



THE VALLEY NEWS

Altadena Valley Golf & Country Club

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From the MANAGER

Well, I am now a married man. On September 17th, I married Sarah Whitmire from Guntersville and things are GREAT! You will be meeting Sarah in the months to come. I am quite lucky, but she on the other hand...

Well, football is here and you can sure tell it on the weekends. While you are out enjoying the fall sport, look around for friends and neighbors that may be prospective members for Altadena Valley. Like all other clubs, we need new members to join our family.

Again, AVCC has a tremendous new membership offering with NO INITIATION FEE when the new member signs an agreement to be a member for a minimum of two years. Our Junior membership classification has grown from 5 in 2003 to currently 35! The course, with all of this sun in the last three weeks or so, is really looking good. Call me and I will be happy to treat your potential new member to a round of golf.

Thank you for your help on keeping trash from the Club grounds. While I still pick it up each day, the amount has lessened somewhat.

We are excited to announce that Kelly Harrington was crowned Homecoming Queen at Spain Park High School. Kelly is the daughter of proud parents, Ted and Mary Harrington. Way to go, Kelly!

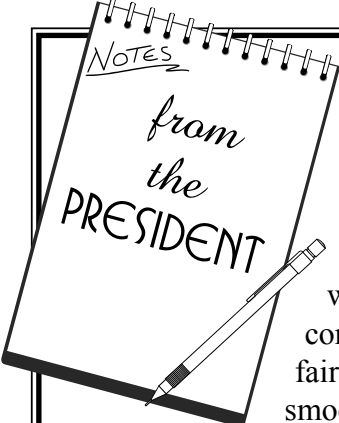
"JUST FOR FUN"...

- There are two kinds of bounces; unfair bounces and bounces just the way you meant to play it.

- You can hit a two acre fairway 10% of the time and a two-inch branch 90% of the time.
- The game of (3853) golf is 90% mental and 10% mental.
- Don't buy a putter until you have had a chance to throw it.

Come see me,

John



As we approach the fall, our course is in (3990) wonderful condition. The fairways are smooth, the greens roll true. The smothering hot summer is behind us and cooler temperatures prevail. Now that the pool has closed, this would be an excellent time to sharpen up your tennis skills. Please come join us at the Club for all that Altadena has to offer. Hey, bring a friend and be sure to meet our new tennis staff.

See you at the Club,
Randy Cole

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.





I need to make a formal apology to Don Drennen Buick for my unintentional omission of recognition in my column of last month's newsletter. In mentioning the results and fun we had with the Buick Scramble, I failed to include the most important ingredient for the scramble to take place... the tournament sponsor, **Don Drennen Buick!** This apology is directed specifically to Don Drennen, the owner, and John Lindquist, the representative for Don Drennen Buick that I worked closest with in bringing this scramble to the Club for the first time. They are both members of the Club and are also responsible for providing the car we have as a hole-in-one prize for the Member/Guest Tournament each year.

While I'm recognizing important sponsors of the Club, let me also bring to your attention why our range balls have "Pepsi" on them. Russ Terwilliger, a member of the Club and regional representative for Pepsi, has been providing our range balls for the last couple of years. This saves the Club a considerable amount of money each year. So please acknowledge and thank these members for their contribution the next time you see them.

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 golfing 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 came 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 included with 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 10% discount on merchandise in the Golf Shop and 5% off on golf balls. 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.

GOLF CLINICS:

The junior clinic is still taking place on Tuesdays and Saturdays for kids 8 years and up until November 19. There will be no clinic on Saturday, October 8 due to a tournament. Call the Golf Shop to sign up.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

•**October 8th, Saturday—ALABAMA/AUBURN DOGFIGHT - 9:00 a.m. shotgun start - Men's Monthly Event**, format is a 2-man 6-hole scramble, 6-hole alternate shot, and 6-hole best ball. All three are decided by match play. A point is awarded to the team if it wins the 6-hole match and half a point for a tie. Carts are included and all participants receive a shirt with a choice of school logo or \$30 in golf shop credit, food is not provided in the entry fee of \$45.

Course will be closed until completion of this event (around 2:00 p.m.). This is a **pride only** event as there will be no further prizes awarded for winning the event.

•**October 12th, Wednesday—SENIOR MEN'S MONTHLY - 8:30 a.m. shotgun start (course not closed to regular play).**

•**October 20th, Thursday—LADIES EVENT (OLD BOARD, NEW BOARD) - 9:00 a.m. shotgun start with course closed to regular play until about 1:30 p.m.**

For questions about participating in any of these events or times you may play on these dates, please contact the Golf Shop at 967-5324.

MEMBER-MEMBER RESULTS:

Due to the interest in a game called football that seems to dominate daily life in this region of the country, we changed this

tournament from a two-day to a one-day event. This had to be done so the golfers wouldn't miss the kickoffs of the Alabama-South Carolina and Auburn-Ball State games. In the future, I will not schedule events that conflict with college, high school, pee wee, toddler, and infant football (Tennessee humor). Here are the results:

1ST FLIGHT:

Winner— Frank Rentz & Lamar Lowery - 57.
2nd— Don Domazet & Dick Majors - 60.
3rd (tie)— Terry Dison & Bill Waterhouse with Ben Watson & Missy Betres - 61.

2ND FLIGHT:

Winner— Mike Mashburn & Skeet Wilkerson - 54.
2nd— Tom McLeod & Jim Foster - 58.
3rd— David Cole & David Rogers - 60.
4th (tie)— Dwight Pruitt & John Vanderford with Chet Duncan & John Lindquist - 61.

GOLF SHOP NEWS:

I am selling some (5122) of my demo clubs I've had all year from Cobra and Callaway. Some price savings you'll encounter are listed below.

Demo items on sale:

Cobra 460 Stiff
Retail \$299, Sale Price \$169

Cobra 414 Comp Driver
Retail \$399, Sale Price \$219

Cobra Fairway woods
Retail \$169, Sale Price \$99

Cobra Hybrids
Retail \$129-\$149, Sale Price \$79-\$89

Callaway 454 Driver
Retail \$299, Sale Price \$180

Callaway Fairway Wood
Retail \$199, Sale Price \$119

Callaway Heavenwood Hybrids
Retail \$159-\$179, Sale Price \$89-\$109

Callaway Set of X-18 3-P with Stiff Graphite
Retail \$899, Sale Price \$550

New items on sale include:
Cobra (2) SZ440 Drivers and (1) SZ460
Retail \$299, Sale Price \$199

Hope to see you soon!

Jeff Copeland
PGA Head Golf Professional

Notes from the GOLF COMMITTEE

Congratulations to Ted Sartin, Keith Howell, and Don West for winning their Age Divisions in the AVCC Senior Championship. For a list of all the other people who placed, you can check Jeff's article. Thanks to all those who participated.

Our plans for a Member-Member weekend never materialized, so the September event was a two-man, one lowball with handicap. We had enough for two flights, and the winners were Frank Rentz and Lamar Lowery (he shot his age!) in the 1st Flight and Skeet Wilkerson and Michael Mashburn in the 2nd Flight. Maybe next year the proposed Member-Member can take place. I think everyone will love the (2418) format, but we have to have a minimum of 24 teams, with 30 or 36 being optimal.

Speaking of shooting their age, I had the pleasure to watch a long-time friend and member accomplish this in September. Dick Majors, just a few weeks after his 78th birthday, shot a smooth 77 (and from the white tees too!) No birdies, no doubles, Mr. Consistent that day. Congrats to Dick and Lamar for this great achievement. I am sure there are others of you that have done this, but I just haven't heard about it. But if I do, I will let the people know in this article next time.

The Alabama/Auburn dogfight information is in the Pro Shop. Sign up now!!

David Vaughn
Golf Committee Chairman

Ladies NEWSLETTER

The Ladies have been trying to get in some practice for the Club Championship to be played on September 28th & 29th. Results will be in the next newsletter.

• **The results of August 25th** - Only holes "T & "F" count:

1st—Aline Blake, 2nd—Baker Smith, 3rd—Joyce Randall.

• **September 1st "Honesty"** - Predict your score for the day. No organized event.

• **September 8th "Points"** - 1st—Aline Blake, 2nd (tie)—Sue Auchmuty and Ruby Dison.

• **September 15th** - Throw out holes #3, 6, 9, 11, 13, 18.

1st—Aline Blake, 2nd—Joyce Randall, 3rd—Susie McAlevy.

Our belated condolences to Paul Vaught (maintenance) and young Paul (carts) in the loss of wife and mother, Kimberly, on August 22nd. We have you in our prayers.

The LBGA Championship will be October 12th & 13th at Riverchase Country Club. The champion of this tournament is determined from the champion and runner-up of the 22 clubs of the LBGA. The Old Board/New Board of the LBGA will be played this year at Altadena on October 20th.

MIND YOUR MANNERS...*You won't incur any penalty strokes for breaking the unwritten code of golf etiquette. Obey them and you'll be viewed as a player (4167) who is considerate toward other players and respectful of the game.*

- Always replace divots, fill with sand;
- Rake the sand after hitting out of a bunker;
- Never throw clubs or damage the course in frustration over a missed shot;
- Don't step on another player's line on the putting green;
- Always shout "Fore!" after hitting a wayward shot;
- Leave your cart, pull cart, bag one the side of the green closest to the next tee;
- Wait until you are on the next tee to fill out your scorecard;
- Don't take practice swings, talk, or stand near a player about to swing;
- If you have an open hole in front of you, always invite faster players to play through;
- Try NOT to take a divot with a practice swing.

"Mildred, shut up!" cried the golfer at his nagging wife. "Shut up or you'll drive me out of my mind." "That" snapped Mildred, "wouldn't be a drive. That would be a putt."

—Robert McCure from *The World's Best Golf Jokes*.

See you on the course—

Baker





The Senior's tournament for September was held on Wednesday, the 14th. There were 12 two-man teams playing a scramble with 20 percent of team handicaps. The winners were:

First Place
Dick Landry & Bill Hamilton
Score: 60.0

Second Place
Ray Davis & Bill Smith
Score: 63.2

Third Place
Larry Rinehart & Norb Thompson
Score: 63.6

Fourth Place
Bob McNeal & Joe Owens
Score: 64.0

Congratulations John Warren on your recent wedding! May you and your bride have a long and very happy married life.

With hurricanes Dennis, Katrina, & Rita to name a few, this has been one heck of a summer. Hopefully, we (4286) will run out of hurricanes before we run out of names for them.

Tom Moore



TENNIS NEWS...

Academy Tennis is very excited and proud to be a part of AVCC. We are working hard to improve the facility and provide service that you deserve. We will be offering a wide variety of programs to match each and every player's needs. This diversity will be provided through an organized agenda of opportunities for a quality tennis experience. Our staff will offer direct personalized service in the form of guidance, instruction, information, and attention. From the beginning to the advanced player, we are sure that the Academy has the right program to meet your needs. We want every member to enjoy (3729) their time on the court. We hope to see you soon!

Upcoming USTA Junior Tournaments
October 14-16 & November 18-20
BG 10s-18s

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
Call Jack at 835-8657
Monday through Thursday
Tiny Tots • 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Beginner/Intermediate • 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
Top Gun • 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Program runs mid-August to the end of May.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Call Pam at 914-0078

My goal is to have hours available from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday for clinics, "power-hour" at lunch time for those on tight schedules, cardio tennis, and mixers. I hope that if I have not met you, that you'll stop by the shop and introduce yourself.

See our website at

www.academytennis.net

for all information about our program.

This site will soon be updated to include AVCC.

STAFF:

Jack Standifer, Flip Phillips,
Pam Wildt, Ross Roberts

Our staff is certified by the USPTA and/or USPTR, with over 50 years of experience in the tennis industry.

Pro Shop: Inventory Close Out Sale

Huge savings on all items (50 to 75% off!).

HOURS OF OPERATION:

(Tennis Court & Shop Hours)

Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 to 12:30 • 2:30 to 7:00
Friday 8:30 to 12:30 • 2:00 to 6:00
Saturday 8:30 to 12:00
Sunday Closed

Courts as always: 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Jack Standifer

ON THE COURSE

The hot, dry weather we had in September helped to lighten the rough. The heavy rains all summer kept the roughs thick and growing fast. The lower humidity and cooler nights this month will slow the growth of the roughs, making them much more playable. The greens needed the ample sunshine we had in September. The greens are much healthier than they have been all summer. The TifEagle Bermuda grass must have at least eight hours of sunshine per day to be at its best. Cloudy, rainy weather causes the grass to have wider leaf blades and longer nodes. Eight hours of sunshine and 90 degree weather makes the grass grow more narrow leaf blades and a more compact growth habit. This in turn makes the putting surface faster and smoother. The greens (4343) speed will change depending on humidity and lower night temperatures, also. The Greens Committee is putting together a to do list for the winter months. Your comments and suggestions are helpful.

Mickey Hughes



Madena Valley Golf & Country Club

OCTOBER 2005 ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 Brunch 10:30-1:30	3 Course & Club CLOSED	4	5 Honors Club 11:00-12:00 PM LUNCH BUFFET 11:00-1:30	6 <i>Ladies</i> Day	7 Sertoma 12:00-1:00 PM SEAFOOD Night 6:00-8:00 PM LUNCH BUFFET 11:00-1:30	8 Alabama/ Auburn Dogfight Wedding Reception
9 Brunch 10:30-1:30	10 Course & Club CLOSED	11 Aspe Dinner 5:00-8:00 PM	12 Honors Club 11:00-12:00 PM Senior Monthly LUNCH BUFFET 11:00-1:30	13 <i>Ladies</i> Day	14 Sertoma 12:00-1:00 PM STEAK Night 6:00-8:00 PM LUNCH BUFFET 11:00-1:30	15 Wedding Reception
16 Brunch 10:30-1:30	17 Course & Club CLOSED Alagasco Golf Tournament	18	19 Honors Club 11:00-12:00 PM LUNCH BUFFET 11:00-1:30	20 <i>Ladies</i> Golf Event Course Closed until 1:30 PM	21 Sertoma 12:00-1:00 PM CATFISH Dinner 6:00-8:00 PM LUNCH BUFFET 11:00-1:30	22 <i>Private Party</i>
23 Brunch 10:30-1:30 Brunch 10:30-1:30	24 Club CLOSED Club CLOSED <i>Happy Halloween!!</i>	25 Cosmopolitan Club 9:00-2:00 PM	26 Honors Club 11:00-12:00 PM LUNCH BUFFET 11:00-1:30	27 <i>Ladies</i> Day	28 Sertoma 12:00-1:00 PM Country Kitchen 6:00-8:00 PM LUNCH BUFFET 11:00-1:30	29
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