



March 2011

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FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER:

The 2011 annual membership meeting was February 10; there were 50 members who attended and 191 proxies and ballots were returned for a total of 241 members who voted. Just under fifty percent of membership voted, currently Valley View has 525 members. There were a few less members who voted this year than last year, however; we need to encourage all members to vote pertaining to decisions involving Valley View.

The \$10.00 Dollar per month dues increase was approved, the vote count was **188- for & 53 against**. Your March bill will reflect the dues increase for January, February & March. The new equipment purchase was approved the vote count was **221- for & 20 against**.

Listed below is a summary of the 2011 annual membership meeting.

The following members were elected to the 2011 Board of Directors

2011 Election Results

- Shannon Weber - President
- Ron Hecht - Director
- Steve Johnson - Vice President
- Dan Roth - Director
- Dan Rust - Sec/Treasurer

2011 Board Members Serving Terms

- Jim Diercks - Director
- Paul Uithoven - Director

Many thanks to outgoing board members Ralph Lindahl (President) & Joe Rossman (Director) for their dedication and service to Valley View Golf Club.

The Board of Directors would also like to thank Bonnie Lee & Jed Slocum for helping and assisting staff members at the 2011 annual membership meeting.

The Valley View staff is looking forward to the 2011 season. We have a committed and caring staff here at Valley View. Thank you Bonnie, Mary Ann, Gary, Dave, Scott, Jed & all of our employees for everything that you do to make Valley View the best club in the area!

Enjoy the rest of winter & stay warm, see you this spring.
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A Warm Welcome to Our New Member:

Robert Blake



Valley View Golf Club

MARCH 2011

Now that March has arrived it's time to start preparing for the upcoming golf season. Valley View is still buried in snow but rumor has it that one of our area golf courses has been open on occasion. Golf injuries are quite common this time of year and most could have been avoided. Simple stretching and aerobic exercise will go a long ways towards making your golf game more enjoyable. Hit the gym, blow the dust off the golf clubs and get ready for a wonderful golf season. I'd like to welcome all new members to Valley View Golf Club. Please stop in and introduce yourself as we would like to get to know all the new members. If you have any questions about VVGC rules, regulations or whatever we would be glad to help answer them for you. Also- we would appreciate it if every member would obtain a VVGC bag tag. Golf bags are often left outside and we would like to know who they belong to. Bag tags are available for you at the pro shop. Thank You!

The equipment lines for this year will be Ping, Taylormade, Callaway and Titleist. The new Taylormade R11 "White Driver" has been extremely popular since its debut. Taylormade was by far the most popular and busiest booth at the PGA merchandise show last month. The Ping G15 / K15 series of woods and irons has been well received as well. Nancy Lopez has a great line of clubs for the women as well as Ping's new "Faith" series. Demo drivers / irons should be available for you to test the new equipment.

Valley View members receive an 8% pro shop credit on merchandise purchases over \$100 (custom golf balls and Xmas sale items excluded). The merchandise credit will be issued to your account for you to use at your convenience before Oct. 31st, 2011. This applies to your guest purchases as well but the credit will be issued under the members account. This is our way of saying thanks for supporting your Pro Shop!

GUEST GREEN FEES: Guest green fee rates for this year are:

18 Holes:.....\$40.00
9 Holes:.....\$25.00
Reciprocal rate:.....\$65.00 (9 or 18 holes)

DRIVING RANGE PASSES: Range passes are available for purchase at any time. Punch cards and individual buckets are also available

Unlimited Single Pass: \$165.00
Unlimited Couple Pass \$250.00
Additional family members \$ 50.00 ea.

ANNUAL GOLF CART PASS: Annual golf cart passes will be offered in limited numbers. The rate for the annual pass is \$625.00. To insure your pass they must be paid in full by April 1st, 2011. The annual golf cart pass is good for one cart for 18 holes of golf on the days we are open. Please keep in mind that this is not an unlimited ride program. Some restrictions may apply to league and Tournament days.

CLUB STORAGE operations will be available. If you wish to store your golf clubs please contact someone in the Pro Shop. Members who stored their clubs last year will have a spot reserved and be billed in March. Space is limited so please notify us if you need to be removed from the list.

---Club Storage yearly fee.....\$80.00 / bag only.
---Club Storage yearly fee.....\$120.00 / bag with pull cart together

APRIL CLUB REGRIPPING SPECIAL: Did you know that slick; worn out grips make you grip the club tighter for control. The increased grip pressure creates tension in the forearms whereby restricting a proper release of the club through impact. Properly fitting grips are one of the most important and overlooked component of club fitting. If you are serious about your game you should replace your grips every season. Do yourself a favor and replace those worn out and slick grips!

---Save \$1.00 per club on regripping through April

2011 VVGC TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE: The Board of Directors has approved the tournament schedule for this year. Please refer to the schedule listed elsewhere in the newsletter.

Think Spring!!!

Scott G. Kremmel – PGA Member Professional

****NEWS FROM THE RESTAURANT****

Join us for corned beef and cabbage on Thursday, March 17th. We will serve from 11 AM to 2 PM. The lunch will include a generous serving of corned beef, cabbage, new potatoes, carrots and a roll and butter, plus a special dessert all for \$10.95. We hope to have plenty on hand but reservations are always welcome.... 585-2921.

Daylight savings will begin march 13th this year and maybe 'Ol Man Winter' will let us out of his grip early so that you can get in an extra afternoon of spring golf!!!

We'd like to say hello all the new members. Please stop by and have lunch with us. And if there is any product you'd like us to have on hand for you, let us know and we'll see what we can do.

No need to tell you what a long winter this has been, however predictions are for a warm and early spring, we hope!!!! I am looking forward to another great year. Hope everyone has been blessed with good health and we look forward to seeing you soon.

As Always, M.A. AND STAFF

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2011 VVGC SCHEDULE

GOLF EVENT SCHEDULE:

May	14	Sat	Ladies Spring Fling
May	15	Sun	MGA 2 Man Best Ball
May	30	Mon	Memorial Day Flag Event
June	11	Sat	MGA Skins Game
June	20	Mon	RMSPGA Men's Pro-AM
June	25-26	Sat-Sun	VVGC Men's Invitational Golf Tournament
June	27	Mon	Wheat Montana Junior Event
July	4	Mon	Fourth of July Orange Ball Scramble
July	9-10	Sat-Sun	29th Annual VVGC Best Ball
July	23-24	Sat-Sun	VVGC Ladies Invitational
July	27	Wed	VVGC Ironman Day
August	5	Fri	VVGC Ladies Pro-Am
August	7	Sun.	Bozeman City Championship
August	9-10-11	Tue-Thur	Montana State Senior Championship
August	20-21	Sat-Sun	VVGC Club Championship
August	29	Mon	Bozeman High Invitational
September	10	Sat	33rd Pierce Flooring
September	16	Fri	Sonny Holland Classic
October	1	Sat	MGA 2 Man Scramble

OTHER DATES OF IMPORTANCE:

May	13	Fri	Golden Rams Meeting & Kickoff
May	31	Tue	Ladies Day Restrictions Begins
June	1	Wed	Men's Day Restrictions Begins
June	3	Fri	Friday Night Couples Begins

January??? February??? March??? April???

What month is this? 50 degrees one day... minus 20 the next... I don't know if I should put my long underwear on or put them in storage!!! Remember... we live in Bozeman... so if I do put the winter garb in storage I'm going to make it pretty darn easy to get back out! The fluctuation in temperatures has been fantastic... if you own a body shop. I'm definitely over driving on icy roads and those of you who have seen my pickup lately... don't you be laughing! It just seems as though every storm we had this winter was described as "rain turning to snow" which translates to ICE. Whine... whine... whine! I know... grab some cheese to go with my whine.

I'm not sure I will be reaching the correct audience on this next topic, but thank you to all who have informed me of any dead deer on the course. I'm trying to do this with a straight face... because I'm not sure what people want me to do! CPR? The animal IS DEAD. Now granted... sometimes they don't die in preferred locations. The last deer was found in rather close proximity to Kagy Blvd. so the crime scene was understandably upsetting to those who were out for their daily walk along Kagy. Standard procedure for dead deer at Valley View is for me to load up the animal and bring it to the maintenance building. Not actually TO the maintenance building, but within camera shot of the maintenance building... because the eagles LOVE that venison! If I had a great camera I could have some of the most awesome pictures of bald eagles and golden eagles that one could ever imagine (if we could only get rid of those pesky magpies!).

More animals in the headlines... did all of you read about the tiger that was coughing up hairballs on the golf course? OK... maybe it wasn't a hairball and the European Tour didn't take kindly to the incident. Would it have been a big deal if it hadn't been Tiger Woods... maybe not? But spitting on a green is DISGUSTING. The reason I bring this up is because... on occasion we run across this same bad habit here at Valley View. I really couldn't tell you the frequency of this event, but... once is one too many. For those of you who have the urge... please come up with an alternate plan.

February 23rd was the tentative date to begin removing snow from the greens. Due to below zero temperatures in the forecast, we are now set to begin on February 28th. There for a while it seemed as though we might get an early start to the golf season but... as stated before... we are living in Bozeman!!! For those who are new to our system, I will explain why and when we put covers on the greens at Valley View. A few golf courses, "near" the Bozeman area, are making use of greens covers but in an entirely different situation. These facilities are installing the covers in the fall to protect the greens from cold temperatures and wind... because they have relatively no snow cover throughout the winter months (or it all blows away; Livingston, Big Timber). Valley View, on the other hand, has continuous snow cover throughout the winter months. This snow cover protects the "delicate" turf from the harsh elements, but has a tendency to produce ice. This ice layer can also be detrimental to the turf. Our greens consist mostly of Poa Annua, which has the weakest tolerance to winter conditions of any other turf found on our golf course. Poa can survive under an ice layer for 60-90 days if the ice is preventing oxygen from getting to the plant. This window of 60-90 days can be affected by many different factors, but most obvious is the health of the plant going in to the winter months. The majority of winters at Valley View have produced very porous ice, which allows oxygen to remain available to the plant. My biggest concern is my education level... because as I was obtaining my degree I never did learn... at what point did the ice layer become non-porous, thus shutting off the supply of oxygen to the turf? I think I learned that on National Geographic when I was a kid! Sorry... this was starting to get way too serious for me! Anyway... we now remove snow from the greens around March 1st. Hopefully, Mother Nature then removes the ice layer from the greens and after the ice is gone... we put the covers down. Our target is to have the covers on the greens for at least 4 weeks. During these 4 weeks the covers not only protect the greens from cold nighttime temperatures, but actually collect heat to help create growing conditions for the turf. Four weeks with the greens under the covers has worked quite well, but is driven entirely by Mother Nature. This works out great because once we have temperatures warm enough to remove the snow from the rest of the course, then the temperatures under the covers have been warm enough to produce results which allow us to remove the covers from the greens. There... that's the watered-down version of why we cover greens at Valley View.

I think I'm over my limit... is everybody asleep yet? I just as well write... its 3 degrees outside with a 30 mph wind out of the east! I'm not going out there. Feels like January... I must have at least 3 months until the golf season starts! See you all in 90 days...LOL.

Gary Colstad





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Winter Hours

Office

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Restaurant

Monday – Friday

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

