



THE VALLEY NEWS

Altadena Valley Golf & Country Club

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From the MANAGER

It seems like summer just got here and now it has slipped away in a hurry. But with it's passing arrives "football" for those of you who are not UNC fans. We don't have football there. The pool is now closed for the season and the new pump we installed has done a superb job for us, but it sure did cost a lot of money.

Tennis is finally in full swing again at AVCC as after school programs begin in earnest. Please stop by the tennis shop and meet Jack and Flip and let them "help" your game.

Jerry McClendon passed away in August. Jerry had not been here for a long time, but he sure made his mark and many new friends. We will miss him a lot.

Welcome to our new members for August:

- Cynthia Willingham and her children, Daniel and Alana
- Brett Barnett
- Billy Dixon III
- Joey Hamilton

Brandon McDonald is opening a new restaurant at the Summit named The Grape. It specializes in fine wines and has a very unique concept.

Curtis Ballenger is opening the Back Nine Bar

and Grill at Lee Branch in late August or early September and it is HUGE!

As a reminder, Christmas is only a few months away, so please consider us for any Christmas parties you may have both company and private. Call Michelle or Tony Hunter for information. The upstairs dining room is only \$250 to rent. If you have a business group or a civic group that meets for lunch, we have two available days we could serve you. Again, call Tony or Michelle for information.

Just a reminder, we still have our No-Initiation Fee Membership Program with the signing of a two-year membership agreement. It has never been easier to join AVCC. Help out by recommending new members, the Club (3951) will treat them to a round of golf in order for them to get a taste of Altadena Valley.

- Golfers who claim they don't cheat also lie!
- Everyone replaces his divot after a perfect approach shot.
- A golf match is a test of your skill against your opponent's luck.
- It's not a gimme if you are still away.

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.



The summer is coming to an end and with that comes cooler weather, football, and hunting seasons, which means this is the perfect time for you to come out and enjoy the Club. You could very well have the course to yourself on a Saturday if Alabama and Auburn have home games on the same afternoon. After my first autumn here last year I'm not sure how many of you are aware that the golf course doesn't close for football season after Labor Day. Seriously though, autumn is the best time of the year to play. The course is still in great shape and the weather is usually dry and mild. Golf is a year round sport here in the south and I hope you'll continue to put your membership to use.

NOTE: We continue to have a problem with our towels that are provided on the golf carts disappearing. If any of you have accidentally taken towels home then please bring them back to us.

NEW MEMBERS:

I want to welcome our newest members to AVCC 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 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 on the back of it. My staff and I look forward to servicing your needs for many years to come.

MEN'S CLUB

CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS:

(See our website for more results at avccgolf.org)

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT:

Champion—Bradley Johnson

Runner-up—Richard Poff

B Division:

Winner—John Brent

Runner-up—Sunshine Elliott

C Division:

Winner—Howard English

Runner-up—Jerry Nelson

1ST FLIGHT:

Winner—Doc Johnson

Runner-up—Jim Miller & Randy Yancey

2ND FLIGHT:

Winner—Chad Burdett

Runner-up—Ed Kerr & Lamar Lowery

3RD FLIGHT:

Winner—Chris Elliott

Runner-up—Al Blanchard

4TH FLIGHT:

Winner—TomMcLeod

Runner-up—Chet Duncan

JUNIOR CLUB

CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS:

14-15 YEARS OLD:

Winner—Brett Borders

Runner-up—Kyle Carpenter and Lee Terwilliger

12-13 YEARS OLD:

Winner—Robby Prater

Runner-up—Michael Johnson

10-11 YEARS OLD:

Winner—Christopher Jaudon

Runner-up—Benson Mulvaney

8-9 YEARS OLD:

Winner—Zach Laswell

5-7 YEARS OLD:

Winner—Joshua Gregg

Runner-up—Gage Laswell

Also in AVCC Junior News, we have some young ladies who have performed well in the LBGA Girls Golf City Championship. Jennifer Lowry won the second flight with Brittany Wear placing third. Elizabeth Ballew finished third in her age division.

BUICK SCRAMBLE:

This was the first year that we hosted this event and many of you were not aware of what it is all about. I got to go with our local qualifying team to compete in the sectional qualifier, which was at Wynlakes C.C. in Montgomery this year. At the sectional, a scramble format is used and the Low Gross and Lot Net teams advance to the Nationals at Disney World in October to compete in a 4-day event that is full of festivities and prizes. This is an event that brings participants from all over the country and is hosted by Tiger Woods. We tied for 1st in the Low Net Division, but lost on the first playoff hole to an eagle. The team consisted of Tim Honeycutt, Curtis Ballenger, Charlie Sywy, Jack Wrenn, and myself. This is a fantastic and fun event and I hope we can have more than seven 4-person teams try to qualify at our local event next summer.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

•Sept. 14th—SENIOR MEN'S MONTHLY - 8:00 a.m. start.

•Sept. 17th-18th—Member-Member Tournament - Course will be closed all day Saturday and partially Sunday for this event.

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Notes from the GOLF COMMITTEE

Congratulations to the 2005 Men's Club Champion, Bradley Johnson, who continued his great summer of golf by winning by 15 strokes over his nearest competitor, 2004 Champion, Richard Poff. Bradley's three day total of 4 under par included 2 even par rounds sandwiched around a great 67 on Saturday that could have been even lower. For full results on the Club Championship, see the Golf Pro's column.

We almost made it all 3 days without a rain delay, but the last two groups had to wait out a storm that lasted about an hour. Based on our normal track record for tournaments, that's a pretty good feat. Thanks to Jeff and Mitch for running a great tournament, even with the USGA rough (what do you expect in Birmingham in August?), and a few very tricky hole locations. Rumor has it our Pro's went out and tested a few holes, and did not fare much better than us amateurs. Maybe we can convince them to go a little easier on us in the next events.

Speaking of next events, by the time you read this, we will have crowned our Senior Champions. I'll have results of this event next month. And our Member-Member that was postponed earlier this year is scheduled for Sept. 17-18. Plans are to play 5 match-play 9-hole rounds and then take the winners to a shoot-out. A Calcutta will be held on Friday night to bid off the teams for the shoot-out. The course will be closed for regular play on these two days, so please find a partner and sign up. We need to have a good turnout for our next to last "major" of the year. If we lack enough entries, the format may have to be changed due to the type format (we need a minimum of 24 teams). Our last major will be the Alabama-Auburn Dogfight, scheduled for Saturday, October 8th. More (3056) details on this next month, but mark your calendars now.

Finally, I want to thank Mickey, David, and their crew for keeping our course in excellent condition through all the rain we've had. Believe it or not, it is easier for them to maintain the course and greens when we have less rain than a lot, so I know they have had to struggle during this period. Make sure you stop and tell them thanks when you see them on the course.

David Vaughn
Golf Committee Chairman

Ladies NEWSLETTER

The month of August has certainly been a hot one! Now that we are nearing September as I write this column, the weatherman is promising some cooler days, which should bring (5037) some of you back to the course.

The past 4 weeks' winners in the Thursday events were:

JULY 28TH: First Flight, Low gross—Nancy Johnson, Low net—Aline Blake; **Second Flight**, Low gross—Joyce Randall, Low net—Baker Smith

AUGUST 4TH: Low gross—Sandra Smith, Low net—Baker Smith

AUGUST 11TH: Points, 1st—Sue Auchmuty, 2nd—Marj Rice

AUGUST 18TH: Fewest putts, 1st—Aline Blake, Tie for 2nd—Joyce Randall & Baker Smith

September dates for Thursday are the 1st, 8th, 15th, & 22nd.

September 28th & 29th: Ladies Club Championship, 2 day tourney with lunch and awards following.

The **RULES OF GOLF** are written in a very precise fashion. The better you know and understand the rules, the more you will enjoy the game.

1. Indicating Line of Play: (*On the putting green*) When the player's ball is on the putting green, the player, his partner or either of their caddies may, before but not during the stroke, point out a line for putting, but in so doing the putting green must not be touched. (*Rule 8-2b*)

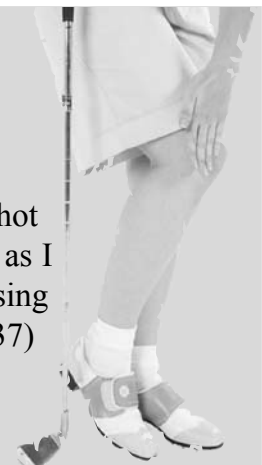
2. Ball at Rest Moved: (*By another ball*) If a ball in play and at rest is moved by another ball in motion after a stroke, the moved ball must be replaced. (*Rule 18-5*)

3. Striking the Ball: The ball must be fairly struck at with the head of the club and must not be pushed, scraped, or spooned. (*Rule 14-1*)

If a player strikes the ball more than once in the course of a stroke, the player must count the stroke and add a penalty stroke, making two strokes in all. (*Rule 14-4*)
"CHIPSHOT"—How long does John Daly drive a golf ball? When I was a kid, I didn't go that far on vacation.
-Chi Chi Rodriguez, from the Bathroom Golf Book.

See you on the course—

Baker





SENIOR GOLF NEWS

The Seniors held their monthly tournament on Wednesday, August the 10th. The format was three-man teams, gross score less handicaps and (4253) the winner were:

First Place

Loren Elder, Tommy Hines,
& Norb Thompson
Score: 203

Second Place (TIE)
Bill Hamilton, Doug Hickman,
& Jerry Lee (blind draw)
Score: 208
Ray Davis, Bill Hannigan,
& Martin Blake
Score: 208

On the more somber note, we wish to extend our condolences to the family of Jerry McClendon, who passed away on Friday, August the 12th. Jerry was a relatively new member of the Seniors, but he made friends very quickly. We will all miss him very much.

Tom Moore

From the PRO

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- Sept. 19th-20th—BRAGGS TOURNEY** - 9:00 a.m. shotgun start both days - *Course will be closed until play is finished on Tuesday afternoon.*
- Sept. 28th-29th (Wednesday & Thursday) —LADIES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP** - 8:30 a.m. shotgun start both days - *Course is closed until 30 minutes after the 1st group clears #1 tee. Call the Golf Shop for specifics closer to the date.*
- Sept. 29th—DUCKS UNLIMITED OUTING** - 12:30 shotgun start - *Open play in the morning but everyone must be off the Course by 12:15 p.m. for this event - Contact Ralph Welch at The Tobacco Shop (824-1644) about playing in this event. The fee will be \$80 and includes cart, food, drinks, and banquet that night.*
- October 8th—ALABAMA/AUBURN DOGFIGHT** - 9:00 a.m. shotgun start - Men's Monthly Event. *Course will be closed until completion of this event (around 2:00 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.

GOLF CLINICS:

Starting in September the Junior Clinics will continue for kids 8-13 years old on Tuesdays from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. for either \$10 per session or for an upfront fee of \$100, your child (3136) may come to all of the clinics we offer from September 6th through November 19th. A total of 20 clinics will be available. A calendar of the dates the clinics will be conducted on can be picked up at the Golf Shop. Due to lack of participation we have cancelled the clinics for the 5-7 year olds that was scheduled on Saturdays. We will certainly consider a return of this age clinic if interest warrants it.

One final note: Lamar Lowery shot his age (75) on July 31st.

Jeff Copeland
PGA Head Golf Professional

ON THE COURSE

The ample rainfall in August kept the grass growing strong. We've had a difficult time trying to keep a routine mowing schedule. The Greens became (4276) super-saturated, making it necessary to temporarily raise the mowing height to get out of scalping the grass leaves off. We increased the depth of the vertical mowing and top-dressed with sand to help with thatch control. Hopefully, by the time you read this, we will be back to our normal summertime height of cut. On a sad note, Paul Vaught, our golf course mechanic, lost his wife, Kimberly, to cancer on August 23, 2005. Please keep him and his sons in your prayers.

Mickey Hughes



Madena Valley Golf & Country Club

SEPTEMBER 2005 ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 <i>Ladies Day</i>	2 Sertoma 12:00-1:00 PM SEAFOOD Night 6:00-9:00 PM LUNCH BUFFET 11:00-1:30	3
4 Brunch 10:30-1:30	5 LABOR DAY Last Day POOL OPEN 19th Hole • Open 7-8 BBQ • 11:00-3:00	6	7 Honors Club 11:00-12:00 PM LUNCH BUFFET 11:00-1:30	8 <i>Ladies Day</i>	9 Sertoma 12:00-1:00 PM FAMILY Night 6:00-8:00 PM LUNCH BUFFET 11:00-1:30	10 Member/Member Tournament
11 Brunch 10:30-1:30	12 Club CLOSED	13 Aspe Dinner 5:00-8:00 PM	14 Honors Club 11:00-12:00 Senior Monthly LUNCH BUFFET 11:00-1:30	15 <i>Ladies Day</i>	16 Sertoma 12:00-1:00 PM CATFISH Dinner 6:00-8:00 PM LUNCH BUFFET 11:00-1:30	17
18 Brunch 10:30-1:30 Member/Member Tournament	19 Club CLOSED BRAGGS TOURNAMENT	20 Board Meeting BRAGGS TOURNAMENT	21 Honors Club 11:00-12:00 PM LUNCH BUFFET 11:00-1:30	22 <i>Ladies Day</i>	23 Sertoma 12:00-1:00 PM STEAK Night 6:00-8:00 PM LUNCH BUFFET 11:00-1:30	24
25 Brunch 10:30-1:30	26 Club CLOSED	27 Cosmopolitan Club 9:00-3:00 PM	28 Honors Club 11:00-12:00 PM <i>Ladies Club Championship</i> LUNCH BUFFET 11:00-1:30	29 Private Party Ducks Unlimited 12:30 shotgun <i>Ladies Club Championship</i>	30 Sertoma 12:00-1:00 PM DOWN HOME Cookin' Buffet 6:00-8:00 PM LUNCH BUFFET 11:00-1:30	