



THE VALLEY NEWS

Altadena Valley Golf & Country Club

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From the **MANAGER**

The end of the year is here, and what a year it has been! Altadena Valley has gone through some things in 2005 that it has never experienced before and I hope it never will again. However, with all that we have been through, we have accomplished quite a bit. The golf course is in very good condition and the greens seem to be healthier than last year. We have a new pool pump, new irrigation pumps, and a tennis facility that is not a financial drain to the Club. We have some new members with great families and we look forward to many more in 2006 with your help.

I hate to write about membership each month, and I know that you have heard it before, but it is the LIFE BLOOD of the Club. If each member would commit to finding one, just one, new member in 2006, think of what a healthy financial picture we would have for years to come.

Please read the Important Notice on this page concerning the Club's property taxes. Last year, due to an accounting mishap, we didn't pay the taxes on time and it cost us in interest and penalties.

Please understand that this will help us out tremendously in starting (3184) out in 2006.

Also, please notice the newsletter that you can get discounted tickets to the Broadway plays that come to Birmingham by going to the

website www.broadwayacrossamerica.com/groupsales and type in Altadena. The next play coming to town is 42nd Street and future plays are listed in the article. I hope some of you will take advantage of these discounts. I know I am.

I would like to thank Marvin Randall, Bill Smith, and George Mackinaw for contributing to the irrigation pumps.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MEMBERS

As is the case with most other Clubs, we sometimes experience a budget shortfall. The most important expense that remains for the year is our 2005 property taxes, which we must pay before December 31st. The Board has decided that the best way to cover this expense this year is a \$100 assessment to all levels of Club membership. The present level of membership coupled with reduced Club usage at this time of the year has resulted in our shortfall. This assessment will help us bridge the gap and help us pay our property taxes on time, which of course is very important. You will see this amount on your December Club statement. The Board apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause. Thank you for your understanding.

AVCC BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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.





The first thing I need to tell you about is that any Golf Shop credit on the books must be redeemed by **December 31st**. We will wipe all credit off the books on January 2nd. We have to start each year off with a clean slate so please come in and redeem what you have.

The second thing is; **beginning in 2006**, I need to change the discount you enjoyed on golf club, glove, and shoe purchases in the golf shop this year from 10% to 5%. I will continue to price these at the same price point as the local golf discount stores do and (3323) you'll receive 5% off of it. However, you will still be allowed the 10% discount off the price on all non-sale clothing and hats in the Golf Shop. I apologize to all of you, especially to those of you who have taken advantage of the savings offered. Thank you for your continued support of the Golf Shop. Please let us know how to better service your needs.

Lastly, I'm having a Christmas Open House Party at the Golf Shop on Saturday, December 3rd from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Come by to enjoy fine food and tasty beverages on me while you shop and take advantage of some special savings offered on this day only.

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. If you are coming from another club where you had a GHIN handicap already established then we can 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.

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

Upcoming Events:

- ♦ **December 3rd**—*Saturday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.* - Golf Shop Christmas Open House. Come by for food and beverages on me and enjoy additional savings on purchases made this day.
- ♦ **December 10th**—Men's Monthly - *8:30 a.m. shotgun on Saturday*. It will be a 3-man scramble format and you can make your own team. 20% of total team handicap will be used. There will be 2 flights. Each player will be allowed one drive from a red tee box. You may also sign up individually and we'll try to pair you up. Each team will be paired with another team to make a 6-some on the course. The entry fee is \$30 with the cart included.
- ♦ **December 14th** - Senior Men's

Monthly - *8:30 a.m. shotgun*, 4 clubs. Individual play, 2 flights.

Other Golf News:

- ♦ Golf bags are 20% off until December 31st.
- ♦ **Great Christmas Gift for the Home or Office....**matted and framed 16" x 20" aerial photograph of Altadena Valley. Originally \$229, now \$99 or buy 2 and get 1 free.
- ♦ As always, Gift Certificates are available for purchase in the Golf Shop for (5050) merchandise, golf lessons, and cart fees.

Merry Christmas and I pray you have a happy, healthy New Year!

Jeff Copeland

PGA Golf Professional



Come and meet those dancing feet! Winner of the 1980 Tony Award for "Best New Musical" and the 2001 Tony Award for "Best Revival of a Musical: 42ND STREET—the timeless, inspiring tale of small town Peggy Sawyer's rise from chorine to Broadway star. And those songs! "Lullaby of Broadway," "We're in the Money," "Shuffle Off To Buffalo," "Keep Young and Beautiful," "I Only Have Eyes For You," and the spectacular title number, danced down a flight of steps that lights up as brightly as the faces of the cast. Birmingham will find out what it's like to float up to Musical Comedy Heaven.

**Select Performances for
Altadena Valley Country Club Members:**
Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2006—8:00 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 14, 2006—2:00 p.m.

To purchase tickets, go to
www.broadwayacrossamerica.com/groupsales

Password: ALTADENA

Notes from the GOLF COMMITTEE

Our last Men's Monthly Dogfight will be December 10th and it will be a pick-your-own 3-man team scramble. A couple of extra rules will apply, so check the sign-up sheet in the Pro Shop and sign up now. Starting time will be dependent on frost, but plan (3406) on a 9:00 a.m. shotgun start.

It's been a fun year as chairman, but I'm retiring again. Jeff has a new chairman all but lined up, so he'll be writing in this spot next month. Let's support him like you did me and turn out for as many events as possible and offer your assistance when needed. It makes this job a lot easier. Thanks to all the people that have helped out this year on the Golf Committee and with the big tournaments...we couldn't have made it without you. And a big thanks to Jeff, Mitch, Don, and Marvin. We have a great Pro Shop staff! It's a pleasure to work with all of you.

David Vaughn
Golf Committee Chairman

From the Manager

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The Club will host "**Brunch with Santa**" on December 18th. Bring the kids to sit with Santa and tell him what they want him to bring them. There will be pictures available (3678) by Tony Monette.

Just for fun:

There are two things you can learn by stopping your back swing at the top and checking the position of your hands...how many hands you have, and which one is wearing the glove.

When you look up, causing an awful shot, you will always look down again at exactly the moment when you ought to start watching the ball if you ever want to see it again.

Come see me,

John

Ladies NEWSLETTER

Very soon now the year 2005 will be a year added to all years past and also our golfing year will be a year that was. It "was" a good year for ladies golf. While small in numbers, we have had many good golfing days with lots of fun, along with some very good, mediocre, and bad golf. We will be ready in 2006 to do it all over again.

That is what makes this game so fascinating.

We wound our organized golf year down with our annual **Turkey Shoot** on November 10th. The game for this event was a scramble. The winning team consisted of Aline Blake, Jere Madonia, Doris Perry, and Pat Underwood. Congratulations ladies!!

Two of our last scheduled events before our Turkey Fight were our **October 27th - Blind Partners** and **November 3rd - Points**. The winners for the October 27th event were: Low Gross - Sandra Smith and Baker Smith, Low Net - Aline Blake and Sue Auchmuty. The November 3rd winners were: 1st Place - Debbie Tiffin, 2nd Place (tie) - Doris Perry and Baker Smith. While we will not have organized games on Thursdays for the remainder of the year, we hope to have some "good weather" on Thursdays to keep our games in (3921) decent shape.

One reason why golf is so popular with woman is that it is one of the few sports in which you can compute and socialize at the same time.—Jane Blalock.

Don't be afraid to look unfeminine by taking a whole-hearted whack with the club. Anyone strong enough to lift a two-year old child or take a vacuum cleaner or a bag of groceries can hit a powerful shot. —Sharon Moran

Actress Susan Anton, a 16 handicapper who once out-drove John Daly in a Pro-Am, observed, "*There are just so many levels of golf. Everytime you play, you learn a new life lesson. It teaches you patience and acceptance and so many other things. You never know what a day on the course is going to bring.*" All quotes from "*The Wisdom of Women's Golf*" by Dr. Criswell Freeman.

The game of golf has much to teach us about life. Doris Berry, one of our lady golfers has been ill and hospitalized for some time She is home, feeling much better, but still on oxygen. Doris, we miss you so very much and pray for you and for your health to continue to improve. Susie, we will have you in our prayers also when you undergo surgery. Good luck.

A happy Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas, and a happy & prosperous New Year!

See you on the course in 2006.

Baker





Senior GOLF NEWS

The Senior monthly tournament was held on November the 9th. There were 28 players individually flighted with full handicaps. The first and second place winners for each flight were as follows:

First Flight

Marvin Crocker	64
Rick Klein	67

Second Flight

Jerry Lee	72
Norb Thompson	73

Third Flight

Loren Elder	65
Randy Bright	69

Fourth Flight

Claude Glenn	74
Richard George	75

Congratulations to the (2910) winners. Contrary to Don Young's suggestion, I am not going to list the two highest scores. I would note, however, that any golfer can have a bad day, even Tiger Woods!

I regret to report that two of our senior members, Peter Smith and Dick Landry, have resigned. Although they may be unable to join us for golf, I hope they will join us as our guests for breakfast from time to time during the Senior Monthly tournaments. Best of luck to both of them.

Tom Moore



Over the NET

We still have a lot of inventory that is being offered at reduced prices. Our move-in stringing special is still in effect. Wilson Sensation and Wilson NXT strings are priced at \$25.00. Normally valued at \$29.00 and \$34.00. Also, we will be receiving a new assortment of products at the end of November in time for Christmas. So, come and see us for your tennis gift needs.

A new ball machine is in and we hope that you will take advantage of this state-of-the-art game improvement tool. Call Jack at 835-8657 to reserve a time to work on your game. The ball machine can be rented by the day or by the month. The daily one-hour fee is \$12 or the monthly one-hour per day is \$40 for an individual or \$60 per family.

Adult Corner

The October Mixer was a great success! I was extremely pleased that 16 people signed up to play. I plan on offering another mixer the first part of December. I will e-mail the ones that signed up for the October mixer with the date of the next mixer and they can help to spread the word. Also, several ladies are getting into the "Cardio Tennis" that I am offering. It's a fast-paced workout on the court! Give it a try if you're curious about it. Private training at \$20 per hour or per half hour. Men are welcome to sign up too and call me at 914-0078. The weather is starting to turn chilly, but I plan on being here everyday to train. Hope you will to! Let's make some progress in the fall and winter months and win some matches next season.

We hope you and yours have a wonderful holiday season!

Jack Standifer

ON THE COURSE

Winter weather is upon us. We have put the cover for the Greens in place, ready for very cold weather days. Last year we had to cover the Greens one time all winter. If the night temperature goes below 25 degrees and the following day the Greens do not thaw, then the covers are left on. Usually these cold snaps do not last more than one to three (3948) days.

The approaches on several Greens have been lowered to allow the surface drainage. These areas are GUR. A terrace has been built to the right of #3 Green to intercept the runoff from rainfall off the hillside. This area is also GUR.

On behalf of my staff we wish you a Merry Christmas and look forward to a prosperous New Year.

Mickey Hughes

