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**FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

As the warm weather takes a break, March Madness continues on the basketball court as well as Lake Valley. Winter projects are being completed getting ready for the spring season. Members are still asking questions about the projects at Lake Valley. I have answered several questions about these issues and I do appreciate the interest the members have about these. The best way to explain the bar project is, with the completion of the project it will enhance our facilities to create revenue. These improvements will keep golfers at our facility, trying out one of the new sandwiches or appetizers on the menu and having a cold drink.

The board and staff are working very hard to complete these projects before the spring season arrives. A positive attitude and hard work from everyone will bring success to Lake Valley during the 2006 season.

Welcome to our new members Gerard & Rebecca Cramer, Michael & Kay Brouwer and Eldon & Patricia Hawk

*Jim Besancenez*  
Board President

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**Lake Valley Scholarship Tournament**

Be sure to mark **May 29<sup>th</sup>** on your calendars for this year's scholarship fund raiser. The format will again



be a four-person flighted scramble. We need your help in making this event something special.

Please see the event flyer included in the newsletter for more details.

**Golf Grips** Have you checked your grips lately? Be sure to replace those worn grips before the golf season arrives this spring. The Pro Shop can help you with all your re-gripping needs. There is a wide range of choices and prices that is sure to meet the needs of all golfers.

## MEN'S STAG

The April Stag night will be **Wednesday, April 26, 2006**. Food will be served at 6:30 p.m.

The Committee members for April are:

Tom Duncan – Chairman 346-5817

Rodger Dewey

Dennis Jones

Mark Russell

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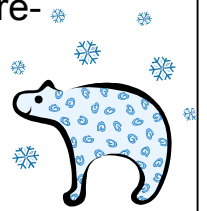
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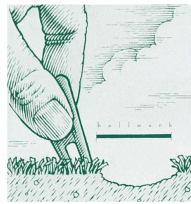
## **FROSTY MORNINGS**

The golf course experiences many frosty mornings this time of year that prevent golfers enjoying the course early in the morning. The course must remain closed until the frost thaws in order to prevent turf damage, especially to the greens. This means that the course opens at various hours during the winter months depending on the daily conditions. Be sure to call the Pro Shop in the morning to get an estimate of the day's starting time.



## Your Help is Needed –

Please take extra care while playing the golf course this time of year. Damage to turf takes longer to recover with the cooler temperatures. We ask that you help us maintain the finest playing conditions possible by repairing ball marks and filling divots whenever you find them. Your extra efforts will truly show a benefit to us all.



Mark your Calendars for a **“Thank You to Rosie Day”** scheduled for **Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup>**. That day has been selected to allow the Board of Directors, Lake Valley members and friends to say “thank you” to **Rosie Rogers** for her **nineteen years of service** to the club. The event has been delayed until April to allow many of our winter escapees to return to the Lake and participate. This is your opportunity to show her your gratitude for all her efforts thru the years.



**Men's Kick-Off  
Sunday April 23**

**Ladies Kick-Off Breakfast Thursday, April 6th**

**Rules of Golf Seminar** – Once again this year a brief Rules of Golf Seminar will be offered on Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 p.m. This is your chance to learn some of the U.S.G.A. rules that all golfers face on a daily basis. Information will be presented using the Rules of Golf book and a slide show that will feature some local participants. There is no cost to attend, so mark your calendars.



## 2006 LAKE VALLEY GOLF SCHEDULE

Lake Valley has already booked a great number of golf events for the coming season. If you have or know of a group that would like to play at Lake Valley please contact Dan or Andi before all the choice dates have been spoken for by other groups.

### A NOTE FROM ALEX

Looks like our continuing drought has been somewhat relieved by the recent rains. However, we're still behind on the year by several inches.

On the course, we will be aerifying and top-dressing the greens on 3/27 (Monday). This will allow for better rooting and drainage in preparation for what looks to be another hot and dry summer.....

Also, we are currently finishing up with the new bunker on hole #12. This will add some difficulty to the hole but will also stop a lot of errant shots from bounding into the woods to the right of the green. This is something that is in the existing long range plan and we are looking forward to progress with other projects on the plan.

*Alex*

### 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 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.



### Range Pass Reminder

Drop by or call the Pro Shop to establish or re-new your 2006 Range Pass. Cost for this program remains the same at \$100 per individual and \$175 per family. Participation in the range pass program allows for unlimited range balls for the calendar year

## LESSON CORNER

Struggling with your putting?

The pendulum-style method is what I recommend. This is controlled by the bigger muscles in your shoulder. To give your arms and shoulders room to work, flex your knees, stick out your rear end and bend from the hips until your arms hang comfortably in front of your body (no tension). Then when you bring your hands together on the grip, the putter just becomes an extension of your arms. You want your elbows to rest close into your side. Comfort is a must. If you don't feel comfortable you will not put a good stroke on the ball. Once you aim your putter face at the hole make sure your eyes and shoulders are parallel to the line, this way you will see a true path to the hole. Concentrate on bringing the putter head in through low to the ground so the ball will start to roll immediately towards the hole instead of skipping across the green. Your stroke should be a steady pace back and thru. *Andi*



**Reminder** – Lake Valley will remain roughs only with the golf carts until spring. Your observance of this rule will help preserve our fairways turf and give us a better hitting surface until the warm weather brings the Bermuda back to life. Thank you for your help.



**Attention Senior Golfers!**

The weekly men's and women's senior scramble events are scheduled to begin in early April. It's time to dust off your clubs and swings and get ready for the senior golf scramble circuit for 2006. April 5<sup>th</sup> will be the first Wednesday men's event and April 10<sup>th</sup> for the ladies. Both events will start at 9:00 a.m. for the first few weeks. Be sure to get your name on the sign-up sheets in the Pro Shop by the night before if you wish to play. Once again this year, coffee and donuts are included for the men's events. See you there!

**LADIES BUNCO:**

Our big County wide BUNCO party last month turned out really well. Thanks go out to Paulette Russell for having the idea and all the hard work that she did putting it together & to Janet Bayless & Kelley Rogers for their help. Also thanks to all of you who brought food.



Our April BUNCO will be Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> of April. Sign up in the bar or call Priscilla at 346-7218.

**MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION**

The 2006 MGA season will be upon us before we know it. **Sunday April 2nd** will be our 3rd annual **Rules of Golf** clinic. This is a free event to help our members become better acquainted with several common rules.



The **Men's Kick-Off** is on **Sunday April 23rd**—less than a month away! If you haven't been out yet its time to clean the cobwebs from your clubs and get started!

Men's **Monday night league** starts one week after the Kick-Off, on **May 1st**. Dan is already signing up teams so get a partner and get signed up while there's still room!



**FROM THE GREENSIDE**

Here we are in the middle of March madness. Remodeling of the bar is coming along nicely. We are now waiting on the bar top to be made, and should be installed at the end of the month. We are happy to welcome back Rosie, and are very pleased to see her here back on the staff. Feedback on the new menu has been very positive. If you haven't tried anything off the new menu, or haven't seen some of the changes to the bar, I encourage you to come on out and check it out. I look forward to seeing you all real soon.



*Chris and staff*

The winning member for the Board's \$25 cart path package is # 1272 If this is your number call Priscilla to claim your prize, which is a **\$25 cart fee credit**. You have 30 days to call or it is forfeited.



## LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

If you haven't already signed up for our Kick-Off Breakfast for April 6<sup>th</sup>, do so. We are hoping to have a good turnout. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. with Breakfast and a meeting at 8:30 a.m. and an 18 hole mixer/scramble will be at 9:30 a.m. The cost of the breakfast is \$8.00 payable by check or cash. Sign up by calling the Pro Shop or signing up in the Ladies Locker Room. The dues for the Ladies Association for 2006 is \$35.00. Please pay by **check or cash only**. (This is separate from the \$8.00 for breakfast.)

See you all soon on the course!

*Mary Anne Schleicher, President*

## Upcoming Golf Schedule

March 27<sup>th</sup> – Greens Aerifying and Top Dressing

April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Rules of Golf Seminar

April 5<sup>th</sup> – Men's Senior Scramble Events begin

April 6<sup>th</sup> – Ladies Kick-Off Event

April 8<sup>th</sup> – Pfaff Golf Group

April 10<sup>th</sup> – Ladies Senior Scramble Events begin

April 15<sup>th</sup> – Sutton Open Golf Tournament

April 17<sup>th</sup> – Greens Top Dressing

April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Cooper Benefit Golf Event

April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Men's Kick-Off Event & Breakfast

April 29<sup>th</sup> – Boaz Golf Group

May 1<sup>st</sup> – Monday Night Men's League Begins

## 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 each cart rental. Cart package balances also carry over from year to year and may be refunded should you leave the club. You have nothing to lose and money to gain, so sign-up today!

## Monday Night Men's League

May 1<sup>st</sup> will kick-off the regular season for the 2006 schedule. Team registrations are currently being accepted. This is a two man team event which uses handicap and allows play from the gold, white and blue tees. 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. There are a limited number of spots available, so sign up early by contacting the Pro Shop. Deadline for sign-ups is April 23<sup>rd</sup>. All league players must be members of the L.V.C.C. Men's Golf Association and have current handicaps in the GHIN system. The league season will consist of fourteen weeks of regular play and one week of playoff action in late August. Check with the Pro Shop for more information or to sign up for the league.

**2006 Member Golf Events** – Be sure to mark your calendars to participate in the following member golf activities for the upcoming season:

April 2nd – Rules of Golf Seminar (2:00 pm)  
April 5th – Start of the Wednesday Morning Men’s Senior Scrambles  
April 6th – Ladies Golf Association Kickoff Event  
April 10th – Ladies Senior Scramble  
April 23rd – Men’s Golf Association Kickoff Event  
May 1st – Monday Night Men’s League Begins  
May 19th–21st – LVCC Fourball Invitational Tournament  
May 25th – Ladies Area Guest Day Event  
May 29th – Lake Valley Scholarship Tournament  
June 3rd-4th – Men’s Golf Association Matchplay Tournament  
June 9th-11th – LVCC His & Hers Scramble Invitational Tournament  
June 24th-25th – Men’s Golf Association “Draft” Tournament  
July 4th – Members Scramble Tournament and Fireworks  
July 7th-9th – LVCC Ladies Scramble Invitational Tournament  
July 21st-23rd – Men’s Member-Guest Tournament  
August 11th-13th – LVCC Men’s Scramble Invitational Tournament  
August 14th & 16th – LVCC Men’s Senior Championship  
August 17th – Ladies Member-Guest Tournament  
August 19th-20th – LVCC Men’s Club Championship  
September 13th-14th – LVCC Ladies Club Championship  
September 24th – LVCC Couples Championship  
October 1st – Men’s Golf Association Fall Blowout Event  
October 5th – Ladies Association Season Finale’  
October 13th-15th – LVCC Fall Couples Invitational Tournament

### **GOLF LESSONS**

With the start of another great golf year just around the corner it is time to start thinking about knocking off the rust from your golf game by lining up a few lessons. Maybe this is the year you get serious about your game you will want to get started on the correct foot by scheduling a lesson to determine the areas that need the most attention. Call the Pro Shop to get the ball rolling for improvement in your golf game.

