



February 2003 Newsletter



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From the Board of Directors:

I am sure that most of you are aware that we are losing our General Manager/Golf Course Superintendent, Mike Schubert. Mike has accepted a position in his home state of Arkansas. On behalf of the Board I want to thank Mike for his twelve years of service at Lake Valley. He has been a hardworking and valuable asset to the club. His leadership has enabled lake Valley to make many improvements during that time.

From a personal standpoint I hate to see Mike leave. I value his friendship and advice. He is always willing to help and has gone out of his way to help me. I wish him the best. We will miss him.

In other matters I want to clarify my comments in last months newsletter. Some members thought that some board members favored a dues increase and we would consider an increase in the near future. This is not the case, board policy calls for an automatic increase each year unless the board votes to keep the dues at the current level. The board voted unanimously to turn down the dues increase. We feel that this is not the right time for increasing dues. No further discussion of dues will be on the agenda until next December when we look at dues for the 2004 year.

For the past month we have been conducting a membership drive. Through word of mouth and advertising we have been able to talk with several prospective members. Hopefully we will be able to gain a few members by the time our special promotion expires. If you know anyone considering joining lake Valley encourage them to do so before the end of March. Please have them contact Mike for details. Our current membership is at 333.

Remember, as Board members we are here to represent you. We welcome your input. Please feel free to contact me or any Board member with your thoughts, questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Mac Green, President

Pro Shop:**2003 MAJOR EVENTS:**

April 3 - Ladies Association Kick-Off
April 27 - Men's Golf Association Kick-Off
May 5 - Men's League begins
May 15 - Ladies Member-Guest Tournament
May 16-18 - Men's Fourball Invitational Tournament
May 26 - LVCC Scholarship Tournament
June 6-8 - His & Hers Scramble Tournament
June 12 - Ladies Area Guest Day
June 21-22 - Men's Golf Association "The Draft" Tournament
July 4 - Fourth of July Celebration and Members Scramble
July 11-13 - Ladies Scramble Invitational
July 25-27 - Men's Member-Guest Tournament
August 8-10 - Men's Scramble Invitational
August 18 & 20 - Men's Sr. Club Championship
August 23-24 - Men's Club Championship
September 10-11 - Ladies Club Championship
September 21 - LVCC Couples Championship
September 28 - Men's Golf Association Fall Blow-Out Event
October 2 - Ladies Golf Association Finale
October 6 - Men's Golf Association Awards Dinner

RANGE PASSES NOW AVAILABLE! It's time to renew your driving range passes for the coming year. If you have not participated in the past, the cost is: \$100 for an individual and \$175 for a family. The pass is good for unlimited range ball use during the calendar year and is a very cost effective way of working on your game. Be sure to sign-up in the golf shop.

CLUB STORAGE AND LOCKER BILLINGS are going out this month. There are currently some spots available for both lockers and clubs if you would like to use the facilities. Costs for the calendar year are: Lockers - \$20 and Bag Storage - \$45.

OFF SEASON CONDITIONS are now in force for the golf course. This means that golf cart traffic is no longer allowed in the fairways unless you have qualified for an orange flag. This precaution is necessary to help maintain a good playing surface on the fairways until Spring growth returns. Orange flag applications are available in the pro shop. The Board of Directors must review and approve applications before orange flags will be granted, so get your applications early.

SAVE MONEY ON GOLF CARTS! The discount cart packages are available again this year. For a \$300 deposit you save \$2.00 per person per riding cart use and balances DO carry over from year to year. If you ride a cart often this plan will save you \$60 on your next 30 rounds. You can sign-up for the package in the golf shop or just give us a call and we can charge your account.

FROST WARNING! Now that signs of Winter are upon us, the course will remain closed daily until any frost is thawed from the greens. Did you know that walking on frosty greens will actually damage and often kill the grass walked upon? So please stay off the frost!

THE 2003 GOLF SCHEDULE is really taking shape. Be sure to reserve dates now for any groups that you may want to entertain at Lake Valley. The dates are filling quickly. Thank you for your continued support.

Dan

Rules Corner:

Hopefully everyone did well with last month's questions. This Month we will discuss water hazards and lateral water hazards. Lake Valley affords many chances to use rule 26 in the USGA Rules of Golf. This is one rule to definitely familiarize yourself with. Everyone knows that a visit to one of our ditches or ponds is not a good thing for the score, but how do we play by the rules if it occurs? What's the difference between water hazards and lateral water hazards? What are those red and yellow lines and stakes we see on the golf course?

First, let us start with determining which type of hazard we are in. Water hazards are marked with yellow stakes or lines. Lateral water hazards are marked with red stakes or lines. Why two different types? Good question! The USGA always is happier when we are confused. Loosely defined, a water hazard is a body of water that must be played over during the normal course of play on a particular hole. A lateral water hazard usually guards the perimeter of a hole. Now keep in mind that there is not a mandatory marking of a hazard, only someone's best judgment of which category the hazard fits best, that is where the colored markings come into play. We simply determine the color it has been marked and proceed under the appropriate rule.

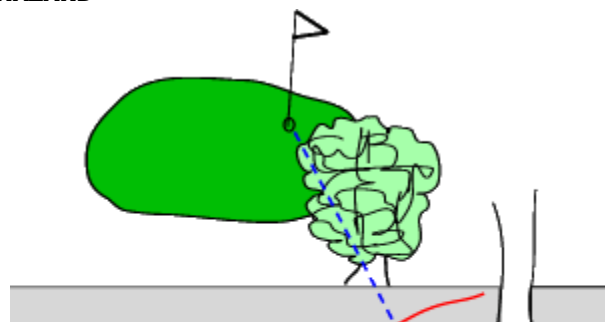
Below are a couple of examples of how to deal with each situation. A special thanks to Gerry McClanahan for the artwork. (web note: the artwork hasn't been scanned for the web yet - will be on soon!) We hope this helps you better negotiate those nasty hazards.

Dan

WATER HAZARD

At Hole #5 at Lake Valley Ronnie Slicer hits his tee shot into the Water Hazard just left of the cart path bridge. He has three options:

1. Play the ball as it lies in the hazard but he must not ground his club or move any loose impediments.



2. Return to the place he hit his last shot from and replay the shot taking a one stroke penalty. If the last shot was hit from a tee he may use a tee again.

3. Taking a one stroke penalty, the ball may be dropped on an imaginary straight line (Shown as blue dashed line) keeping the point where the ball first crossed the margin of the hazard directly between the pin and the dropped ball. (Note that the tree would be in your way and you would have no relief from the tree.)

NOTE: **There is no such thing as "line of flight"**. The key to remember is to keep the point where the ball entered the hazard between you and the pin. You can go back as far as you want, but must keep that point between you and the pin.

LATERAL WATER HAZARD

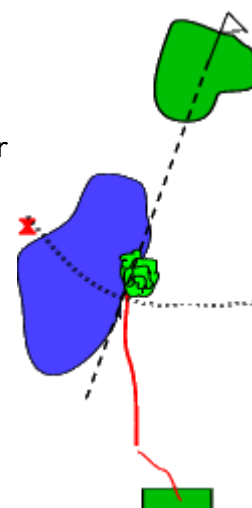
At hole # 16 after dribbling her tee shot, Susan hits her second shot into the willow tree on the left side of the fairway next to the lake. Upon searching for her ball she finds it has gone into the water right next to the trunk of the tree. Since it is a "Lateral Water Hazard" (Red Stakes) she may play the ball as it lies or under penalty of one stroke she has the following other choices. (Note: She does not get relief from the tree,)

1. A. Drop within two club-lengths of the point where the ball crossed the margin of the hazard, not nearer the hole. Or

B. Drop at a point on the opposite side of the hazard equidistant from the hole. (See X)

2. Drop any distance behind the point where the ball crossed the margin of the hazard, keeping that point on a straight line between the hole and the point where the ball is to be dropped. (See dashed lines)

3. Replay the shot from the spot where she hit her ball into the hazard. If the last shot was hit from a tee, she can use a tee again.



Restaurant:

Thanks to all who turned out to our New Year's Eve Celebration. We ended up with a great crowd who seemed to have a good time.

We have daily lunch specials Monday through Friday. The soup & salad bar is available on Tuesdays & Wednesdays. Please come out and have lunch with us.

Joyce Osslers Bridge group will be with us Tuesday, February 4th.

The Caring & Healing Hearts will be having a luncheon on Tuesday, February 11th.

The Christian Women's Group will be here on Tuesday, February 18th.

Our first Men's Stag Night for 2003 will be Tuesday, February 25th with Danny Onstott as the Chairperson.

Our Wednesday Bridge group will be with us each Wednesday along with Rotary for lunch.

The TAC, a teachers group, is having a Valentine Dance here on Saturday, February 15th.

Karen

Ladies Golf Association:

Hope everyone is having a good Winter.

Make sure to mark your calendar for **April 3, 2003**. That is our **Ladies Kick-Off**.

The ladies locker room is getting a make over this winter. Hope everyone will stop by and see it.

See you when it warms up.

Mary Ann Rosner, President

Men's Golf Association:

As many of you, we're looking for new members...you are the "key" to help us find some folks that would like to join & enjoy playing at Lake Valley Country Club. Best golf value at the Lake!! There are some incentives for you & your prospective member...let us know how we can help you land them!! Keep in mind that a key to holding down costs and maintaining good facilities for all of us is a "Full Membership"!

Spring is right around the corner and your Men's Association is working to give you more enjoyment out of your LVGCC Membership.

Here is the Season Schedule:

Lake Valley Men's Association 2003 Tournaments

April 27 - Opening Day - Breakfast & 4 Man Scramble (Computer pick: A, B, C, D Player).

May 5 - Monday Men's League - Two 7 week sessions (14 weeks total)

June 21-22 - The Draft - "2 Net Balls" 4 Man teams - Full Handicap (team captain selects 3 players at draft/auction party prior weekend 6/13)

July 25-27 - Member Guest "1st Day Best Ball" & "2nd Day Scramble" (Practice round on Friday, Derby on 2nd day)

August 18 & 20 - Senior Club Championship - 36 hole stroke play (Net & Gross div.)

August 23-24 - Club Championship - 36 Hole Stroke Play (Net & Gross Div.)

September 28 - Fall Blowout 2 Man "Shamble" (80% of handicap) auction teams & party preceding night.

October 6 - Closing Day - 4-Man "Stableford" (total points vs quota).

We are looking at establishing a "Hole-in-One Club" for 2003 as a result of your input!

We need your feedback when you have it. We can't make adjustments & build a good Men's program without it!!

John Stephens