



# Avon Go Round

AVON VALLEY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB NEWSLETTER

August 2003

## Mixed Club Championship



Lenore and Keith Woodman — **Champions**

### Placing

Pam, Steve Jenkins  
 Debbie, Peter Francis  
 Mary Anne, Mark Tracy  
 Cathy Cochrane, Kevin Purcell  
 Judy, Bill Enright  
 Marg, Bill Chipman  
 Judy, Tom Smith  
 Betty Davison, Brad Lunn  
 Lorraine, Tim Purcell  
 Sharon, John Gomes  
 Debbie, Dean Woodman- Low Gross

### Closest to Line #10

Saturday Male/ Female- Alfie O'Neill, Sharon Gomes  
 Sunday Male/ Female- John Gomes, Nancy Delahunt

### Closest to Pin #5

Saturday Male/ Female- John Gomes, Judy Dauphinee  
 Sunday Male/ Female- Alfie O'Neill, Judy Bain

### Team Putting Champions

John Burbidge, Hilde Howlett

### *A special thank you to:*

- *The Entertainment Committee for a great night of fellowship and camaraderie Saturday evening.*
- *Andy Tannahill for donating prizes for: closest to the pin both days and putting champions.*
- *Mark Tracey, Windsor Landscaping for a great feed of mussels cooked to perfection by Robert MacPherson.*



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# • Match Committee Report •

## MacPherson 4-Ball Best Ball



Robert MacPherson, Match Committee  
Doug Findlay Sr./ Doug Findlay Jr.- **Winners**

Ross Buck / Boomer 1st Net

Mark Tracy / Brad Lunn 2nd Net

Mark Pryde / Dennis Gaudet 3rd Net

## 2- Ball Best Ball



Jeff Bourque / Phil MacDougall - **Winners**  
Al Dauphinee, Sr. Match Committee  
Randy Hodder / Kirk Stephen- **Field Low Net**

### 1st Division- Gross

- 1st - Al Dauphinee Jr. / Steve Jenkins
- 2nd - Rod MacPherson / Roger MacKinnen
- 3rd - Robert MacPherson / Wayne Northup
- Low Net- Tom / Bill Smith

### 2nd Division- Gross

- 1st - Bob / Danny Purcell
- 2nd- Dwayne / Wendell Miller
- 3rd- Brad Lunn / Mark Tracey
- Low Net- Brian VanTassel / Don Morash

### 3rd Division- Gross

- 1st- Roger Freeman / Brian Slaunwhite
- 2nd- Kevin Purcell / Don Young
- 3rd- Garth Leighton / Cyril Woodman
- Low Net- Ron Buck / Boomer

## AVON VALLEY SALUTES MEMBERS ON TOUR

### CHESTER MIXED:

**Fourth Div. 1st Gross** — Eugene & Janice Pace

### SEAFEST MIXED CLASSIC:

**Second Div. 1st Net** — Wayne & Cindi Northrup

**Fourth Div. 1st Net** — Dave & Sheila Penney

### NSGA MID-AMATEUR — MADE CUT

Dean Woodman, Bill Chipman, Brian Davidson,  
Steve Ingram, Peter Francis, Mike Eagan, John McKinnon

### NSGA AMATEUR — MADE CUT

Glenn Robinson, Josh Burbidge, Alan Dauphinee Jr.

### NSGA JUNIOR — MADE CUT

Josh Burbidge, Sean McCarthy, Lindsay White,  
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# • President's Report •

I am writing this report on July 22, 2003 just a few days after our Semi Annual information meeting when approximately twenty (20) members attended the meeting and one hundred (100) members and guests participated in the fun night activity that followed.

After considerable dialogue with members in December 2002 and again in January 2003 your Board has been committed to reducing expenses where feasible while maintaining the Golf Course at expected standards. As a result of these efforts, all budgets were trimmed to reflect realistic spending requirements, the administration staff was reduced to one seasonal employee and the starter position was eliminated. These changes will result in a substantial savings somewhere in the area of \$30,000. to \$40,000. in the 2004 budget year.

Your Board has also introduced a number of new policies and procedures to increase efficiencies and provide more meaningful controls over operations. As a result we have improved controls over canteen inventories, employees purchases and have realized increased revenues resulting from recyclables. Early indications are that we will break even or obtain a modest profit from canteen operations. We have also joined the National Golf Course Owners Association and we have benefited from increased discounts on purchases including the costs of chemicals and fertilizers.

Our efforts to control charitable contributions by implementing a two (2) for one (1) charitable green fee pass has had a positive impact on revenues and so has the introduction of two twilight rates. Lung Association green fees have doubled this year and future member rounds have reduced because we took in sixty-nine (69) new members. Our waiting list is healthy and continues to grow and the number of members on the Leave of Absence list stands at thirty-eight (38) at this time.

By the time you read this your Board members will have completed bench marking exercises with Chester, Amherst and Truro Golf Clubs; Abercrombie, KenWo and Paragon will be scheduled for the near future. By comparing our expenses and revenues with like golf courses, we continue to identify opportunities for further operational improvements.

Our financial results for the year are trending very positively at this time. Our green fee revenues are slightly above budget forecast which is great considering the poor weather we had this spring and if this trend continues we will expect to have a net income of approximately \$25,000. at year end compared to last year's break even position.

The Board continues to solicit input from members on important issues such as our Tee Time Booking Procedure and after receiving 348 responses from 625 full, restricted and limited members **the Board has decided to change the Tee Time Booking Procedure effective August 1, 2003.** Sixty seven percent (67%) of those responding wanted the current system changed and thirty three percent (33%) of those responding wanted to continue with the current system. **It was clear that the majority of the members who responded wanted a change.** The Board analyzed the results further. Our analysis indicated that 50.4% of those responding favored the option that tee time bookings should be done only over the phone; however, that also meant that 49.6% of the respondents did not support this option. **The Board decided based upon this information to select the second choice option of most respondents which is as follows.**

From 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. the Pro Shop Staff **will alternate** accepting tee time bookings in the following manner. They will book **two tee times over the phone** and then one tee time in person until all bookings are completed at 6:30 p.m. after which any additional booking will be handled on a first come first serve basis either by phone or in person.

During the special meetings held in December 2002 and during the last few annual meetings members have expressed their views that the club requires a long term plan by which to operate and that such a plan should include a five (5) year financial projection.

George Bartlett, Director Planning and Development, is heading up this important project and he is concentrating on the following sectorial plans that will collectively make up this long term plan. They are as follows:

- Road Improvements
- Irrigation Life Cycle Maintenance
- Clean up of Ponds
- Improvements to #16 Fairway
- Tree Planting
- Equipment Replacement Program
- Governance Issues
- Information Technology Development
- Maintenance Shed and Wash Bay
- Construction of New Club House
- Redesign of rough to reduce maintenance
- Acquisition of land for driving range, etc.
- Agronomist recommendations (greens, fairways, tee boxes)

**George expects to have a completed plan for member input late in the year.**

During the last few years a number of past directors and past presidents have indicated that the club has not sought out their council or advise on how the club should move forward. As a result, I have written to every past director and past president asking them for their input to these sectorial plans and a number of other specific questions. I have requested their response by July 30, 2003 so that their input along with the agronomist report will form the foundation for the work George is undertaking.

We have also designed a questionnaire to solicit green fee players input so that we may consider their needs and thoughts as we continue our planning process.

A suggestion box in the form of a black plastic podium is

now located in the Canteen. I encourage you to get Action Request Forms from the Canteen or the Pro Shop to pass on any constructive ideas or suggestions you may have for George Bartlett.

I hope this report brings you up to date on what your Board has been doing on your behalf.

I hope you are really enjoying the golfing season and are making every effort to play in this fine weather because its hard to believe fall weather is only 6 – 8 weeks away.

All the Best!

Jim Davidson, President

## • Avon Valley Senior Men •

We have 13 different games to fill 20 dates throughout the year. If any member has a new game we could try please see me. Also, anyone wishing to volunteer their services to assist with posting of the games, see me.

### Winners June 19

Don Graves, Tom Thomas, Brian Vantassel, Boomer.  
Poker – Jim MacDonald, Fred MacInnes, John Moignard, Richard Twomey.

### Winners June 26

Lloyd Noseworthy, Florida Boy Simmons, Billy Stubbert, Boomer.

Poker – D. Chisolm, Dave Pollard, Murray Stenton.

### Winners July 3

Wendell Miller, Florida Boy Simmons, Tom Thomas, Lucky Whiting.

Poker – Jim Conway, Dan O’Conner, Jim Cunningham,

Guy LaLonde.

### Winners July 10

Wendell Miller, Wendell Fox, Don Graves, Frank Holman.

Poker – Darrell Chisolm, Garnet Harvey, Herb Hinds, Florida Boy Simmons.

### Winners July 17

Corale Belliveau, Darrell Chisolm, Henry Hartlin, Fred McInnes.

Poker – Harold (Caper) MacRae, Llyod Noseworthy, Tim (Godfather) Purcell, Ralph Williams.

*Gentlemen- your earnings are credited to your personal accounts in the Pro Shop.*

*\*Note- Drink lots of water during this hot humid weather. — Jim Carter*

“Golf is a game in which you yell ‘fore,’ shoot six and write down five.” — Paul Harvey

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# • Planning & Development Report •

Hi Folks'

For those of you who could not attend our semi-annual here is my written report.

Welcome to our semi-annual meeting for 2003. Your Planning & Development committee has been very active in 2003 and as Chairman of this committee I am very excited about our future here at Avon Valley Golf & Country Club. Needless to say I have big shoes to fill, as a result of Keith Aucoin's departure as Director of Planning & Development. The good news is that Keith has offered to serve on the P & D committee for the remainder of this year. His knowledge & expertise will not be lost and will be invaluable to the Board and me as we prepare to develop a 5 to 7 year business plan and budget for the Club in 2003

I am very privileged to have a committee which brings to the table not only a wealth of business experience but have the desire, dedication & work ethic it takes to make plans & programs become a reality.

Our committee volunteers include Blaine Rooney, Roy Brideau, Ed Mac Donald, Keith Aucoin, Norm Clarke, Jim White, Murray Purcell and our President Jim Davidson.

Some of the strategic issues we are currently working on include:

- Road Improvement
- Clean up Ponds
- Maintenance study for Irrigation
- Upgrade off # 14 & # 16 Fairway
- Recommendations as contained in Agronomist Study of July 9/2003( Report due by Aug. 30/2003)
- Tree Plan
- Equipment Replacement Plan
- Governance
- Information Technology Development Maintenance Shed Renovations
- Rerouting of Wash Bay Run Off
- Acquisition of Land for Driving Range
- Redesign of Rough to reduce maintenance costs
- Club House Upgrade

All of our present & past directors have been asked for their input into these sectorial projects and I am looking forward to their valuable opinions. The one thing we have no shortage of here at Avon Valley is a wealth of information & expertise and who better to advise the current

Board of Directors than their predecessors.

G.W. Bartlett

Director of Planning & Development

## HOLE IN ONE ACHIEVEMENT 2003..... CONGRATULATIONS!!

**Rollie Lee**

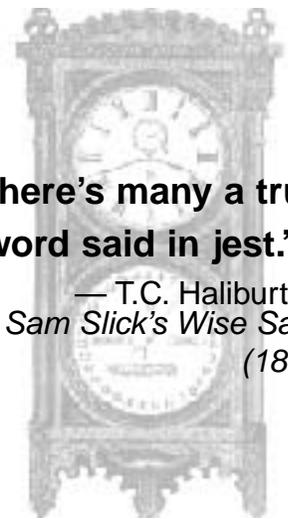
**April 25**

**Number 15**

**Judy Dauphinee**

**May 24**

**Number 5 ( Spring Peeper )**



**“There’s many a true word said in jest.”**

— T.C. Haliburton,  
*Sam Slick’s Wise Saws*  
(1853)



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# • Vice-President/Secretary Report •

HERE WE GO AGAIN !!!!

You know Nova Scotia and especially the Valley area is a wonderful place. We have many seasons such as strawberry, local corn, the mackerel run, lobster season, xmas and so on, all something to look forward to that is for sure.

Then we have the dreaded Avon Valley "rumour and S.D. season".

It has arrived a little early this year but is now upon us and looks like a rehash to me. A little earlier than one would expect but it has arrived. There are a few negative individuals at our club that simply cannot be positive about anything. Too bad but it is a fact of life here at AVGC&C. No need to identify the few, as I am sure they are well known to all.

I write this on July 24th after being advised of a petition "to rehire Andy Tannahill" that has been resurrected from the tombs.

My immediate response was "why is this necessary?" Is it really an effort to assist the Club Professional or once again use an individual as a PAWN in a longer range and more devious plan? What would prompt such a petition or concern? We conducted our Semi-Annual Meeting (poorly attended by the way) on July 19th. And guess what Virginia this issue was not raised as a matter of concern. And then again why should it be for in my mind this is no need for concern at this point. The Club Professional is under contract to Avon Valley and will be until the expiry date or until negotiations have commenced and been concluded at some later point. A document is in place, signed in good faith, by both parties with legal input by either party that may have sought such.

As long as, Murray Purcell is involved the Club will fulfill it's obligations and at the same time I would expect the Professional to fulfill his part of the contract. No rocket science here just both parties being honourable. I have

attended a number of meetings with the Professional and our President and have witnessed no breach of any kind. There have been a few hiccups here or there maybe but nothing both parties have not been able to resolve amicably.

And furthermore, if and as long as I am involved no employee of Avon Valley will have any contract of employment negotiated publicly.

As an appeal to all members of our club why not make a serious effort to unite rather than splinter off in different interest groups or groups with potential vested interests or those with complete bias or negativism. Why not put the energy into one pool and be constructive and think of the overall picture for a change. Why not make an effort to bring the friendliness and good spirit back into our club that we were once so proud of. As members you can take the initiative and start right now! If asked to sign this petition why not say no thanks but bring it back to me when the subject is really a true issue or is ever an issue at all.

Since I am on the rumour trail there is one more to deal with that is almost too silly to be a rumour but it's out there. In fact it is the most ridiculous one I have ever heard in my 20 + years of volunteerism at our club. A friend came to me and advised me that he had been approached and was advised that Murray Purcell had accepted the VP position as a stepping-stone into being Club Manager. As I said almost too silly to listen too but it does indicate the foolishness out there. For the record now and hereafter, Murray Purcell has no desire to be a Club Manager. To be an employee of the negative and biased small crowd here is not now nor ever will be an avenue I would walk down. Simply put it is not in my plans. Hopefully the idiot that started this one will now leave it alone.

Murray Purcell  
Vice President / Secretary

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— Henry Ward Beecher

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# • Pro Shop News •

Incredibly the 2003 golf season is past the halfway point. After a slow start, the weather has turned hot and most days have been terrific. I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. Hopefully the slow start will mean August through the fall will bring great golfing weather.

As we move into August, most of the golf companies are positioning themselves to be ready with new and "better" products for next season. This is resulting in some companies starting to discount their products or throw incentives in with a purchase. Not unlike the automotive industry, the golf industry is fighting hard to get the consumer to buy their product. With this in mind, you will see that they/we are offering several "specials" to buyers who may want a certain product. Please ask if any "specials" are offered with any club purchases you may be considering.

I sadly have to report that Jon Hines will be leaving our Staff on July 29th to return to Ottawa where he is attending Carleton University. Jon has worked very hard and has been a true asset to the Pro Shop in his three years with us. Jon's sense of humor and level headedness were tremendous assets to the membership, his fellow staff and me. I want to wish Jon all the best in his future endeavours and

I know he will be a success in whatever he undertakes. THANKS JON!

Earlier today (July 25th), before writing this report, it was brought to my attention that a petition has begun at Avon Valley. Although I have not seen it, read it or know of its contents, I do not feel that the Avon-Go-Round is the place to discuss issues at our Club. I have been asked to give my feelings on what has happened thus far in respect to my job, contract, monthly evaluations and subsequent discussions with the President and Vice-President.

My current contract, which is a probationary, performance-based one-year deal, runs until October 31st, 2003. Since the contract is somewhat unique in our business and certainly new to me, I can only reiterate what I've been told by Jim Davidson and Murray Purcell and that is "Other than a couple of small bumps in the road, things are going well." Neither side has initiated any contract talks at this time. This type of contract, probationary, would suggest that until I have met the Boards' concerns, a new one will not be offered.

With monthly evaluations of my staff's performances, and me, the feedback I've received, for the most part, has been positive. If the Board decides to offer me a new contract or not, I am sure they will notify me before the end of October, so that both sides can move forward.

Please remember to drop in and have a look as we are into our August countdown. Products, such as shoes, will be going back to the supplier as well some new fall offerings will be arriving mid-month so be sure to watch the chalkboard for more information.

Keep swinging and keep positive and you'll keep coming back! Enjoy your game and until the next "Go-Round."

Andy Tannahill  
CPGA Professional

## Andy's August Tip

So many golf swings are ruined in the first six inches of the backswing. In that small area behind the ball, you can make or break your shot. The deciding factor is a very simple one: whether you sweep the club back or pick it up. In a proper golf swing, you don't break your wrists to start the backswing; instead, you turn your shoulders and upper body. In fact, your hands are passive throughout the golf swing.

Check out your swing in front of a mirror and see if you're a sweeper or a picker. By sweeping that first six inches, you'll be on your way to a better golf swing. — Andy

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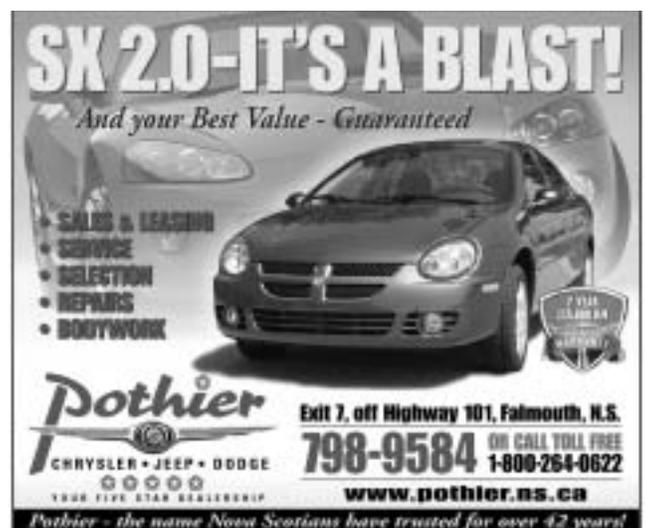
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# • August 2003 •

| Sunday                         | Monday                      | Tuesday                                       | Wednesday      | Thursday                               | Friday | Saturday                    |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|----------------|--|--------|-----------------------------|
|                                |                             |   |                |  | 1      | Sam Slick 2                 |
| Sam Slick 3                    | Holiday 4                   | Ladies Night 5                                | Men's Night 6  | AV Seniors 7                           | 8      | Fun Night 9                 |
| Wings Hodder 10                | Ladies Inter Club 11        | Ladies Night Junior Invitational 12           | Men's Night 13 | AV Seniors Director Tournament 1 pm 14 | 15     | Ladies Club Championship 16 |
| Ladies Club 17                 | Junior Club Championship 18 | Last Ladies Night Junior Club Championship 19 | Men's Night 20 | AV Seniors 21                          | 22     | Men's Club Championship 23  |
| Men's Club 24<br><del>31</del> | 25                          | Junior Club 26                                | Men's Night 27 | AV Seniors 28                          | 29     | 30                          |

# • September 2003 •

| Sunday            | Monday               | Tuesday        | Wednesday      | Thursday                | Friday                            | Saturday                   |
|-------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
|                   | Labour Day Holiday 1 | Ladies Night 2 | Men's Night 3  | AV Seniors 4            | Mayflower Curling Club 11:30 am 5 | Ladies Night Final 6       |
| 7                 | AV Seniors 8         | 9              | Men's Night 10 | AV Seniors 11           | Hockey Heritage Shotgun 12        | Mens Night Final 13        |
| 14                | 15                   | 16             | 17             | AV Seniors Top Dress 18 | 19                                | Town & Country 20          |
| Town & Country 21 | 22                   | 23             | 24             | 25                      | 26                                | Fall Scramble Fun Night 27 |
| 28                | 29                   | 30             |                |                         |                                   |                            |

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### LADIES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

August 16 and 17

*Entries are due by  
7:00 p.m., August 10*

### MEN'S CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

August 23-24

*Watch for Posters*



"...twenty-three, twenty-four,  
twenty-five, twenty-six..."

# • Entertainment Report •



**July 19 Fun Night Participants**

Tanya & Chuck Mounce, Rae & Don Miller, Dorothy Blakeley and Ken Parker.

It seems our summer is slipping by very quickly, but hopefully our golfing season will continue for many weeks to come.

To date of this report, Men's Nite has been up and running for seven consecutive weeks. This competition continues to draw a strong playing field of approximately 98 players per night.

The final 18 hole tournament is scheduled to take place on Saturday, September 13. Qualifiers for the tournament must have played a minimum of seven nights to participate.

Three Fun Nights have been hosted at Avon Valley. Many members have taken this opportunity to invite their significant other or friend to play nine holes of golf in a very relaxed atmosphere. These events have proven to be a great way to introduce many spouses to the game of golf in a non competitive manner. Couples play their game, then gather together in the club canteen for prizes, food, drink, music, and fellowship.

Our second and third Fun Night competitions have been won by the dynamic duo of brother/sister team, Al Jr. and Lisa Dauphinee.

The third night was hosted as the "One Club" and putter competition, with the first place prize sponsored by Gary Nelson of Nelson Gardiner Barr., Windsor. Even though couples were forced to brave heavy rains, over 80 participants came out and stayed out to play in this event. After

the game I did an informal survey of the crowd and not one person reported that they did not have fun. Just as it should be!

Because this is a FUN event, a small token prize of congratulations is awarded to the winning team, but the remainder of the prizes are generally draw prize. This gives everyone the opportunity to win one of the many great prizes either donated by our generous sponsors or purchased with the funds from the nominal fee charged to play.

Due to the very busy course schedule for the month of August, and a few personal commitments, I do not have a



Betty & Tim Purcell: Fun Night Participants

definite date as to when the next Fun Night will be held. Be on the lookout for posters advertising the next event on the message boards.

However, I can tell you that the ever popular Die Hard tournament will be held on Saturday, October 18. This will be a commemorative year as we celebrate the tenth anniversary of this event. I am pleased to have been a part of this tournament since it's conception in 1993. The Die

Hard has grown to become one of the more popular mixed events and I hope to see a record attendance for our couple membership this year. My committee and I are in the process of arranging for a fun and rewarding tournament for our upcoming "Die Hard 10th". We are sure you will want to be a part of this special event.

Wayne Northup  
Entertainment Director



"One Club & Putter" winners are presented their first place prizes and trophy by Glenn Cochrane and Wayne Northup. Congratulations Al & Lisa!

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**ATTENTION TO ALL OTHER  
FUN NIGHT PARTICIPANTS**

***Be on the lookout  
for your picture  
at any time at  
Avon Valley Golf and  
Country Club***

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Cathy White, Lynn Woodman, Karen MacDonald and Lena Milligan were caught on camera after the AV/EC challenge. Wonder what they are discussing..... strategies for next year maybe?

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# • Notes About the Trophy Case •

*By Carroll Kinsman*

By the end of August competitive golf at Avon Valley will be pretty well over for this season. Our members and guests will compete for no less than eighteen trophies at Avon Valley this month. Obviously I cannot prepare articles on all of these so in this issue I will restrict my comments to the trophies being competed for in the Sam Slick Invitational and the Men's Club Championship.

The winner of the Sam Slick Tournament will have his name engraved on the Tommy Thompson Memorial Trophy.

Thomas (Red) Thompson, known to us golfers as Tommy, was retired from the Royal Canadian Navy and resided in Newport Station with his wife Norma.

He was a member of the United Church, Independent Order of Foresters, Hants County Branch Number 9 of the Royal Canadian Legion and of course Avon Valley Golf and Country Club and, it's predecessor, the Windsor Golf Club.

Tommy won the Club Champion of the Windsor Golf Club on seven different occasions and was the runner up in the Avon Valley Club Championship in 1976, the year before he died.

Following his untimely death, he was only fifty, his wife Norma donated the Tommy Thompson Memorial Trophy to be awarded annually to the winner of the Sam Slick Invitational Tournament.

In the Men's Club Championship there are a total of five trophies that will be won during medal play and, later, qualifiers will play for the Match Play Championship trophy.

The winner of the Left-Hander's

Division will be awarded the Lal Taylor Memorial Trophy.

Joseph Harold (Lal) Taylor was born in England and served his country in the First World War. He later came to Canada and for several years was the Pro at Ken-Wo Golf and Country Club and later the Windsor Golf Club. I believe that these were the only two positions that he held during the years 1959 to 1972 but he may have served at other Nova Scotia clubs before 1959. He was a member of the Hants County Branch Number 9 Royal Canadian Legion and died in May 1973, just over a month before he was to be the first Pro of Avon Valley Golf and Country Club. It was my privilege to have known him as a member at both Ken-Wo and Windsor. He was a fine, no nonsense, gentleman.

Our Club purchased the trophy that bears his name

The senior's Champion will have his name engraved on the MacCarthy Motors Trophy. When Avon Valley was established, Mel MacCarthy operated a Pontiac Buick dealership on O'Brien Street in Windsor known as MacCarthy Motors Ltd. This firm donated the trophy that is awarded to our Senior Champion. In the mid 1970's the Company changed hands and later went out of business.

The winner of the Super Senior Division will be awarded the Avon Valley Saurian Super Senior Trophy which was made and donated by the late Sid Crossley, a long time member of Avon Valley. Sid was an ex navy man who spent his winters in Florida and summers in our area. He enjoyed making trophies such as the

Saurian Trophy and I expect that there are several similar trophies in Florida.

Qualifiers for the Match Play Championship will compete for the Daniel's U-Pick Trophy, donated by Phil Daniels. Phil will be known to many of our members. He was a prominent junior golfer, is a former Director and Junior Development Chairman of our Club as well as a former Club Champion. Phil still resides in this area but is presently not a member of Avon Valley.

The runner up in the Club Championship will be awarded the Frederick M. Archibald Memorial Trophy.

Frederick (Fred) Archibald was born in Truro and served his country in the Second World War. Fred was an employee of Canada Post. He was a member of the Board of Session, of his church, a member of Hants County Branch Number 9 Royal Canadian Legion and a Sergeant in the Nova Scotia Highlanders Regiment.

At one time he was a member of the Windsor Golf Club where he won the Club Championship in two consecutive years.

For a ten-month period in 1950 and 1951 I boarded with Fred and his family and I know that he was a good husband and father.

He died in 1954 leaving behind two young children, aged five and twelve, and his wife Grace.

Following the formation of Avon Valley Golf and Country Club, his widow, Grace donated the trophy that bears his name.



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The R. A. Hopper Trophy goes to the winner of the Club Championship.

R. A. (Bob) Hopper came to Windsor about the same time that Avon Valley was established and bought the Jewellery business of John Evans. From 1954 to 1972 the Club Champion of the Windsor Golf Club was awarded a tro-

phy presented by John C. Evans Jeweller, so it is very fitting that Mr. Evans' successor, Bob, donated the Club Championship Trophy for the successor of the Windsor Golf Club.

Bob is a long time shareholder and member of Avon Valley and continues to operate his Jewellery business on

Gerrish Street in Windsor.

I am pleased to be able to acknowledge the generosity of the respective donors, in this way, and, perhaps, bring a little more significance to the individual trophies, especially the ones that are memorials.

## • Grounds & Building Report •

Jim Skorulski the Northeast Region Agronomist for the USGA visited our course and spent a full day at Avon Valley on July 9th. He did a tour of all 18 holes and missed very few if any areas of concern we had.

With regards to our problems with the greens he took samples of almost ever green and did a visual examination of them. It was very interesting listening to his analysis of the material in our greens. I think he felt the soil looked pretty good. At this time I would not like to comment any more on the analysis as everything will be in a written report which we should have in two to three weeks.

With regards to other ongoing projects the landscaping around the ramps to the bridge at number two hole is now pretty well complete. We will have to keep the bridge closed for a while to let some growth take place in the areas that were soded .

The irrigation leak on number fourteen hole caused some

fairway damage. The holes have been filled in and resoded by the grounds crew.

Mr. Skorulski did mention the importance of top dressing and Dean will be making sure our schedule for top dressing is followed.

We have made some changes in the work program for Dean and his staff. It is our hope this will free up some time for the special projects of which there are many that need to be done. A good example of this is tree trimming which has started.

One area of concern the grounds staff have is with regards to early morning play before our scheduled tee times begin. I would like to impress on all golfers who play early that the grounds staff have priority and you must step aside and allow them time to complete their work before you play a shot.

Good golfing  
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# • Turf Talk •

I thought this month, I would talk a little about home lawn care and some frequently asked questions.

The six most important cultivation practices for home lawns are:

- 1) proper mowing
- 2) deep soil aeration
- 3) dethatching
- 4) liming to neutralize soil acidity
- 5) proper, but not excessive watering
- 6) balanced fertilization

Mowing is the most important practice in promoting a thick healthy lawn. First, the mower blade must be sharp in order to avoid tearing and injuring the grass blade. A healthy lawn should be mowed frequently to a height of 1 1/2 to 2 inches during the spring and fall and 2 to 3 inches during summer. Mowing too short during this time renders your grass more susceptible to drought, root loss, insect damage and damage from foot traffic. Mow in as many directions that you can to promote a upright growth habit.

One of the most asked questions of me is should clippings be removed after mowing? If your clippings are long, they should be removed so they don't shade the growing grass. Clippings can be left, providing the lawn is healthy and

you are doing some of the cultivation practices. However, clippings that contain weed seeds, should be removed to prevent weeds from spreading.

Lawn Care probably falls into three categories low, medium and high maintenance. You as a home owner make that choice the same as you do as a member. If you would like to hear more about lawn care please let me know.

To lighten up a bit, I would like to talk to you about divot replacement. First, you must buy an expensive shiny chrome 61 degree lob wedge at the top end of the market. You are 40 to 60 yards away from the green. Move your feet around until you feel comfortable. This could take awhile. Move your head back and forth, take the club back, drop your shoulder and roll your left hand over, violently laying a divot over your ball. With your head down proceeding forward you pick up a beaver pelt that looks familiar. Gently, replace the divot to that original position where that shiny object first laid. To get a demonstration on divot replacement, look for a gentle, bald headed man also senior champ every Tuesday and Thursday at 1:50pm.

Have a great season !!!!!!!

Dean Woodman  
Superintendent

## Resource Center — Lightning Safety on the Golf Course

It always seems to happen when you are having the round of your life. The sky darkens, the wind picks up and the thunder begins to roll across the golf course.

The temptation always exists in these circumstances to convince yourself and your playing partners that there is enough time to finish your round, or at least a few more holes. If you play on instead of seeking shelter, your great round could become the last round of your life.

Every year more people are killed or injured by lightning than by tornadoes, floods or hurricanes. In fact, it's estimated that in the United States, as many as 300 people are killed by lightning each year.

Because they are generally open areas with scattered individual trees, golf courses are dangerous places during a thunderstorm. A lightning bolt will take the shortest route between the cloud and the ground, which means that a golfer standing in the middle of a fairway or huddled under a tree is a prime target for a strike.

However, there are several safety measures you can take to avoid being hit by lightning:

- a. Seek shelter at the first sign of a thunderstorm. If the course's warning system sounds, take cover.
- b. If possible, get off the golf course or go to a designated lightning shelter.
- c. Do not stand under a lone tree. This is where most people are injured or killed.

d. Stay away from water.

e. Stay away from your golf clubs.

f. If your shoes have metal spikes, take them off.

h. If stranded in the open, go to a low place such as a ravine or valley.

### First Aid

If a player in your group is struck by lightning, the person is no longer carrying any electrical current, so you can apply first aid immediately. The golfer will be burned and have received a severe electrical shock.

People who have been apparently "killed" by lightning can be revived if quick action is taken. If you must make a choice, treat those who are not breathing first — those who are unconscious but still breathing will probably come out of it on their own.

First aid should be rendered to those not breathing within four to six minutes to prevent irrevocable brain damage. Mouth-to-mouth resuscitation should be administered once every five seconds to adults and once every three seconds to infants and small children.

However, if the victim is not breathing and has no pulse, cardiopulmonary resuscitation is necessary, but should be administered only by persons with proper training. You should also check for burns along the extremities and around areas in contact with metal, give first aid for shock and then send for help.

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