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From the Board of Directors:

The 2004 calendar year is rapidly drawing to a close. Winter is approaching and golfing at Lake Valley has slowed down considerably. We trust that you were able to play many rounds of golf this year. Maybe we will have a few more golf days before the new year.

The staff will continue to work throughout the off season. We hope to spruce up the facilities and continue to improve the golf course. Some of the projects include repairs to cart paths, an additional tee box on number four, the planting of additional trees, plus general maintenance required each year. We hope that these tasks will make Lake Valley an even better place to play golf and use our other facilities.

In closing I would like to take advantage of this opportunity to thank each of you for your support during the time I have served as President of the Board of Directors. It has been an honor and a privilege to represent the members of Lake Valley. I will continue to count on your support as I represent you as a board member. Again, Thank You!

Mac Green, President

Board of Directors:

- President—Mac Green
- Vice President—Chris Day
- Secretary—Chris McElyea
- Treasurer—Jim Krupa
- Jim Besancenez
- Fred Goldman
- Janice Ohmes
- Dennis Schubert
- John Watts

The Pro Shop Staff wishes everyone a very Happy Holiday Season and a big thank you for another great year!

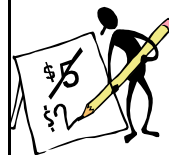


HOLIDAY PRO SHOP

SALES – Be sure to stop by the Pro Shop and take advantage of the clearance specials and also check out the new fashions. Don't forget to get all of 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 find the desired item.

Holiday shopping offers you a great way to use up those winnings balances.



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Happenings at Lake Valley

SCOREBOARD

Congratulations to all of the winners in the Mission Impossible Tournament (November 20th)

Gross Division:

Tie 1 st Place – Chris Day	81
Blake Kelley	81
3 rd Place - Dudley Day	89

Net Division:

1 st Place - Bob Renaud	67
Tie 2 nd Place -Omer West	68
Dennis Schubert	68
Janice Ohmes	68
Ron Burnau	68
Dan Robertson	68
Tie 7 th Place -Andy Willoughby	69
Bill Krupp	69
Mike Herbert	69
Dennis Jones	69
Diane Robertson	69
Jim Williams	69
Ken Johnson	69
Derek Leiferman	69
Bud Quinn	69
Carl Hubbell	69
Paul Swercinski	69

Closest to the Hole Winners:

Hole # 2 – Ray Geiger

Hole # 5 – Dudley Day

Ladies Golf Association:

Reminder: The Ladies Association is having their Annual Christmas Luncheon Thursday, December 9, 2004. All Lake Valley ladies and their guests are invited to come and enjoy lunch and entertainment by the Bel Cantos. Call the restaurant and make reservations.

Happy Holidays!

Marge Sromek

PLEASE HELP take care of your golf course. You can help by using the sand bottles provided to fill divots, by 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 can save several days of turf healing time. Your efforts really do make a big difference. Thank you!

MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION:

The MGA Board lost two of its members recently. Carl Hubbell will become a member of the Lake Valley Board of Directors and is the third MGA board member to make this move. Ralph Storey, MGA Treasurer, is also retiring and we appreciate the efforts and hard work of both of them.



We are fortunate to have Bill Ossler and Fred Lowtharp joining the MGA Board for the coming year. Dan Paulson will take over the duties of treasurer and Dennis Jones will replace Dan

Paulson as secretary.

I would personally like to thank Dennis Jones for all the help he has given to assist in the success of the MGA.

In closing, I would like to say that our thoughts and prayers are with our board member George Derrieux and his family.

Steve Butterfield,
President



From the Greenside

Happy Holidays from Greenside.

As you all know the winter season has arrived and business is slowing down.

Our Sunday brunch is over for the year and will resume in the spring. A large thank you to all whom supported us in this past year.

Our restaurant hours for December will be Monday—Saturday 10:00am—2:00pm. On Sunday we will be offering sandwiches and hot dogs for golfers and visitors of the club.



We will be having one final social hour on December 8th. Appetizers and drink specials will be available, so please join us.

New Year's Eve is around the corner. Please make your reservation early as we could fill up fast. Either sign up in the restaurant or call 346-7213.

To all our friends and Lake Valley family.... The Greenside staff wishes you a wonderful, happy, and safe holiday.

REMINDER - we have returned to rough only status with golf carts. Be sure to stop by the Pro Shop and sign a request for 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 re-approved each year.



This years Christmas Theme

As you know many of us have our troops that serve our country on our minds this holiday season. As a way to honor them we have put a patriotic theme to our Christmas decorations this year.

The back dining room and restaurant area have a red, white, and blue look to them. We will be placing name cards on the tree to remind everyone who sees it of all the loved ones club members and employees have that need our thoughts and prayers this holiday season. If you would like a name put on our tree please stop by and fill out a card or call the restaurant and we will fill it out for you.

Address Changes & Phone # Changes:

Steven Myers—274 Minnow Brook Estates Phone 346-2468

Mike & Cindy Otradovec—270 Country Club Shore Rd, Camdenton

Jack & Machir Dickerson—12 Willow Creek Rd, Camdenton

Greg & Kathy Hueste—43 Meri Lane, Camdenton

Barb Thomason—131 Rock Dove Lane, Unit 2-B, Camdenton

C.C. & Dorothy Blair—97 Fairway Circle, Camdenton

Gene & Polly Ellis—542 Cedar Glen Dr., C-3, Camdenton



RULES CORNER

This month's topic is one of the most abused and least understood rules of golf: Rule 8-1, Advice. During any given round there is often a few innocent breeches of this rule and the players have little or no clue that they have broken a rule. Rule 8-1 reads, "During a *stipulated round*, a player must not:

- (a) give *advice* to anyone in the competition playing on the *course* other than his partner, or
- (b) ask for *advice* from anyone other than his *partner* or either of their *caddies*.

The following is a list of occurrences that typically happen on the course. Your job is to determine which of these events would be penalized for *advice*?

1. A player asks his fellow competitor how far from the green his ball is?
2. A player before playing his tee shot watches his fellow competitor hit a beautiful shot on the par three fifth hole and asks what club he used for the shot?
3. A player hits his tee shot onto the green on a par three hole then comments that he hit that 5 iron really well?
4. A player trying to be helpful expresses to his fellow competitor that he thinks the reason he is struggling today is that he is over swinging?
5. A player arrives at his ball only to find it in a very difficult spot. He isn't sure whether to try and play the shot or not when his fellow competitor suggests "that if it was his ball he would declare it unplayable"?
6. A player after watching his fellow competitor putt on a similar line asks if his ball broke to the right?
7. A player trying to determine what club to use on a severely downhill hole asks his fellow competitor if the shot usually plays one or two clubs different?
8. On an extremely windy day a player hits a shot into the green before his fellow competitor and comments that he really hit that 7 iron hard and it still came up short?
9. A player trying to avoid asking about a club selection and incurring a penalty for breach of Rule 8-1 looks into a fellow competitor's golf bag to determine what club he is using for a particular shot. In so doing, he has to remove a towel and move around some clubs to see what club is missing out of the bag?
10. A player finds his ball in the same bunker as a fellow competitor. The fellow competitor hits his shot first and catches it thin knocking it over the green. He comments that "there wasn't much sand under his ball which caused the poor shot"?

Do any of these things sound familiar? Have you done any of these things during a round? Well, if you said that all of these things were breeches in Rule 8-1 you were correct. Most of the time we are simply trying to be helpful when breeches occur. So, when you are in competition be careful what you say and how helpful you are to your friends and fellow competitors. This can sometimes be a hard lesson to learn. Until next month, good luck and good golfing!

CLUB HISTORIAN

The catalpa tree on #14:

Many times I've heard the comment made that we should cut down that nasty old tree on the left side of #14 fairway, and newcomers don't understand what the big deal is about the tree. I don't know that I can give you a specific reason that the tree is revered, but it is a landmark at LVCC, serving both as a functional part of the golf course by guarding the corner of the dog leg, but mostly it is a unique tree that has earned the right to remain as long as possible.

When I joined LVCC in 1980 the tree stood nearly upright. It had a fairly serious lean to it, but not more than many other trees we have. The unique thing about this tree is that it never fell to the position its in now, it just slowly lowered itself until it finally reached the ground. Every year it seemed the tree would be a little closer to the ground than the year before.

I remember a time, probably in the late 1980's, when the tree was laying nearly parallel to the ground, but about four feet above the ground. One Tuesday my usual group was playing and one of our guys hit his tee shot just short of the tree. He had a clear shot under the tree, but he was close enough that he would obviously hit the tree on his follow through. We tried to tell him that he was going to hit the tree, but in his most defiant way he told us "No, I'm going to hit the ball and then stop right there!" while showing us the point at which he planned to stop his full 5-wood swing. We all stepped back a way and let him go. Sure enough, he made great contact with his

Power-Bilt persimmon 5-wood, and the ball flew toward the green. Of course, as we expected he wasn't able to stop his follow through quite as quickly as he thought, and the shaft hit the tree and very neatly broke into two pieces. The golfer was Jim Noel, and he's no longer with us, but I'm reminded of him every time I pass the tree.

We're not the only ones who have noticed the unique character of the tree. The tree is enough of a landmark that a few years ago, probably 6-10 years ago, one of the Kansas City golf magazines ran a photo of it with a "Where is this?" contest. I believe the winner received a complimentary round of golf at one of the KC golf courses. Rumor has it that our catalpa tree is among the oldest such trees in Missouri. I don't have any facts to back that up, but it does add to the lore. Maybe the tree knows whether the Laughlin's guns were dumped into the cistern?
Dennis Jones

CARTS in ROUGH ONLY until Spring 2005

Thanks go out to John Watts and Fred Goldman, who will finish 3-year terms on the Board of Directors with the December meeting. Thanks also to Mac Green, who also finishes his 3rd year but was re-elected to another 3 year term.