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May 2003 Newsletter

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From the Board of Directors:

After a long winter and a cold Spring, golfing weather is here. The course looks great during all seasons but especially at this time of year.

Come on out and play and bring a friend.

Our membership is now at 355 and should increase a little more in the next couple of days. We thank all of the members who have worked to find new members for Lake Valley. Keep up the good work.

We have several club wide events coming up in the near future. We encourage all members to participate in these events. They are for you.

Our financial situation appears to be improved since last month. We hope that we can stabilize our finances so that we can finish paying off the short term loans that we have. In addition we want to do things we need to do to maintain and improve our club. We know we will need to purchase some new equipment and probably replace a few carts in the next few months. Suggestions about finances are always welcome.

We look forward to seeing all of you at Lake Valley.

Welcome to our new members Greg & Kimberly Nickel, Dennis & Marie Crowley, Gerald & Beverly McFadden, Tom & Carla Riffle, Don & Linda McGowen, Tim & Karla McDuffey, Ed & Denise Alford, Bud Donaldson & Sara Reiter, Gail & Marilyn Howard, Raymond "Lee" Creech, Don & Barbara Payne, John & Ruth Ann Marrs, Myron & Sheri Blackwell, Pat & Elizabeth Munoz, James & Nancy Grantham, John & Rita Yarick, Jon & Linda Martin and Glenn & Pat Miller.

Mac Green, President

Pro Shop:

UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

April 27 - Men's Golf Association Kick-Off Breakfast & Golf (Course closed a.m.)

April 28 - Missouri 50+ Senior Golf Tournament (course closed until 2:30 p.m.)

May 5 - Men's Golf Association Monday Night Men's League begins (5:30 p.m.)

May 12 - Ladies Inter-City Tournament

May 15 - Ladies Member-Guest Tournament

May 16-18 - LVCC Men's Fourball Invitational (course closed Saturday & Sunday)

May 26 - Lake Valley Scholarship Tournament

May 31 - McGrath's Schools Out Tournament

June 6-8 - LVCC His & Hers Scramble

MEN'S MONDAY GOLF LEAGUE - May 5th will be the start of the regular schedule for the 2003 Men's League. Team registration is currently underway. Cost for the league will again be \$20 per player to enter the league and \$5 per night for prizes. Again this year we will be using all three sets of tees for play. But you will remain on the tees you begin play from for the entire season. This is a two-man team event

using handicap. You and your partner may sign-up by calling the Pro Shop or by adding your name to the list in the Pro Shop. There is a limited number of spots available, so sign up early. The deadline for signing up will be April 27th. All players **MUST** be members of the Men's Golf Association and have current handicaps in the GHIN system. Be sure to record all your scores this spring to make sure a current handicap is on file. The season will last fourteen weeks and conclude with a playoff night. Once again, substitutes will be allowed if you cannot make a particular night of play, but the substitute must also be a member of the Men's Golf Association and have a current handicap.

NEW for 2003 - The Men's Golf Association has established a "**Hole-In-One Club**". Be sure to drop by the Pro Shop and pick-up an application form if you wish to be included. The "Hole-In-One Club" will begin on Sunday April 27, 2003 and run through the MGA's closing event in early October.

LAKE VALLEY SCHOLARSHIP TOURNAMENT: Be sure to mark May 26th on your calendars to be a part of the Lake Valley Scholarship Fund raising event. The format is a Four-Person Flighted Scramble. This event has already awarded two deserving students with much needed scholarship money to further their educations. We need your help in making this event something special. If you would like to help out in any way, please contact Dan in the golf shop. More information will be following but be sure to reserve the date to help in this very worthy event. See the flyer included in the newsletter for more details.

PRO SHOP MERCHANDISE: Be sure to drop by the Pro Shop and see all the latest in golf fashion and equipment. Mother's Day is just right around the corner. Remember, that members receive discounts on all purchases from the Pro Shop. There are always specials to take advantage of too. Don't let things get picked over before you act, shop while a full selection exists.

JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAM:

The 2003 Junior golf series planning is underway. As always, the program will start shortly after school is out. This is a great chance to get your children involved in the game of a lifetime. The program will introduce them to the basics of the game and allow them to compete with their peers in a friendly atmosphere. More details will follow in next month's newsletter or contact Andi in the Pro Shop.

CONGRATULATIONS to a couple of our traveling members who registered hole-in-ones this winter. Bob Dechant recorded his very first ace in Florida this January and Jim Williams followed him up with his second career ace in Arizona during February. I sure hope they were thinking about us poor freezing golfers that stuck out the winter at home? Well, congratulations none the less.

HAVE YOU VISITED OUR WEBSITE LATELY? If not, do so soon. I wish to thank Dennis Jones for his tireless efforts to upgrade and improve our site. It has truly become one of the finest golf course sites on the net. It's a great source for club information at all hours of the day and night. In case you forgot www.lakevalleygolf.com is the address. A new "members only" section is now in the works, so stay tuned for details.

FROM THE MEN'S HANDICAP COMMITTEE:

Spring is here and you should be entering your handicap scores in the computer after each round. (A scorecard drop box is available in the bar area for late afternoon players). We are showing a great improvement in scores posted.

We now have the ability to generate several computer reports to help us comply with USGA Handicap Rules. We can now make a comparison between rounds members actually play on a given date to the rounds posted for USGA handicap purposes for that given date. If you don't know how to use the computer to post scores, please ask for help.

Remember, we can only have a fair competition if all members correctly enter all scores. Men must be members of the Lake Valley Men's Association to be issued an USGA handicap (Fee included in Men's Association dues). The ladies fees for USGA handicaps are billed separately and may be paid at the Pro Shop.

DID YOU KNOW LAKE VALLEY HAS A GREENS

COMMITTEE? Well, we do. The committee was formed to help relay information between the members, Board of Directors and club management. The committee members are: Chris Day, Lora Balmer, Bobby Morris, Girlen McClanahan, Mike Herbert and David VonGuten. Please feel free to contact them if you have a suggestion, idea or question. Your input is very valuable to the efficient operation of **your** club.

Dan

From the Greenside:

May & June looks great to us. Remember starting Friday, May 23, 2003, we will be open on Friday & Saturday Evenings from 5 to 8 p.m. serving steaks to sandwiches!

Our Sunday Brunch continues with great reviews. We are averaging over 100 attending so far this season. Our special thanks to our members who are coming out after Sunday church service. Please encourage your Church groups to come out also. There is something really grand about breaking bread on Sunday with old friends & I can't think of a better place to do it then your Restaurant.

We enjoyed seeing many Grandparents and their Grandchildren out for last Saturday's Children's Easter Party.

Easter was spectacular with 254 people served. Thank you all again for coming out.

Our best wishes to an old friend Ruthie Osborn. Heal quickly Ms. Ruthie!

Remember Ladies Bunco on the third Thursday of every month. It has been quite a success thanks to Priscilla in the office.

Remember we are open for breakfast at 7:30 a.m. each morning.

Thanks,

Donald & Staff

Ladies Golf Association:

The Ladies Kick-Off Breakfast was the best it has ever been. The breakfast was **wonderful**. Thank you Don & staff for the great work. The weather was great for golf also.

Remember Thursday, May 1 is our Monthly meeting at 8:00 a.m with coffee and rolls. We will have an 18 hole Scramble/Mixer following . It will be an 8:30 Shotgun start. The color for the day is black and white.

Also, remember Member Guest Day is May 15th with registration at

8:00 a.m. Breakfast drinks and baked goodies will be provided. We will have a 2-person scramble with an 8:45 a.m. shotgun start. Awards luncheon will follow.

Mary Ann Rosner

President

Ladies BUNCO:

Thanks to all of the ladies who have been coming to Bunco. Our next one will be Thursday, May 15, 2003. Please sign up in the restaurant or call **BEFORE** Wednesday, May 14th so that we know how many to plan for. Also, please call if you are signed up and decide not to come. This will allow us to try and get someone to take your place.

Thanks!

Rules Corner:

Hello again, how's your golf game progressing? This month I am going to discuss a rule of the game that is often abused. I venture to say that most golfers don't even realize they are breaking a rule. Did you know that the USGA rules require you to play the same ball from tee to hole? The key word being "same". What does this mean to the average golfer? Well, have you ever known a golfer that uses a special ball to putt with? That's a rule breaker. Have you ever seen a golfer use one type of ball to tee off with and another type to hit into the greens? That's a rule breaker. How about the golfer who has a whole golf bag full of golf balls that are all different types and has trouble finishing a round without losing several. Somewhere during the round he's probably going to have to play a ball different from the ball he teed off with on hole #1. Yes, he too is a rule breaker. Wow, this rule sounds kind of harsh! Let's examine it a little closer.

Rule 15-1 says that a golfer may not change balls during the play of a particular hole unless he loses or damages it, if an animal or person steals it, or if someone else accidentally plays his ball and doesn't realize the error. In addition, the "one ball" condition is a local rule that is often used as an extension to rule 15-1 that declares that a golfer must play the entire round with the same type of golf ball.

Simply put, if you tee off on hole #1 with a Titleist Pro V-1, you must play all eighteen holes with a Titleist Pro V-1 ball. You may substitute a different ball between holes, but it must be a Titleist Pro V-1 ball (the number can be different). But what about the "putting" ball? If I use the same type of ball that I am playing the hole with it's ok, right? Have you substituted a ball? Did you make the substitution because of one of the above listed reasons? Then you already know the answer...NO!

What difference does it really make To most golfers, probably not much. But all games must have rules. The rule wouldn't be there unless someone, somewhere gained an advantage. How does this effect the average golfer? Well, unless you are playing in competition, it doesn't. But be careful, sometimes in competition we can do things out of habit without thinking of the consequences. If you practice by the rules, you won't have to worry about slip-ups in competition.

You will often run across strange occurrences during your trip around the course. If you don't know the proper procedures, be sure to ask you golf professional. The one thing I have learned about the rules of golf is that no one knows all the answers, but your golf professional will know where to find them if he/she doesn't know the answer. I encourage everyone to spend a buck and buy a Rule Book. It's really pretty interesting reading. Good luck to you all and remember to play by the rules, it's the only way to truly play the game!

Men's Golf Association:

Men's Monday Night League kicks off May 5th. Sign up if you haven't already...What a great place to be on Monday nights with your buddies!

If you plan to compete in MGA events this season..**YOU MUST turn in scores for all rounds played!**

Either enter your score on the computer or simply leave your scorecard at the Pro Shop counter & staff will enter the score for you.

Our "**Draft Tournament**" is in June...should be one of our top events of the season! We will be looking for "Team Captains" for this 2-Day, 4-Man, 2-Best Net Event. They will select their other 3 players at our **Draft Party** which will then be auctioned off that same evening. The Draft selections will be made along the lines of an "NFL Draft"...Captains will draw to see who drafts 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. Reverse

order in succeeding rounds. We will reward one volunteer captain with a **Drawing for a \$300 Cart Package**. Number of captains needed will be determined by the size of the field, I.E. 80 players, 20 teams...20 captains. First 20 people to sign up with Dan (DAN ONLY) will be our captains. Considering the Cart Package Drawing, it's the fair way to handle it.

Hopefully, we'll need 30 captains!!

John Stephens

