



THE VALLEY NEWS

Altadena Valley Golf & Country Club

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From the MANAGER

I know many of you may not be aware of the Chef's Breakfast in the 19th Hole on Saturday mornings. For \$5 you can get a breakfast buffet including eggs and omelets to order. I don't know where you can go and beat the quality, quantity or price. Come by and bring the family even if you don't plan to play golf.

We sure paid for the beautiful weather we had in January during February. Let's hope that March is kinder to us and things begin to warm up again. The course is in excellent shape and we should be having some great golfing and tennis playing days ahead!

As of the writing of this newsletter article the Board has not met in February so I don't have any news to pass along from the meeting. However, I would like once again to urge you to seek out new members to take advantage of the NO INITIATION FEE period while it is still in effect. If you have any questions or prospective members please give me a call.

As a reminder, don't forget we are having a Murder Mystery at AVCC on April 7th. You will be receiving information in the mail soon. Please respond to make this a memorable event (3343) for you and the Club.

I would like to welcome the following new members to AVCC:

- Jason and Amanda Sears, and their sons, Drake and Drew.
- Howard and Cindy Holmes
- Jukka and Karti Palonen, and their children, Samu, Lucas, and Sofia
- Harry and Nancy Watkins

Please make them feel welcome if you see them around the Club.

Just a little bit of "house keeping"; when teeing off on no. 10 make sure no. 9 is open in order not to "jump in front" of other golfers. Treat them as you would like to be treated while playing.

JUST FOR FUN:

Four older golfers went into the pro shop after their round. The pro asked "Did you guys have a good game today?"

The first old guy said, "Yes, I had three riders today."

The second old guy said, "I had the most riders ever. I had five."

The third old guy said, "I had 7 riders, the same as last time."

The last old man said, "I beat my old record. I had 12 riders today."

After they went into the locker room, another golfer who had heard the old guys talking about their game went to the pro and said, "I have been playing golf for a long time and thought I knew all the terminology of the game, but what's a rider?"

The pro said, "A rider is when you hit the ball far enough to get in the golf cart and ride to it."

Personally, I had three riders last month, but then I am not a very good golfer.

EASTER DINNER

April 16th is Easter Sunday. There will be two seatings, one from 11:00 to 12:30 p.m., and the second from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. This is RESERVATIONS ONLY, so please call Michelle at 967-5322 as soon as possible to reserve your table

Come see me, **John**

FREE
FRIDAY NIGHT BUFFET!!

Look for your Club member number in this issue of the newsletter and you win a Free Friday Night Buffet. Just call the office for your coupon.



Well, Spring is just a couple of weeks away and that means everyone's golf fever is escalating. The next time you come out, stop by the Golf Shop and see the latest golf equipment and short sleeve shirts that have just arrived. Also, this month we have our first men's tournament of the year starting on the 25th. This is the Men's Match Play Event that runs through May 13th if you keep winning. The sign-up deadline is March 22nd and the pairings will be posted on the 23rd.

This year's tournament schedule was to be approved on February 28th, which was not in time to get it in the posting, but the dates are now available in the Golf Shop. We are going to try to have a Member/Member Tournament May 20th-21st. This is the one that we were forced to cancel last year due to weather. The format is: there will be six teams in each flight and each two-man team will play five 9-hole matches against each of the other five teams in their respective flights. Points are awarded for ties, wins, and number of holes won and the teams with the most points win their flights and advance to a shoot-out against the other flight winners Sunday afternoon. Call the Golf Shop for further details about this event or any others you have questions about. The Member/Guest Tournament is tentatively scheduled for July 14th - 16th.

JUNIOR GOLF CLINIC:

We are starting another series of lessons for kids 8-14 years old this month. The price is \$100 per child

for 16 one-hour sessions. The dates are set on Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. and are: March 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, 28, April 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29.

The Summer Golf Camp is slated for the week of June 19th - 23rd. The Junior Club Championship will follow on June 28th.

On June 13th, there will be a one-day 18-hole qualifying tournament for anyone 12-18 years old. Three spots are up for grabs to see who goes with me to the Pro-Junior Tournament (4086) on June 15th in Montgomery.

NEW MEMBERS:

I want to welcome our newest members to A.V.C.C. and invite you to call or come by the Golf Shop if you ever have any questions about your golf privileges. I want to also encourage you to get set up in our golf handicap computer if you haven't already got a GHIN handicap already established then we could transfer your scores into our system. All of our Club Events utilize the GHIN handicap system so for you to participate you will need a handicap using our system. It takes 10 scores to calculate your handicap and you may add 2 consecutive 9 hole scores of the front and back together if you don't have time to play all 18 on the same day. You can stay updated to golf course events that may close the course to regular play for a period of time by reading this column in the monthly newsletter or the calendar of events on the back of it.

There is also a Hole-in-One Club here that currently has over 100 members in it. The way it works is \$8 is charged to the accounts of the members for each hole-in-one made at A.V.C.C. and the balance is awarded in Golf Shop credit to the person who had the hole-in-one. There were only 4 aces paid out in 2005 with about 4 other aces not being members. So

don't miss out on a big reward for making your career shot. Call today and tell us to put you in the Hole-in-One Club.

Your Golf Shop provides many services such as custom club fitting, club repair, golf spikes, and cleaning of shoes, club storage, and most name brand golf equipment (clubs, balls, gloves, tees, golf bags, socks, shoes, apparel, and hats). As an added bonus of being a member of AVCC you'll receive a 5% discount on golf merchandise and 10% off clothing in the Golf Shop. If you don't see something you want in the shop then please bring it to our attention and we'll try to get it for you.

My assistant, Mitchell Vinson, and I are available for private lessons and we offer ladies' and junior clinics throughout the year.

My staff and I look forward to servicing your needs for many years to come.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 8th—Senior Men's Monthly - 8:30 a.m. shotgun start.

March 11th—Men's Monthly - The Chili-Dippers Open, pick your own 3-man teams. Modified scramble choosing the best drive and playing your own ball from there using Full Handicap, as well as some other fun additions. Two low ball will count. Hotdog and chili buffet to follow play.

March 25th - May 14th—Men's Match Play Event - Minimum of 2 flights. You will have 2 weeks to complete each round of match play except for the finals, which will be played on the weekend of May 12th through the 14th. Deadline to sign-up is Thursday March 23rd.

Hope to see you soon!

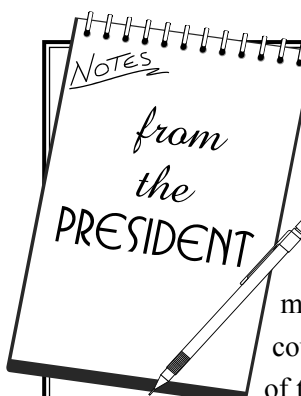
Jeff Copeland

PGA Golf Professional

Notes from the GOLF COMMITTEE

We ended up cancelling last month's monthly event due to the weather—twice!! Make plans to join us this month as we have the Chili-Dippers tournament. Each team will get the piece of string and all of those other fun things we use for this tournament. This event will be Saturday, March 11. Also, remember that the Match Play begins Saturday, March 25. You have two weeks to complete your match. There will be two flights for this Match Play tournament. Contact Jeff or Mitch in the ProShop to (5021) sign up. Look forward to seeing many of you on the course now that spring time is arriving (hopefully!!). Thanks and let me know of anything our golf program needs here at Altadena.

Chris Peterson



NOTES
from the PRESIDENT

We had another month of bad weather during February but March and April promise to be better. This year the Champions Tour moves to the new Ross Bridge course and because of the length of the course the players will use carts. Altadena has marshaled a hole every year and this year we will have Hole #15. Volunteer applications are located by the computer in the hallway. For being a volunteer and working three shifts you will receive a shirt, cap, 5 tickets for your friends, meals and drinks, a badge that gets you access all week, a \$10.00 gift certificate from Bruno's, \$5.00 cash when you pick up your shirt and cap, and a (3485) voucher to play at Ross Bridge anytime you wish. You will have to rent a cart. So for the \$60.00 fee it is a pretty good deal. If you do not want to help on Hole #15 as a Marshal, there are 29 other committees you can sign up for. So until next month, come out and enjoy our Club facilities, hit the ball as best you can, and BE HAPPY.

Terry Dison

Ladies NEWSLETTER

This February weather has not been very kind to us Southern golfers, the extra nice days of January kind of spoiled us I guess.

As you read this column about the ladies golfing events, we will have just held our 2006 organizing (or maybe that is "agonizing") meeting. Our leader for this year, Aline Blake, will have some dates for the year ahead as will others involved in planning our golfing calendar.

We will be playing our first scheduled Thursday event on March 30, so get your shoes, clubs, jackets, and whatever ready and come to the course ready to play. We will draw for teams at 8:30 a.m., play begins at 9:00 a.m. Be there!

To any new members who haven't joined in our play days yet, we encourage you to come out to the Club every Thursday which is Ladies Day. We tee off between 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. Many of the ladies also play on Tuesdays and (192) we hope you will also join us then as well.

The Women's Alabama Golf Association (WAGA) 2006 ladies golf tournaments are as follows:

Scholarship Classic—March 20th, Heron Lakes Country Club, Mobile

Senior Championship—April 30rd-May 3rd, Selma Country Club

Junior Championship—July 9th-12th, Burningtrees Country Club, Decatur

Stroke Play Championship—July 30th-August 2nd, Craft Farms, Gulf Shores

Amateur Championship—October 22nd-26th, Turtle Point Yacht & Country Club, Florence

There are just so many levels of golf. Every time you play, you learn a new life lesson. It teaches us patience and acceptance and so many other things. You never know what a day on the course is going to bring.

"In your approach to golf, no one can tell you what to do. Just as in life, you are presented with options; it's up to you to decide which ones suit you best." Sandra Haynie from the Wisdom of Women's Golf.

See you on the course,

Baker





The Senior Monthly Tournament had to be rescheduled from the 8th to the 15th of February due to bad weather. However, we had beautiful weather on the 15th and twenty-two golfers participated. The format was a two-man scramble (4341) with 20% of the total handicap and the winners were:

First Place

Doug Hickman & Don Dehaven
Score: 64.8

Second Place

Norb Thompson & Claude Glenn
Score: 65.6

Third Place

Ray Davis & Bill Hamilton
Score: 67.6

Fourth Place

Marvin Crocker & Robert Sullivan
Score: 70.0

Keep your fingers crossed for more good weather from time to time in February and March. Considering the usual weather this time of the year, we have been fortunate to have a number of good golfing days.

Tom Moore



Over the **NET**

PRO SHOP

The Winter/Spring tennis season is upon us and it would be a great time to get your racquet tuned-up for upcoming league play. Come by the shop and take advantage of our (3512) restringing and replacement grip special. You will receive 25% off normal retail price. This special will end February 28th!

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT

Our juniors are working hard and it shows. During our first USTA tournament of 2006 of A.V.C.C.—they excelled. Winning three of the ten age divisions, along with a runner-up in another division. If you are interested in having your child take up the game feel free to call me

with any questions about our programs. Also, you can find more information about us at our website: www.acamedytennis.net.

ADULT CORNER

Great job on keeping your game going through some of the chilly days we've had! Also, keep winning 3.0 Winter USTA ladies! Recently, they were in top 3 out of 11 teams! Yeah! For the spring, we have put together a 2.5 and 3.0 softcourt team, a 4.0 LITL doubles only team, a men's C league team and a mixed 7.0 combo team. This is great! We are extremely excited about all of the activity we are currently having on the courts, and we are looking towards continued growth and play through the summer and into the fall. Welcome to all the new "tennis only" members!

I will send out very soon by e-mail a date to have our next weekend tennis mixer....see you on the courts.

Jack & Pam



IN THE SWIM...

Happy Spring AVCC families! As promised in our February newsletter, please find enclosed this year's registration form for the 2006 summer swim team season. We will be having an informal meet and greet with the Board and coaches on Sunday, April 30 at the AVCC clubhouse from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., which will be a perfect time to bring those completed registration forms with you! You may also mail your forms to the address on the back,

or you may register online at our swim team website: www.avccswimteam.homestead.com.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to call Annemarie Wilson at 733-9440 or via e-mail at: apiphi@charter.net. We look forward to seeing you all when the pool opens in just a few short months! Go Ducks!!

Annemarie Wilson
733-9440

ON THE COURSE

March usually bring warmer weather causing the Bermuda grass to grow. As of this writing we look in good shape for winter weed control. This month we will apply our summer weed control program on the golf course. We hope to complete most of our winter projects also. Some time this month we will aerify the fairways and roughs, weather permitting. On March 29th, we plan to deep drill aerify the Greens. Because of scheduling conflicts, this was the only date available for this time of year. We plan to clean up immediately behind the drillers, hopefully with little disruption to play. This is a necessary process to help the Greens recover from the long winter of rains and rolling, which seal the top of the Green. The aerification opens the ground to allow air exchange to the roots. It also helps remove moisture from the surface of the Green. Your comments and suggestions help us do a (5024) better job.

Mickey Hughes



Madena Valley Golf & Country Club

MARCH 2006 ACTIVITIES

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| | | | 1 Honors Club 11:00-12:00 PM LUNCH BUFFET 11:00-1:30 | 2 <i>Ladies</i> Golf Day Private Breakfast 7:00 - 9:00 AM | 3 Sertoma 12:00-1:00 PM Seafood NIGHT 6:00-8:00 PM LUNCH BUFFET 11:00-1:30 | 4 |
| 5 Brunch 10:30-1:30 | 6 Club CLOSED | 7 | 8 Honors Club 11:00-12:00 Senior Monthly LUNCH BUFFET 11:00-1:30 | 9 <i>Ladies</i> Golf Day Private Breakfast 7:00 - 9:00 AM | 10 Sertoma 12:00-1:00 PM Family NIGHT 6:00-8:00 PM LUNCH BUFFET 11:00-1:30 | 11 Men's Monthly |
| 12 Brunch 10:30-1:30 | 13 Club CLOSED <i>Shades Valley</i> Golf Tournament | 14 <i>Private Lunch</i> 11:00 - 1:00 p.m. Aspe Dinner 5:00-8:00 PM | 15 Honors Club 11:00-12:00 PM LUNCH BUFFET 11:00-1:30 | 16 <i>Ladies</i> Golf Day Private Breakfast 7:00 - 9:00 AM | 17 Sertoma 12:00-1:00 PM Steak NIGHT 6:00-8:00 PM LUNCH BUFFET 11:00-1:30 | 18 |
| 19 Brunch 10:30-1:30 | 20 Club CLOSED | 21 Board Meeting | 22 Honors Club 11:00-12:00 Sign-up Deadline Men's Match Play LUNCH BUFFET 11:00-1:30 | 23 <i>Ladies</i> Golf Day Private Breakfast 7:00 - 9:00 AM | 24 Sertoma 12:00-1:00 PM Catfish NIGHT 6:00-8:00 PM LUNCH BUFFET 11:00-1:30 | 25 Men's Match Play Begins |
| 26 Brunch 10:30-1:30 | 27 Club CLOSED | 28 Cosmopolitan CLUB 9:00 - 3:00 am | 29 LUNCH BUFFET 11:00-1:30 | 30 <i>Ladies</i> Golf Day Private Breakfast 7:00 - 9:00 AM | 31 Sertoma 12:00-1:00 PM Private Party LUNCH BUFFET 11:00-1:30 | |