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**From the Board of Directors:**

As you may or may not have noticed, the staff is in the process of installing both a new Point of Sale system and an accounting system at the club. I want to thank all involved for all the time and effort that has been put in

over the past several months. The new systems are expected to be operational by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Our last board meeting was filled with the usual day to day operational aspects that we take care of each month. However three pieces of business did occupy a large part of our time.

First, the honoring of Charter members, some of which have reached the age and health, that they are no longer able to play golf on a regular basis. It was felt that we as a club owe a deep appreciation to these members. A special committee was formed to look into what we as a club can do to recognize and repay the Charter members for their years of dedication and service that helped insure the success of this club.

Second, A considerable amount of time was used discussing a Major change in the operation of the restaurant. We have contracted with a caterer to do major events at the club. This is "Weeds and Company". They come highly recommended and have some interesting and profitable events already scheduled at the club. There will be a transitional period that we have to honor before they become fully functioning. We are taking the memberships advice as indicated in the club survey done last year on moving to a catering situation for major events and at the same time making a commitment to make the "Bar and Grill" the best at the lake. I am sure there will be some "bugs" to be worked out but a solid commitment and a positive attitude by all concerned will make this a win-win situation.

Third, much discussion was concerning the purchase of a new roof on the cart barn. This is a decision that seems quite simple. The cart barn needs a

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new roof. We all agree on that. The question however, is what kind of roof? The best roofs are ones that are very attractive and have life spans that can reach 35 years while others last only 20 years don't look as nice, but are not as expensive. The question then is how best to spend the money if we as a club want, in the future, to update the clubhouse. Now before any of you call me, we are NOT proposing building a club immediately. We have set up a committee that is exploring all the possible ways of financing major capital improvements before we even consider a new clubhouse or the update to the one we have. Lets not get the cart before the horse. This decision on the cart barn is still being considered as we are still getting bids on the different kinds of roof.

I am including a personal thought from a publication your Board of Directors uses in helping make decisions that effect you, the membership. It helps explain the challenge we have.

**SPEAKING PERSONALLY: THE CHALLENGE OF THINKING YOUNG..** A while back a financial consultant to a member-owned private clubs told an audience of club executives, "If 25 percent or more of your members are over age 65 and they control the board of directors, you are going to have problems because they determine the direction of the club." He was taking the position that older leaders may see little need to plan far into the club's future because odds are they will not be there to enjoy it. Historically, most club leaders young and old have not had that attitude. Otherwise, few clubs would have survived beyond a generation or two. Yet there are instances, and you may have seen it in your club or a neighboring club, where the decision makers have such little interest in developing facilities and policies for future generations of members that the club is brought to near ruin.

It can be challenging for a board dominated by older members to think beyond the present. Just as their predecessors have done, however, and just as their successors hopefully will do, the board must fight the temptation to "let the young folks worry about it when they take over." Club fortunes, like other aspects of our lives these days, are changing so rapidly that no single administration can afford to sit on a decision that demands action-whether it's a commitment to update the clubhouse or a bold policy change that will make the club more relevant to current and prospective members.

We realize this is easy for us to say. We can preach, but our readers in the club trenches must take the initiative, often under pressure from and to the consternation of friends on the opposite side of an issue. It may require courage, but the club members who elected you felt you were up to the task.

From Eldon Miller Editor of THE PRIVATE CLUB ADVISOR:

*Dennis Schubert*

Board President

### **PRO SHOP MERCHANDISE**

Be sure to drop by your Pro Shop and see all the latest in golf fashion and equipment. New merchandise is arriving on a regular basis. Please 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.

### **MEN'S FOURBALL TOURNAMENT**

in May is nearly full. Be sure to get your names in now if you want to participate. This event normally fills up early so be sure not to miss out by waiting too long!

**UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

APRIL 6	MEN'S SENIOR SCRAMBLE OPENING DAY
APRIL 7	LADIES ASSOCIATION OPENING DAY
APRIL 11	LADIES SENIOR SCRAMBLE OPENING DAY
APRIL 13	WAL-MART BENEFIT TOURNAMENT (COURSE CLOSED A.M.)
APRIL 16	RULES OF GOLF SEMINAR (2:00)
APRIL 20	MIKE CIVILI GROUP (A.M.)
APRIL 22	GOEBEL GROUP (A.M.)
APRIL 23	GOEBEL AND COCHRAN GOLF GROUPS
APRIL 24	MGA KICK-OFF BREAKFAST & GOLF (COURSE CLOSED A.M.)
APRIL 25	GREENS TOP DRESSING (COURSE CLOSED A.M.)
APRIL 29	SOUTHERN MISSOURI CONTAINER GOLF GROUP (P.M.)
APRIL 30	SOUTHERN MISSOURI CONTAINER GOLF GROUP (A.M.)
MAY 1	SOUTHERN MISSOURI CONTAINER GOLF GROUP (A.M.)
MAY 2	MONDAY NIGHT MEN'S LEAGUE BEGINS (5:30)
MAY 5	LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION KICK-OFF EVENT

**MEN'S MONDAY GOLF LEAGUE** - May 2nd will be the start of the regular schedule for the 2005 Men's League. Team registrations are currently being accepted. This is a two-man team event, which uses handicap. This year teams will again be divided into two divisions, one will play the ball up and the other will play the ball down. Be sure to state your preference when you sign up. You and your partner may sign-up by calling the Pro Shop or by adding your names 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 the April 24<sup>th</sup> Kick-Off event. All league 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 league 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.

**TIRED OF HAULING YOUR EQUIPMENT AROUND IN YOUR CAR?**

Then sign up for a locker or bag storage slot at the club. We currently have a few spaces available for the coming season. Bag storage slots are offered for only \$45 and lockers for \$20 per year. Call ahead and your clubs will be loaded on a cart and ready to go when you get here. No more lifting and carrying and they won't be in your way when you need extra trunk space in your vehicle.

**LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION:**

Reminder: April 7, 2005 is our beginning day. Registration, with coffee & rolls, begins at 8:00 a.m. with an 18 hole Scramble/Mixer-Mystery Par 3 Event to follow. Hope to have a lot of ladies participate.

Our Kick-Off Breakfast is May 5, 2005 at 8:00 a.m. with a Mystery Par 3 to follow at 9:00a.m.

Dues for the 2005 year will be \$50 again this year. This can be paid by check or may be charged to your account. We hope to have a lot of ladies participate this year. We anticipate a great year.

All Lake Valley lady members are welcome to play with the Monday Ladies Scramble every week. We encourage you to come out and join us.

*Mary Anne Schleicher, President*

**RULES OF GOLF SEMINAR**

The Men's Golf Association is again sponsoring a "Rules of Golf" seminar on Saturday April 16th. This will be a rules seminar in brief that will focus on those everyday occurrences at Lake Valley.

The information will be delivered with a little levity and features some of our locals. The event is open to any Lake Valley members and yes, ladies are welcome to attend. We had a great turnout last year and we hope for an even bigger group this year.

**MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION:**

The KickOff event will be held Sunday April 24. There is a flyer in the newsletter with all the details, so please sign up. We will be using both white and gold tees this year. The hats have arrived and will be given to MGA members at the Kickoff.



The Rules Clinic will be Saturday, April 16 at 2:00 p.m. and will be illustrated with examples specific to our own course.

Finally, if you have not done so already, please sign up for Men's League which starts Monday, May 2nd.

*Steve Butterfield, President*

**From the Greenside:**

Finally spring is here!! We are starting a very busy month. More snowbirds are returning all the time, it's so good to see friends back.

The finishing touches are being made for the 50's party on the 16th of April.



This will be the first club function for our new caterer (Weeds and Company) so lets all sign up, show up, dance, and have a "fab" time.

Our DJ for the evening will be Mike Folk. Mike's specialty is 50's music so get ready to rock and roll. Please call and reserve your spot early.

Brunch has started back up, and of course we still have our regular card groups every week. The dining room activity is starting to pick up, and Colleen has returned on staff.

Stop and see what' on the menu for the day...

*Dianne and Staff*

**A NOTE FROM ALEX:**

I would like to welcome back all of the “snow birds”. It has been a busy winter season here at the golf course. We have completed several projects and are near completion on some others.

The zoysia is getting green and the bermuda isn't far behind. I'm hoping to open the fairways around mid to late April. We could use some warm weather to speed up the growth...Also, the lower driving range tee box has been aerified & seeded and will be re-opened by the arrival of the 4-ball tournament. We will use the upper tee only for now. Thanks for your cooperation.

The staff and I are looking forward to another great season at Lake Valley and we would like to thank you for all of the compliments.

*Alex*

**IT'S TIME TO TUNE-UP YOUR GAME**

Shake off the Winter rust with a refresher lesson or series of lessons to make sure your game is in tip top shape when Spring finally arrives. Contact Andi to reserve a time to get into the groove. Private and group lessons are available in single lessons or a series. Call the Pro Shop at 346-7218.

**ATTENTION SENIOR GOLFERS! -**

The start to the weekly Men's and Ladies Senior Scramble event schedule is rapidly approaching. We will begin play in early April. Look for the sign-up sheets in the Pro Shop. Be sure to get your name on the list to play. This is a great chance for new members to meet other members and enjoy a pressure free golf experience.

**THE SURVEYS HAVE BEEN TALLIED**

and as the early results showed, no major changes in the Wednesday Morning Men's Senior Scramble Program are desired at this time. However, we will try a few minor tweaks to the program this year. There were a large number of participants who want to see us play 18 holes a little more often and several people showed a desire to play a different format once in a while. Therefore, we have added a couple more 18-hole events throughout the year and we will try a format variation on three occasions during this season's schedule. A schedule will be handed out during the first event that lays out the upcoming year. Everything else will remain the same as in the past. We hope to see all the old faces and many new ones this year. Be sure to get signed up for the first event on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

**DISCOUNTS ON GOLF CARTS?**

Yes, golf cart packages are available to all members. Packages can be purchased in \$100 increments and they offer you a \$2 per use discount on your riding carts. The cart package balances also carry over from year to year and may be re-funded should you leave the club. You have nothing to lose and money to gain so sign-up today. Just call or drop by the Pro Shop to get set-up for the coming season.

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## **RULES CORNER**

In a recent visit to a U.S.G.A. rules seminar held in Springfield, the topic of golf course marking procedures was discussed and the U.S.G.A.'s representative offered some recommendations. Of particular interest to us was the discussion surrounding the marking of *water hazards* since we have several that come into play at Lake Valley. The basic U.S.G.A. policy looks at a particular body of water and determines if it is feasible to drop a ball under Rule 26-1b behind the *hazard* keeping the point it entered the *hazard* between the potential drop site and the *hole*. If the body of water is so configured as to make this relief procedure impractical they then will mark the body of water as a *lateral water hazard* (red). If relief is readily available under Rule 26-1b then the body of water is marked as a *water hazard* (yellow).

Immediately our hole # 18 was brought to mind with regard to the proper *hazard* marking for the ditch running along the dogleg on the left side of the hole. This particular ditch has been marked both red and yellow at various times throughout the years. If you consider the U.S.G.A. procedure it becomes clear that the proper definition of this ditch should be as a *water hazard* (yellow) because a player can readily take relief by dropping a ball under Rule 26-1b. This marking will eliminate a player's ability to take relief un-

der Rule 26-1c/ii, thus dropping on the green side of the ditch in certain situations. This procedure, although correct and allowable when the ditch was marked red, has always seemed to me like taking advantage of the rules.

The *Committee* at any golf facility is empowered to mark the golf course as it sees fit even if markings may not necessarily agree with U.S.G.A. recommendations. These course markings are considered fair because everyone in a particular competition will play them the same way. Thus making it very important to clearly define and mark a course's *hazards* to insure that everyone is playing them the same way.

On your next trip around the course be sure to take a look at the *hazard* definitions and think about the different relief options available for each *hazard* should you have the misfortune of ending up inside one of them. Remember that yellow lines and/or stakes define the boundaries of *water hazards* and red lines and/or stakes define *lateral water hazards*. Also be sure to become familiar with relief procedures contained in Rule 26-1 so that you know the different options available to you in taking relief. You will use this rule often, so learn it inside and out. Until next month...Good luck and good golfing!

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## **CLUB HISTORIAN:**

At the bottom of this page is a scan of the original design of our clubhouse. As you can see, it is quite different than what we have today.

The meeting room has changed only cosmetically over the years. The men's and ladies locker rooms shown below represent the portion that is "members only" today. The card room and meeting room are what is now the member's bar.

But the biggest changes are in the office area (originally bag storage) and the Pro Shop. The Pro Shop actually still occupies the same space, only now what used to be the entire pro shop is where the ladies apparel is at.

I personally don't recall bag storage being where it is indicated. My first recollections are that the area that is shown as bag storage was actually the snack bar—consisting of a soda dispenser, beer cooler, hot dogs and candy bars. I believe there were about 5 or 6 small tables

In 1984 our building was expanded on the side toward #1 tee, adding all of the basement, the restaurant area, and most of the pro

shop. The old kitchen was remodeled and incorporated into the new kitchen. The addition nearly doubled the size of our building.

Our facility isn't the best, and some day we will need to replace it. As you know, the Board is presently working on ways to provide a long range plan and funding to replace or update our facilities. But it has served us well for many years.

I've been told by Jerry Eidson, who was the building committee chairman when the clubhouse was built, that the decision was to build only as much clubhouse as was necessary, and to invest as much as possible in the golf course. Obviously, without a golf course a fancy clubhouse won't do you any good, and apparently the founders had visited a number of other facilities that had used the same FHA financing that we were using, and many had spent lots of money on facilities and wound up with 9-hole courses. Keep in mind that our entire operation; golf course, irrigation, club house, and swimming pool, was all built for \$350,000, including purchasing the land!

*Dennis Jones*  
Club Historian



### **RANGE PASSES**

Be sure to sign up for your 2005 Driving Range Pass. Individuals may purchase the plan for \$100 and families for only \$175. The range pass is good for the entire calendar year of 2005 and offers unlimited range balls for your practice needs. Just call or stop by the Golf Shop to get a plan in place.



### **LAKE VALLEY'S SCHOLARSHIP TOURNAMENT**



is scheduled for May 30<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to mark this date on your calendars to be part of this fund raising event. The format will again be a four-person flighted scramble. This event annually awards one deserving high school student with a scholarship to help them follow their higher education dreams. Your help is needed in making this event something truly special. If you would like to help out in any way, please contact Dan in the Pro Shop.

### **SPRINGTIME AT LAKE OF THE OZARKS**

has arrived. That means that weekends in particular will be very busy on the golf course. Be sure to set-up your tee times well in advance to avoid the inconvenience of not being able to get on the course when you show up to play. The upcoming event schedule listed above is provided to help you plan around special events at the club. There is plenty of room on the course if you plan ahead and remember to reserve a tee time. See you soon on the course!

### **THE MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION HOLE-IN-ONE CLUB**

is currently accepting sign-ups for the coming season. Sign-up sheets are available in the Pro Shop. Please don't add your name to the growing list of people who have missed out on getting rewarded for their perfect shot by forgetting to sign-up. The Hole-In-One club's season begins with the April 24<sup>th</sup> Kick-Off event and concludes with the October 2<sup>nd</sup> Fall Blow-Out event.

