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# Happenings at Lake Valley

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## From the Board of Directors:

First, I would like to thank the board for their support in naming me President of the board. I will try to do the best I can for the benefit of the membership and employees of what I feel is the best Country Club to which I have ever been affiliated.

Second, I want to thank Mac Green for his service as the past President and will look to him for guidance and insight in the problems facing the President in the future.

Third, I would like to outline what are some of the most pressing problems, in no particular order, that are facing the continued operation of the club and some possible solutions to these problems.

- A. Communication to the membership
- B. Committee responsibility of the board
- C. Responsibility of the membership
- D. Major future financial obligations that MUST be addressed

Looking at each of these problems:

### Board of Directors:

President—Dennis Schubert  
 Vice President—Chris Day  
 Secretary—Chris McElyea  
 Treasurer—Jim Krupa  
 Jim Besancenez  
 Mac Green  
 Carl Hubbell  
 Janice Ohmes  
 Tim Scott

### A. Communication-

-We have tried to address this problem through the use of this newsletter, e-mails, web site ([www.lakevalleygolf.com](http://www.lakevalleygolf.com)) and postings on the bulletin boards. If there are any other ideas that would help in communicating to the membership please give your ideas in writing to Dan or Andy for the board to take into consideration. I will also assign board members to the organizations that are presently formed in the club (i.e. Stag, MGA, and LGA) as a liaison to these organizations so the board's feelings can be communicated to these organizations at their meetings.

### B. Committee Board Responsibility.

In my past year on the board; I, and dare I say, most of the board, has been remiss in fulfilling some

of the committee requirements needed to get things done in a timely and proper manner. I will try to remedy this problem by demanding more reporting at board meetings. However, I personally would like you to know of the stellar work done and being done by our Treasurer, Jim Krupa, and his budget committee. The members should all give him a few pats on the back or better yet buy him a drink in the club.

### **C. Membership responsibilities---**

I am sure we all know that the course is better kept if the members repair their divots and ball marks, but members also have a responsibility to observe the organizational structure of the club. The bylaws give to the BOARD the general powers to conduct the business and affairs of the club. The members must realize that if they have concerns, the proper channel is to bring this concern to Dan, in writing, to be brought before the board for consideration. In the Bylaws, committees are to be formed "to investigate and make recommendations to the President and Board of Directors and to perform such duties directed and authorized by the Board of Directors." The club is blessed with over 300 members. Each having a lifetime of experience and expertise in many different fields. A past board member told me that a few years back this club was appraised at over \$8,000,000. It is with this in mind, that I am asking each member to fill out and return the attached form detailing your past experiences, so we as a board, can draw upon you for advice in managing this valuable asset for all concerned. Yes this may cause you to be assigned to a committee that will be chaired by a board member.

### **D. Major financial concerns---**

There presently is no greater concern in my opinion facing this club than the aging of the buildings and major operational equipment. The clubhouse is 37 years old and was built in a piecemeal fashion. The cart barn has seen better days. The pool house is badly worn. The irrigation pump and system is 17 years old and has an expected life span of 20 years. These are major capital expenses that cannot be ignored. A plan to replace these structures and equipment must be devised. As soon as we receive your forms, a committee will be formed to "investigate and make recommendations to the President and Board of Directors" to solve this problem.

I hope this gives you some idea in how we as a board will conduct the business of the club and some of the concerns we have for the future of the club.

Sincerely,  
Dennis Schubert

### **ATTENTION MEN'S WEDNESDAY SENIOR SCRAMBLE PARTICIPANTS**

We are looking for new ideas and suggestions to improve this popular event and hopefully increase attendance next season. Please contact Dan or Andi with your thoughts. We will be circulating a survey on the subject in the near future and would like to include everyone's ideas.

*"Sometimes, its better if you whiff."*

Dan Robertson; after a player's tee shot on #9 hit a tree by the ladies tee and bounced back into the trees to the left of #9 tee.

### **Attention Junior Golfers:**

The Gateway PGA administers a Junior Golf summer program for boys and girls, ages 6-19. It's an excellent opportunity for future champions to make new friends, play new courses and gain valuable competitive experience. There are divisions for boys and girls in all ages and skill levels. If you are just getting interested in the game or want to take your game to the next level, the Gateway PGA has a division perfect for you. The Junior Program conducts over 100 tournaments each summer, at courses and clubs throughout the area. For more information, contact Gateway PGA Junior Director Carol Fromuth at 636-230-5833 or email her at [cfromuth@pgahq.com](mailto:cfromuth@pgahq.com).



### **TIME FOR A LESSON?**

How about giving the golfer in your life a series of lessons to start off the new golf year? You can purchase a series of four half-hour golf lessons for only \$100. See Andi for details.

**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!



### **Ladies Golf Association:**

For us who stay at the Lake in the winter months, we say to our fellow golfers & friends, have warm days and lots of sunshine. Those who leave us, be safe and hurry home! We have lots of golf days waiting for your return.



Remember, golf season for the Ladies of Lake Valley starts the first Thursday in April. See you soon!

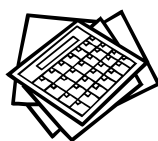
*Mary Anne Schleicher, President*

### **MEN'S INTER-CITY**

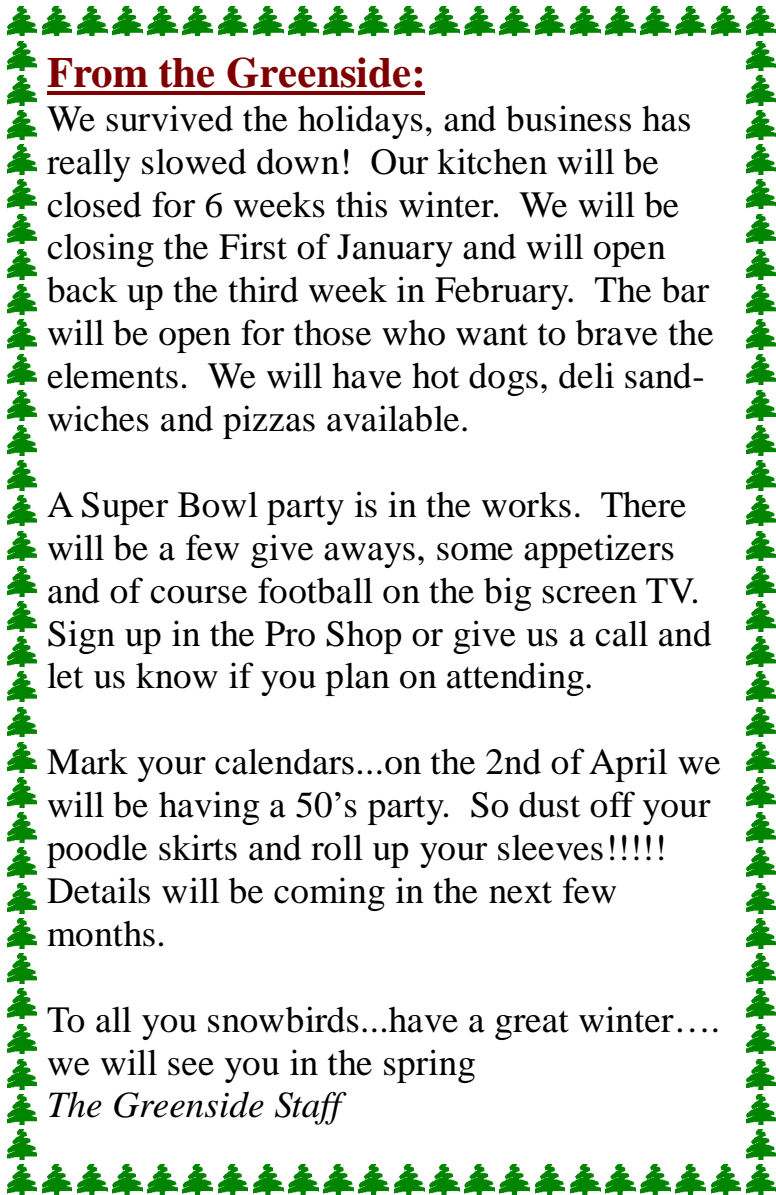
Lake Valley will be joining the Men's Inter-City golf program for 2005 and we are looking for individuals who will be interested in participating in this team event throughout the golf season. If you would like to play be sure to give Dan or Andi your name.

*"Golf is based on honesty, where else would you admit to a seven on a par three?" -Jimmy Demaret*

### **2005 GOLF DATES**



The golf calendar for the 2005 season is filling in quickly. If you have a group planning for next season, be sure to stop by and see Dan or Andi for details and to reserve your spot on the schedule for 2005.



**From the Greenside:**

We survived the holidays, and business has really slowed down! Our kitchen will be closed for 6 weeks this winter. We will be closing the First of January and will open back up the third week in February. The bar will be open for those who want to brave the elements. We will have hot dogs, deli sandwiches and pizzas available.

A Super Bowl party is in the works. There will be a few give aways, some appetizers and of course football on the big screen TV. Sign up in the Pro Shop or give us a call and let us know if you plan on attending.

Mark your calendars...on the 2nd of April we will be having a 50's party. So dust off your poodle skirts and roll up your sleeves!!!! Details will be coming in the next few months.

To all you snowbirds...have a great winter... we will see you in the spring  
*The Greenside Staff*

**REMINDER**

we have returned 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.



*Thank You!*

Lake Valley Members: Raelene & I want to thank the many Lake Valley members for their kindness, concern, and prayers during my recent illness. I appreciated all the calls and cards.

Although I am making progress, I still face additional surgery prior to getting home in late April. I'm sure I will continue to improve and look forward to seeing everyone.  
*George Derrieux*



**Address Changes & Phone # Changes:**

- Tim & Shana Thompson—310 Kadie Dr., Linn Creek, MO 65052
- Steven & Jean Butterfield—353 Country Ridge Dr., Camdenton MO 65020
- Beryl & Marianne Allen—164 Cedar Glen Ct. 2-B, Camdenton, MO 65020
- Jon & Gay Kirtley—34 Laker Lane, Camdenton, MO 65020
- Harold & Mary Anne Schleicher—127 Cedar Glen CT, Unit B2, Camdenton, MO 65020
- Enid Westoff—28 Haven Lane, Camdenton, MO 65020
- Glenn & Pat Miller—93 Cedar Glen CT, Unit 2-B, Camdenton, MO 65020
- Denny & Dianne Blake— 93 Cedar Glen Ct, Unit 3-D, Camdenton, MO 65020
- Jim & Kathy Besencenez—1130 Sunny Slope Circle, Camdenton, MO 65020
- Gene & Polly Ellis—172 Cedar Glen Dr, Unit 4-B, Camdenton, MO 65020



## **RULES CORNER**

It's time to go back to the beginning with our rules examination. So this month we will discuss Rule 11, which involves the starting point for each hole, that being the *teeing ground*. Let's start with the definition. The "*teeing ground*" is the starting place for the hole to be played. It is a rectangular area two club-lengths in depth, the front sides of which are defined by the outside limits of two tee-markers. A ball is outside the *teeing ground* when all of it lies outside the *teeing ground*.

Rule 11-1 tells us "when the player's ball is to be teed within the *teeing ground*, it must be placed on:

- the surface of the *teeing ground* including an irregularity of surface (whether or not created by the player), or
- a tee placed in or on the surface of the *teeing ground*, or
- sand or other natural substance placed on the surface of the *teeing ground*.

A player may stand outside the *teeing ground* to play a ball within it.

In teeing, if a player uses a non-conforming *tee* or any other object to raise the ball off the ground, **he is disqualified**. Yes, this means there is actually a rule concerning the make-up of golf tees. This was one of the changes for 2004. A "*tee*" is a device designed to raise the ball off the ground. It must not be longer than 4 inches (101.6 mm) and it must not be designed or manufactured in such a way that it could indicate the *line of play* or influence the movement of the ball.

Next, let's assume we get the ball teed up properly and use a conforming tee, what's

next? Have you ever had the ball teed up and ready to go then while addressing it you knock it off the tee? Is that a penalty? No, Rule 11-3 states "if a ball, when not *in play*, falls off a *tee* or is knocked off a *tee* by the player in *addressing* it, it may be re-teed without penalty. However, if a *stroke* is made at the ball in these circumstances, whether the ball is moving or not, the *stroke* counts but there is no penalty".

Finally, we need to discuss what happens if you mistakenly play from outside the *teeing ground* or from the wrong *teeing ground*. Rule 11-4 tells us that in Match Play there is no penalty but the opponent may immediately require the player to cancel the *stroke* and play a ball from within the *teeing ground*. However, in Stroke Play the rules are not so forgiving. Rule 11-4b says "if a *competitor*, when starting a hole, plays a ball from outside the *teeing ground*, **he incurs a penalty of two strokes** and must then play a ball from within the *teeing ground*. If the *competitor* plays a stroke from the next *teeing ground* without first correcting his mistake or, in the case of the last hole of the round, leaves the *putting green* without first declaring his intention to correct his mistake, **he is disqualified**." Often times this mistake can happen when we automatically go to a set of tees that we are accustomed to playing and realize after the shot that we were on the wrong tee. Regardless of the innocence of the mistake we are still obligated to proceed according to Rule 11. Be sure to investigate the rule itself and the many decisions regarding Rule 11 in the "Decisions on The Rules of Golf".

Until next month, good golfing and have a great Holiday season!

*Dan Robertson*

**"Golf is a good walk spoiled."**

~Mark Twain

## **CLUB HISTORIAN**

### **The 16th Hole**

Possibly no hole on our course has seen more change than the 16th hole. While the tee and green have always been in the same locations, what lies in between has changed significantly over the years.

In the winter of 1987/88 we updated our irrigation system by installing a new computer controlled system with automatic heads. This new system would be able to pump more water in a given evening than we had capacity to hold in our lake, or replenish with our well, so the lake on 16/17 was enlarged to accommodate roughly twice the water capacity.

Prior to enlarging the lake, the 16th hole was a bit more of a zig-zag layout than what it is today, requiring a tee shot that would be slightly right of the existing fairway, perhaps about 1/2 of a fairway to the right. This was primarily due to the fact that there was a creek (wash/ravine/ditch) that ran below the dam on the lake, through what is presently the part of the lake near where the willow tree is. The creek crossed the fairway at an angle, with the left side being closest to the tee, and ran away toward the lake that separates 14 and 16. It was close enough that a tee shot hit in the left portion of the fairway had a good chance to reach the creek.

The creek also came into play off the tee because at that time our irrigation system was a bit "limited", and by mid-late summer the fairways were usually rock hard, and balls would tend to bounce and run for great distances. I recall times of hitting a

long iron off the tee just to ensure I stayed short of the creek.

When the new irrigation was installed and the lake enlarged, the fairway was straightened out considerably. The creek that crosses from the lake on 14 to the lake on 16 was moved much closer to the green, probably 50 yards, and the cart path was moved from the left side of the fairway to the right side. Of course, once the new irrigation system was in we were also able to grow a good stand of bermuda grass, which also softened the fairway. All of these improvements lead to a par 5 hole where you could again hit driver off of the tee without fearing that you would reach the creek.

If you have an internet connection, there is a short "flash" movie on our website that takes a photo of the hole from about 1983 and morphs it into a more current photo, allowing you to see the "before" and "after" versions of the fairway and lake. You can find it on our site by clicking on the Scorecard, then select the 16th hole, and look for the link at the bottom of the page. Or, you can go directly to [www.lakevalleygolf.com/hole\\_16oldnew.htm](http://www.lakevalleygolf.com/hole_16oldnew.htm)

If you have a chance, ask some of the long time members about how the 16th hole has changed. I'm sure they can all tell you many stories.

*Dennis Jones*

**CARTS in ROUGH ONLY until  
Spring 2005**

TO BE USED FOR INFORMATIONAL REASONS ONLY

MEMBERS FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

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What is or has been you and your spouse's employment or livelihood?

What, if any, formal training or special knowledge have you or your spouse had that could benefit the club?

What special skills do you or your spouse have?