ward
Sam Lafferty
Shawn Johnstun
Walter Sopp
Sean Hawksford

OUTGOING MEMBERS

Craig Danenhauer
Carl Wambolt
Mark A. Johnson

HOLE-IN-ONE CELEBRATIONS

Soon!

*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.*



2026 Golf & Event Schedule

- **Saturday, May 16: Two-Person Best Ball**
- **Tuesday, May 19: Spring Fling**
- **Tuesday, May 19,21,26,28 First Ladies Lessons**
- **Tuesday June 16,18, 23, 25 & 30 Junior Lessons**
- **Monday, May 25: Red, White, Blue Scramble**
- **Thursday, May 28: MSGA Seniors Tour**
- **Saturday, June 13: Kegs & Eggs 1-Person**
- **Monday, June 22: Men's Pro Am**
- **Sunday, June 28: Ladies Member Guest**
- **Saturday, July 4: VVGC Orange Ball Scramble**
- **Monday July 13: Gallatin Valley Junior Tournament**

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- **Tuesday, July 21: Ladies' "Swing Fore Hope"**
- **Thursday-Saturday, July 23-25: Men's Invitational**
- **Tuesday, July 28: Ladies' Pro Am**
- **Saturday-Sunday, August 8-9: VVGC Club Championship**
- **Friday, August 21: Micro Nine**
- **Friday, September 4: Sonny Holland**
- **Tuesday, September 13: Bozeman Invitational**
- **Friday, September 18: MSU Lacrosse**
- **Sunday September 30: Short Grass Scramble**



Employee Spotlight

CLUB NEWS AND NOTES



TALIA ROSEN

Talia is featured in this month's Employee Spotlight. Talia brings great energy and positivity to the club each day, and many members know her for her friendly personality and welcoming attitude.

Favorite hole at Valley View? - Hole #14 because "it's pretty."

If you could trade jobs with anyone at the club for a day? - "One of the golf pros."

Go-to drink after a long shift? - "A transfusion."

Something members may not know about you? - "I love to surf and dance. I did ballet my entire life."

Favorite memory working at Valley View? - "Pranking Danielle and Craig on April Fool's Day."

Dream golf foursome? - Taylor Swift, Tiger Woods, and Kelly Slater.

Best advice for a new employee? - "Get to know the members. One of the perks of a private club is getting to see the same people and it makes the job easier and more fun."

Thank you, Talia, for all of your hard work and positive attitude. Congratulations on your graduation, and we are blessed to have you as a part of the Valley View Team!!





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