

FROM YOUR BOARD

JANUARY 2009

TRUSTEE POSITIONS:

If you are a good listener... a good problem solver... a decision maker... able to work cooperatively in a group... there definitely is room at the Board of Trustees' table for you. We meet on the third Saturday of every month at 9:00 a.m. We will have three volunteer positions open in May. Are you willing to do your part? To put your name on the ballot for the May election, simply prepare a brief biography and send it to the High Valley County Club at the address above.

Thank you to all the folks who volunteer to serve. High Valley cannot flourish without people willing to serve in a number of roles.

DUES & ASSESSMENTS:

DUES ARE DUE BY MAY 1 OF EACH YEAR!!!! Tucked inside the envelope with the newsletter, you will find the dues statement for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. Payment is due May 1. Members, who have not paid their dues by May 1, will be denied pool, golf, and clubhouse privileges as of that date. Also their votes in the election of trustees will not count. Accounts not paid by June 1, will be assessed a \$20.00 late fee, and a notice of intent to lien will be sent as of July 1. Liens are filed after August 1. **Save yourself some money and undue stress by paying on time!!**

FACILITIES UPDATE

Snow and flooding—Rick and Randy were called practically every night for weeks around the holidays to deal with water stoppages caused by power outages. There was very minor damage to HVCC facilities due to snow and flooding. The creek flowing through the golf course caused some erosion around the bridges and filled the bottom of the creek with gravel. Water got into the well house near hole 6 tee box but did not cause any damage. The Cowlitz River did not rise to destructive levels in High Valley; however, creeks in the area did cause localized flooding and entered some members' buildings. Snow caused some damage to carports, buildings and many rain gutters in the area. The new backhoe allowed Rick and Randi to maintain good access to the wells and clubhouse.

Storage Building—The new building is complete! Materials purchased for the installation of meters now occupies one bay of the building. A plan for storage racks and shelves is currently being developed. Fencing will be installed to extend from the swimming pool area to the golf course fence. A gate will be installed at the golf course fence to provide access to the storage building and maintenance equipment.

Playground—In order to comply with safety regulations, most of the existing playground equipment is being abandoned. A new playground system will be placed in the area currently occupied by the volley-ball court. Approved fall protection will be installed under the new playground system. The merry-go-round will be saved and installed at the new location.

WATER UPDATE

Water Meters—As some of you may know, a King County Superior Judge has made a ruling in a lawsuit which impacts our water system. It seems the wording of the Water Efficiency Law that required installation of meters on all usages may not apply to private water systems such as HVCC, The State Department of Health is appealing the ruling, so it is not clear when or if we will be required to install meters. The HVCC Board will be monitoring the situation closely. A detailed description of the status of the water meter installation progress is posted at the HVCC Clubhouse and on the HVCC website at www.highvalleycc.org
If you have any questions, please call 360-494-8432 or email us. For emergencies, call 360-496-8979. Thank you for your help in keeping our drinking water safe.