



THE VALLEY NEWS

Altadena Valley Golf & Country Club

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From the MANAGER

Please don't forget the Valentine Dinner on Friday February 10th. It is reservations only, so call Michelle at 967-5322 to reserve your table and bring friends, lots of friends. The menu is as at right.

The Club Directories are in the office, stop by and pick one up the next time you (3955) are at the Club.

Remember you may pay your Club bills by credit card if you desire, we take Visa, MasterCard, and Discover. We have over 25 members getting bonus points and airline miles by paying by this method.

I want to thank David Lowery and Curt Guenther for bringing the Vestavia Chapter of Business Network International breakfast meeting to AVCC. Mark Miranda has brought the Alabama Underwriters to us for a monthly meeting and Richey Bruce has brought a business group in on a regular basis for lunch and golf. Bob Duncan, Bill Smith, Richard George, George Mackinaw and Hugh Johnson have been bringing groups here for regular business and social meetings for a while. The Club greatly appreciates the support of these members and looks forward to bringing in new groups for meetings.

Aaron and Jenna Saturday have a new mouth to feed. Jenna gave birth to Jacob Saturday on January 10th. And it will be a large mouth to feed, Jacob was 9 pounds 11 ounces! All are well, and you can see pictures on Kathy's computer in the office.

The board is looking at doing a new membership drive early this spring. If you have any ideas please let me know and I will present it to the committee.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Dick Majors and his family for the loss of his wife, Sue. Dick and Sue have been members since 1973.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Majors family.

Valentine's Dinner

FEBRUARY 10, 2006

APPETIZER

Lump Crab Cakes
Lime Cucumber Dill Sauce

SALAD

Savory Herb Salad
*Fresh Fruit, Gorgonzola, Spiced Walnuts,
Strawberry Vinaigrette*

ENTREE

Pecan Crusted Snapper
*Molasses Butter
Roasted New Potato
Julienne Spring Vegetables*

Angus Beef Tenderloin

*Shiitake Mushrooms w/Cracked pepper Sauce
Garlic Mashed Yukon Golds
Julienne Spring Vegetables*

PATISSERIE

Chocolate Cobbler
*Rich Fudge Cake With Chocolate Sauce
Vanilla Ice Cream Topped With
Whipped Cream & Toasted Pecans*

JUST FOR FUN: Continuing with the contents of the new golf book just out....

Chapter 7: *When To Implement Handicap Management*

Chapter 8: *Proper Excuses For Drinking Beer Before 9 AM*

Chapter 9: *How To Rationalize A 6 Hour Round*
Chapter 10: *How To Find That Ball That Everyone Else Saw Go In The Water*

Chapter 11: *Why Your Spouse Doesn't Care That You Birdied The 5th*

Chapter 12: *How To Let A Foursome Play Through Your Twosome*

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.





Another golf season is not far away from beginning and with that comes the latest introductions in golf equipment and new golf apparel for spring. I should start receiving some of these in mid-February with more coming in March.

If you are thinking about a new set of clubs this year, I urge you to come by the Golf Shop to set up an appointment for a custom fitting. The custom fitting system I use is by Titleist, but that doesn't mean it is only good for buying a set of Titleist irons. Your specs that this system gives us will apply to any set of irons you are looking to buy. If you buy your irons from me, then this fitting (which takes about 30 minutes) will be free of charge; otherwise, a \$20 fee will apply. You could also use your specs with your current clubs, as some irons are capable of being adjusted fairly easily, which is less expensive than the cost of purchasing a new set.

I'll also have a good selection of Demos to try from Callaway, Cobra, and Titleist. Again I urge you to try before you buy. I try to match the prices of any of the area discount golf stores. These stores also allow me to swap products I have in my golf shop for something they have but I don't. Just because you don't see it in my shop doesn't mean I can't get it that same day. I would appreciate the opportunity to serve your golf needs in any way that I can.

OTHER GOLF NEWS:

Please remember that denim jeans and shorts are not allowed on the golf course, putting greens, and practice range. This is one rule that seems to be forgotten by a number of members each month. I don't enjoy enforcing this rule and telling someone they can't play because of wearing denim but it is part of my job, like it or not.

Also, remember we are looking to host more private golf outings this year.

I am starting to get some inquiries for these from either members or friends of members who need a place for their event. Thanks to those of you who are passing this information on to your businesses and friends.

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 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 you get it for you.

My assistant, Mitchell Vinson, and I are available for private lessons and we

offer ladies' and junior clinics throughout the (3859) year.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 8th—Senior Men's Monthly
8:30 a.m. shotgun - 2-Man Scramble using 20% of total handicap. 4 drives per player must be used.

February 11th—Men's Monthly - 9:00 a.m. shotgun on Saturday - 2-Man Get Your Own Partner Counting One Low Ball Using 80% of handicap - All 18 Holes will be converted to Par 3's - 9:00 Shotgun

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 thru the 14th. Deadline to sign-up is Thursday March 23rd.

Hope to see you soon!

Jeff Copeland

PGA Golf Professional

NOTES

from the PRESIDENT

Well here goes another month of comments from your president. We had a great day for the monthly dogfight in January, just like December if you are fond of freezing weather. However, a hearty group showed up to play. We are still having good food on Friday nights for the buffet. Bring your family out and give it a taste. One of the best things to help our (4341) Club would be getting some new members. Encourage your friends and neighbors to join our club. I did not hear from anyone about bingo so I will put that away for a different time. So until next month live a long life and play more golf.

Terry Dison

Notes from the GOLF COMMITTEE

Thanks to all of the participants who came out to brave the elements at the January men's monthly event. It was a little chilly but not too bad overall. Congratulations to all who participated and the teams that placed: 1st—Chris Elliot and Scott Flurry, 2nd—Mike Hoagland and Chris Peterson, 3rd (tie)—Jimmy Magette and Lee Parker, Mark Lemier and Frank Rentz.

The February monthly event will be the Par 3 tournament. It is a 2-man tournament, choose your own team or you can be paired with someone, 80% of your handicap. Be sure to contact the Pro Shop to get signed up.

The 2006 golf calendar will be presented to the Board in February and we should be able to let you know dates for the rest of the year after that is hopefully approved.

Please let me know of any concerns or input you have about the golf events here at AVCC.

Thanks,
Chris Peterson



IN THE SWIM...

It's February! Time to start thinking about Valentine's Day, the Super Bowl, and swimming! Yes, you did read correctly, I did say swimming! Your AVCC swim team board has been hard at work gearing up for the 2006 summer swim season, and we are ready to get rolling!

We are pleased to announce that Natasha Rosko will be returning as our head coach this year. She will be assisted by our swimming "phenom" Kimberly Smith, who has swam for many years with our team. She was a previous year round competitor with BSL, and helped out with our younger swimmers last year!

Look for our early registration forms in the March newsletter, and make plans to stop by the club house to visit on Sunday April 30th from 2-4 pm for our registration "event". This is always a fun time to catch up with (786) our returning swim team families, meet with the board, and answer any questions our new families may have concerning our program. We also will have the opportunity to meet the coaches and register again at the pool May 28th. If you can not make either event, forms can be dropped off at the club or mailed to the address listed. We also will offer the opportunity for online registration via our team web site starting in March as well at www.avccswimteam.homestead.com.

YOUR BOARD MEMBERS FOR THIS YEAR ARE:

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| President | Annemarie Wilson |
| 1st Vice President | Curtis Palmer |
| 2nd Vice President | Chris Freeman |
| Treasurer | Todd Seeger |
| Secretary | Jeff Taylor |
| Social Chairman | Michele Gentry |

We hope to see everyone back again this year, and look forward to meeting some new faces at our registration sessions!

Annemarie Wilson
733-9440

Ladies NEWSLETTER

As I write this article it is a beautiful sunny day with a gorgeous blue sky after a day of solid rain and wind just two days ago. So is our January weather, but aren't we fortunate to have these sunny days to go out to the golf course.

The ladies are getting schedules ready for the upcoming golfing season. Our chairwoman Aline Blake gave me the following dates for our calendars:

General Meeting February 19th @ 3:00 p.m. in the upstairs grill.

Refreshments will be provided. Bring your \$15 for Annual Dues. Our kick-off golfing event will be March 30th, the last Thursday, 9:00 a.m. Club Championship September 20-21st.

Kathy Baggio, Tournament Chairwomen has scheduled a Member/Guest on October 12th. More on this later in the year. For the ladies the state is divided into six Areas. Our club is in Area III. Areas II and III will be hosting a joint meeting and luncheon on March 1st at the Country Club of Birmingham. All (4184) ladies are invited and urged to attend.

The LPGA Old Board/New Board Tournament October 4th.

WAGA (*Women's Alabama Golf Association*) Senior Championship Tournament will be played May 1st - 3rd at Selma Country Club. More about the state tournaments as the golfing season progresses.

CHIP SHOT:

Having a great swing helps under pressure, but golf is a game about scoring. It's like an artist who can get a two inch brush at Wal-Mart for 20 cents or a fine camel-hair brush from an art store for 20 dollars. The brush doesn't matter—how the finished painting looks is what matters. *Jerry Pate from The Bathroom Golf Book.*

See you on the course.

Baker





SENIOR GOLF NEWS

Twenty golfers turned out for the Senior Monthly Tournament on Wednesday, January 11. The format was four-man teams, two low balls with full handicaps. The winners were:

First Place

Joe Rives, Tommy Hines, Earl Lawson, & Tom McLeod, Sr.

Score: -22

Second Place

Rick Klein, Norb Thompson, Ray Davis, & Richard George

Score: -17

Rick Woodward specifically asked that his team, consisting of Karl Pugh, Bill Hamilton, Don Young and Rick, receive "Honorable Mention" for their determined play even though their score was minus 6. Way to go guys, better luck next time. It appears that getting everyone in the morning golf group on the same page with regard to starting later during the winter is harder than herding cats. However, in a recent meeting chaired by Bill Smith, the majority vote was to stick with the plan of not starting to make up the teams of 8:30. Hopefully, anyone who arrives and pulls his card by 8:30 will not be left out.

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 restringing and replacement grip special. You will receive 25% off normal retail price from January to the end of February.

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT

AVCC will be hosting seven USTA tournaments in 2006. The first event is February 10th through the 12th. Of these seven tournaments, three are novice events for the beginning tournament player. Our after school program is back in session and feel free to call me with any questions about our program. Also, you can find more information about us at our web site: www.academytennis.net.

ADULT CORNER

Well, the ladies 3.0 USTA Winter League team has played a few matches. They've been very competitive and close...we're waiting to squeak out a win soon! Great job on being committed through the winter and playing! I am in the process of putting together a 3.0 women's softcourt team, a 3.5 LITL women's doubles only team, a men's C team and hopefully a mixed team. All leagues start around the first of March and end in May. Please contact me ASAP if you're interested and we have not already talked.

I am now offering a beginner's clinic on Fridays. The time is still flexible. I have a few signed up and starting. Hope to see more!

A special thank you to Annamarie Wilson for your hard work and detail into getting old members back and new members in to play (5037) tennis.

Also, the board has approved a one time \$150 individual/junior or \$300 family "tennis only" membership for anyone interested in joining AVCC. The word is out to lots of people, and I hope to see an increase in the activity of league play real soon. Thanks,

Jack & Pam

COMING TO ALTADENA VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB...

Murder at the Four Dueces

April 7, 2006

Don Wannabe is hosting a grand opening celebration for his new speakeasy, The Four Dueces, and you are invited to attend. The Four Dueces is a lavish joint serving booze, music, & fun. The cream and not so cream of society will be attending. With gangsters, hit men, opera singers, molls, and many other interesting guests in attendance there are sure to be a lot of big deals being made here tonight.



ON THE COURSE

We have taken down several trees that were struck by lightning. Your safety is a major concern for us. If you know of any hanging limbs, sinkholes, etc. that you have noticed, please let us know.

We have had some good weather to work on weed control. We hope to be as weed free as possible going into spring. In last month's article it was recommended, for the do-it-yourselfer, to applying the pre-emerge Simazine for winter weed control.

If you used this product you should be good until March 1-15. If you have not applied a pre-emerge recently, you should apply a pre-emerge between February 15- March 1. Several are good to use on (5069) your lawn. Look for the active ingredients: pendimethalin or prodiamine or dithiopyr. **Read and follow label directions.**

Mickey Hughes



Madena Valley Golf & Country Club

FEBRUARY 2006 ACTIVITIES

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | | | 1 Honors Club 11:00-12:00 PM LUNCH BUFFET 11:00-1:30 | 2 <i>Ladies</i> Golf Day Private Breakfast Meeting 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 Private Lunch-In | 8 Honors Club 11:00-12:00 Senior Monthly LUNCH BUFFET 11:00-1:30 | 9 <i>Ladies</i> Golf Day Private Breakfast Meeting 7:00 - 9:00 AM | 10 Sertoma 12:00-1:00 PM <i>Valentine's Dinner</i> 7:00-9:00 PM Reservations Only LUNCH BUFFET 11:00-1:30 | 11 Men's Monthly |
| 12 Brunch 10:30-1:30 | 13 Club CLOSED | 14 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 Meeting 7:00 - 9:00 AM Private Lunch 11:00 - 1:00 PM | 17 Sertoma 12:00-1:00 PM Private Meeting & Lunch Steak NIGHT 6:00-8:00 PM LUNCH BUFFET 11:00-1:30 | 18 |
| 19 Brunch 10:30-1:30 <i>Golf Ladies Meeting</i> | 20 Club CLOSED | 21 Board Meeting Private Lunch-In | 22 Honors Club 11:00-12:00 PM LUNCH BUFFET 11:00-1:30 | 23 <i>Ladies</i> Golf Day Private Breakfast Meeting 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 |
| 26 Brunch 10:30-1:30 <i>Private Party</i> | 27 Club CLOSED | 28 Cosmopolitan CLUB 9:00 - 3:00 am | | | | |