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From the Board of Directors:

Although it seems impossible, summer has turned into fall and the end of our golf season will soon be here. It has been a very enjoyable and interesting season. The weather has been unusual but for the most part it has been good golfing weather. Even though we are in our fall season, many golfing opportunities still exist.

One event we want to push is “Bring a Friend Day”. This will be October 2nd. The purpose of the event is to introduce Lake Valley to golfers who might consider making Lake Valley their golfing home. However, feel free to bring other friends if you want. The cost will be cart fee only.

At our last board meeting the board discussed the possibility of adopting a new Intermediate Membership policy. Hopefully at our next meeting we will be able to adopt this policy. The purpose of the policy is to encourage young members to join our club. If you have any thoughts or suggestions, please contact Dan or a board member.

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Janice Ohmes
Dennis Schubert
John Watts

In closing, we would like to say “thank you” to Dan, Alex, and all of the staff at Lake Valley. Without their efforts the season would not have been the success that it has been.

See you at Lake Valley.

Thank You!

Mac Green, President

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

September 27	Ladies Senior Scramble Finale
September 27	MASA Golf Tournament (12:00 Shotgun start)
September 30	Ladies Member-Guest Tournament
October 2	Member "Bring a Friend Day"
October 3	Men's Golf Association FALL BLOWOUT Tournament (1:00 Shotgun start)
October 4	Missouri 50 Plus Golf Association Event (9:30 Shotgun start)
October 7	Ladies Golf Association Season Finale
October 9	Kelley Fall Classic Benefit Tournament (8:30 Shotgun start)
October 11	Camden County Museum Benefit Tournament
October 16	"For Singles Only" Golf Outing (12:00 Shotgun start)
October 23	Kids Harbor Benefit Event
October 27	Men's Senior Scramble Finale

**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 :

Fred Lowtharp	\$77.75
Denny Blake	\$77.75
Carl Hubbell	\$72.00
Jim Grantham	\$65.25
Harold Schleicher	\$62.25
Jerry Riga	\$61.75
Lee Creech	\$60.00

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

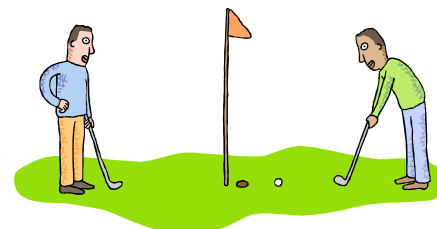
"BRING A FRIEND DAY"

October 2nd has been selected for this new membership promotion. Most of us know an area resident that loves to play golf and may



be looking for a course to join. Be sure to invite them out to Lake Valley on October 2nd and show them exactly what we have to offer. Prospective members accompanying current members will be allowed to play the course for only cart

fees on this date. Remember that any member securing a new member receives \$100 worth of club credit for your recruiting efforts. We hope that this event and others to follow will help you persuade your prospective members to join our club.



Saturday October 2nd

"Member Bring a Friend Day"

From the Greenside

Fall is here, the days are shorter, and many of our members are preparing to leave for the winter. We want to have a few casual gatherings before our snowbirds fly away.

We will be having a social hour on the second & fourth Wednesday of October. Appetizers will be provided and we will have drink specials available from 5 to 7 p.m. Mark your calendars for the 13th and 27th of October.

Note: The George Barker Men's Golf Dinner was changed to November 10th. The calendar was already printed when this got changed.

Our calendar is quickly filling up for December. Be sure to call if you would like to reserve a date for your Christmas party.

Dianne and the Greenside staff



We are looking for a **washer & dryer, in good condition, for the restaurant. If anyone has one that they would like to donate please call Dianne in the Restaurant. ***

MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION FALL BLOWOUT EVENT

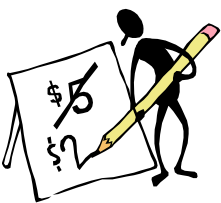
Sunday October 3rd is the date of the final Men's Golf Association event for 2004. This will be an 18 hole handicapped Two-Man Shamble event with a 1:00 shotgun start. The entry fee for this event is only \$20 and you may pick your own partner. There will be several special contests during and food following the event that is included in your entry. Be sure to sign-up now in the Pro Shop. Don't miss out on the last event of the year!

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 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.



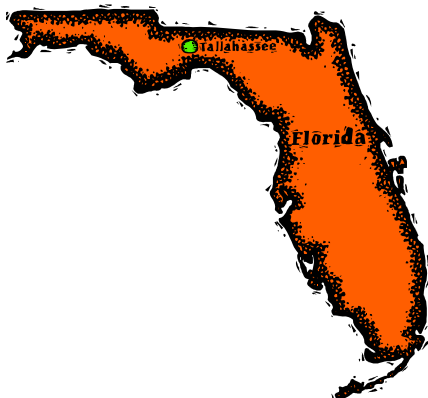
FALL PRO SHOP SALES – Be sure to stop by the Pro Shop and take advantage of the Fall clearance specials and also check out the new Fall fashions. Don't forget to get all of your winnings cashed in before the end of the year. If you don't see what you want, let us know and we will do our best to help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



Lake Valley Golf Outing in Florida—February 2005

Planning is underway for the third Annual Winter Golf Outing for Lake Valley members and friends. The event will be at Cypress Head Golf Club in Port Orange, Florida on Monday, February 28th. As in the past years the format will be a four-person scramble beginning at 12:30 p.m. followed by a cash bar at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Country Club banquet room. Golf cost will be \$38.00 per person, \$3.00 of which is prize money. Cost for the dinner will be \$22.00 per person including tax and gratuity.

Port Orange is three miles south of Daytona on I-95 and Cypress Head is a five minute drive from the interstate. Detail information about lodging options and directions to help find the course will be provided later.

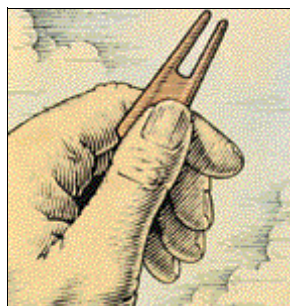


Please let us know as soon as possible if you plan to play and join us for dinner. We will need to pay for golf and dinner by February 1st, so please reserve your place and pay us before that date. You may contact Ray Geiger and Mary Ann Austin at 573-348-4647 or Ray's cell #573-480-5114 or you can call Jim & Jeanette Schrader in Florida at 386-738-2896.

If you want to pay now please make checks payable to Ray Geiger and mail in to #18 Golf Villa Dr. - Port Orange, FL 32128. Let us know if you need information about lodging in Daytona and Port Orange area.

Ray Geiger

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



How to fix a ball mark:

<http://www.gcsaa.org/resources/facts/ballmarks.asp>

RULES CORNER

This month we will look at something that really doesn't pertain to the Rules of Golf but does effect each of us on a daily basis. Course ratings and how they are figured. As some of you may know, Lake Valley's men's tees were recently re-rated by the Missouri Golf Association. This is nothing that hadn't been done before, but it was necessary due to the changes to the golf course in recent years. The U.S.G.A. Handicap system that we operate under is based on the ratings of all golf courses. These ratings allow you to take your handicap to another golf course and compete on a fair and even playing field. Without accurate course ratings handicaps could not be fairly adjusted when you travel to another course. Think for example of an 8 handicap golfer at Lake Valley vs. an 8 handicap player from Augusta National Golf Club. Who would you bet on? The course rating system allows our member to travel to Augusta National and have his/her handicap adjusted to account for the differences in course difficulty between here and there. Your handicap Index that was established here would likely entitle you to a few more strokes when playing Augusta National because of the difference in ratings. But what exactly do those ratings mean?

There are two different ratings that each course is measured by: *Course Rating* and *Slope Rating*. Simply put, *Course Rating* is directly related to the distances that the holes play to and the total distance of the golf course. While *Slope Rating* takes into account all the difficulties offered by the hole and the golf course as a whole and the recoverability from stray shots. So, the longer a golf course is in distance the higher the *Course Rating* number associated with the course. The more trees, sloping greens, bunkers, high rough, water hazards, narrow fairways and out of bounds the higher the *Slope Rating* given to the golf course. Now lets look at the old and new ratings for Lake Valley:

	OLD RATINGS		NEW RATINGS	
	<i>Course Rating</i>	<i>Slope Rating</i>	<i>Course Rating</i>	<i>Slope Rating</i>
Blue Tees	71.1	121	70.9	124
White Tees	69.3	118	69.5	122
Gold Tees	67.2	115	66.3	115

RATINGS BY NINES

	FRONT NINE		BACK NINE	
Blue Tees	36.0	129	34.9	120
White Tees	35.4	127	34.2	117
Gold Tees	33.7	120	32.6	110

So, what does all this mean to you, the golfer? Not a whole lot other than it definitely seems to settle the long running debate on which nine holes is tougher at Lake Valley. According to the ratings it seems that the front nine is just about a full stroke more difficult than the back nine and apparently has more trouble to get into if you stray off target. This probably doesn't surprise a lot of you, does it? It is interesting to see how the new greens, tee boxes, etc. have changed the playability of Lake Valley since the last course rating. Have fun with the numbers and we will see you next month.

SCOREBOARD:

Congratulations to all the winners in this year's Ladies Club Championship held on September 8th & 9th.

OVERALL CHAMPION – GIRLEN MCCLANAHAN**18 HOLE DIVISION****Championship Flight**

Gross 1st Place – Girlen McClanahan 161

Net 1st Place - Janice Ohmes 142

Net 2nd Place - Marilyn Daniels 146

Net 3rd Place - Michelle Waite 157

A Flight

Gross 1st Place - Sharon Salls 197

Net 1st Place - Mary Anne Schleicher 148

Net 2nd Place - Raelene Derrieux 150

Net 3rd Place - Sara McElwee 156

B Flight

Gross 1st Place - Marge Sromek 216

Net 1st Place - Louise Mundwiller 152

Net 2nd Place - Elaine Voight 153

Net 3rd Place - Pat Evans 160

9 HOLE DIVISION

Gross 1st Place - Kay Jones 116

Net 1st Place - Diana Sutherland 80

Net 2nd Place - Val Lieb 90

Net 3rd Place - Betty Dailey 91



REMINDER – THE DRIVING RANGE WILL BE CLOSED ON SUNDAY EVENINGS AFTER 6:00 PM IN ORDER TO PREPARE IT FOR MOWING EARLY MONDAY MORNING. PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY.

Ladies Golf Association:

Member's Guest day is Thursday, September 30th. Please sign up for it. If you need a guest, call Jan Cizek or myself.

The Awards Luncheon is on October 7th. We will have our regular meeting after the luncheon. Please sign up for golf & the luncheon in the locker room.



If you want to keep golfing on Thursdays, call in for a tee time. October is a very nice time to play golf.

We will have our Christmas Luncheon in December. I will post a date in the locker room. It will also be in the newsletter.

I will enjoy seeing all who can make it. Please invite your friends.
Marge Sromek, President.

Men's Golf Association:

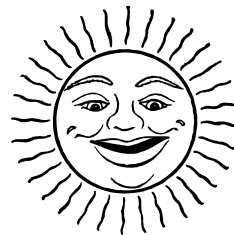
The 2004 golf season is winding down so this is a short report. The "Fall Blowout" is Sunday, October 3 and 1:00 p.m. and includes prize money, chili, hot dogs and beer, so please sign up and enjoy the last MGA event of the year. The MGA is still looking for a few members to join our board. This is an opportunity to bring new ideas to assist us in providing great programs for our members. After a little hiccup, the scoreboard will be completed in the near future, and we hope it will be a great addition for club events.

Steve Butterfield,
MGA President

**A NOTE FROM ALEX:**

It appears that the "cool & moist" portion of the summer of 2004 ended in August. September has been extremely dry. The monthly rainfall totals are as follows:

May—5.1 inches
June—4.15 inches
July—6.2 inches
August—6.6 inches
September— .1 inch



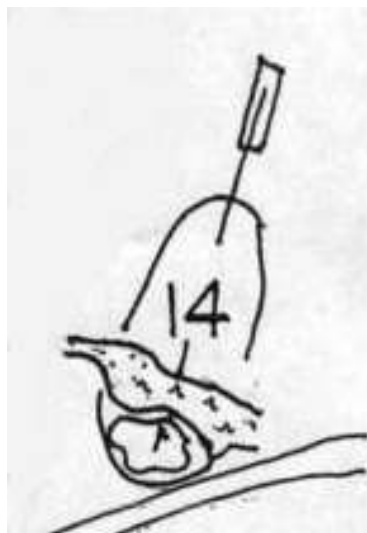
As a matter of fact, the course has gone 30 days with only .1 inch of rainfall! This has resulted in extensive use of the irrigation system. I will generally pump 300,000 to 400,000 gallons of water per night onto the golf course. Unfortunately, irrigation water just isn't the same as rainfall, but the course has held up quite well.

On a side note, I have had our staff rake and collect walnuts from around the course. I understand that some members like to pick them up so we have piled them where the "old" maintenance building is located behind the driving range. Anyone interested can check with myself or Dan if you would like some.

Alex

CLUB HISTORIAN: The Lake on #5

You step up to the tee of the fifth hole; a beautiful par 3 of 183 yards from the white tees. You've hit this shot a hundred times before, and its never an easy green to hit. In addition to the length, there's trees on the left side of the opening to the green, and trees on the right side of the opening, too. Even though the green is 28 yards wide, its only about 15 yards deep, so proper club selection is a must. The wind is usually in your face, but its hard to gauge whether it's a one-club or two-club wind. And, of course, there's the road running right behind you, and some idiot always yelling "fore!" just as you're about to hit. Even if you clear all the obstacles between you and the green, there's always that pesky little bunker in the right front corner. And now! **Where in the world did this lake come from!!!!**



Well, believe it or not, original drawings of the course include a lake in front of what is now hole #5. (at the time it was drawn as #14). Like many things, I suppose money kept it from being built during original course construction, but the idea comes up every now and again. The design of the lake had the dam about where the present walker's bridge is, and the lake was positioned basically from the present creek back toward the tee, meaning that if you could carry the current creek, you could also carry the lake.

Will the lake ever be built? Who knows. There are many who think it would be a great addition to the course—our architect included. It is not in the current Long Range Plan, however. We do know this—the original course design included a lake in front of what is now hole #5.

Dennis Jones

ADDRESS CHANGES

O'Dean & Delores Stover—357 West Lake Park, Camdenton, MO 65020

Bill & Verlee Edwards—New phone #873-3739

Jim & C.J. Blair—680 West Hwy 54, Camdenton, MO 65020

David Stout—1120 Silo Bend Dr., Wentzville, MO 63385