



September 2011

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FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER:

Many thanks to all Valley View members who have supported this summer's restaurant & golf activities. The Valley View staff has worked extremely hard to provide all members with top quality service and a positive experience this summer. We will keep working hard to make your experience at Valley View fun & enjoyable.

As I mentioned earlier the Valley View staff has done a great job in all areas, The Office, The Course, The Pro Shop & Restaurant. Please join me in thanking Bonnie, Gary, Mary Ann, Scott and their staffs for all of their hard work and dedication throughout this summer's golf season.

Thursday September 8th is bring a guest free day. You may invite your guests to come and play your course free of charge. Reserve your tee time by calling the pro shop. (586-2145)

The Snack Shack hours in September are 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Friday, Saturday & Sunday.

The restaurant hours for September are 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. daily.

Have a great fall!

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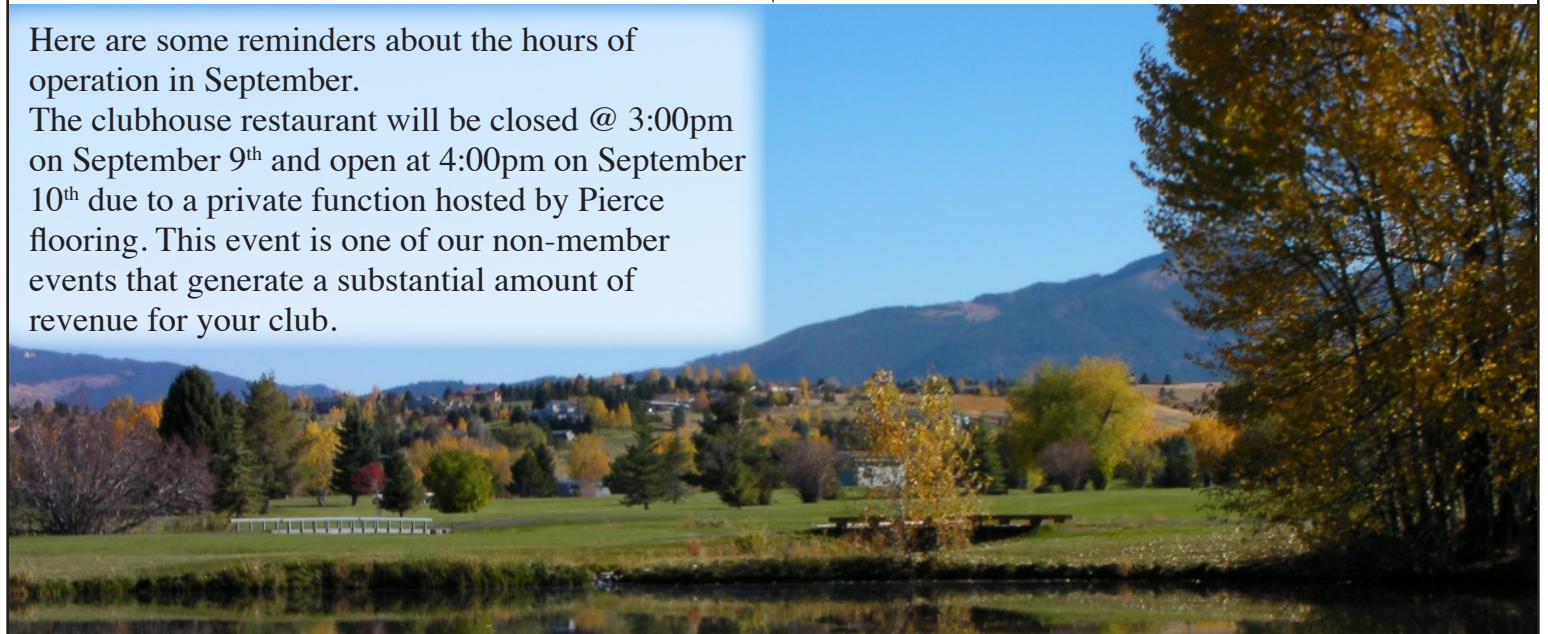
A Warm Welcome to Our New Members:

Joe & Andi DiMarco

Gerald & LaDona Geise

Chris & Sandy Budeski

Here are some reminders about the hours of operation in September.
The clubhouse restaurant will be closed @ 3:00pm on September 9th and open at 4:00pm on September 10th due to a private function hosted by Pierce flooring. This event is one of our non-member events that generate a substantial amount of revenue for your club.



Valley View Pro-Shop ~ September 2011 Newsletter

What a great stretch of weather we had over the last couple of months! The course seemed busier than usual throughout July and August this year. The hot weather really put a premium on both early morning and late evening tee times. The wet spring seems to put a lot more pressure on the golf course during the summer months. With six weeks of marginal golfing weather in the spring everyone wants to make up for it when summer arrives. The last three seasons have followed this trend and can best be described as “long periods of boredom followed by short sporadic moments of panic”. I’m beginning to miss those years when golf was actually pleasant during the springtime. We’re starting to lose a little daylight and a touch of Fall is beginning to appear. September and October has always been my favorite time of year at VVGC. There are plenty of great golfing days left this season so don’t put the clubs away yet! Thanks to all members for their continued patience and understanding... especially on tournament and league days. Frost is always a concern this time of year. If you are an early morning golfer the course closed signs will be posted on frosty mornings. September Pro Shop hours are:

PRO SHOP:	8:00 - 8:00 PM (beginning Sept. 6th)
DRIVING RANGE:	8:00 - 6:00 PM
GOLF CARTS:	8:00 - 8:00 PM

Men’s & Ladies day restrictions will have ended by the time you receive this newsletter. The Golden Rams (Men’s Senior League) will continue through September with the 8 person Match play playoffs. Flight winners from the MGA Presidents Cup are playing off to determine the overall Champions. The VVGC Ladies Fall Festival 9 hole Golf Scramble is scheduled for Tuesday September 27th. The Men’s Golf Association (MGA) has one event left for this year. The MGA 2-Man scramble game is scheduled for Saturday October 1st. Please call the Pro Shop to sign up for the last two events of the season. The Pierce Flooring and MSU “Sonny Holland Classic” will be holding their annual events on Saturday, September 10th and Friday, September 16th. The Belgrade HS JV Golf Tournament is scheduled for Monday September, 12th. All of these events require a shotgun start so please check in with the Pro Shop if you plan to golf on those dates.

Chris Haas and Lauren Hausauer are Valley View’s Club Champions for 2011. Great playing Chris and Lauren...!! Doug Ford and Christy Egbert are our Men’s and Ladies low Senior players for this year. The mixed couples Derby Champions for 2011 were Brain Lytle and Dana Johnson. Brian and Dana out dueled the team of Bruce Tollefson and Shannon Weber to capture the title with an exciting chip off on the final hole. (Great chip Dana!) Congratulations to these players and for everyone who participated in our Club Championship. Be sure to thank the maintenance and restaurant staff for all their hard work throughout the year and especially during the Club Championship.

As usual please remember to reserve tee times in advance. Golf is a four hour game and let’s repair those divots and ball marks!!

Please remember that all Pro Shop winnings (Pro Shop Credit) need to be redeemed by October 25th, 2011. If we are out of stock on a particular item we do allow special orders to be made with your Pro Shop winnings. All special orders placed with your tournament winnings need to be placed by October 1st, 2011.

Enjoy the fall golf season!

Scott G. Kremmel - PGA Golf Professional



September 2011 Restaurant Events

Thanks to all that made Prime Friday's and The Seafood Buffet such a huge success this year. We had a lot of great comments and look forward to doing more next year.

Now that league play has ended the Restaurant hours are Monday thru Sunday serving from 11:00 – 8:00. We will continue offering our regular menu, daily specials along with the Soup and Salad Bar & Fresh Baked Desserts.

Thank you again for your show of support here in the Restaurant. We appreciate your business.

Take care

Mary Ann & Staff

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## September ~ Music to My Ears

Welcome to September! As most of you now realize... that is music to my ears. It's not that I'm tired of seeing everybody's bright shining faces...day after day after day (just kidding), but the weather in August is just brutal. 15% humidity along with 90-95 degree temperatures puts too much of a strain on this 25 year old irrigation system **and** this ?? year old superintendent. For the most part everything underground held up quite well this summer but the old sprinklers just aren't doing the job anymore. The efficiency that new sprinklers were maintaining 25 years ago is not even close to what it is with today's products. Couple that with 25 years of wear and tear on nozzles and you can see the results... rock hard brown spots within close proximity to standing water. These conditions drive me crazy and even worse... one member deems the golf course **unplayable** when we reach this stage. Now that's pretty harsh. Come on Mother Nature... help me out. Show me some of those awesome September weather patterns.

In last month's article I (in a very polite way) scolded people about blaming pesticides for every little occurrence that happens on golf courses. Well... days after my article hit the news stands, people began to ask about the dozen or so spruce trees on the course that are showing some ill effects. It's simple...pesticides. Dupont put a new herbicide on the market last winter. This herbicide was one of the "can't miss" products at our national convention last February. About three weeks after we sprayed the product Dupont sent out literature cautioning people about possible complications with certain pine and spruce trees. They sent pictures of trees from Pennsylvania and Ohio that looked exactly like ours. As of right now we are in limbo as what to expect. There has been no word from Dupont as to whether the trees will survive or not. I know there have been some lawsuits filed already so I'm guessing it's just a wait and see situation for us.

August 22<sup>nd</sup> marked the beginning of aerification season here at Valley View. With the condition that the greens were in this summer I was actually relieved to begin poking holes in them. At times I felt like I had a failing grade this summer when in actuality it was 2009 and 2010 when I didn't aerate the greens that I was lacking in mental toughness. It seems easy to be persuaded not to aerify maybe because of a tournament or the fact that "the greens are so nice". But look where it landed me... right in the middle of depression and high blood pressure. The aerification process this year was a little more brutal than usual because we pulled a core AND deep-tined the greens. Some of our weaker spots took a beating... but hey... they were in poor shape to begin with. I heard the usual comments from members but the majority of the membership realized it needed to be done. What most don't realize is how disruptive this is to the greens. We open them up (during 95 degree temps), topdressed with sand, and then began to drag, drag, drag. How painful is that for a green? Tuesday afternoon we had a few greens that were screaming for water. The healing process has been descent (it's never fast enough) but you'll have to bear with us because we have to keep them moist. There are still a few spots to be repaired and we will be working on this the next few weeks. I plan to aerify tee boxes after Labor Day and we will begin fairways on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

Enjoy the remainder of the golf season and hopefully I will see some of your bright shining faces at a BOBCAT game.

Gary Colstad



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**Fall Hours**

**Office**

**8:30 am – 4:00 pm**

**Restaurant**

**Sunday 11:00 am - 8:00pm**

**Monday 11:00 am - 8:00 pm**

**Tuesday 11:00 am - 8:00 pm**

**Wednesday 11:00 - 8:00 pm**

**Thursday 11:00 am - 8:00 pm**

**Friday 11:00 am - 8:00 pm**

**Saturday 11:00 am - 8:00pm**

