

Avon Go Round

AVON VALLEY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB NEWSLETTER

• July 2006 •

President's Message

e have just experienced the wettest June in Avon Valley Golf and Country Club's History. Unofficially I understand rainfall was approximately twice the normal average for the month of June.

Membership rounds held up reasonably well however the Club's revenue from Green Fees was \$13,015 under forecast for the Month of June, 2006. Due to excellent revenues in April and May, the *Year to Date* Green Fee revenue is holding up reasonably well. As of June 29, 2006 we are \$1,713 under forecast on a YTD bases.

The Valley Senior and The Hants Hospital Foundation tournaments were rescheduled as a result of bad weather and wet grounds.

Gas Cart services has been limited, revenues are down \$8,557 to forecast on a *Year to Date* bases. The Club will be unable to totally recover from the lost Gas Cart revenue opportunity in June; we would expect a shortfall of \$7,000 to \$8,500 to budget in 2006.

Your Club is hosting The NSGA's Junior Championship during the week of July 10. This will be a great opportunity to enjoy watching golf's next generation show their wears and to showcase AVGCC to the entire Province.

Your Match Committee continues to provide both Ladies and Men member's events to compete in. Join the fun and meet your fellow members.

Work progresses on our New Clubhouse. Please

look for specific announcements from the Planning and Development Committee as it is our intent to keep the membership informed of the progress. Details will be made available as soon as contract issues are finalized. The P&D Committee may not be in a position to outline our current position in this addition of the Avon Go Round. However a full report is expected at the Club's Semi Annual meeting on Thursday July 20.

Superintendent Dean Woodmen and his staff have been challenged in June. As members we are inconvenienced when the course has to be closed or gas cart usage curtailed. Dean's job is to make sure we have a playable course for the remainder of the year. He has done the right things and to your credit the members have understood the need and supported the Ground's team as they made a number of tough decisions.

Please plan to attend the July 20 Semi Annual Meeting, scheduled for 7 PM at the canteen building. Directors will be available to answer questions. The major topic will be a status report on the New Clubhouse including Financing arrangements, Contractor selection and an overview of the P & D's implementation process. See you there!

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.

John Horne



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Editor's Note

Well, there was some exciting happenings in the world of golf in June. Tiger Woods missed the cut for the first time at a major in his professional career. Making the cut at this US Open would have put him ahead of Jack Nicklaus for the most consecutive cuts at a major, instead they are now tied at 39. Pretty big. This US Open also brought the 18th hole adventures of Colin

Montgomery and Phil Mickelson. In case you missed the events of the 18th, both Colin and Phil started the last hole with scores that would have won them the tournament, and then proceeded to score double bogeys on the hole. What does this tell us? It does matter who you are, the most important part of most golfers' games is not in their bags, it's in their heads.

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SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday July 20, 2006 7 PM at the canteen building

The topics of discussion will be: Update on New Clubhouse Project

- Status update on clubhouse financing
- Status Update on contractor selection
 - Overview of Planning &

Development Committee's implementation process

Directors will be available to answer questions.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there!!

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Pro Shop Report

Although the weather has been wet, it hasn't damped our golfers! Rain gear has been a popular item in the shop, now let's hope that July is warm and dry so we can dig out our shorts, take off our long sleeves and hang up our rain jackets.

Junior clinics will be getting underway starting in July and running for 8 weeks. These clinics are open to any junior member at the club. So make sure you inquire at the pro shop about start times - everyone is welcome.

This month Avon Valley will be hosting the Nova Scotia Junior golf championship running from July 10-14th. This will be a fun and exciting event showcasing the best junior golfers in the province, come out and cheer them on. We will be looking for volunteers to help out with different areas of the tournament, if anyone is interested in giving their time please let the pro shop know or contact Scott Lessel, 2006 Junior Director.

We had a Titleist fitting day scheduled for the last week in June but have cancelled it due to a lack of interest. We hope to try again at a later date. So keep your eyes open for more fitting dates to come in July. In order for these to work we will need to have at least 8 players sign up - remember these are free.

Now that the weather is starting to change we will also be setting up dates and times for golf clinics so if you are interested in doing a golf clinic please check with the pro shop and we will have dates and times for clinics.

UPCOMING WEEKLY SPECIALS

July 2-8 – Golf shoes 10% off

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Golf Tip... Sand Shots

Although nobody looks forward to sand shots there are a few steps to keep in mind that will provide you with more success when you encounter your next sand hazard. When playing out of the sand always make sure your goal is to get the ball out first, then start to work on where you would like to land the ball and finally you can start to think about the spot you would like to put the ball.

Think about it in steps starting with the basic set up in the sand:

- Do not try and get too cute or fancy with your shot that will only end up in trouble.
- Always dig your feet in to the sand to give you a solid base. This will allow you to swing with out slipping.
- Keep your swing moving through the shot and take lots of sand, this momentum will allow the ball to fly out of the sand.

Remember, make sure your first goal when hitting a sand shot is get the ball out of the sand then you can start to work on the accuracy of the shot. Take the time to set up your shot and visualize the desired outcome and you are on your road to successful bunker play.

· On Tour ·

PGA

Money Leaders (as of June 25, 2006):

Phil Mickelson - \$4.0M Geoff Ogilvy - \$3.9M Jim Furyk - \$3.6M Vijay Singh - \$3.1M Stuart Appleby - \$2.8M

Canadians:

Stephen Ames - \$2.2M Mike Weir - \$1.4M

July 2006 Tournaments:

June 29th – Buick Championship July 6th – Cialis Western Open July 13th – John Deere Classic July 20th – Buick Championship July 27th – U.S. Bank Championship

CHAMPIONS TOUR

Money Leaders (as of June 25, 2006):

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

Canadian:

Dave Barr - \$16K

July 2006 Tournaments:

June 30th – Greater Kansas City Golf Classic July 6th – U.S. Senior Open Championship July 13th – Ford Senior Players Championship July 27th – Senior British Open Championship

LPGA

Money Leaders (as of June 25, 2006):

Lorena Ochoa - \$1.2M Karie Webb - \$1.1M Mi Hyun Kim - \$0.8M Hee-Won Han - \$0.7M Seon-Hwa Lee - \$0.7M

Canadians:

Lorie Kane - \$64K Alena Sharp - \$52K

July 2006 Tournaments:

July 6th – HSBC Women's World Match Play Championship June 13th – Jamie Farr Owens Corning Classic July 26th – Evian Masters

CANADIAN TOUR

Money Leaders (as of June 25, 2006):

Rob Oppenheim - \$43K Lee Williamson - \$38K Brian Guetz - \$29K Mike Grob - \$26K John Mallinger - \$23K

July 2006 Tournament:

June 29th – Telus Edmonton Open July 13th – MTS ClassicJune 29th – Telus Edmonton Open



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Grounds and Green Report

Well mother nature always finds a way to balance out the weather early in the golf season.

April and May provided our members and guests with a great start to the golf season and then June gave us RAIN, RAIN and more RAIN.

However, do to the hard work of all our maintenance staff, our course held its own and allowed play except for one day.

I have had several members ask me to pass their thanks on to Dean and his staff. So thank you one and all.

Let's hope that July brings us more seasonal weather and allows us to complete some improvements to our course.

In both May and June's "Avon-Go-Round" I asked that we all do our part by following a few common sense rules:

- 1. Repair your ball marks
- 2. Replace your divots
- 3. Keep power carts 35 feet away from Tees and Greens unless they are on a cart path.

Please take the second or two that it takes to do this and your course will reward all of us by staying in the best possible condition.

Just one other item – that of the new practice area. I have been asked by several members when it will be available for play. My best bet is that it will not be ready for play until the start of the 2007 golf season.

As always Golf is meant to be fun so enjoy July.

Kirk Stephen, Chair

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Information for Golfers ~ Raking Bunkers

Sand bunkers are enough of a hazard without the bad lies caused by an unraked surface, so here's some quick tips for making sure that the next golfer who faces your predicament isn't additionally cursed by an ungroomed bunker.

- 1. Try to enter and exit the bunker from the point that's closest to your ball, but most level to the adjacent playing surface. Don't try to climb out by going up a steep bunker face (you can damage the lip of the bunker and displace too much sand).
 - 2. Always rake the bunker immediately after your sand shot.
- 3. Be careful not to pull excess sand to (or over) the lip of the bunker. The best practice is to alternate between pulling sand toward you and pushing it back with the tines of the rake, thus making a relatively even surface without displacing too much sand.

According to the USGA, the guideline for placement of bunker rakes is "out and down." The rake should be placed outside the bunker, lying flat on the ground, and pointed in the direction of play (parallel to the likely flight of the ball). By the way, the USGA also reminds us that the proper term is "bunker," and never "trap." Good luck!

A golfer, playing a round by himself, is about to tee off, and a greasy little salesman runs up to him, and yells, "Wait! Before you tee off, I have something really amazing to show you!"

The golfer, annoyed, says, "What is it?"

"It's a special golf ball," says the salesman. "You can never lose it!"

"Whattaya mean," scoffs the golfer, "you can never lose it? What if you hit it into the water?"

"No problem," says the salesman. "It floats, and it detects where the shore is, and spins towards it."

"Well, what if you hit it into the woods?"

"Easy," says the salesman. "It emits a beeping sound, and you can find it with your eyes closed."

"Okay," says the golfer, impressed. "But what if your round goes late and it gets dark?"

"No problem, sir, this golf ball glows in the dark! I'm telling you, you can never lose this golf ball!"

The golfer buys it at once. "Just one question," he says to the salesman. "Where did you get it?"

"I found it."

Avon Valley Senior Men

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

May 4: Team Competition: G. Chisholm, D. Tarr, A. Bakeer, 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

Fun Night

NELSON LAW TOURNAMENT

Saturday July 15, 2006 17:30 Hours(5:30 PM)

Members and Guests are invited to a night of fun and entertainment. The format will be one club and a putter. Two person teams (one female & one male). Both will play separate balls. All shots and putts count and no gimmies. An average of the total for teams will be taken per hole. Handicaps will be factored in. Only Avon Valley members will be eligible for the Nelson Law Trophy.

We hope to have lots of prizes and some munchies for all. Cost will be \$4.00 for members and \$6.00 for guest. 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 on the Sheets in the Pro Shop.

See you Saturday July 15th.

Men's Night Winners

June 14 – 97 Players

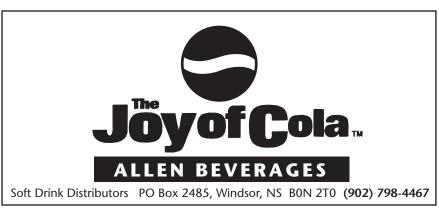
Division 1 - Handicap 1-13		Division 3 - Handicap 19-22	
1st Place Robert MacPherson	20.5 points	1st Place Raymond Harvey	20.0 points
2nd Place Scott MacDonald	20.0 points	2nd Place Mike Purcell	19.5 points
3rd Place Bill Smith	19.5 points®	3rd Place Dumps Dearman	18.0 points
Division 2 - Handicap 14-18		Division 4 –Handicap 23-30+	
1st Place Dave Scott	21.5 points	1st Place Glen Cockrane	21 points®
1st Place Dave Scott 2nd Place Terry Gerhardlt 3rd Place Jon Strickland	21.5 points 21.0 points	1st Place Glen Cockrane 2nd Place Larry Drew	21 points® 21 points

Eastern Valley Real Estate Longest Drive – Al Dauphinee Jr. Windsor Home Hardware Closest to Hole – Mark Tracey

Partners Play Winners – 66 players Bill Chipman & Dave Scott - 41 points Jon Strickland & Peter Shay - 38 points Bill Harris & Shawn MacDonald - 38 points

50/50 - \$30.00 X 2 Chris Kendrick 399414

Poker - \$219.00 - Larry Drew, Tom McKinley, Brian Van Tassel



June 21 – 121 Players

1st Place 2nd Place	- Handicap 1-13 Billy Smith Carson Ellis Tony Hendry	23.5 points 21.5 points 19.5 points®	1st Place 2nd Place	- Handicap 19-22 Barry MacInnes Richard Redden Jim Davis	19.5 points 19.0 points
Division 2 - Handicap 14-18			Division 4	-Handicap 23-30-	+
1st Place	Bob Cowley	23.0 points		Al Loomer	
2nd Place	Alan Harvey	21.5 points	2nd Place	Roger Freeman	21.0 points
3rd Place	Brian Van Tassel	21.0 points	3rd Place	Dave Evans	19.5 points

Eastern Valley Real Estate Closest to Mark – Chook Smith. Windsor Home Hardware Closest to Hole – Ray Hatchard

Partners Play Winners – 70 players Dave Evans & Blaine Conrod - 38.5 points Wayne Northrup & Phil MacDougal - 38.5 points Brian Van Tassel & Tony Hendry - 38.5 points

50/50 - \$54.00 X 2 Ticket # 399590

Poker - \$ 264.00 - Mike Purcell, Mike Michaluk, Murray Purcell

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	23	Aerating & Topdressing	24	Aerating & Topdressing	25	26	27	28	Mixed Club Championship 29
Mixed Club Championship	30		31						

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Winges & Hodder 13	Casino Dealers Tournament 4	15	16	17	Lions Club Tournament 18	Ladies' Club Championship 19
Ladies' Club Championship 20	Junior Club Championship 2 I	Junior Club Championship 22	23	24	25	Men's Club Championship 26
Men's Club Championship 27	Aerating & 28 Topdressing	Aerating & Topdressing 29	30	31		

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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

Doris Brown Memorial Tournament

What follows three weeks of RAIN, RAIN, RAIN? A ladies tournament! Once again we lucked out and had a great day of sunshine and thankfully a breeze. Unfortunately a slow group of players, who teed off early in the morning, had the course backed up and by

the time the tournament started it took over 5 hours to play a round of golf, which made for a long and tiring day. The ladies eventually made it in and the results were:

<u>1st Low Gross:</u> Brenda MacKellar and Chris Vey 81 <u>1st Low Net:</u> Debbie Francis and Brenda Bourque 65

2nd Low Gross: Cynthia Creaser and Gail Hong 84 2nd Low Net: Lenore Woodmand and Sher O'Neill 67.5

3rd Low Gross: Sharon Harvey and Judy Bain 91 3rd Low Net: Lorraine Purcell and Cathy McGinnis 76.5

Fewest Putts: Debbie Francis and Brenda Bourque 28

Closest to Pin: Judy Smith

Most 7's: Dawn Cullen and Donna Lavers

Most honest: Sharon Gomes and Marg Chipman

NEXT EVENT IS THE LADIES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP AUG 19TH AND 20TH



Under Par Winner

Congratulations to Hughie Cook

... our June Under Par contest winner. Hughie wins a \$10 canteen credit for this season. Make sure you get your funny golf stories and jokes in for July to paul_isenor@hotmail.com . You could have the chance to win a \$10 canteen credit. You could use part of the credit to buy the Avon Go Round editor a drink, but that's your call. All entries must be submitted prior to the submission dates posted in the July edition of the Avon Go Round.

Winning Submission

Four old men were out golfing. "These hills are getting steeper as the years go by," one complained.

"These fairways seem to be getting longer too," said one of the others.

"The sand traps seem to be bigger than I remember them too," said the third senior.

After hearing enough from his buddies, the oldest and the wisest of the four of them at 87 years old, piped up and said,

"Just be thankful we're still on the right side of the grass!"

A NUN GOLFER

A nun is with her Mother Superior chatting. "I used some horrible language this week and feel absolutely terrible about it." "When did you use this awful language?" asks the Mother superior. "Well, I was golfing and hit an incredible drive that looked like it was going to go over 280 yards, but it struck a phone line that is hanging over the fairway and fell straight to the ground after going only about 100 yards." "Is that when you swore?" "No, Mother," says the nun. "After that a squirrel ran out of the bushes and grabbed my ball in its mouth and began to run away." "Is THAT when you swore?" asks the Mother superior again. "Well, no," says the nun. "You see, as the squirrel was running, an eagle came down out of the sky, grabbed the squirrel in his talons and began to fly away!" "IS THAT when you swore?" asks the amazed Mother Superior. "No, not yet. As the eagle carried the squirrel away in its claws, it flew near the green and the squirrel dropped my ball." "Did you swear THEN?" asked Mother Superior, becoming impatient. "No, because the ball fell on a big rock, bounced over the sand trap, rolled onto the green and stopped about six inches from the hole." The two nuns were silent for a moment. Then the Mother Superior sighed and said, "You missed the putt, didn't you?!!"

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· Hawboldt's Tournament Results ·

This year's 2nd annual tournament was plagued by the continual rains we are experiencing. The tournament had to be called during day 2 play due to unplayable conditions. Our thanks goes out to the tournament sponsor, Terry Hines, owner of Hawbolt's, for his continued generous contribution. There were 72 golfers participating. The results based on the first day results are as follows:

WINNER: Al Dauphinee Jr. RUNNER UP: John Burbidge

	LONGEST DRIVE	
<u>NET</u>	<u>MEN</u>	WOMEN
	DAY 1: Al Dauphinee Jr.	Hilde Howlett
Garnet Harvey		
Ron Armstrong	CLOSEST TO THE PIN	
Dan MacNeil	<u>MEN</u>	WOMEN
Joseph Richard	DAY 1: Bruce McGrath	Bev Digdon
	LADIES GROSS:	Brenda Bourque
<u>NET</u>		
Brian Vantassel	LADIES NET:	Betty Davison
Troy White		
	Garnet Harvey Ron Armstrong Dan MacNeil Joseph Richard NET Brian Vantassel	DAY 1: Al Dauphinee Jr. Garnet Harvey Ron Armstrong Dan MacNeil Joseph Richard CLOSEST TO THE PIN MEN DAY 1: Bruce McGrath LADIES GROSS: NET Brian Vantassel LADIES NET:

DIVISION 3

3. Mike Burroughford

4. Chris Kendrick

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GROSS

1. Jeffrey Lawrence
2. Ross Buck
3. Owen LaPierre
4. Bev Digdon

NET
Mike Sangster
Roger Freeman
Judy Smith
Jim Davis

Rob Francis

Larry Cullen



• 2006 4 Ball Tournament •

The 2006 4 Ball Tournament was held June 10-11 with 24 teams participating in two divisions. The weather was a big challenge for the participants and thanks goes to all the golfers for their patience, determination and sense of humor throughout the two days of play. Congratulations to the winning team of Dean Woodman and Peter Francis.

The results for both divisions are:

WINNERS: Dean Woodman / Peter Francis Division 1

1st Al Dauphine Jr. / Steve Jenkins2nd Roddy Macpherson / Bill ChipmanNet Winnners: John Desroche / Robert Francis

Division 2

1st Charles Hennigar / Mac Harvey
 2nd Lee Hennigar / Troy White
 3rd Joe Richard / McDow
 Net Winners: Paul Reynolds / Brian Grandy

Submitted by Dan Sangster - Match Chairman



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