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Presidents Report

The Curse of Complacency

"Self satisfied especially against one's judgement or duty"

Becoming complacent seems to be human nature. In our day to day life, we drive too fast or too slow; we don't vote and then complain; we over-eat and simply change our wardrobe; etc; etc. As we continue to repeat actions over and over, we say to ourselves everything is okay but if we paused for a moment we hopefully would realize that our judgement or duty has been compromised.

Some examples of complacency at Twenty Valley:

- Golfers and staff driving carts and equipment on Yonge St. & Cherry Ave. as if they owned the roads.
- Golfers who continually drive carts in prohibited areas.
- Golfers who drive carts as if they were ATV's.
- Golfers who think only the Pros' make Ball Marks.
- Golfers who feel that Divots should be filled by volunteers.
- Golfers who hoard a two week supply of towels in their lockers.
- Patrons of the Clubhouse/Proshop who treat staff as 'go-fors'.
- Staff who move too quickly across a slippery kitchen floor.
- Staff who chop more than veggies with a sharp knife.
- Staff who sometimes forget they are employed in a service industry.
- Board Members who miss meetings.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Buick Dramble Field Day Sunday July 23rd
- Club Championships August 5th, 6th & 7th
- SM's Revenge Field Day Sunday August 27th
- Men's Member Guest September 8th & 9th

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In conclusion, now that everyone is carrying out a self examination I have to ask myself – Have I responded to all concerns and questions posed to me by the membership? Probably not, I will endeavour to avoid being complacent in the future.

Gary Hunter

Pro Shop Report

If you need assistance or if you have any questions regarding our new booking system or policies please contact the Pro Shop @ 905-562-5641

POWER CARTS: We recently had an incident at the club where a cart slid down the hill at #4 into the creek, (no one was injured) please take extra care when the grass is wet as the carts have a tendency to spin when the brake is applied. There continue to be a number of members who are not following our power cart policy. Please do not drive the carts up the berm along the irrigation reservoir including the 15th tee, do not get closer than twenty feet from the greens and tees, and do not drive around the curbs to get to the 9th green and 10th tee. Where there are directional signs please follow them. If the practice persists the offending members will face disciplinary action (letters are in the mail).

PATIENCE: When golfers are finished putting out on the 15th green please wait for them to clear the area before hitting your approach shot to the 15th green. There is no need to rush. You will just have to wait on the 16th tee anyway!

Robin Mallory

Decisions on the Rules of Golf

Introducing a new feature discussing the rules of golf and how they apply to 20 Valley. Of the most common rules questions asked of our pro shop staff, taking drops at water hazards is frequent.

Options when taking your penalty stroke drop include:

- Playing from any drop area when available.
- Drop as close as possible from the spot where you last hit including re-teeing.

Drop anywhere back along an imaginary line aligned with the flagstick and the last point your ball crossed into the hazard. This drop is always taken behind the hazard even if your ball landed over and rolled back as happens often with hole #13.

- You may play your ball as it lies within the hazard without penalty. If you do and fail to hit out of the hazard boundary, now you have 3 choices. 1. You may hit the ball where it lies. 2. Drop at the previous ball spot within the hazard 3. Drop at the last spot which the ball was struck outside the hazard.

For red staked lateral water hazards you have an additional option.

You may drop your ball within 2 club lengths from the point last crossed by your ball where it entered, perpendicular to an imaginary line drawn to the flagstick no closer to the hole. You may drop across on the other side of the hazard laterally equal in distance to the hole. A mistake often made on hole #7, when a ball hits the ground over the water and rolls back in is to simply take a drop just in front of the last crossing point. Before you can take this drop you must assess that there is ground available no closer to the hole from that crossing point on the hazard boundary.

For a thorough explanation read rule #26 in *The Rules of golf*. Feel free to ask our CPGA professional Randy Taylor in the pro-shop or email me at 20valleyrules@cogeco.ca if you have any rules questions or topic suggestions.

Joe Lukasik GOA rules official volunteer.

Women's Report

The Field Day held in June filled very quickly and the new format is a welcome change. Thanks to the organizers Bonnie Taylor-Gillings, Linda Ferris, and Lorna Schatz. The next Field Day is scheduled for July 23rd and is quickly filling up. Players will be asked to fill in and sign a form that is used to determine the order of registration and authority to bill to your account. The first 32 players will be in the field the balance will be alternates if required.

Players requiring a handicap card for outside events are asked to fill in a request form and submit it to the Pro Shop for the Handicap Committee's approval. The forms are available on the club's website, in the locker room or Pro Shop. It is important you place the "required date" on the form. Please ask Randy for your card a week in advance of your event. The cards will not be issued to you before you need them as they are valid for 15 days only. Should you get it too early it may be invalid at the time you play.

Barb Brown

18 HOLE WOMEN'S REPORT

The theme for this years Member Guest was "Red Hats". Red & purple decorations and the famous red hats were everywhere, from the players attire to the balloons, table decorations, even the gift wrapping. Diane Fraser and her organizing committee Barb Tomlinson, Gail Penton, Lorie Ragogna, Anne Andrusiw and Caryl Ann Bracher planned this event in detail and enlisted the help of the men in their lives to ensure all went smoothly. This event is a tradition our members look forward to and thoroughly enjoy and we appreciate the effort that the organizing committee puts into the day. Diane threatened to go to the Barbados on game day if it rained, and rain it did!

For the first time in many years it poured rain on Member Guest day. However, the spirit of our membership spoke volumes when all but a few of the players turned out to enjoy breakfast, the companionship of their guests and a great lunch. The organizers quickly put together an alternate agenda and the morning flew past as the noise level in the clubhouse rose to indicate everyone was having a great time! Randy presented "rules of the game – the most asked questions" and included the clubs local rules and playing conditions. There were many great questions and we all benefited from the presentation.

The guests were invited to play their round the following Tuesday. The weather was bit better, but most of the 80 players were a little damp before they finished playing. Kathy Thorpe won the Pot of Gold on # 7, she was the only player in the field to place her golf ball inside the circle. Kathy was Carol Lipischak's guest and won \$71.00. Thank you to all members and guest for ignoring the rain (on both days) and enjoying our extended member guest. We look forward to a new theme, a full field and better weather next year.

Barb Brown

9 HOLE WOMEN'S REPORT

There have been some great golfing days in June and our Member/Guest day on June 20 was a particularly fine day. Val Fleming and her committee came up with an enjoyable and well organized program and the staff provided a tasty luncheon. The innovative idea of including a golf cart for everyone was well received and worth repeating. The winner of the special draw for a Royal Doulton figurine donated by Val was Marie Tufford. Congratulations to Muriel Southward who broke 50 during the Shotgun round with the 18 hole ladies. Play for the Trillium Trophy begins with Round #1 on July 11th, and Round #2 will follow the next week on the 18th. On July 25 a Shotgun Round with the 18 hole ladies is scheduled -- watch the bulletin board and sign up promptly. On July 20th the Dunnville Golf Club is holding their annual Invitational and eight of our members have signed up for this popular event.

Definition of a handicapped golfer -- a person playing with their boss.

Ann Kozlik

House Report

During the month of June our Food & Beverage manager Michael and his staff hosted 3 weddings, 7 tournaments, an anniversary, a member field day and the regular Tue, Thur. and Fri. leagues. Each event organizer expects to receive exclusive service from every member of our clubhouse staff. At the same time the needs of our membership are a high priority. To provide our members and each event with excellent service is a very delicate balancing act. The organization and planning required to fulfill expectations is extensive but proves to be worthwhile with repeat bookings for next season. Our staff should be commended for their accomplishments in June.

Towels are once more an issue in both locker rooms. Our linen service delivers once a week, usually on Tuesday. From past experience 1,000 towels are an adequate supply when used for showers only. The service replaces soiled towels that are in the hampers. They cannot replace towels that are in lockers, in the garbage, in golf bags, on personal carts or elsewhere in the clubhouse. Towels are for locker room use only. To ensure that you have a towel for a shower please use them for this purpose only and please remind others to do the same.

Several members asked about the clubs failure to acknowledge Canada Day. I have heard stories of past, very successful Canada Day celebrations and wonder if something can be planned for next year. If you are interested or have suggestions for other events please contact me or any of the members of the House Committee: Steve Makins, Jane Marucci, Gord DeMille, Bonnie Taylor Gillings, Ken Teshima or Michael Brunton.

Barb Brown

2007 Membership Payment Changes

The \$300.00 initial payment date has been changed from Jan. 31st, 2007 to Nov. 1st 2006. The balance of the fees will still be due on March 31st, 2007.

Early Payment Options:

1. Any member wishing to pay their total membership dues on Nov. 1st, 2006 will have the option of paying by cash or credit card, and will be guaranteed no fee increase for 2007. You will also receive 4 green fee passes.
2. Any member who wishes to pay their total membership dues on Jan. 31st, 2007 will have the option of paying by cash or credit card, and will receive 4 green fee passes. This date is subject to 2007 rates.

Gord DeMille

From the Turf Shop

We are now into mid July and having a great summer. The weather has not been overly hot and with good course conditions, has made golfing a pleasure. The rain we received in the later half of June and early July have been timely and helped to keep the course green and the reservoir full.

We have just recently completed two new tees on the eighth hole. The blue and white tees were rebuilt creating a larger and more level teeing surface. We have a number of small projects on the go that we will work on throughout the summer. Currently we are removing old tree stumps and repairing the interlocking brick at the clubhouse. Club Championship is only a few weeks away and we are starting to prepare the course for that event. Best of luck to everyone participating. August 9th we will be having the first three greens and the putting green deep tine aerated. This process will be done in the evening and will be aerated to a depth of 10" using a very thin tine, leaving very little if any surface damage. This is an important part of our maintenance practices to maintain healthy greens throughout the season. Insect pressures this year have been higher than normal. We are monitoring the levels and when thresholds are exceeded we will use control measures in selected areas. Dollar spot has also been a concern as of late; we are managing these pressures with cultural practices and controlling when and where needed. Once again, I would like to thank the volunteers that help out in keeping the course and grounds in great shape. With everyone helping out by repairing ball marks and divots this will help to keep our course in great condition. Enjoy the summer and play well.

Golf Course Superintendent
Steven Muys

Event Calendar

- Men's Field Day Drabble, Sunday July 23rd
- Club Championships, August 5th thru 7th
- Men's Field Day SM's Revenge, Sunday August 27th
- Men's Member Guest, Friday September 8th & Saturday September 9th
- Ladies Field Day, Sunday September 10th
- Closing Field Day, Sunday October 15th
- AGM & Official course closing, Tuesday December 5th

Couples League

WEEKLY WINNERS:

June 2	Closest to #4 (2 shots) - Madlyn Christie Closest to #6 (2 shots) - Dave Gorchinsky Low Team Net - Maria & Dave McConeghy
June 9	Low Team Net using 3 clubs & putter Kate & Larry Claringbold (56) Note: As per last year --- many teams played better than when using a full set of clubs.
June 16	<i>Battle of the Sexes:</i> Closest to #1: Ladies 4 th shot or Mens 3 rd shot - Mike Lipischak Closest to #8: Ladies 3 rd shot or Mens 2 nd shot - Shirley Riding Note: As per last year --- it was a draw!! Low Team Net - Denise & Tim Voronoff (56)
June 23	Fewest putts per team - Maria & David McConeghy (29) Low Team Net - Sue & John Mayberry (58)
June 30	Closest to the 100 yard marker On #4 - Beth Bell Closest to the line on #2 --- Chris Perrin Low Team Net - Madlyn & Larry Christie
July 7	Winners of the Black Ball Event: Ruth & Ray Boutcher, Dianne & Brian Elder, Jennifer Rossi & Lee Fox NB: There was a 4-way tie for the best dressed "ALL BLACK" team. Low Net --- Leana Caracci & Roger Segalin

Couples Committee

2006 Edward Jones Family Tournament Results

136 golfers participated in this year's 4th annual Edward Jones Family tournament. Over \$6700 was raised for Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Grimsby. The weather was superb and all had a great time. Participants competed in 7 categories:

Father & Son Adult

1st gross	Ron & Kevin Moore
1st net	Bruce & Troy Cooper
2nd net	Gord & Steve DeMille
3rd net	Tom & Andrew Fleming
4th net	Bob & Andrew Hemphill
5th net	Mike & Kevin Baines
6th net	Roger & Dana Whitfield

Mother & Son

1st gross	Sherry & Ryan Christie
1st net	Linda & Garet Stull
2nd net	Cathy & Mark McNiven
3rd net	Nancy & Bob Cain

Outlaws

1st gross	Linda Ferris & Bob Bentley
1st net	Jim Gillings & Greg Hulbers
2nd net	Mike Lipischak & Jackie Galloway
3rd net	Rick Ferris & Kim Bentley

9 Hole

Kim & Carly Matthews

Longest Drive Danielle Dupuis

Father & Son Junior

1st gross	Rick & Anthony Henderson
1st net	Ed Joel Martens
2nd net	Roger & Zach Matthews

Father & Daughter

1st gross	Don & Jocelyn Andrusiw
1st net	Randy & Jade Taylor
2nd net	Rick & Danielle Dupuis

Grandparents

1st gross	Alex & Kyle Hersics
1st net	Brian & Niall Cain

Closest to the Hole

#7- Rick Dupuis, #9- Kevin Moore, #13 Kent Taylor, #16 Jackie Galloway.

Hidden holes The Hill's, The VanWely's

See you all next year!!!!