

October 2003 Newsletter

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From the Board of Directors:

The golf course still looks great. Hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful weather playing some golf here at Lake Valley. We have a lot of good golf weather left this season. Try and get out and enjoy our course.

Alex and his crew did some top dressing this week.

We are planning on doing a lot of improvements to the course in the winter months to come.

Welcome to our new members, George & Shirley Robertson.

Any questions or concerns, be sure to call me or any other board member.

See you on the course!

Mac Green, President

Pro Shop:

UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

September 29 - MASA Golf Tournament (12:00 shotgun start)

October 2 - Ladies Golf Association Season Finale

October 4 - Kelley Fall Classic Golf Event (course closed a.m.)

October 6 - Men's Golf Association Scramble & Awards Dinner (4:30 p.m.)

October 13 - Camden County Museum Benefit Golf Event

October 29 - Men's Senior Scramble Season Finale

REMINDER: With the coming of the Fall season we will soon return to "cart path only" status. Be sure to stop by the Pro Shop and sign a request for an orange handicap flag if you will need one

for the off season. The request must be presented to the Board of Directors for approval, so get your request in now. Requests must be approved each year.

PLEASE HELP take care of your golf course. You can help by using the sand provided to fill divots, repairing any ball marks that you find on the greens and by removing the ball from the hole carefully. All help is greatly appreciated. A few seconds of effort by everyone can save several days of turf healing time. Your efforts really do make a difference. Thank you!

FALL MEN'S MONDAY TWILIGHT GOLF EVENTS SEASON FINALE is scheduled for October 6th. The final event will be a 4-Man Blind Draw Scramble with a 4:30 p.m. shotgun start. The event will be 9 holes and feature a few twists. Be sure to sign-up in the Pro Shop ahead of time. The cost, as usual, will be \$5.00 per player. Then plan to stay after the event for an optional fine steak dinner and awards presentation. We will need a head count for dinner so please sign-up in the Pro Shop if you are going to stay for steak. We look forward to seeing all of you on this evening.

PRO SHOP SALES - Be sure to stop by the Pro Shop and take advantage of the Fall clearance specials and also check out the Fall fashions. Don't forget to get all your winnings cashed in before the end of the year. If you don't see what you want, let us know and we will do our best to help you find the desired item. It's never too early to start thinking about doing your holiday shopping. The Fall is a great time to find those deals that will make your loved ones smile.

THE MEN'S SENIOR SCRAMBLE EVENTS ON WEDNESDAYS will continue through the month of October. Don't forget that there will be a special prize awarded to the senior who earns the most for the year. The following players are leading the pack currently:

John Krause - \$98.50

Bob Renaud - \$95.50

Jim Krupa - \$72.00

Be sure to mark your calendars for the final events to take advantage of your last few chances to add to your winnings.

SCOREBOARD:

Congratulations to all the winners in this year's [Ladies Club Championship](#) held on September 10th & 11th.

Overall champion - 18 holes - Girlen McClanahan

Championship Flight (Gross)

Girlen McClanahan - 157

Janice Ohmes - 182

Championship Flight (Net)

Raelene Derrieux - 144

Emily Storey - 150

Marilyn Daniels - 151

Mary Anne Schleicher - 154

Marilyn Reilly - 159

Low Putts - Raelene Derrieux

A-Flight (Gross)

Gayle Crawford - 189

Jeanette Schrader - 191

A-Flight (Net)

Marge Sromek - 141

Louise Mundwiler - 144

Cecelia Jones - 150

Jan Kennedy - 153

Marianette Allen - 156

Low Putts - Marge Sromek

B-Flight (Gross)

Mary Krupa - 226

Elaine Voight - 246

B-Flight (Net)

Judy Morris - 160

Shirley Kennedy - 177

Enid Westhoff - 186

Low Putts - Enid Westoff

9-Hole Champion - Kay Jones

Gross Division:

Kay Jones - 117

Annita Watts - 121

Net Division:

Nancy Hanks - 83

Betty Dailey - 87

Elsie Dechant - 110

Low Putts: Nancy Hanks

CONGRATULATIONS to all the winners in this year's LVCC Couples Championship held on September 21st:

OVERALL CO-CHAMPIONS:

George & Raelene Derriex

and

Dennis & Dianne Blake

Net Division Results:

George & Raelene Derriex - 62

Dennis & Dianne Blake - 62

Ralph & Emily Storey - 63

Dale & Sara McElwee - 65

Howard & Gayle Crawford 65

Jim & Mary Krupa - 65

Gross Division Results:

Ben & Sharon Salls - 71

Gerry & Girlen McClanahan - 75

Chris Day & Jeanette Day - 77

See you in the Pro Shop!

Dan

From the Greenside:

A special thank you to all who made the Fall Fashion Show a success. A good crowd, good food & a nice evening. We hope to have two Fashion Shows next year. One in the Spring and one in the Fall.

The Annual Harvest Dance is Saturday, October 11th. Please sign up. The music is by John Sumners & the Country Sounds. Only \$15.00 per person for food & dance. Please see flyer in newsletter for more information.

We have signed Jackie Newton for a great New Year's Eve. So many enjoyed her music and entertaining at the Luau that we were asked to have her back again and she is - New Year's Eve!

Please remember to reserve your date for a Christmas Party. Several dates are still available.

The Sunday Brunch is still bringing in great crowds. Please come out and enjoy.

Also remember that we are open for Breakfast & Lunch. Look forward to seeing each of you & your guests.

Don & Staff

The Rules Corner:

This month's topic will center around the equipment we use to play this silly (oops, I mean wonderful) game. The U.S.G.A. devotes an entire rule (No. 4) to golf clubs and another (No. 5) to the golf ball. If that isn't enough for you, appendix II offers you nine more pages of text and diagrams on golf clubs and appendix III gives one more page of text on the golf ball. I don't believe the U.S.G.A. ever heard that story about beating a dead horse into the ground. Still, these are things we must be aware of if we are going to enter a competition somewhere.

Let's start with the golf clubs we use. Rule 4 basically tells us that the golf clubs we use must conform to certain specifications and standards which have been established by the U.S.G.A. But what about technology? I'm sure you have all heard instances concerning non-conforming golf clubs. Drivers that hit the ball too far, square grooves on irons that make the ball spin too much, etc. This has become a real problem for the game of golf in the last twenty years. The U.S.G.A. claims that technology is threatening the integrity of the game. They have very rigid guidelines and are not willing to budge. I think they are missing a very key point in the argument. That is, that less than 1% of golfers are truly good enough to threaten the game. The rest of us can greatly improve our scores and probably our enjoyment of the game. Is an 18 handicapper using a non-conforming super driver going to hit the ball so far that the courses will become too short? I doubt it. Nonetheless, we do need some standards with regards to the equipment used and for now the U.S.G.A. is the governing body that makes those standards. Some of the key portions of this rule that will likely confront us are: a) The playing characteristics of our clubs cannot be changed during a stipulated round by adjustment or application of foreign substances. Sorry guys, you simply cannot apply Vaseline to your club face to straighten out your slices. b) Clubs damaged in the normal course of play can be replaced during the round if it can be done in a timely manner. But this does not include a club that breaks due to it being thrown, tossed, beat on, or even leaned on (sorry Jim). c) Fourteen clubs is the maximum number allowed to be carried in your bag during the round. This rule will allow you to add clubs to get to the total fourteen. But you may not substitute clubs during the round even if the total remains the same. Probably the most famous instance of this rule being violated came just a couple years ago in the British Open when Ian Woosnam realized on the second tee that his caddie had not removed from the bag the extra driver Ian had been trying on the range prior to play. The two stroke penalty incurred took him out of contention and he never recovered. Yes, that's right, it wasn't even his fault. But the player is ultimately responsible.

What about the golf ball? Surely a golf ball is a golf ball, is a golf ball? Well, not according to the U.S.G.A. They have very rigid standards as to weight, size, and velocity. Most golf balls you

can buy conform to the rules. But beware, the latest, greatest, hottest off the golf ball press addition. Greg Norman was disqualified from a tournament a few years ago for using a new prototype ball that his sponsor failed to get certified by the U.S.G.A. Have you ever seen an advertisement in a paper or magazine for a secret golf ball that flies too far? Well, just remember that ball probably is not on the approved list of golf balls before you mail off a check for a dozen. Also remember that the manufacturer's test for too far may not apply to your golf game. Don't get me wrong. There is differences in golf balls and you can buy a golf ball that will improve your game. But I don't think the games integrity is in any danger. At least not from 99% of it's population. The most important things to learn from Rule #5 is when does a ball become unfit for play and when can you substitute another for the ball in play? What about a putting ball? Nope, sorry you cannot use a special ball for putting only. What is the "one ball" rule we hear about? Simply stated, the rules require you to play the same type of ball for the entire round. You cannot tee off with a low spin distance ball and switch to a high spit soft cover ball for hitting into the greens. That darn U.S.G.A. just takes all the fun away.

Be sure to check out Rules #4 & 5 in the rule book and appendix II and appendix III for even more information than you ever wanted to know about the equipment we use. Then go out and enjoy your next game of golf knowing that for most of us it really doesn't matter that much. The equipment still is only as good as the user no matter how inventive we become. The game of golf is truly not in danger from technology!

Dan

Ladies Golf Association:

Congratulations to the winners of our Ladies Club Championship. (Results are under Pro Shop news).

We also wish to congratulate the winners who played in the Missouri 2-Person Scramble at Season's Ridge Golf Club on September 16 and 17. Championship Flight, 2nd place - Girlen McClahan and Margaret Davis, A-Flight, 2nd place - Marilyn Reilly and Jeanne Hindman, C-Flight, 3rd place - Jan Cizek and Terri Griffen. It's so nice to see our ladies participating state wide.

Don't forget to sign up for our Ladies Awards Luncheon on October 2nd. Jeanette Schrader is our chairperson and she will be glad to answer any questions you may have. We will start off with coffee and rolls at 8:30 a.m., followed by a mystery round of golf (this is for everyone). Lunch will be served at 1:00 p.m. Hope to see a large crowd.

Our Ladies Christmas Party will be on December 4th. Please mark your calendars for this day.

Although this has been a short presidential term for me, I have been very delighted with the wonderful response and support everyone has given to me. Thanks for everything.

Janice Ohmes

Men's Golf Association:

October 6, Monday night, circle this one on your calendar. It is our closing day event for the season! 9 holes of "4-Man Scramble" golf followed by steaks by Paulie and some season ending awards. Free keg of beer compliments of your MGA...come on out for a fun evening!!

"**Monday Night League**" wrapped up the season with almost to close to call standings! Season ending playoffs were followed with a good steak for the guys & "braggin rights" kind of action in the clubhouse to wrap up a fun summer!

Club Championship...Congratulations to Ben Salls!

Welcome new MGA committee members for next year: Steve Butterfield, Ben Salls & Larry Shoemaker.

Looking to next year...we'll be sitting down soon to look back on this season to see where we may want to make changes to improve upon what we're doing..got any thoughts?? Pass them on to us so we can be sure to consider them, simply mention them to any committee member & thanks!

Season's winding down..we want to take this opportunity to thank some people who have helped make our season what it's been. Dan & staff in the Pro Shop, Don & Paulie & their staff along with Priscilla who has helped behind the scenes!!! Can't forget Alex & staff for their efforts regarding the course.

Thanks Guys...your committee members give their time and do their best to build a good Men's program to enhance your enjoyment. Let them know it if you appreciate what they are doing: Carl Hubbell, Dennis Jones, Jim Krupa, Gerry McClanahan, Doug McDaniel, Dick Mundwiller, Ralph Storey, Dennis Schubert & Dan Robertson.

John Stephens - MGA

MEMBER APPRECIATION COCKTAIL PARTY: Sunday, November 2nd, 2003 we are having a Member Appreciation Cocktail party with complimentary appetizers & cash bar! We will show special recognition to our past Presidents and our Charter Members. Please try to attend.