



Avon Go Round

AVON VALLEY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB NEWSLETTER

• June 2006 •

• President's Report •

Avon Valley Golf and Country Club is up and running for 2006. April, May membership rounds are up significantly over the three year average of 2002, 2003 and 2004. Green fee rounds have also increased in the time line. As I write we have just gone through a rainy weekend June 3 and June 4, the long term forecast for weekend June 10 and 11 is not favorable. Gas Cart services has been limited, our Valley Senior date on June 5 was cancelled. We always expect some weather difficulties, hopefully sunshine will return and we enjoy the season.

On behalf of the AVG&CC Board of Directors I would like to extend best wishes to Murray Purcell who has recently retired as Executive Director of the NSGA. Murray has twice served, as President of AVG&CC, is still active on the Planning and Development Committee. There will always be a place at Avon Valley, Committee Chairs will follow your retirement with interest, also you may have more time for Golf.

On behalf of the AVG&CC Board of Directors, I thank the many volunteers who give so freely of their time to the Club. Your contributions are appreciated.

Your Match Committee has already hosted early Ladies and Men's events. Events are scheduled through 2006, all members are welcome to participate. Men's and Ladies Night have started, come join the fun.

We welcome back our Canteen staff returning from last year. Please introduce yourselves to our new Canteen Manager Wanda MacArthur and her new staff joining the team for the first time in 2006.

Superintendent Dean Woodman and his staff have the course in great shape for the time of the season.

Head Professional Andrew Isenor and his staff have settled in for 2006. Andrew has taken on additional responsibilities in 2006. If any members or their friends would like to have AVG&CC host a Private tournament please contact Andrew to make arrangements.

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• Editor's Note •

Will the rain ever end? Do you ever look up to the sky and question the infinite wisdom of the great provider? No, what about when you're teeing off on number 6 and it just starts pouring....I thought so. Hopefully most of you have been getting out more than me, but with this weather, I highly doubt it. Enough about the weather though. Dean and his crew have been doing a great job keeping the course up in these conditions and, from what I hear, the events we have hosted so far this year have gone well. Men's and Lady's nights are in full swing and the pro shop and canteen are running well. Let's get ready for a great June of golf.

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• Canteen Report •

The canteen committee would like to welcome all returning and new members. Our committee this year consists of the following: Pat Dooley (Chair), Helen Bartlett, Jim Davidson, Andrew Isenor, Wanda MacArthur and Marg Weatherbee.

We would like to welcome back our staff of Marg Weatherbee, Dawn Seary, Michelle Leopold, Susan Hunter, Lillian Kelly, Darcy Cuvilier and Valerie Seary (Custodian). Our new employees are: Wanda MacArthur (Manager), Pam McCarthy, Sharon Stevens and Carey Ewert. Darcy, Sharon and Carey will be our beverage cart operators, with Sharon and Carey working inside, as required. A great staff who I am sure will provide excellent service to our members and guests.

We have been extremely busy with getting the place ready for opening, cleaning, equipment repairs and POS. System 3 changes. Wanda, our manager, has been really busy getting to know the system and has many excellent ideas. I am pleased that she is adjusting well, and will ensure that a quality product and service is provided to our members and guests.

Overall, our menu was not changed greatly. To reflect increased costs, some minor increases were necessary; however, some items were also reduced. We

will be continuing with Happy Hour prices on Ladies, Men's and Fun Nights. Happy Hour prices only apply to beer and for service in the canteen only. We must be guided by the Liquor License Regulations with respect to Happy Hour.

During tournaments and busy periods, we plan to have both beverage carts in operation. The beverage cart will normally be in operation daily; however, on wet days it will not be on the course. To be sure, you may want to check at the canteen and ensure you have a supply of drinking fluids.

Our credit policy is the same as last year. A copy of the policy is posted on wall by the bar in the canteen. If you wish to establish a House Account, check with our staff who will set you up on the system.

Hopefully the weather will soon clear up, which will bring out many more golfers and improve our canteen sales. Hope you all will have a good golfing season and please do not forget to support YOUR canteen.

Pat Dooley
Canteen

• Treasurer's Report •

By the time members read this the golfing season at Avon Valley will be 2 months old. The financial year however is more than half over since it started on November 1 of last year with the start of the fiscal year for the 2006 playing season.

On the revenue side the 2006 renewals have been processed and as of May 31 all revenue categories compare favorably with budget. Revenue for the remainder of the season will depend on weather, green fee, tournament, gas cart, pro shop, and canteen revenue.

Actual expenses also are on budget for the November to April period. The majority of expenses occur in the April to October period when the course is open and cost management during this period generally

determines the success of the year from a financial perspective.

Monthly operating results are presented to the Board and individual directors have access to the actual and budgets results for their departments.

At this point the financial operations of the Club are on budget but there are still several months of operations remaining where expense control will be important and projected revenue will have to be met in order to meet our budget targets.

Blaine Rooney
Treasurer

• On Tour •

PGA

Money Leaders (as of June 5, 2006):

Phil Mickelson - \$3.5M
Jim Furyk - \$3.1M
Stuart Appleby - \$2.7M
Geoff Ogilvy - \$2.6M
Tiger Woods - \$2.5M

Canadians:

Stephen Ames - \$2.2M
Mike Weir - \$1.2M

June 2006 Tournaments:

June 8th – Barclays Classic
June 15th – U.S. Open Championship
June 22nd – Booz Allen Classic
June 29th – Buick Championship

CHAMPIONS TOUR

Money Leaders (as of June 5, 2006):

Loren Roberts - \$1.3M
Jay Haas - \$1.2M
Brad Bryant - \$1.0M
Gil Morgan - \$0.9M
Tom Kite - \$0.6M

Canadian:

Dave Barr - \$16K

June 2006 Tournaments:

June 9th – Bank of America Championship
June 23rd – Commerce Bank Championship
June 30th – Greater Kansas City Golf Classi

LPGA

Money Leaders (as of June 5, 2006):

Lorena Ochoa - \$1.1M
Karie Webb - \$1.0M
Hee-Won Han - \$0.7M
Seon-Hwa Lee - \$0.7M
Annika Sorenstam - \$0.6M

Canadians:

Lorie Kane - \$64K
Alena Sharp - \$38K

June 2006 Tournaments:

June 8th – McDonald's LPGA Championship
June 22nd – Wegmans Rochester LPGA
June 29th – U.S. Women's Open Championship

CANADIAN TOUR

Money Leaders (as of June 5, 2006):

Rob Oppenheim - \$43K
Brian Guetz - \$25K
Stephen Gangluff - \$22K
Lee Williamson - \$21K
John Mallinger - \$19K

June 2006 Tournament:

June 15th – Greater Vancouver Charity Classic
June 22nd – Times Colonist Open
June 29th – Telus Edmonton Open

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"If profanity had an influence on the flight of the ball, the game of golf would be played far better than it is."

~Horace G. Hutchinson

• Pro Shop Update •

The season is flying along, can you believe that May has come and gone already? Now that you've gotten a game or two under your belt, it is time to look into fine tuning your game with a golf lesson or some new golf equipment. Come in and set up a lesson with myself or Chris and we will get you moving in the right direction.

Looking for new clubs? New woods? Or a driver? Come in and try one of our demos, speak to one of the pro-shop team and we will point you in the right direction. Starting in June we will be offering some demo days - keep your eyes open for posters with the dates and times. Looking for a custom fit? Titleist and Nike will be giving Avon valley members a chance to get fitted with a launch monitor, check with the pro-shop for more details.

I hope everyone has been into the shop and had a chance to check out the great selection of clothing. Lots of bright colors and great options in fabric types will keep you at the top of your game. We have Sun Ice

and Nike along with Antiqua and Nancy Lopez. If you are looking for something and we don't have it please ask and we can try and get it for you.

Andrew Isenor

PRO-SHOP SPECIALS

This year we are pleased to offer "items of the week". Each week a different item is "showcased" and offered to members at a feature price. A great way to enjoy new stock, replenish your wardrobe, golf bag or stock up on presents for the golfer on your list ... ideal for birthdays, Christmas or Father's Day.

ITEMS OF THE WEEK

June 11 - 17 - Men's golf shirts 10%

June 18 - 24 - Ladies Outerwear 10%

Golf Tip...

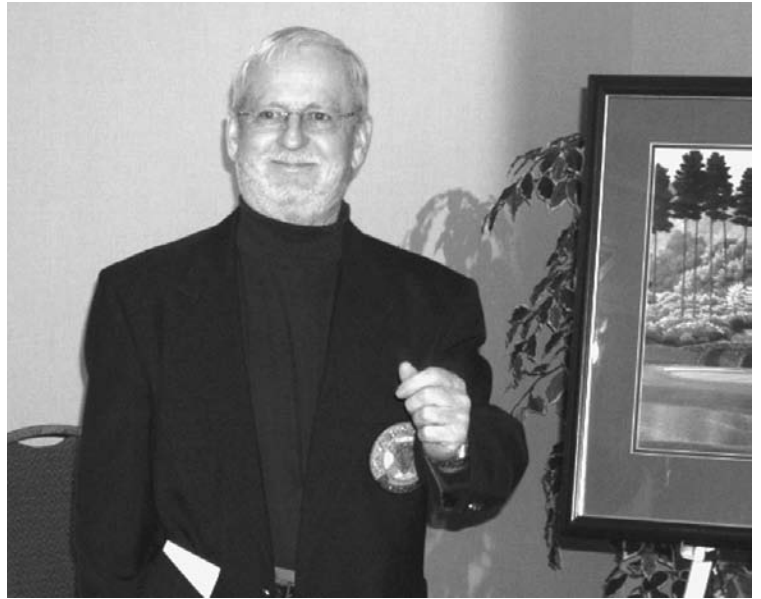
Too many of us dismiss the merits of proper stretching before we hit the links. Properly stretching the upper, lower back and shoulders will increase our flexibility and lower the occurrences back injuries. Most golfers should stretch these body parts before Everyone has a club in our bag that we feel we don't hit very well. For some of us that could be a driver, a 3 iron, a 5 iron or it could be a combination of clubs. But the one thing I find is that the clubs most of us have problems with are the longer clubs that have less of a loft.

Although there is a lot to think about when we play, there are a few things to keep in mind when using these clubs. Try to remember that they are longer and therefore we need to adjust our stance a little by moving away from the ball. We also have to make sure that when we take the club away from the ball that the club head is low and close to the ground which will force us to extend our arms. If we move the ball forward in our stance we will hit the ball with more of an upward swing and will help us get the ball in the air which will also provide us with more successful shots.

Don't give up on the clubs, instead go back to the basics and if you are still having problems consider taking a lesson or two. Until next month, have a great time out on the greens!

Murray Purcell Retires

After 15 years of service to the Nova Scotia Golf Association, long time Avon Valley member Murray Purcell has decided it was time to join the ranks of the leisure. Murray's first job was to serve on the provincial tournament committee and soon after took on chairmanship responsibility. He moved to the position of Executive Director in 1995 and remained there until March of this year. During his term he has worked with a number of NSGA boards to run the yearly business between the assoc.& the provincial clubs. One of the biggest challenges being the move to amalgamate the



men's and ladies associations, this was completed in 2005. During his years of service he has also become one of the top rules officials in the province and plans to continue in this capacity, working tournaments and conducting rule seminars throughout the province. We would like to congratulate him on his retirement and hope we will see a lot more of him and Lorraine on the course.

Enjoy!!

Junior Development

Our committee members for the 06 season will include:

Terry Hines
Kevin and Brenda Newcombe
Chuck Stager
Andrew Kennedy
Robert Rooney
Ryan (from pro shop)
Scott Lessel (chair)

We also will have support from Bill and Kathy White, and David Roddis.

*Respectfully submitted,
Scott Lessel*

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Information for Golfers ~ Repairing Ball Marks

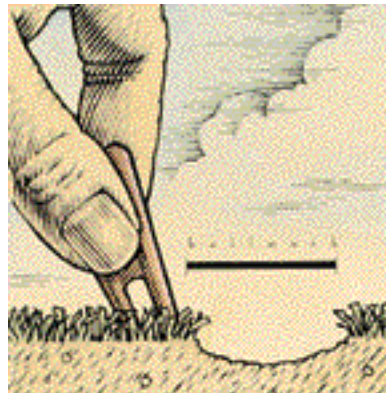
Ball marks, those indentations caused when a ball lands sharply on a soft green, have been ruining good putts since the days of Old Tom Morris. Unrepaired ball marks take two to three weeks to properly heal, leaving behind unsightly, uneven putting surfaces. On the other hand, a repaired ball mark only takes half that time to heal.

Beginner or pro, it is your responsibility as a golfer to fix your own marks. If you're truly a steward of the game, you'll fix any others you see while your partners are putting. There's really not much to it, but there are a few guidelines you should follow when making these repairs.

The right way to fix a ballmark.



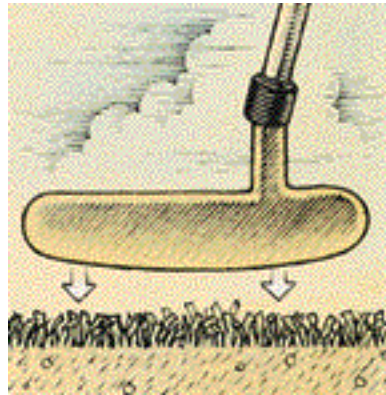
Use a pronged ball mark repair tool, knife, key or tee.



Insert it at the edges of the mark – not the middle of the depression.



Bring the edges together with a gentle twisting motion, but don't lift the center. Try not to tear the grass.



Smooth the surface with a club or your foot. You're done when it's a surface you would want to putt over.

• Grounds and Greens Committee •

We now have completed seven weeks of play, and our course has handled it very well, thanks to the hard work of Dean and his team. I would remind all players again that we can all do our part in helping to keep our course in the best condition possible if we practice the following simple RULES each and every time we play.

1. REPLACE ALL DIVOTS
2. REPAIR BALL MARKS
3. RAKE THE SAND TRAPS
4. KEEP POWER CART 30 FEET FROM GREENS AND TEES UNLESS ON CART PATHS

The cutting of the trees on the hill across from the driving range was necessary as they were leaning over the road and, should one or more of them fall, it would have presented a safety issue on the highway.

Another safety concern is at # 2 tee. You will see a sign posted that reads "DO NOT HIT IF VEHICLES ARE APPROACHING." We would ask that you follow this procedure at all times.

The stumps at the left of # 8 green will be removed as soon as course conditions allow a backhoe to enter this area.

The tower on # 6 tee has been repaired.

The gravel at the right of # 14 tee off has been removed.

The supplier of the planking for the bridge at # 8 has reported that we should have the planking in the next week. This will be treated and the bridge will be rebuilt.

I have attended the Maintenance Department monthly tool box meeting, to help provide our maintenance employees with some insight on how IMPORTANT their jobs are to the members and guests of Avon Valley.

We have held our first Health and Safety Meeting with Canteen, Pro Shop and Maintenance Departments attending and have scheduled the next meeting for June 21 2006.

We continue to get requests from our members on things that they would like to see get done to improve our course. This is GOOD POSITIVE feedback, and is taken very serious by your grounds committee. Some of the requests are covered in our LONG TERM PLANS and will be completed within that time frame. Others will be completed as normal course maintenance as time and budgets permit.

If you have any concerns please feel free to speak to one of the committee members, or give them in writing to the Pro Shop staff and they will forward your request to the committee. Your committee is as follows: Larry Drew, Bill Chipman and Bob Barry.

Until our next report... enjoy our course and, most of all, have fun playing this great game.

Kirk Stephen, Chair

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~ Dean Martin

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• June 2006 •

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	Valley Seniors 5	Fert. (T) (ARG) Fert. (G) 6	7	8	9	4 Ball 10
4 Ball 11	Fert. (F) 12	Fert. (G) 13	14	15	Hants Hospital 16	17
Ladies Doris Brown 18	Verticut/ Brush 19	Fert. (G) 20	21	22	23	Hawboldt's Challenge 24
Hawboldt's Challenge 25	Aerifying (1/4"qt) Sandtrap Maint. 26	& Topdressing 27	& some (T) Fert. (G) (T) (ARG) 28	29	30	

Fun Night ~ Come One Come All ~ Saturday June 17, 2006 17:30 Hours (5:30 PM)

Members and Guests are invited to a night of fun and entertainment. The format will be alternate shot and a driver will be used as a putter. The ladies will start on number one tee. We hope to have lots of prizes and some munchies for all. Cost will be \$4.00 for members and \$6.00 for guests. As a special "Welcome," new members will not be charged for this night. Each group will tee off with eight in their group. You can bring additional guests to fill your group. If you do not have eight members in your group we will try and combine groups to make better use of the tee times.

Sign up sheets are at the Club.
See you Saturday June 17th.

Avon Go Round ~ Publishing Dates 2006

The dates for submissions and publishing for the Avon Go Round Newsletter are as follows:

SUBMISSION DATE	PUBLISH DATE
April 27	May 11
May 25	June 8
June 22	July 6
July 20	August 3
August 24	September 7
September 21	October 5

All submissions can be sent to paul_isenor@hotmail.com

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• Ladies Division Report •

The first tournament of the year was the Spring Peeper, held on May 13th with 23 participants. The weather was great, which makes for a good time. The winners were:

1st Low Net Brenda McKellar
Judy Smith
Corinne Smith
Heather Pearson

2nd Low Net Donna Lavers
Debbi Bowes
Joan Langille-Elliott

3rd Low Net Betty Davison
Lorraine Purcell
Cathy Cochran
Cindi Northup

Closest to the hole #5, Joanne Kennedy. Closest to the critter #15 Lorraine Purcell

Ladies Night will start on Tuesday, June 6th and will continue until August 15th with the final tournament on Sunday, September 10th. Brenda Newcombe is looking after ladies night this year.

The Doris Brown tournament will be on Sunday, June 18th, so plan now to enter. Enter as a team or we will do our best to match up partners.

Marg Chipman

Fitting Day

What: We are hosting a Titleist Club Fitting Session

When: Wednesday, June 21st

Times: 8:30 until 11:30 with 1 person per half hour (7 available spots)

Who: Only members between a +15 - 0 handicap

How: Sign up sheet is in the AVGCC Pro-shop

We are also planning a similar Nike Demo Day in the near future with the date TBA.



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• Avon Valley Senior Men •

Winners for the first three weeks of May are as follows:

May 4:	Team competition:	G. Chisholm, D. Tarr, A. Baker, J. MacDonald
	Poker:	H. Hines, B. Vantassel, C. Warren, R. Williams
	Prize amount:	\$11.00
May 11:	Team competition:	J. Conway, A. Leblanc, A Baker, A Verge
	Poker:	G. Pettipas, T. Purcell, C. Woodman, M. Stenton
	Prize amount:	\$16.25
May 18:	Team competition:	R. Theirault, T. Thomas, R. Dickey
	Poker:	C. Warren, R. Kershaw, J. Conway, D. Pollard
	Prize amount:	\$18.86

Submitted by: Murray Stenton

Under Par Winner

Congratulations to Chris Vey

... our May Under Par contest winner. Chris wins a \$10 canteen credit for this season. Make sure you get your funny golf stories and jokes in for June to paul_isenor@hotmail.com . You could have the chance to win a \$10 canteen credit, or as I like to think about it 2 beer. All entries must be submitted prior to the submission dates posted in the June edition of the Avon Go Round.

"I'm hitting the woods just great -- but having a terrible time getting out of them!"

Winning Submission

Four of Avon Valley's senior lady golfers were waiting on the 14th tee for the group in front to take their second shots and move forward to the green. It had been a very slow round and we had slowed our pace of play to give the men in front lots of room. To a man they were all long ball hitters and were never in danger from our shorter, weaker shots. The marshall arrived and with a wave told us he was going to locate the problem and get things speeded up. It wasn't long before he returned to announce he had asked the slow group to play faster. We assured him we were not bothered by the slow play which brought forward this reply: "The guys ahead aren't so happy. When I asked them how their round was going they said, "The fellows in front are bloody slow and if that isn't bad enough we have four old women driving balls up our arses." You might think we were upset by such a remark but with our average age almost 70 we were delighted to be considered long ball hitters!

• Men's Night •

May 31st Winners

106 Players

Division 1 - Handicap 1-13

1st Place	Dan McNeil	20.5 points
2nd Place	Robert MacPherson	20 points
3rd Place	Jeff Burgess	19.5 points

Division 2 - Handicap 14-18

1st Place	Allen Harvey	23 points (R)
2nd Place	Geno Pace	23 points
3rd Place	Doug Lake	21.5 points

Division 3 - Handicap 19-22

1st Place	Jon Strickland	26.5 points
2nd Place	Brian Blackburn	23.5 points (R)
3rd Place	Brad Greenough	23.5 points

Division 4 -Handicap 23-30+

1st Place	John Horne	23.5 points
2nd Place	Blaine Conrod	22.5 points (R)
3rd Place	Scott MacDonald	22.5 points

Eastern Valley Real Estate Longest Drive - Brian Hanley
Windsor Home Hardware Closest to Hole – Bob Cowley

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• 2006 Spring Tune-Up Tournament •

The Spring Tune Up Tournament was held on May 27 and 28 and there were 58 golfers in the field. The weather was great and the course was in good condition. This combination resulted in a successful tournament. The winner was Mark Pryde with a 2-day total score of 149. ***Congratulations Mark!***

I want to thank and congratulate Kirk Stephens, Wayne Northup and Mike Hartlin for their efforts in organizing and running the tournament. Also thanks goes out to the pro shop staff for their assistance and support.

The results of the tournament are:

Tournament Winner: Mark Prude

Division 1

1st Low Gross: Tom Smith

2nd Low Gross: Rod MacPherson

3rd Low Gross: Bill Enright

1st Low Net: Robert MacPherson

2nd Low Net: Lee Hennigar

3rd Low Net: Patrick Enright

Division 2

1st Low Gross: Lloyd Noseworthy

2nd Low Gross: Ray Clements

3rd Low Gross: Dan MacNeil

1st Low Net: Mike Hartlin

2nd Low Net: Randy Millington

3rd Low Net: Steve Varner

Division 3:

1st Low Gross: Kirk Stephens

2nd Low Gross: Troy Blades

3rd Low Gross: Leroy Burns

1st Low Net: Roger Freeman

2nd Low Net: Dave MacNeil

3rd Low Net: Larry Drew

UPCOMING EVENTS

Hawbolt's Tournament June 24 and 25

MacPherson 2 Ball July 8 and 9

Mixed Club Championship July 29 and 30

Submitted by: Dan Sangster, Match Committee Chair



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