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## From the Turf Shop

Now that spring is finally around the corner and another long winter is behind us we can look forward to getting back out on the course. The golf course has wintered fairly well. All greens, tees and fairways are in good shape; however, winter flooding and high winds have left some damage to be repaired. The bridge ends on # 4 and #6 were severely damaged and will need repairs immediately. We have also seen some mouse damage on some bunker faces due to the snow cover and have had some washout damage to the new cart path on # 13. We also lost a couple of trees to the storms over the winter. However, with a few repairs everything will be back in shape for our tentative opening date of April 1<sup>st</sup>.

This year is a very exciting year for us as it is our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; we have a number of projects to complete this spring to enhance the course. These projects consist of: new course signage, improved hand railing on the bridge at # 18, bunker upgrades to holes 1, 2, &3, cart path improvements around the 1/2 way house, as well as a new path to be added around # 9 green and #10 tee. There will also be the addition of new permanent yardage markers (donated by our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee) for the tees and fairways.

Over the winter months we have been working at designing a relocation plan for the tee markers. Our current course is set with four sets of tees; however, they are not evenly spaced out. We have relocated the tees so the yellow markers will now change to red with the yardage still remaining at where the yellows were playing 5200 yards. Whites will move up to play about 5700 yards, the blues at 6300 and the golds at 6700. This will provide the golf course with a much more balanced distance between teeing surfaces, approximately 500 yards. These changes will provide a more suitable

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Annual Course Clean Up Day, Saturday March 28th 9AM
- Opening Day Wednesday, April 1st (weather permitting)
- Easter Brunch Sunday April 12th
- Opening Field Day Sunday May 3rd

playing distance to some of our members that struggle from the white, finding some holes too long, as well as giving our lower handicap ladies a more challenging teeing surface.

## 50th ANNIVERSARY

On May 23rd, 2009, come celebrate Twenty Valley's 50th anniversary when we tee off with the first of many events celebrating our first half a century!

Celebrate 50 promises to be a great time with golf, dinner and dance featuring the Jukebox Junkies. You and your foursome could win great prizes for the best dressed 1959 style, or by displaying your best jitterbug on the dance floor. Book your tickets now as this event will likely sell out early!!

\$59.00 per member \$69.00 per non member guest + cart.

All these improvements and changes will keep us very busy this spring. We have the majority of the staff returning from last year and they have been working hard to plan for a successful season. Our annual course clean up date is March 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-noon with a light lunch following. Those wishing to help, please bring a leaf rake if you have one, we do have some extras. Please confirm by phone 905-562-5641 ext.227 or e-mail 20valleyturf@hughes.net. The help is greatly appreciated in getting the course ready for opening. We look forward to seeing everyone out this spring.

Steven Muys, Golf Course Superintendent  
Tom Nicholls, Greens Chair



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## Easter Brunch

The annual Easter Brunch will be held Sunday, April 12th.

There will be 2 sittings; 11:00 am and 1:00 pm.

The cost is: Adults: \$22.95, Seniors (60+): \$20.95, Children (12 & under): \$13.95 (Taxes & gratuities not included).

Reserve your table early as this is a very popular brunch. The menus descriptions are available through the website [www.twentyvalleygolf.com/clubhouse/menus](http://www.twentyvalleygolf.com/clubhouse/menus).

Reservations only please.

Contact Tracy Robinson At 905-562-5641 ext # 222 or email: [20valleydining@hughes.net](mailto:20valleydining@hughes.net)

## Pro Shop Report

The long winter is finally drawing to a merciful close and golf season is just around the corner. Before the season gets underway we would like to review the off-season alterations and adjustments we have made to enhance your membership experience.

### POWER CARTS

For the first time we will be offering a yearly cart fee for our members. For a fee of \$625 (plus tax) you can ride all season long. Before you rent your first cart you will be required to sign an application form. Your account will be charged in four equal payments (April 30th, May 31st, June 30th & July 31st).

In addition we will no longer offer the graduated cart fee and we will be charging members a fee of \$14.16 (\$16 after tax) per cart rental.

Also we will be offering a twilight cart fee of \$8.85 (\$10 after tax) for rounds booked after 4 PM - no exceptions.

### COUPLES NIGHT

In conjunction with the

Couple's League we will be offering \$25 Green Fees and \$32 for golf & ride after 4 PM on Fridays. We will also be offering dining specials as well. You do not have to belong to the Couple's League to take advantage of this offer. This is a great opportunity for our members to invite guests out to enjoy our club.

### LAST MINUTE GOLF For MEMBERS

We will allow members to book unused Last Minute Golf tee times at the Last Minute Rate. In order to get this discount the member will have to call the Pro Shop the morning of the day they wish to play to request any unused LMG tee times. As we do not know how many LMG times are booked until the opening of the Pro Shop.

### PRIVILEGED MEMBER GOLF

We have joined forces with a lengthy list of Ontario golf courses to create a new reciprocal course arrangement. For a green fee of \$30 (cart extra) you

can play at any of the golf courses in the PMG group. All you need to do is ask Randy Taylor our CPGA Pro to call and book a time for you. We will post a list with the available golf courses in the locker rooms and a list will be available in the Pro Shop.

### DEER PARK PAIRS

Due to on going scheduling issues we have decided to go back to a one day tournament for the Deer Park Pairs. We have set aside Sunday July 5th for this event.

### COURSE / SCORECARD CHANGES

In order to better serve our membership we have decided to change our tee designations. This change is in conjunction with course signage changes that will be happening immediately. We will continue to use the current scorecards. We will post the new course ratings once the GAO re-rates our golf course.

Robin Mallory,  
Pro Shop Chair

# 50th Anniversary Painting

We have already sold a number of the 50 limited prints over the winter, so don't delay, if you wish to purchase one, please contact Eileen McIntosh in the office. They will go fast once the season opens.

This is a painting of our 13<sup>th</sup> hole by

noted golf artist Reg Finlayson to celebrate Twenty Valley's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The painting itself will be hung in the clubhouse entrance. Prints are \$130.00 plus tax, or \$146.90. Framing is extra but we have arranged for a 20% discount at a framing establishment in St.

Catharines if you so wish.

Milt Pogson  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

# Women's Solheim Time

Golf season seems so far away for those staying on Canadian soil but we must think Spring and of course Women's Solheim - 2009. Solheim is composed of four players, (two gross players and two net players) and alternates. There are 3 divisions with 4 clubs in each division. Each club plays four matches with various formats within each division. Twenty Valley will host the event on June 14th (rain date of June 21st). The other dates are yet to be confirmed.

This is a competitive team experience and gives us the opportunity to play other clubs (Port Colbourne, Loch Ness and Links of Niagara) once a month from May to August. It works on a point system. The two teams which have accumulated the most points in each division play each other for the overall winner.

Tryouts for the 2009 Solheim Team will take place on Saturday, May 2nd and Saturday, May 9th. All ladies interested

in qualifying must play together in foursomes on these two dates. Tee times will be made for those who sign up to compete. There will be no alternate dates. Both rounds of golf will be combined with handicaps deducted after each round. The team will be established after the May 9th round. Hope to see you on the tee.

Linda Ferris

# Men's Twilite League

The teams have been drawn and will be posted in the Pro Shop on the first day the course officially opens for play. Members from last year who played 50% of the games are automati-

cally on a team, as are those who were on sick leave. All others must sign the sign up sheet which will also be posted. There are quite a few vacancies, so if you wish to join the Men's

League, sign up ASAP. Players will be selected in the order in which they signed up. See you all soon.

Milt Pogson

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# Accounts Payable by Pre-Authorized

All members will soon be able to pay their monthly statements by Pre-Authorized Debit. This method authorizes Twenty Valley to automatically withdraw the monthly amount owing to Twenty Valley directly from your bank account. This

means: no more cheques to write and no more worries about missing a payment. Due to increased security and rising service charges on credit card transactions, the pre-authorized debit will replace the current method of automatic monthly payment by credit card.

Members wishing to pay their accounts by credit card rather than taking advantage of the pre-authorized debit method must do so in person. This will come into effect June 1, 2009.

Eileen McIntosh. Office Manager

# Battery Charger Proposal

We are investigating the possibility of building a power caddy battery charging station. We are still in the planning stage but we need to know how large of a unit we would need to construct.

For a one time fee of approximately \$25 per user we would construct a charging station in the back shop.

If this proposal would interest you please email or call Eileen McIntosh.

If enough of the membership shows interest we will continue with the project

Jim Agate, Maintenance Chair

## 20 Valley Member Events

- Annual Course Clean-Up Day, Saturday March 28th
- Opening Day (Weather permitting), Wednesday April 1st
- Easter Brunch, Sunday April 12th
- Opening Field Day Scramble, Sunday May 3rd
- Opening Lady's Day, Tuesday May 5th
- Opening Men's Night, Thursday May 7th
- Mother's Day Brunch, Sunday May 10th
- Couple's League Begins, Friday May 22nd
- 50th Anniversary Celebration Opening Tournament, Dinner & Dance, Saturday May 23rd
- Mixed Scramble, Sunday May 31st
- Field Day Dramble, Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup>
- Lady's Member Guest, Tuesday June 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Edward Jones Parent/Child Tournament, Sunday June 28th
- Deer Park Pairs (One day), Sunday July 5th
- "The Chapman" One day event Field Day, Sunday July 26th
- Club Championships, August 1st, 2nd & 3rd
- GAO Ontario Men's Senior Championships August 10th thru 13th
- Lady's Invitational, Tuesday August 25th
- Field Day SM's Revenge, Sunday August 30th
- Closing Lady's Day, Tuesday, September 8th
- Men's Night Closing Day, Thursday September 3rd
- Men's Member Guest, Friday September 11th & Saturday September 12th
- 50th Anniversary Closing Tournament Dinner & Dance, Saturday September 19th
- Closing Field Day, Sunday October 18th
- AGM & Official course closing, Tuesday December 1st.

## April 2009

| SUNDAY                          | MONDAY    | TUESDAY                                                | WEDNESDAY                                                | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY                   | SATURDAY                                                         |
|---------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                 |           |                                                        | <b>1</b><br>Opening Day<br>Weather<br>Permitting<br>8 am | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b>                 | <b>4</b>                                                         |
| <b>5</b><br>Baby Shower<br>2 PM | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>                                               | <b>8</b>                                                 | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b><br>Good Friday | <b>11</b><br>Tee Times Begin<br>7:45am                           |
| <b>12</b><br>Easter<br>Brunch   | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b>                                              | <b>15</b><br>NDGAO Meeting<br>5:30                       | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b>                | <b>18</b><br>Tee Times Begin<br>7:30am<br>Fire Fighters<br>Event |
| <b>19</b>                       | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b>                                              | <b>22</b>                                                | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b>                | <b>25</b><br>Tee Times Begin<br>7:15am<br><br>Wedding            |
| <b>26</b>                       | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b><br>Business Ladies<br>Opening Dinner<br>6 pm | <b>29</b>                                                | <b>30</b> |                          |                                                                  |

## May 2009

| SUNDAY                                         | MONDAY                                                                | TUESDAY                                                                                 | WEDNESDAY                              | THURSDAY                                           | FRIDAY                                | SATURDAY                                                               |
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|                                                |                                                                       |                                                                                         |                                        |                                                    | <b>1</b>                              | <b>2</b> Tee Times<br>Begin 7am<br>Solheim Qualfr.<br>Wedding          |
| <b>3</b><br>Opening Field<br>Day 8:30am<br>Gun | <b>4</b>                                                              | <b>5</b> 18 Hole Ladies<br>Opening Dinner &<br>Fashion Show<br>Business Ladies<br>Begin | <b>6</b>                               | <b>7</b><br>Men's Night<br>Begins                  | <b>8</b>                              | <b>9</b><br>Tee Times Begin<br>6:45am<br>Solheim Qualfr.               |
| <b>10</b><br>Mother's Day<br>Brunch            | <b>11</b>                                                             | <b>12</b>                                                                               | <b>13</b>                              | <b>14</b>                                          | <b>15</b><br>Tournament<br>(76) 11AM  | <b>16</b><br>Tee Times Begin<br>6:30am                                 |
| <b>17</b>                                      | <b>18</b><br>Victoria Day                                             | <b>19</b>                                                                               | <b>20</b>                              | <b>21</b>                                          | <b>22</b><br>Couples League<br>Begins | <b>23</b><br>50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary<br>Dinner & Dance<br>1pm Gun |
| <b>24</b>                                      | <b>25</b> Niagara Sr.<br>Men 8:30am Gun<br>1:30pm Modified<br>LMG Gun | <b>26</b>                                                                               | <b>27</b><br>Tournament<br>12:30PM GUN | <b>28</b><br>Taylor Made<br>Demo Day<br>12:30-4:30 | <b>29</b>                             | <b>30</b><br><br>Wedding                                               |
| <b>31</b><br>Mixed Scramble                    |                                                                       |                                                                                         |                                        |                                                    |                                       |                                                                        |