



**HIGH VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB
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A Message from Your Board of Trustees
October 2015

See our website at www.highvalleycc.org

Announcements, Reminders & Acknowledgements

Are you on **Facebook**? Like our page – *HighValley Packwood*!

The minutes of each monthly meeting of the HVCC Board of Trustees is available on our website in the Member's Only section. HVCC members can register for the Member's Only section and, once it is verified that they are a member in good standing, access that portion of the website. Stay up to date on what is happening in High Valley!

What changes/upgrades would you like to see at High Valley Country Club? Let the board know your ideas at the monthly board meeting or by sending a letter or email! Your input is important!

Nuisance Wildlife

Some members have expressed concern with neighbors feeding and encouraging wildlife on their property. Feeding and sheltering wildlife can cause conflicts with neighbors and endanger people, pets and even the animals being fed. Animals that are fed often lose their fear of humans and may become aggressive when not fed as expected. Feeding may cause overcrowding which can spread disease. Washington Fish and Wildlife suggest feeding dogs and cats indoors and keeping them in at night. Secure your garbage and clean up barbecue areas. Eliminate access to denning sites in chimneys, attics spaces under houses, porches and sheds. Go to wdfw.wa.gov for additional information.

Hunting

There is no hunting allowed on High Valley Country Club property. To clarify, HVCC is private property, not public lands. No Hunting signs are being posted along with the no shooting signage. We hope that all hunters, including bow hunters will respect our residential neighborhood.

Updates

President's Update: Dennis Riebe

This past summer has been a great one here in High Valley. The newly refurbished swimming pools were well received and well used by our members and their guests. The Golf Course was kept in great condition, in spite of our watering limitations caused by the drought. The clubhouse was well used by our adult members as well as the kids enjoying our remodeled game room. Many thanks to our staff for their efforts in keeping our facilities in tiptop shape.

As our new President, I wanted to share my goals for the balance of my term:

1. Maintain and expand on communications between the board and the membership.
 - a. Continue on with Facebook postings to keep member informed of the happenings in High Valley
 - b. Solicit articles and/or stories from members for inclusion in newsletters
 - c. Add upcoming events and important dates in newsletters
 - d. Continue with postings and updates to members on the website.
 - i. Add articles and stories in general public portion of website
 - ii. Add member only info and updates in Member's Only section.
 - e. Add copies of documents (newsletters/minutes) to clubhouse for members to pick up (in addition to posting on bulletin board)

2. Reinforce and continue with the committee process of actively engaging member volunteers to assist the board in project execution.
3. Get the Property Committee active and functioning to protect the community.
4. Finalize a dues cost/income analysis to determine if the current dues structure is working for us, and if not, what it will take to update.

As you can see, we are providing our newsletter in a new form. This electronic format will be used for the July and October Newsletters. You will all continue to receive paper copies for the January and April Newsletters. This new form is anticipated to save High Valley over \$1,000 per year. Every cost saving measure available is valuable. For our members that prefer a hard copy, please let us know who you are, and one will be provided.

Our Board of Trustees is a Nine Member Board. With the recent resignation of Mike Hayes, due to a new job and the attention it requires, our board currently has six members. We are desperately seeking interested members to let the board know their interest in joining the board and providing their expertise to help govern the community, protecting our member's interests in the High Valley County Club. Any member who is interested is encouraged to let the board know by sending their information to us, either through the email system, or by mail.

Clubhouse Report: Evie Pippitt

To all the members of High Valley, we need your help. We need people to attend the meetings each month to be able to hear your ideas, problems and concerns. We need members to be on the Board to help us operate this beautiful place where we live. If we do not have your help we cannot maintain High Valley. We need members to vote on any action that needs to be taken, without your vote, you do not have any reason to complain as to how we operate.

With your votes we can get things accomplished and strive to make this a much better place to live. We cannot keep in stagnate. We have to go forward, but without your help we can't. So it is up to you now to take the initiative and be a part of our community.

If you want to have your family or friends remembered for many years to come, please buy a brick for our Members Walkway. You can buy 4"x8" brick for \$40.00 or an 8"x8" brick for \$90.00. If you would like to purchase a brick you may call Joyce Riebe at 206-455-5719. You can also find the purchase form on our website. All the proceeds go for special Club House projects. We still have many bricks available to finish the walkway in front of the Club House.

The Club House is closed after Labor Day, it has been a good year. There are still a few projects to complete. I need to order a new door for the poolside of the clubhouse and a new faucet for the kitchen. I hope to have the men's restroom painted before I leave to go South.

You need to come down and see all the improvements that have been made to the pool and restrooms. They are beautiful. Let us know what you think. We came in under budget. That is GREAT. Again let us know what you think. We worked really hard to make it a very special place for you.

Golf Report: Bob Conklin

We are winding down another great year. I can't remember a better summer. We had very little rain and the weather was hot but Keith kept our course green and very playable. Thank you Keith for taking such good care of our golf course. We plugged and sanded early this year and it helped. We want to plug and sand one more time so I will be looking for volunteers. We are always looking for input and suggestions from our members so please bring it on!

Men's Golf League will be ending soon. It has been a great year but ended on a sad note. We lost one of our members and great friend, Dave Llapitan. He will be greatly missed.

Pools Report: Larry Carpenter

Another summer season has come to an end for the swimming pool. The annual attendance for the 2015 season is down a little from the 2014 season. Speculation is that, with the price of gas being down, people may have elected to take vacations out of the area.

There are still a few items to be completed on the pool. The board elected to have these completed after the pool is closed for the season. The major item is the removal and replacement of the caulking around the top edge of the pool. This would have required the draining of the pool and the loss of use for the time required for the repair. The new equipment worked very well this season and resulted in substantial savings in propane. Thanks to all of you for your support and suggestions in this project. A very SPECIAL thank you to Jarl Peterson and his advisory board, they did a fantastic job getting it done.

Water Report: Ernie Enz

The summer of 2015 is over, the pool is closed the clubhouse is locked, but your water is still running thanks to Rick, Randy and Travis. The meter work is continuing. They are now putting the new meters in H.V. 8 and 11 and will be done with 8, 11 and H.V.7 early next year.

The board will be working on next year's budget and it looks to me that we will need to raise the dues to maintain H.V. in the manner it has been kept over the last 50 years. This has been a good year and I expect to see more good years to come but we need more members to stand up and help us through these rough times.

Here are some of the short term goals I would like to see

1. The use of the computer to talk to out of town board members.
2. Make all roads in H.V. golf cart friendly.
3. Upgrade both reader board signs.
4. A new mission statement.
5. Improve and Update the Maintenance Shop.
6. Get the Property Committee more active.
7. Work on a plan of what we need to upgrade our water system for the future needs of H.V.
8. New fire extinguisher In every pump house.
9. Clean and paint all the pump houses.
10. New computer system for checking-in members to golf or swim.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE AT High Valley LET US KNOW

High Valley Women's Club: Carmel Burke

The High Valley Women's Club has had a very busy summer. We met during the months of May-October to renew our friendships as we shared lunch and discussed summer and fall business. We had a very successful High Valley Picnic where about 100 members attended and enjoyed hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, watermelon, and ice cream. One of our youngsters wanted us to do this twice a month! Candace Scheuffele and Carmel Burke taught an art class prior to the picnic to about 20 little and not-so-little artists. The students had excellent behavior and participation. They enjoyed learning about 4 artists and then did 4 art samples similar to the specific artists. The young artists aged from 3 years old to adult. It was fun to watch!

We enjoyed this season's business meetings by mixing food and fun. As a group we joined the Packwood Senior Center for lunch, ate at Mt. Adams restaurant in Randle, as well as shared each other's cooking prior to a few of our business meetings. During our July meeting it was discussed and passed that we purchase a gas grill for the Women's Club in order to easier facilitate our barbecuing for the HVCC picnic, golf tournament, and Fall Harvest activities.

2015 Golf Tournament and Auction results:

Our 2015 Kick, Cut, and Throw Golf Tournament and fund raising auction was a huge success! The most common comment we heard after was how it was such a nice, easy, fun day. Praises went to Roberta Pronovost for organizing the donated auction items into baskets and then decorating them with cellophane and ribbon. Amanda Meekhof posted 40 plus pictures of the golf tournament online so make sure you go to the HVCC facebook site to catch a glimpse of the fun.

The results for the golf tournament were as follows:

Men:

1st. place was won by Mark Scheuffele with a score of 16.

2nd. place tie went to Chris Penaranda and Dan Burke with scores each of 20.

Women:

1st. place was won by Lois Kreshak with a score of 23.

2nd. place tie went to Roberta Pronovost and Mary Anderson with scores each of 24.

It is time to give a warm and heartfelt thank you to the following officers for their organized efforts these past two years:

President-Nancy Wyatt

Secretary-Sandy Conklin

Co-President-Carmel Burke

Our new officers are:

President-Joan Melton

Vice-President-Bonnie Brazil

Treasurer-Evie Pippitt

Secretary-Bonnie Marshall

(Loud clapping is heard through out HVCC, especially by the officers we are bidding adieu to.)