



HIGH VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB
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A Message from Your Board of Trustees
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See our website at www.highvalleycc.org

Announcements, Reminders & Acknowledgements

Are you on **Facebook**? We currently have over **525** friends! Send us a friend request – *HighValley Packwood!*

Don't forget to mail your pool ballot! If you wait, you might misplace it or forget to send it in. If you would like more information please contact us! The pool ballot must be mailed separate from the trustee ballots as they will be counted at different times.

The minutes of each monthly meeting of the HVCC Board of Trustees is available on our 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!

Updates

President's Update: Susan Duncan

I would like to thank all the members who have answered our request to bring their expertise and experience and get involved in our community, either by joining a committee or helping on our special projects. Your participation has helped us refine the way we research and make decisions and it has given us the ability to complete projects in the clubhouse or golf course at minimal or no expense. If you would like to get involved, contact a board member or check Facebook or the website for volunteer opportunities.

Some of the current projects the board is working on are:

1. **Pool:** Take care of important repairs, maintenance and State and Federal Laws, Establish a long-term maintenance program
2. **Property:** Resolve the covenants issue, have “good neighbor” plan
3. **Budget & Finance- Reserve Study:** State Mandated study, plan for future needs while reducing the need for special assessments
4. **Water:** Set up a team to address water issues and laws.

If you would like to make a presentation at the Annual Meeting, which would need more time than that allotted to speakers from the floor, you will need to be put on the published agenda. Please contact us with your request prior to the April Board Meeting, where the Annual Meeting Agenda will be finalized.

Clubhouse Report: David Cartwright

Thanks to the Women's Club and our members who have purchased a fund raising brick we now have a beautiful floor in the upstairs game room. Prior to opening day we will have installed new lighting and given the game room a fresh new coat of paint. Speaking of the game room we are looking for a donation, if anyone has a

small love seat (in good shape of course) we could sure use one. It would be nice for Mom and Dad to have a comfortable seat while watching their children playing a close game of ping pong or foo's ball.

On Saturday May 17th, following the Board meeting, we will be having our second annual Spring clean-up day at the clubhouse. Those that attended last year worked hard, got allot of needed cleaning done and had fun doing it. This year not only are we looking for folks to clean clubhouse but also looking for someone good with wood working. We need to modify some of the old white benches that used to be on the golf course for the playground, deck and outside back area. If you're handy with a saw and hammer we could sure use your help.

Due to water damage we will not be planting flowers in the ground by the clubhouse this year. Instead, we're looking for some large pots to plant flowers in. If you have any you'd like to donate we could sure use them.

During opening day we will have a table set up with a brick display and forms to purchase a fundraiser brick for our Member's Walkway. If you have not seen the work we have completed on the Member's Walkway, take some time and check it out. There are also pictures on our Facebook page. We've heard a lot of positive comments from our members and their friends. This is a special walkway, one that you can enjoy for years to come. It is a great way to remember a family member, and, yes, that includes the family pet. Let's do this!

Once again this year we will be having movies at the clubhouse. They will be held each Saturday with an early showing and then a different movie later in the evening. If someone has a Wii to donate, or just to let us borrow it for the season, that would be great. Let's get a little competition going with a game of bowling, golf, or tennis with family and friends. It is also a good way to meet your fellow members.

Golf Report: Bob Conklin

The golf course takes a beating every winter. We have had a lot of wind this winter and there are a lot of limbs down. When Keith returns the guys will do their magic and have the course looking great, as always. We will be looking for a more permanent way of installing the nets around the pool. Thanks to our great members who stepped up and purchased 10 new benches. The Women's Club purchased the first one for the entrance to the clubhouse. The other 9 were purchased by members. They will be a great improvement to our course. We are always looking for ways to improve our great little golf course without taking it out of the budget. The bench on the number 1 tee with the lattice finally gave out. It was built and donated by Carl Beaty and it stood there for many years. We have some great members. In closing don't forget to repair your ball marks and divots. Let's have a great year. Remember that the Men's League, Women's League, and Scotch Ball will begin after Memorial Day. We look forward to seeing all of our golfers on the course again. See the web site for contact information for these fun ventures!

Pools Report: Jarl Peterson

A committee of volunteers from our community has reviewed and made recommendations regarding the NEEDED pool facility repairs. You should have received a ballot in the mail for a special assessment to repair the facility. A yes vote will bring this facility back up to a manageable state, will address state and federal requirements and provide a sustainable financial plan for continued operations. The repair recommendation plan was suggested by a member and reviewed by the committee as the most feasible option for our community as a whole. After completion of repairs you will have a modernized facility with energy efficient equipment, major and minor safety repairs, and vessel integrity restored. This facility is an important part of High Valley and assists in maintaining your property values, sales of homes and attracting potential buyers. The pool sees several thousand swimmers every summer. Please review your pool informational brochure, Vote and return your ballot. It is very important we take care of our community. A special thanks to the committee involved in this important decision and their valuable time!!

Covenants Update: Property Committee

An attorney is reviewing High Valley Country Club governing, land title and historical documents to determine what steps we should take regarding covenants. There will be a recommendation presented at the

April board meeting. Any citizen may direct their concerns to Lewis County Code Compliance office. Call 360-740-2718 or go to lewiscountywa.gov/code-compliance to download a Complaint Form or Hulk Vehicle Removal Request Form. The High Valley Property Committee will file complaint forms for properties that violate county code.

High Valley Women's Club

The High Valley Women's Club is a social club that meets at the clubhouse at 10:30 the first Monday of each month from May through October. (The second Monday if the first Monday is a holiday.) Our next meeting will be held on May 5th. We do many projects for High Valley and have a lot of fun in the process. All High Valley women are invited to join. Our goal is to keep High Valley a great place for all. We would love to have new faces and old ones to help and enjoy our special place. If you have any questions please contact either of the co-presidents. Carmel Burke (506-985-6921 or Nancy Wyatt (360-494-7271).

Message from Your Water Department:

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report 2013 **High Valley Country Club**

We're very pleased to provide you with this year's Consumer Confidence Report. We want to keep you informed about the excellent water and services we have delivered to you over the past year. Our goal is and always has been, to provide to you a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. Our water source comes from six community wells that vary in depth from 50 feet to 140 feet. For security reasons we do not publish their locations. If you would like to inspect the well serving your area, call (360) 494-8432 for an appointment.

I'm pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets federal and state requirements. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Rick Jenkins at 360-494-8432 with any of your questions, or attend one of our regular board meetings held at 9:00 am on the 3rd Sat. of every month except December. We want our members to be informed about their water utility.

High Valley's Water Dept. routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This report covers the 2013 calendar year in which we did required testing for the presence of substances that the EPA has listed as potential health hazards. They included monthly coli form tests, nitrate tests, herbicides testing, & Radium 228. We are pleased to report to you that all our tests met federal and state requirements for purity. Our water meets the same requirements as those for bottled water. Because of our rural location, our water is not subject to contamination from industrial waste-water discharges; oil and gas discharges; or urban storm water runoff. However; as water travels through the ground it dissolves naturally occurring minerals which do show up in trace amounts in our water tests.

Copies of the 2013 test results are on file at the High Valley maintenance office. You can see these records or obtain additional information on your water system by calling the water manager. In **2013** we pumped **44,718,912** gallons of water, **about 2.3 million more than last years total of 42,422,692.**

It should be emphasized that safe drinking water does not just happen. We are monitoring the water constantly, fixing broken valves and upgrading our equipment so that you can receive the best water possible. All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from

their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline.

Please call our office if you have questions.

Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water this year. And thank you for your help and understanding.

You Use a lot more Water than you think you do...

Americans use twice the amount of water than they think they do, and appear to be particularly oblivious about how much H₂O they flush down the toilet on a daily basis, according to new research.

A researcher concluded that Americans underestimated their water use by a factor of two, and were only slightly aware of how much water goes into growing the food they eat.

Most Americans assume that water supply is both reliable and plentiful. However research has shown that with climate change, water supply will become more variable due to salinization of ground water and increased variability in precipitation.

Prior research has shown that well over a quarter, or 28 percent, of water used within the average household is the result of toilet flushing. While the EPA says that installing low-flow or water-conserving toilets will result in the greatest savings in household water use, fewer than 2 percent of surveyed adults realized this.

We may be underestimating how much water toilets use, because we use them frequently throughout the day.

A standard toilet uses about 3.5 gallons of water per flush, while a low-flow toilet uses 1.6 gallons or less.

Reducing the number of times you flush – If it's yellow let it mellow – would also decrease the amount of water you use in the home.

Yet when asked to name the single best thing Americans can do to conserve water, roughly 43 percent of survey participants said that taking shorter showers would save the most water. The next most popular response roughly 17 percent said they would turn off water while doing other activities, including brushing their teeth. Water resource experts have estimated that humans require 13.2 gallons of clean water each day to meet basic needs. In 2005, the average American was estimated to use about 98 gallons per day.

However, it wasn't only personal use of water that people had a loose grasp on in the survey. They also tended to underestimate how much water was "embodied", or used to cultivate, different food staples.

Asked to estimate how much water was used to produce a pound of sugar, rice, cheese, and coffee, the survey respondents said they were all about the same.

In reality, the staples require vastly different amounts of water: 157 gallons were required to make a pound of sugar; 299 gallons for a pound of rice; 606 gallons for a pound of cheese and a whopping 2,264 gallons for a pound of coffee. People don't realize how much embodied water is in the different foods that we eat.

Water is a really essential but neglected resource, we need to start paying more attention to Water, just in general.

I know this won't seem important or worth worrying about with all the Water we have received here in Washington over the last month. But look around in the news and you will see that there are water issues, shortages and contamination happening a lot more frequently than ever before.

AND THAT FOLKS IS YOUR WATER SAVING INFORMATION FOR THIS QUARTER!

We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future.

Please report any leaks to our Water Maintenance Office at 360-494-8432

Emergency Water Repair 24/7 phone number for High Valley Country Club 360-496-8979