

## December 2003 Newsletter

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### **Pro Shop:**

**Thank you** - All of us in the Pro Shop would like to thank the membership for another great year and to wish you all a very enjoyable Holiday season.

**Golf Cart Handicap Flags** are now in use. Be sure to drop by the golf shop and fill out a flag request form if you require special consideration due to physical limitations. The requests must be approved by the board of Directors before you can use a handicap flag. Cart traffic is currently limited to roughs only on a daily basis, but soon we will go to a cart path only status until Spring. Be sure to get your requests approved.

**Please help** take care of your golf course. Ball marks on the greens continue to be a major problem for our course. Top dressing helps heal the greens quicker, but the colder temperatures will not allow for this procedure. So please make an extra effort to get your ball mark and at least on other when you arrive at the green. Thank you!

**Gift Certificates are about to expire** - be sure to drop by the Pro Shop and make arrangements to use all of your hard earned credit. The deadline is December 31, 2003 for their use. You can take advantage of the end of the season specials and save. Your Pro Shop is a great place to shop for the Holidays. Be sure to allow enough time on any special orders.

**The Men's Senior Scramble Events** are finished for the season. Congratulations go out to John Krause for being the earnings leader for 2003. Bob Renaud was a close second and Boots Stoll got the third place spot. Practice up this winter, spring is just around the corner.

**Hole-In-One congratulations** go to Ivor Morris and Dennis Schubert who proved that the guys can also make Hole-In-Ones. Ben Salls had the honor or misfortune of

witnessing both aces. Ivor made his hole-in-one on hole #5 on November 11 just one day after Dennis made one at Bear Creek Valley. Some guys will go any lengths to win the greenie...way to go guys and thanks for the drinks, a great time was had by all.

Dan

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### **From the Greenside:**

A special salute to all our members and their "Church groups" of all denominations who keep making Sunday Brunch such a success. We appreciate our members bringing out their church members for Brunch. We thank you.

Christmas is right around the corner. Remember 3 key dates: the **Ladies Golf Association Luncheon on Thursday, December 4th. The Lake Valley's Children's Christmas Party with Santa on Saturday, December 20th.** And of course our **Lake Valley's New Year's Eve Gala Event on Wednesday, December 31st.** The cost is \$75 per couple. This includes dinner of Caesar salad, Filet of Beef Au-vin-Rouge, Shrimp Scampi, Monaco blend vegetables, Baked Yukon gold potatoes with a lavish dessert, entertainment by Ms. Jackie Newton, Champagne Toast at midnight, party favors and of course an old Lake Valley tradition breakfast at 12:05 a.m. Please sign up in the Restaurant.

Christmas parties booked so far in 2003: The Optimist Club, Lake Valley Ladies, Brush & Pallet Club, Lake Sun Leader, Lake of the Ozarks Board of Realtors, Adamson Family, Society of Red Hats, Caring & Healing Hearts, St. Anthony Ladies, Rotary, Peace Lutheran Church, Lake Dental Clinic, Christian Women's Group, Laker (Jadico), The Whitney Family, Knights of Columbus, The Wier Family and Lake Valley's Bridge Group.

We still have several openings for Christmas parties.

Looking forward to seeing all of you and Happy Holidays!

Donald & Staff

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### **Ladies Golf Association**

Don't forget to sign up for our Lake Valley Ladies Christmas Luncheon on Thursday, December 4th. Call the restaurant or sign up in the locker room or bar area.

We hope everyone has a great Holiday Season!

Mary Krupa

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### **Rules Corner:**

Ok, are you ready for the answers to [last month's quiz?](#) Here are the decisions:

1. Decision 1-1/2 states that Dennis should record the score of his original ball. Once the ball was holed, play was completed on that hole and the stroke with the second ball does not count.
2. Decision 6-6d/1 tells us that unfortunately, Ron must be disqualified for breach of rule 6-6d. Rule 6-6d tells us that a competitor is responsible for the correctness of the score recorded for each hole on his scorecard.
3. Decision 14/2 states that Sam is not deemed to have made a stroke because by definition a stroke is "the forward movement of the club..." But a shaft by itself is not a club.
4. Decision 19-1/6 tells us that a couple of possibilities exist for this ruling. If the ball was deflected, it should be played as it lay, without penalty, from the spot to which it was moved by the dog. If the dog picked up the ball, Sam should place the ball, without penalty, as near as possible to the spot where the ball was when the dog picked it up.
5. This was a tricky question. Decision 18-2a/1 states that the ball was in play after Doug had made his stroke at it. He incurred a penalty of one stroke under rule 18-2A when he teed the ball higher, and a total penalty of two strokes in stroke play because he did not subsequently replace the ball to its original teed height. Therefore, Doug is now lying four in the fairway.

How did you all do? Congratulations to Dennis Jones for being the only person to correctly answer all five questions and submit them to the Pro Shop.

Have you ever come across a rule that just didn't seem fair? Or maybe you have thought to yourself that the penalty for a rule infraction just seemed too harsh? Well, so has the U.S.G.A. That's why every four years a committee made up of U.S.G.A. and Royal and Ancient golf club of St. Andrews representatives gather and review the rules of this great game. This happens to be such a year. [The rules will have several changes for the coming year. Here are a few of those changes that might impact your games:](#)

1. For the first time the rules address golf tees. Tees must not be longer than four inches and cannot indicate line of play or influence the movement of the ball. This should have very little impact because tees longer than three inches are very rare.
2. Currently, loose impediments on a player's line of putt can only be removed by hand or a club. The new rules will allow for removal by any means.
3. Currently, a player shall incur a one stroke penalty if he moves a loose impediment within one club length of his ball through the green and the ball subsequently moves. The new rules will require a direct connection between the loose impediment removal and the ball's movement.
4. Currently, a player's original ball is lost when he puts a substituted ball into play. The new rule will state the ball is lost when a stroke is taken with the substituted ball.
5. Currently, a player who cannot make a stroke in a bunker because of interference from an immovable obstruction only has one option if there is no place to drop a ball that is not closer to the hole. The new rule will add another option that will allow the player under penalty to drop outside the bunker without having to return to the spot of the previous shot.
6. The new rules will add a size maximum (460 cc) for club heads and a length maximum (48") for any other club other than the putter.

These are only a few of the changes we will see in the new Rules of Golf books to arrive after the first of the year. But they do show us that the rules are not fixed and that sometimes changes are necessary to help make the game of golf a fairer and more enjoyable activity. The rules should not be looked upon in a negative manner. They are merely there to define the game. If you don't play by the rules, you aren't playing golf!

**Rules Seminar** - I would like to take this opportunity to notify everyone, who is interested in the rules and wants to learn more, that the U.S.G.A. is sponsoring a Rules of Golf Seminar on Tuesday, January 20th at Twin Oaks Country Club in Springfield. The seminar will feature all of the changes and also focus on the rules that commonly affect us everyday. Cost of this seminar is \$35 which includes lunch and materials. If anyone is interested see me to get a registration form. I hope to see you there.

Dan

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**Lake Valley Golf Outing in Florida 2004:**

Plans for the above golf outing have been finalized. The event will be at Stonegate Golf Club at Solivita, Poinciana, Florida. The format will be a 4-Person Scramble beginning at 12:00 noon on February 24, 2004. The golf fee will be \$38 per person, \$3.00 of which is for prizes. A cash bar will begin at 5:00 p.m. A buffet is planned at 6:00 p.m. at the Moaics Restaurant located in the village at Solivita. The cost for the buffet is \$20.00 per person, which includes tax and gratuity. We will need to collect the money from everyone before February 1st as we must pay for everything by February 1, 2004. Please let Larry Kelley know as soon as possible if you plan to attend and stay for dinner. His e-mail address is:

lgkelley@solivita.net

Checks should be made to Larry Kelley at 408 Madera Pass, Poinciana, Florida 34759. Poinciana condos and time share, located across the street from Solivita, has offered a discount to those who require lodging for this event. A two bedroom unit, sleeps 4-6 people, will cost \$120 + tax per night. When making reservations call: 1-800-331-7743 and ask for Shirley or Janette and identify yourself as a Lake Valley Golf Outing participant. A credit card will be required for reservation.

Bobby Morris

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### **Address Changes & Additions:**

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### **From the Board of Directors:**

The Lake Valley Board of Directors met November 17, 2003. This was the last board meeting for **Lora Balmer, Bill Godbey, and Bobby Morris**. We thank them for their valuable contributions to the club and wish them many years of health, happiness and "good golf". I personally will miss each one of them. Their sage advice helped keep all of us on our toes.

In addition to the regular board agenda we discussed at length our restaurant operation. The restaurant has shown remarkable improvement during the year. Finances are better and we feel that the quality of the food and service has improved. Much of that improvement goes to Don Fohn and his staff. As a result we have re-employed Don for the 2004 season. In order to continue to improve we will run the restaurant on a limited basis during January and February. While the restaurant is scaled back we will install new carpet, paint, renovate and try to give the kitchen and dining area a new

"spick and span" appearance. We welcome suggestions or comments. You will hear more about the restaurant in the next few months.

In other business the board appointed Dennis Jones as Club Historian. Dennis is performing an important and valuable service for the club. If you have any historical memorabilia that pertains to Lake Valley please contact Dennis.

Welcome to our new members Robert Brueck & Cindy Tyler. We are currently at 358 members.

Next month Janice Ohmes, Jim Krupa and Dennis Schubert join the board. We know they will serve Lake Valley well. I welcome the opportunity to work with them for the betterment of Lake Valley.

Thank you, Mac Green