



Avon Go Round

AVON VALLEY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB NEWSLETTER

• June 2007 •

• President's Report •

I take this opportunity to welcome all Members returning or joining Avon Valley Golf and Country Club for 2007.

The January 28, 2007 AGM went off without a hitch. A personal Thank You to Club Secretary Cheryl Little, who preformed admirably, running a very efficient meeting as Chair.

I am drafting this report on May 28, 2007. It is early in the season, your Board will be meeting tonight for its eleventh time since January 28. We have been focusing on the Club's Operations, Membership, and New Club House progress and a complete review of all Club Policy. Your Board is committed to a Professional approach managing the operations of the Club.

I took a tour of the New Club House on Friday May 22, with Jim Davidson. The building is nearing completion; we fully expect it to be opened to the public by mid June. Thank you to the Planning and Development Team and in particular to Jim Davision for their tremendous effort coordinating construction and implementing possession. Thank you Members for your patience and support through the construction process.

Wayne Northup has returned as Match Chair for 2007. Events are scheduled through 2007; all members are welcome and indeed encouraged to participate.

2007 Men's and Lady's Nights will soon start. Keep tuned for specific dates. Come join the fun.

We welcome back our Canteen staff returning from last year. New members are encouraged to introduce

themselves to Food and Beverage Manager Wanda MacArthur and her staff. There will be many changes in the way your Club delivers Food and Beverage service during 2007. Thank you in advance for your patience as new systems and menu's are developed. A sincere welcome to new employees joining the Club House Food and Beverage team for the first time in 2007.

Grounds Chair Kirk Stephen and Superintendent Dean Woodmen and staff have the course in great shape for this time of the season.

Welcome back Head Professional Andrew Isenor and his staff (new and returning). Pro Shop staff will make every effort to make New and Returning members 2007 golf experience as enjoyable as possible.

A special welcome back to VP Mike Hartlen. Mike pinch hit as your President during April and May as Margaret traveled. Along with Mike's VP responsibilities he is again taking on Entertainment for 2007.

There is a great deal to accomplish in 2007. It is my expectation we will all support each other. My door is open, when not available it is with certainty I say VP Mike Hartlen will act on my behalf. If Mike and I are not available PP Jim Davidson is always in the loop and will provide support on request.

Respectively Submitted

John Horne - President 2007

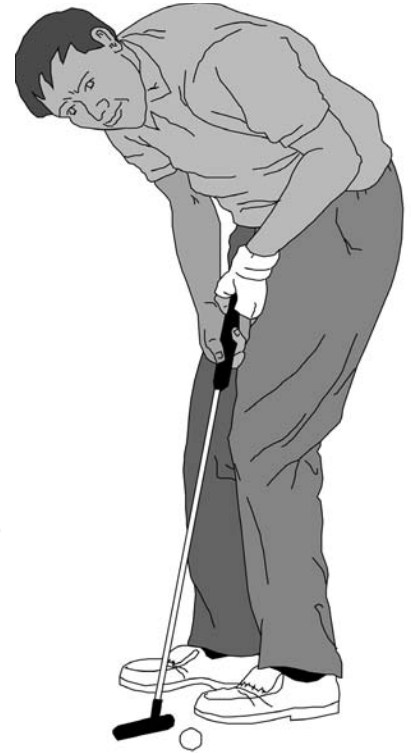


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• Editor's Note •

Welcome to all new and returning members to Avon Valley.

Well the golf season has been underway for a while now and play seems to be rolling along pretty well considering the construction that has been taking place. Our first issue of the Avon Go Round has been delayed a little this year for a combination of trying to coordinate with the clubhouse opening and my own personal schedule, my apologies go out to all who have been eagerly awaiting updates from all the departments. We will publish our second newsletter for the end of this month which will celebrate the grand opening of our new clubhouse. If you have any suggestions or feedback, please feel free to pass it on to of the committee members.

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• Building Status Report •

I am writing this report on Monday evening, June 4, 2007. The building is substantially complete and the Roscoe team has been off site now for approximately five days except for minor adjustments. My last report indicated the Club House should be open the week of May 28th to June 2, 2007. It looks like we will be ten to fourteen days late due to the following reasons:



- The Building Inspector requires handicap safety rails on our front steps and along the handicap/service ramp. These are a custom built item and should be on site in one week.

- The safety glass for our upper deck needs to be installed. This will arrive on June 6th or 7th from Montreal.

- Panic emergency hardware when tested proved to have an engineering default and it was returned to the manufacturer. This should arrive next week.

- The bar facility on the 2nd floor will be installed along with the associated electrical and plumbing on June 6th or 7th.

- The railing for our deck steps arrived incorrectly sized to complete the job. We expect the replacement rails from British Columbia by June 8th.

The Pro Shop and the Food & Beverage telephone lines and computers must be up and fully operational by June 8th or the 11th.

We require final approvals from the Building Inspector, the Electrical, the Mechanical, the Structural and the Architectural Engineers, the Fire Inspector and the Liquor Inspector. Hopefully, the Government process will move quickly.

Our plan to open the building gradually is as follows:

- We moved the Administration Staff on June 2nd and we opened the canteen for window service.

- We hope to open the Pro Shop by June 7th and the entire downstairs; washrooms, lockers and club storage by Saturday, June 9th followed by the entire building on Friday, June 15th.

The paving projects around the building and the lower parking lot have been completed. We expect to open the lower parking lot on Wednesday, June 6th and close off the upper parking lot until the old farmhouse is demolished. Paving is expected to be completed by Monday, June 18th.

The new barbeque facility will start construction this week along with the walkway to the Pro Shop entrance and stone walls at the front of the building. The barbeque facility will be completed to the point we can serve the Hospital Tournament barbeque steak dinner on Friday, June 22, 2007.

The fencing project and the changes to the #1 Tee, the #10 Tee and the 18th Green bunker complex have been completed and the landscaping is ongoing. The new putting green is progressing as expected. Please be careful around these newly sodded areas to help speed up the playability factor and a quality result.

The Board wants to thank you for your understanding, your patience and your co-operation.

We think you will be pleased with the end result and hopefully it will surpass your expectations. We thought it was better to complete all the changes at once rather than prolong this process. Next year in the spring the current putting facility will be transformed into a nursery green located between # 8 Green and #17 Tee. The current practice facility will then be paved providing us with much needed additional parking.

Respectfully Submitted

Jim Davidson

Building Project Co-Ordinator

• Avon Valley 2007 Tournament List •

Saturday	May 12	Ladies Spring Peeper (cancelled for this season)
Saturday & Sunday	May 26 & 27	Men's Spring Tune-Up
Friday	June 1	Hants Community Hospital Charity
Monday	June 4	Valley Seniors
Saturday	June 16	Ladies Doris Brown
Saturday & Sunday	June 23 & 24	Men's 4-Ball
Saturday & Sunday	July 14 & 15	MacPherson 2-Ball
Saturday & Sunday	July 28 & 29	Mixed Club Championship
Saturday & Sunday	Aug. 4 & 5	Sam Slick
Saturday & Sunday	Aug. 11 & 12	Ladies Club Championship
Saturday	Aug. 18	Winges & Hodder Mixed
Monday & Tuesday	Aug. 20 & 21	Junior Club Championship
Thursday	Aug. 23	Lions Club
Saturday & Sunday	Aug. 25 & 26	Men's Club Championship
Friday	Sept. 7	Past Directors
Saturday	Sept. 8	Men's Night Finale
Sunday	Sept. 9	Ladies Night Finale
Friday	Sept. 14	Hockey Heritage
Wednesday	Sept. 19	Pro Shot Gun Start
Saturday & Sunday	Sept. 22 & 23	Apple Bowl Mixed
Saturday	Oct. 6	Cecil Scott & Harvest Scramble
Saturday	Oct. 20	Die Hard Mixed


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- John Horne, President

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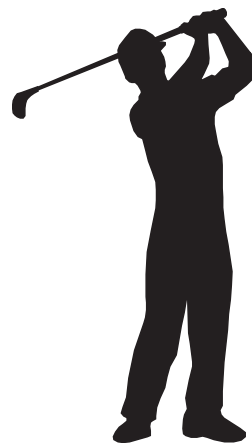
We've have the first month past us already, hard to believe. We opened on the April 28 weekend and hosted 313 golfers – great start to the season.

Join me in welcoming Ryan White, Jennifer Mackendrick and Toven Crockett to our golf services team. Come by the pro-shop and introduce yourself.

With the beginning of any new golf season comes new product in the pro-shop. We have new men's and ladies' clothing with new styles arriving for the opening of our new clubhouse. We also have a large selection of golf balls to fit any player. So if you need a hand selecting a type of ball please ask Jennifer, Ryan or Chris and they would be happy to point you in the right direction.

Starting in June we will be offering a trade-in program. This program will allow members and guests to bring in old clubs and get a fair market value for them which then would be applied to the purchase of new golf equipment. I would encourage anyone who is looking to upgrade their equipment to take advantage of this program. Interested in what the current value of your driver is? Go to <http://valueguide.pga.com>

We have now reached our maximum capacity for club and caddy storage, however we are taking names for the waiting list. Please inquire at the pro-shop for details.



GOLF TIP:

Normally I provide a tip, this month however, I encourage you to check out the new issue of Score Golf Magazine and turn to page 76. There are great tips on stretching and fitness - for not only the beginning of the season but all year round. Make sure you always stretch it will improve your game and prevent injury.

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• Junior Development Report •

It's going to be a great year! By the time school is out we will be well settled into our new club house. Our numbers this year are down a little, but we still have approx. 80 juniors and pee wees registered.

Our Thursday 'fun nights' will begin June 28, with a 5 pm start time; and our junior development clinics, with Andrew and Chris, will begin tentatively on July 8.

We will use many of the formats we used last year for the fun nights; however, we're going to add a new wrinkle in that we're going to keep track of everyone's scores to compete for some additional prizes to be given out at our season finale (you will have to play a minimum of seven fun nights to qualify).

In addition to the fun nights and clinics, we will also be having an Avon Valley Junior Invitational on July 10 (Dean will shoot me if that's the wrong date!), and the Junior Club Championship on August 20 and 21.

We are also hoping to have a number of home and home opportunities with some of the other golf clubs

within a reasonable distance from Avon, so keep an eye out for announcements if you're interested. We'll need volunteers to drive, and of course, they will get to play too.

I'm not going to mention any names just yet, but we're hoping to have a very generous local business person (and member) help support the juniors this year. I'll keep you posted!

Current Junior Development Committee members: Scott Lessel, Andrew Isenor, Chris Corman, James MacDonald, Roddy MacPherson and honorary member Debbie Woodman. If anyone else would be interested in helping please phone me at 835-0409 or leave a message at the pro shop.

Sincerely,

Scott Lessel



• Membership Report •

This certainly was a challenging year for membership, thank you to everyone who responded by March 1st. The number of resignations and leave of absence requests for this year is not much different than previous years. Normally, we would fill our categories from the waiting list, however we had a fair number on the list that decided for various reasons not to join. Presently, there are 26 people on the list for next year. Yes, we are accepting new members but this is not because of a mass exodus of members. Health problems and work commitments were the number one reason for not returning or taking a leave of absence. I hope this will put to rest some of the rumors that are circulating about the numbers that have resigned.

33 full members went to the Value category.

Resignations 35 from Full
 9 from Value
 1 from Intermediate

Leave of Absence 20 from Full
 from Value
 from Intermediate

To date, we have accepted 42 new members into the full category and 7 into Value.

We are pleased to welcome the following new members:

Full

Josh Purcell
 Daryl Garland
 Janet Merlin
 John Allen
 Paula Allen
 Blair Mosher
 Mike Costen
 Jim Vibert
 Mark Collins
 Jeff Wall
 Donald Maling
 Gillian Maling
 Ronald MacKenzie
 Richard Boyd
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• Grounds and Greens Committee •

With the start of the 2007 golf playing season up and running and the weather improving, our course is starting to take shape.

Dean and his team have been working very hard to be ready for another busy season. They have also been able to help with some of the new upgrades on # 1 and # 10 tees as well as # 18 green. Some other areas to note:

- New Tee Markers
- New cart path Markers
- Painted Benches
- All signs refurbished

We have also continued to upgrade our Maintenance Building.

During the winter months we have continued to put the final touches on our Health and Safety Program, and as part of this, there was a full day of training provided for key staff members.

The new practice area will be ready for use within a few days. Please check with pro shop staff for details.

The Grounds and Greens committee for 2007 is as follows:

- Mr. Dean Woodman
- Mr. Bob Barry
- Mr. Bob Purcell
- Mr. Philip Scott

Both Bob Barry and Bob Purcell are Past Presidents and I very much look forward to working with them along with our Superintendent Dean Woodman in moving our course forward in a positive direction.

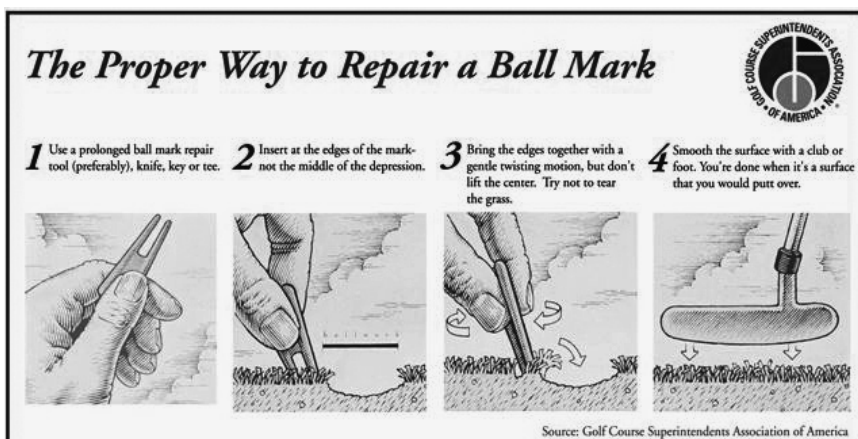
This committee would ask that all members and guests do their part in helping make Avon Valley a great golf experience by following these simple but important rules:

- REPLACE YOUR DIVOTS
- REPAIR YOUR BALL MARKS
- RAKE SAND TRAPS-- LEAVE RAKES IN TRAPS
- KEEP POWER CARTS 35 FEET FROM TEES AND GREENS UNLESS THEY ARE ON CART PATHS.
- PLACE ALL GARBAGE IN TRASH CANS

Remember golf is meant to be fun. Enjoy the early season and, should you have any questions or concerns, please contact a committee member or leave a note at the pro shop and a member will contact you.

Kirk Stephen

Chair Grounds and Greens 2007



MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Aerifying on June 25-26-27

Aerifying on July 23-24-25

• June 2007 •

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Hants Comm. Hospital Charity I Tournament	2
3	Valley Seniors Tournament 4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	Ladies Doris Brown Tournament 16
17	18	19	20	21	22	Men's 4-Ball Tournament 23
Men's 4-Ball Tournament 24	Aerifying 25	Aerifying 26	Aerifying 27	28	29	30

• July 2007 •

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	MacPherson 2-Ball Tournament 14
MacPherson 2-Ball Tournament 15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	Aerifying 23	Aerifying 24	Aerifying 25	26	27	Mixed Club Championship Tournament 28
Mixed Club Championship Tournament 29	30	31				

HEALTHY LIVING TAX INCENTIVE

Avon Valley is pleased to announce that again this year they are eligible for the Healthy Living Tax Incentive program offered by the Government of Nova Scotia. The attached link shows that Avon Valley Golf and Country Club is listed on the eligibility list for 2007, and the course is listed under the Nova Scotia Golf Association heading (#24).

http://www.gov.ns.ca/hpp/HealthyLivingIncentiveEligibility.html#SNSM_G

Avon Go Round ~ Publishing Dates 2007

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

SUBMISSION DATE	PUBLISH DATE
June 22	June 29
July 20	July 27
August 24	August 31
September 21	September 28
October 19	October 26

All submissions can be sent to paul_isenor@hotmail.com

• Avon Valley Senior Men •

Winners on the following dates were:

- May 3: Team competition: R. Lee, B. Ivey, J. MacDonald
Poker: G. Pettipas, D. Chisholm, A. Verge
Prize amount: \$14.00
- May 10: Team competition: W. Miller, R. Williams, C. Warren, M. Michaluk
Poker: G. Chisholm, H. Hines, K. Stephen, A. Baker
Prize amount: \$19.00
- May 17: (competition cancelled due to rain)
- May 24: Team competition: B. O'Connell, B. Ivey, D. Simmons, J. Conway
Poker: A. Baker, C. Woodman, T. Purcell, G. Shupe
Prize amount: \$18.75

*Submitted by: Murray Stenton
May 28, 2007*

LONGEST DAY OF GOLF 2006:

Once again the group of players from Avon Valley Golf and Country Club were the highest fund raiser in the province for the Cancer Society's Longest Day of Golf. The trophy will remain with Avon Valley for another year. This will be the ninth time in the past ten years.

Since the inception of the event in 1991 Avon Valley golfers have raised \$165,792 for the Cancer Society, a really great effort by all the golfers and those who have contributed.

Our thanks are extended to Avon Valley Golf's Board of Directors who have allowed the event to take place and provide carts for the players.

This year's event will take place on Tuesday, June 19. Please give generously when approached for a donation. Cancer is a dreadful disease which has affected all of us in one way or another.

There are still a couple of places open for anyone who would like to participate and raise funds for the cause. Thanks to everyone who has helped and we look forward to another great event.

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• Men's Night •

Men's night will begin on Wednesday June 13th and run for twelve nights finishing on Wednesday, August 29th. Each player must have scores from seven nights to be eligible for the final tournament on Saturday, September 8th. There will be four divisions for handicap purposes. The make up will be determined after the first four nights. Poker will be back run by the Pro Shop. We will also have prizes for closest to the hole and a combination of longest drive and closest to the mark in the fairway.

The cost will be \$5.00 per night. We hope to give three prizes per division but that depends on the turn out, so show your support and play on a regular basis.

There are four divisions:

- Division 1 – 1-13,
- Division 2 – 14-18,
- Division 3 – 19-23,
- Division 4 – 24+

If you plan on playing on Men's night this year please put your name and handicap on the sign up sheet. This will enable us to start the make up of divisions for the year. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday June 13th.

If you wish to help out on the committee, please give me a call, Mike Hartlen at 457-1678.

The members of the Men's Night Committee are:

Mike Fulcher
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• Spring Tune-Up Men's Tournament •

May 26 & 27

The first men's tournament of the season was held on Saturday and Sunday, May 26 & 27. There were 42 entries with the following results:

Congratulations to over all tournament winner Bill Enright with a gross score of 147.

First Division:

1st. Gross	Rod MacPherson	160
1st. Net	Joe Richard	140
2nd. Gross	Carson Ellis	161
2nd. Net	Mac Harvey	143
3rd. Gross	Mark Pryde	163
3rd. Net	Matthew White	144 R
4th. Gross	Darrell Garland	164
4th. Net	Shawn MacDonald	144 R

Second Division:

1st. Gross	Wendell Miller	171
1st. Net	Shawn Sawh	134
2nd. Gross	Rob Sweet	181 R
2nd. Net	Mike Costen	142
3rd. Gross	Charlie Hennigar	181 R
3rd. Net	Jim Davis	146
4th. Gross	Chris Kendrick	181 R
4th. Net	Al Burroughsford	147



I would like to remind all tournament entrants that the entry fee is to be included with your entry submission!! Entries without fees included will not be considered until paid in full. It will be assumed by myself and my committee that anyone who has not paid their entry fee by the deadline is not intending to play in the event. This is due to the problems incurred when preparing the draw. It has happened on many occasions that players who have not paid their entry fee have intentionally not played in a tournament because of weather conditions not suited for them or something else simply came up and they decided they did not feel like playing. It is hoped that most who have paid their entry fee will feel obligated to show for their game thus alleviating the stress and headaches that come with trying to change the draw at the last moment. I thank you for your cooperation with this matter.....Simply put.....



Wayne Northup
Match Director

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