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CRAIG T. JOHNSON

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER



It has been an amazing fall! I can hardly believe it's already October and the mountains surrounding us are beautifully capped with snow. The course is in outstanding shape, and I'm anticipating plenty more great days of golf this month. Fall golf has always been my favorite.

A big congratulations to our local high school teams who competed at the State AA Golf Tournament.

- **Gallatin High School finished 3rd in both Boys' and Girls' team performances.**
- **Bozeman Hawk Boys finished 5th overall.**
- **Bozeman Hawk Girls captured 1st place!**

We are especially proud that several of these student-athletes are Valley View members. They represent themselves and our club so well, both on and off the course.

I also want to thank our membership for your generosity in supporting our recent purse drive for Haven, our local women's shelter. Together we collected 35 purses, 275 cosmetic items, and \$565 in gift cards. Your kindness will go a long way toward helping women in need in our community.

As we move further into fall, I hope each of you gets the opportunity to come out and play. I also want to extend my gratitude to our incredible team of employees. They make Valley View such a special place to golf, dine, and gather, and I hope you enjoy and appreciate them as much as I do.

Looking ahead, there will be two Board positions opening in November. If you would like to run, please send me an email in the next couple of weeks. Serving on the Board is a rewarding way to get more involved in shaping the future of the club. A few members have already expressed interest, and all are welcome.

We will also be holding our Annual Meeting in the second week of November. I'll share the exact date and time with you soon.

It is truly a pleasure to serve as your General Manager, and I feel very blessed to be surrounded by such a committed and hardworking team. Thank you for continuing to make Valley View Golf Club such a wonderful community.

Warm regards,

Craig T. Johnson
General Manager

There are FOUR member numbers hidden in the newsletter. Find your number and receive a complimentary desert or drink special if you let the office know what page it is on!



TED BABCOCK^{PGA}

DIRECTOR OF GOLF

Dear Valley View Members,

We are still golfing in October, a wonderful way to kick off the month. Thank you to all members who supported our golf operations through tournaments, leagues, and lessons; your involvement inspires our staff to keep improving your experience.

The One Person Scramble is rescheduled to Sunday, October 12 due to bad weather. Please note: all Merchandise Credit expires October 31st. If you need a special order, place it soon to ensure arrival before November 1st. Thanks again for supporting Valley View Golf Shop.

The inaugural Short Grass Scramble was a success, with twenty-five teams competing.

First Flight Gross winners: Dennehy, Kuss, Eubank & Caracciolo (scorecard playoff)

Second Flight Gross champions: Rossman, Rossman, Mosby & Rossman

Third Flight Gross champions: Black, Pailthorpe, Starner & Cotton

Fourth Flight Gross champions: Kosinski, Kwarciak, Mackenzie & Kosinski

Thanks to everyone who participated.

The final subject I would like to cover is taking care of our beautiful golf course. The MSU Lacrosse Team held an event on September 19th. There was a total of ninety-six players in the event. While I was out picking up their prize holes, I was interested in seeing how the course made it through the event. Since the event was a four-person scramble, I worried the fairways would have unrepaired divot clusters. I was happy and honestly surprised to not find any unrepaired divot clusters. The greens were also almost impeccable in terms of 2452 ball marks not repaired.

This topic has been noted due to frequent feedback regarding members not repairing divots or ball marks. When asked about the reasons for these repairs not being completed, a specific explanation is unavailable. The golf shop currently offers a new supply of ball mark repair tools. Each golf cart is equipped with two sand seed bottles. For those who walk, there are additional bottles available that can be attached to bags or push carts.

It is my honor to be your Director of Golf,
Ted Babcock PGA



GARY COLSTAD

SUPERINTENDENT



September has come and gone but how amazing was that weather for the membership here at Valley View. The maintenance staff even appreciated the temperatures. Better than working with three layers of clothing to protect you from the cold. The only downside is that the grass continues to grow! Dealing with smaller staff at this time of year we rely on the mowing portion of our job to slow down. We are now dealing with mowing grass AND the dreaded leaf chaos. This time of year, we are at the mercy of the leaves dropping to the ground. We cannot proceed with many daily maintenance tasks until we get the leaves herded somewhere so that they are not causing issues with the golfers or the maintenance staff. Dropping of the leaves can be such a long, drawn-out process. Most years we are dealing with leaves until snow permanently covers the golf course. This is especially frustrating provided the small window when we must spray fungicides. If we have a major snowstorm arriving, it can get very hectic trying to remove leaves and spray before snow arrives. Wind is the major factor. A full day of leaf removal can get wiped out in 5 minutes if the wind starts blowing. Ok...I need to change the subject...I feel my blood pressure beginning to rise just writing about these wonderful times.

As I am drafting this article we are receiving our first autumn snowfall. And yes...there are people out golfing through the snowflakes. It looks as though we are going to have our first MAJOR frost on October 6th. We have had a few frost delays in September but nothing that has delayed the golfers...just maintenance. Please have patience when we get into the long frost delays. We schedule first tee times according to past years. I know that there were people frustrated with scheduled tee times and the temperatures were unseasonably moderate. We are just trying to prevent having possibly 10-15 tee times being cancelled due to lengthy frost delays. I must admit it is no fun having to decide on holding back twenty or so golfers that have been hanging around the pro shop for an hour or more. And PLEASE...do not go out on the practice tee or green until you are given the go ahead. The east end of the range tee and practice green are always lagging when it comes to melting frost.

I will keep you posted on any hole closures that are necessary for fairway aerification. We are getting to that time of year where Mother Nature has a lot to say about what we can do as a maintenance staff. Hopefully, the weather will continue to cooperate with us, and the remainder of the golf season will go smoothly.

Friendly reminders for the membership...please fix 1828 ball marks. Those of you who do...thank you. Those of you who are not bothered by large ball marks on the greens...please make fixing ball marks part of your routine. This really does not take much effort...it does take having some respect for the other members and the golf course. Also please rake your tracks in the bunkers and leave the rakes INSIDE the bunkers. We do not mind raking bunkers that animals have played in, but golfers should once again...show some respect for others.

Hope you had a wonderful year here at Valley View Golf Club.

Go Cats!
Gary Colstad



KEN HODGSON

F&B MANAGER



It's October. The golf season is shrinking; but the restaurant hours do not.

The restaurant will remain open until 8pm each night with our new menu and evening dinner menu running all month long. September has been challenging regarding staffing and October looks to be no different. With the promise of some fall weather not being so great, we may close the restaurant early on rainy evenings when there is no business. Feel free to call ahead if the weather is not cooperating.

Soup season is upon us, and we will be serving homemade soup daily and of course New England Clam Chowder every Friday. Don't forget to check out our salad bar which is constantly changing and fresh as can be.

Snack Shack Hours: Due to staffing and weather issues, the shack will be a daily decision. We are likely closing the shack for the season in mid-October. Perhaps we can get enough staff to open it on nice weekends?

Here are a couple of reminders for the membership:

Book your company 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 5th. Please email the restaurant to reserve your table. restaurant@vvgcbozeman.com

The Valley View restaurant will be open for lunches only (11am-2pm) Monday-Friday starting on Monday, November 3rd. This will continue until Friday, November 21st when we will close for the Holidays (except for Holiday parties).

Thank you all for your continued support and all your positive feedback. We are working hard to build a reliable year-round staff and continue improving our restaurant and bar.

Ken Hodgson and The Valley View Restaurant Staff



EMILY WILLIAMS

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



What's your favorite hole at Valley View—and why?

Hole #1 – Only goes up from here

If you could trade jobs with anyone at the club for a day, who would it be?

Craig's

What's your go-to snack or drink after a long shift?

Mary-Annes Salad Bar

What's one thing most members wouldn't guess about you?

I am a basketball coach.

If you could create a themed event at the club, what would it be?

Movie Night! Everyone dresses as favorite movie + decorate the carts

What's your walk-up song if life had an intro track?

How far ill go -Moana Soundtrack

What's a "pro tip" you'd give someone working their first day here?

Make the most out of everything.

If you could only eat one meal from the restaurant for a week, what would it be?

Cajon Chicken Salad

What's your favorite memory working at Valley View?

Summer 2022 I got to serve my whole family + my grandpa I got to see here often.

Who's your dream golf foursome—famous or fictional?

Me, Steph Curry, Adam Sandler, Stitch (Lilo & Stitch)

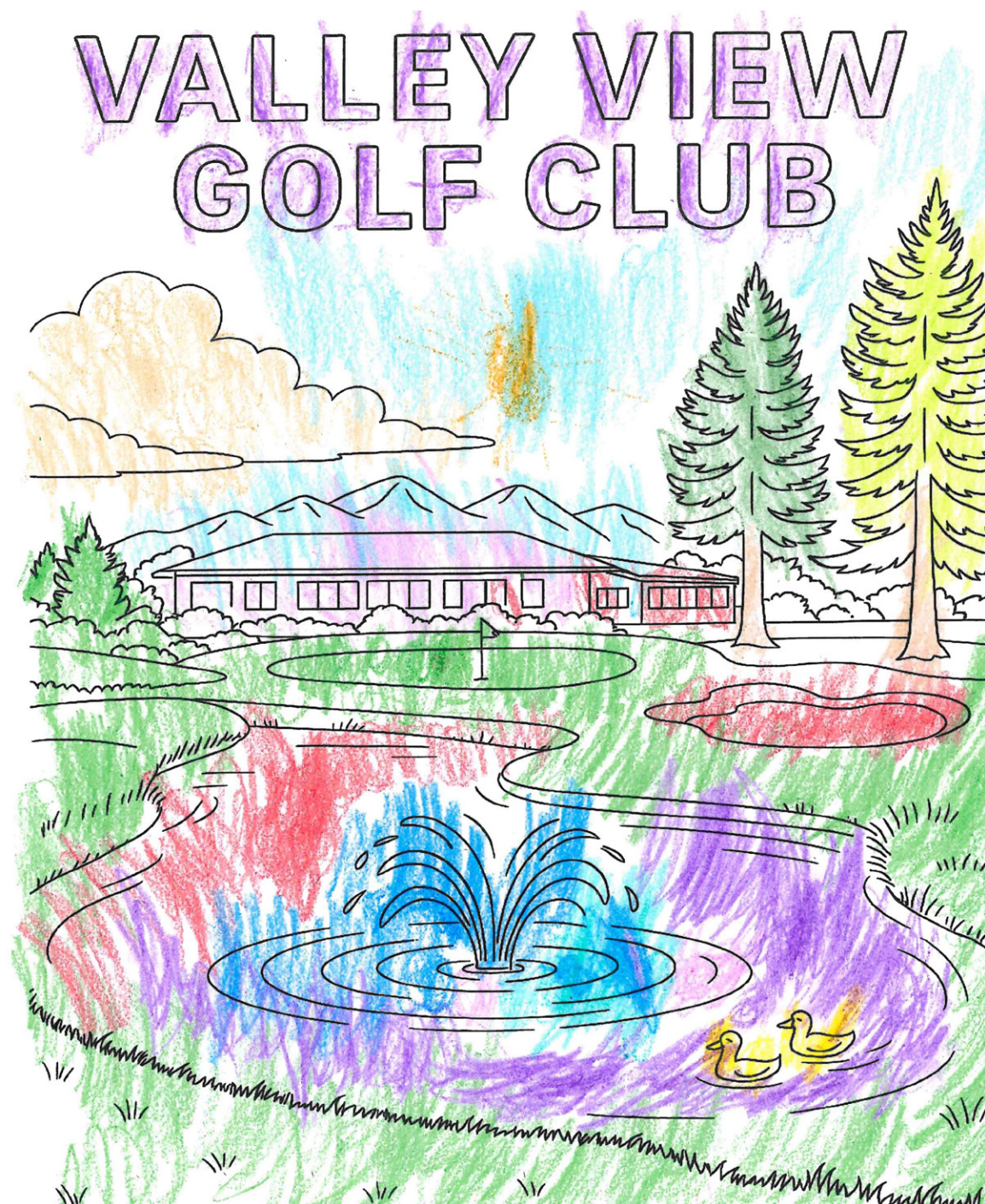
Thanks to each of our club team members for their dedication!

There is a lot going on "behind the scenes" from before sunrise to after sunset to make members' time at Valley View the most relaxing and enjoyable it can be.

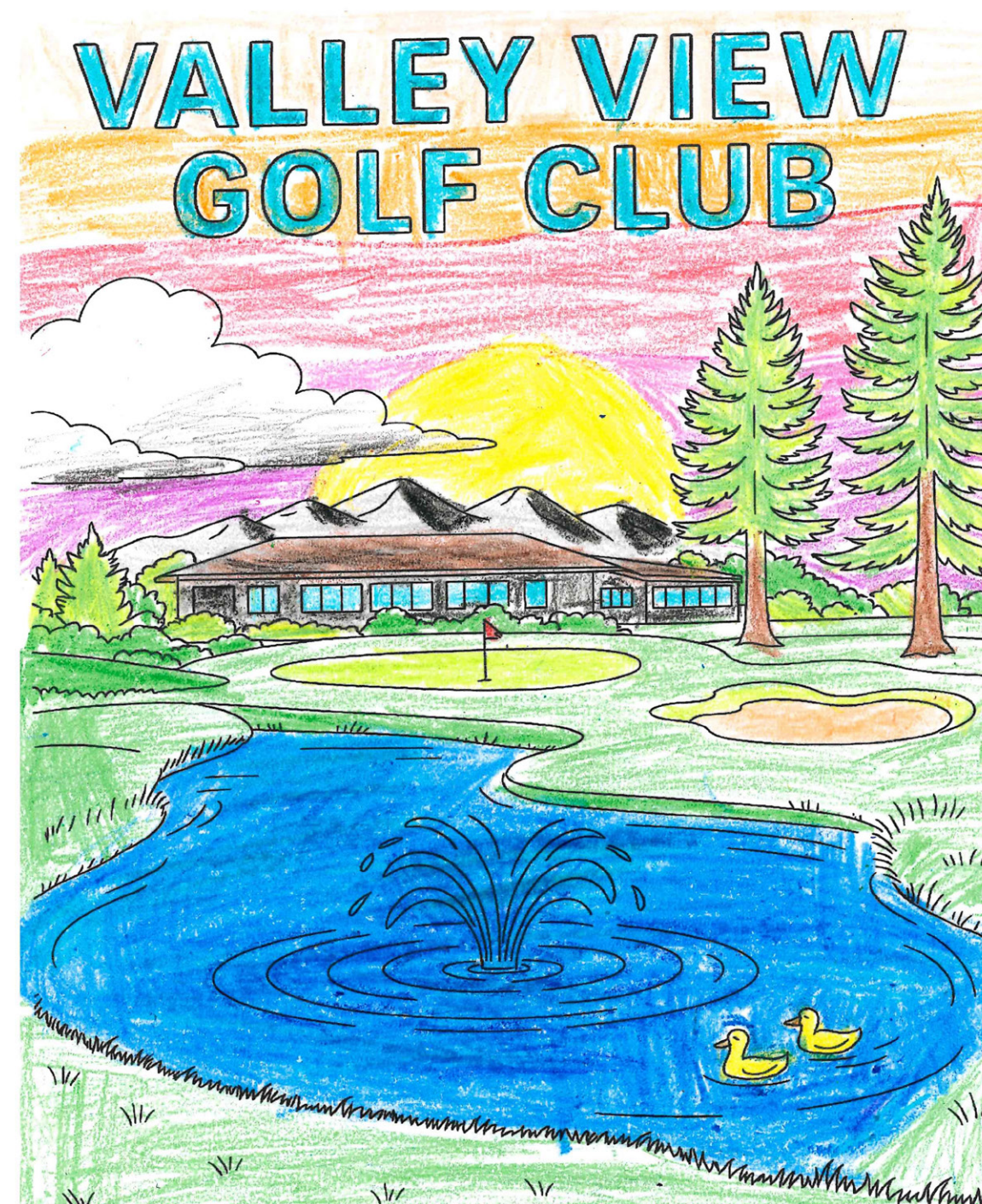


YOUNG MEMBER ART WINNERS

COLORING CONTEST



Ages 2-5: Willa Tousignant (4)



Ages 6-12: Evie Strigenz (10)

MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

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Valley View Golf Club has expectations for member conduct and course care. Our Rules and Regulations outline these responsibilities in detail, but here are areas that need improvement from members and our guests.

PACE OF PLAY

4 Hours or Faster
Keep Up With Prior Group

DIVOT REPAIR

Replace (if Deep)
Seed (if Shallow)

PITCH MARKS

Repair Yours
Repair Others

GREEN SCUFFS

Walk With Care
Don't Shuffle or Twist

BUNKERS

Rake To Edge
Leave Rakes in Bunker

MUSIC

Don't Assume Its OK
If Others Hear, Too Loud

CONDUCT

Quiet and Respectful
Members + Kids + Guests

APPEARANCE

Collared Shirts
No Flip Flops, Cutoffs

BROKEN TEES

Broken Tees by Markers
Cleanup Tees on Range

RESPECT

Fellow Members
Club Staff



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEWS

NEW FULL MEMBERS

Joseph Ventriglia
Troy & Randi McQuagge

OUTGOING MEMBERS

Randy Brescini Wheeler
Garth & Carolyn Sime
Sam Coulter

NEW DINING AFFILIATES

Suzy Day & Jim Penhale
George & Suzi Priouolos
Guru Khalsa
Hank Bass
Anne Shovic
Tim Wheeler

HOLE-IN-ONE CELEBRATIONS

None in September

If you get a Hole-In-One report it to the Pro Shop along with your 2320 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.

VVGC Club Calendar

Our club calendar can now be found on line! Click [here](#) to view.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 12 : VVGC One-Person Scramble



LEADERSHIP

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