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Board of Directors:

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From the Board of Directors:

The Lake Valley Board of Directors met Monday, December 15, 2003. This was the first meeting with our new members. We had several important items to discuss.

One of the first issues to discuss was the problem of slow play. No conclusion was made except to urge all of our members to be as courteous as possible. Our pros will also be working with everyone to improve the flow of play.

As many of you are aware, dues for the upcoming year are set at the December meeting. It was decided that this year it is in the best interest of the club to approve the automatic increase in dues by \$3.00 per month. This should increase our revenues by approximately \$12,000.00. While this will certainly not solve our financial problems it will help. We hope that this increase does not adversely impact anyone.

After reviewing all that we would like to do in the kitchen and the restaurant area, the board decided it would be best to wait on installing new carpet. We have a long list of cleaning and repair work to do in those areas.

In addition, the Men's Association has bought a Big Screen TV to be installed in the bar/dining area. We appreciate their contribution and look forward to the installation of the TV. Our membership should benefit greatly.

The **Board Officers for the 2004** year were selected as follows:

President - Mac Green
V. President - Chris Day
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I appreciate the opportunity to serve the membership again in 2004. We have a good

board and staff. Working together we will insure that Lake Valley remains the "best".

We wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous and healthy New Year.

Mac Green,
President

Pro Shop:

The Pro Shop staff wishes to thank the membership for a wonderful year and hopes everyone has a Happy 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 request forms are available in the Pro Shop and need to be approved by The Board of Directors before you can use a handicap flag.

Pro Shop Credit? Time is running out! Cash in your winnings before December 31st to prevent losing the credit. This is a good time to stop by the Pro Shop and take advantage of the end of year clearance specials. Specials are being added regularly to clear out inventory and to offer the members a special opportunity to save on top merchandise.

Reminder - Although the off season sees a dramatic decrease in the number of players on the golf course, everyone still needs to be aware of and courteous to the other players. Be sure to allow faster groups to play through and use the same good golf etiquette that you expect from others. Thank you for your consideration.

Golf Groups - If anyone knows of a group looking for a golf course for their event next season, please let us know. We are currently setting the golf schedule for 2004 and dates are filling in quickly. Thank you for your help.

Have you checked your golf grips lately? This is the time of year to replace old worn out grips and get prepared for the coming golf season. Be sure to drop by the Pro Shop and select a grip style. If we don't have it, we can order it for you and have your clubs ready to go when the weather breaks. Sweeps can be used to replace grips if you can't figure out anything else to use your winnings to purchase.

Driving range passes expire December 31st! Be sure to make arrangements to renew or acquire your range plan for 2004. The cost is \$100 for an individual and \$175 for a family plan. The plan gives you unlimited range ball use for the entire calendar year. Drop by or call the Pro Shop today.

A "Rules of Golf" Seminar is being offered on January 20, 2004 at Twin Oaks Country Club in Springfield, MO. The 2004 rule changes will be addressed, as well as, a number of other rules that we all struggle to understand. The cost for the event is \$35 per person which includes lunch and materials. Drop by the Pro Shop and pick up an enrollment form. Deadline to enroll is January 16th. I hope to see you there.

Happy Holidays!

Dan

From the Greenside:

To all our members who have been so supportive in 2003. We will be closing the restaurant from January 1 through February 16th, for renovation and maintenance. Sandwiches will be available in the bar weather permitting.

New Year's Eve - We are still excepting reservations for our New Year's Eve Party until December 27th for our members and their guests. Only \$75 per couple with a special dinner, breakfast & entertainment.

There is a Super Bowl party in the works for Sunday February 1st. More information next month. Call Paul in Restaurant if interested.

Poker Night will be Tuesday, January 13th at 6:00 p.m. Get your group together and call for table reservation.

During the holidays we had several groups that needed a piano for their parties. We had to get a loaner. If anyone has a good piano that they would like to donate to the club, it would be very much appreciated.

Looking forward to 2004!

Don & Staff

Men's Golf Association:

As 2003 comes to a closethanks for your participation, we've all had a great time! Together we accomplished a great deal, including a greater awareness of the importance of posting our scores and improving the competition in this great game! We have had a

couple of meetings to review the year and begin planning for "04"..we're going to repeat many things and try a few new ones to make for a fun season.

Monday Night League: We will continue using all tees in the same manner as 2003. The committee felt there was interest in having the option of some people wanting to "compete" by "playing the ball down". In "04" you will have **two divisions**. 1) One will play the ball up and 2) the other will play it down. You will be asked to "declare" at the beginning of "League Play" which way your team will play it. Make the right decision, you will not be allowed to go back & forth through the season, whatever your decision, it's for the season. Our League season will be same length as it was in 2003. We will have some special "Monday Night" events in September including possibly one event with the Ladies as a mixed event.

Thursday Night Events: We are exploring the idea of having a monthly "9 Hole" event, possibly a fun one, usual format, etc.

Rules Seminar: Some interest has been expressed in the MGA hosting this seminar. We may want to include the Ladies Golf Association if they would like to join in...more work to be done on this one.

Kick-Off Breakfast & Opening Event will be in late April. More to follow.

Big Screen TV - You will be pleased to know that our MGA finances are in good order. As we wound down the year we realized that we would have some excess funds and decided that we would like to take those funds and buy the club a gift that would benefit all members. After much discussion, we decided that a big screen TV would be the best idea. We purchased a 53 inch Hitachi and it should be delivered soon. It will be located on the north wall in the room adjacent to the bar area, making it possible to view from the bar area and the room adjacent. Wouldn't be surprised to find out that Don is already thinking about a "Super Bowl Party". Why not a "Master's Weekend" involving golf & a clubhouse party while we view the "Masters" with friends??

HAPPY HOLIDAYS & BEST WISHES FOR A HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR FROM YOUR MGA!

John Stephens, MGA

Ladies Golf Association:

The Ladies Christmas Luncheon was wonderful. The weather was great and the turn out was really good. Thanks to Raelene Derrieux & Enid Westoff for their decorations. Also

thanks to Don and staff for the wonderful lunch. Everyone seemed to enjoy.

Have a wonderful Holiday from all of us!

Mary Krupa, President

Men's Stag Committee:

A thank you for the Stag Committee Chairmen for making 2003 a good successful year.

We had a total of 859 members and 43 guests, for a total of 902 for 2003.

We have had a lot of other good workers and chairman in the past; too many to name. The best deal in town, \$35 a year, and most months drinks are free and paid for by local businesses. Be sure to thank them.

Members of Lake Valley on a committee cost is \$10 a meal, and you are welcome to bring guests at \$5 a meal.

We could use some new members on the month of April, June & September; as of now we have an average of 18 on each month.

Thanks for all your support.

Bob Dickemann & Russ McDaniel