



HIGH VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB
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A Message From Your Board of Trustees
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Announcements, Reminders & Acknowledgements

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Your 2013-2014 High Valley Board of Trustees is: Susan Duncan, *President*; Toni Just, *Vice President/Treasurer*, Dennis Riebe, *Secretary*; Bob Conklin, *Golf*; Jarl Peterson, *Pool*; Dave Cartwright, *Clubhouse*; Johnny Emtman, *Property*; Ernie Enz, *Water*, Dude Sinkey, *At-Large*.

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!

Ballots Enclosed! Be sure to Vote.

Updates

President's Update: Susan Duncan

We had a very good turnout at this year's Annual Meeting. A lot of information was covered and we thank those members who participated with questions and constructive suggestions. Unfortunately, there was small, but vocal group of members who disrupted the meeting with negative comments. There were personal threats made amongst the audience. The board takes this behavior very seriously. We have contacted the sheriff's office and explained the situation. The sheriff offered to attend next year's meeting to insure everyone's safety. There will be a new format for those who wish to address the meeting and a Sargent-at-Arms to maintain order. Those members who continue to interrupt will be escorted from the meeting. We hope this encourages our members continuing participation in the Annual Meetings.

This year, the membership has many important issues to decide on for our community. Our operating costs continue to rise each year due to inflation. The board has become aware that our

reserve funds for the water system and the pool are extremely low. The water system is dated and the pool hasn't had any major repairs or upkeep in 20 years.

Our last dues increase was in 2008. We are asking you to approve a dues increase and a pool assessment in the enclosed ballot. It is the board's intent to build up our reserve funds so we can be prepared for maintenance and repairs of our assets in the years to come.

Another important issue is the Protective Covenants. Covenants affect the property value and livability of each lot owner. Several important decisions were voted on at previous Annual Meetings, which the board believes should have been decided by the entire membership. Your vote will direct the board on how to proceed.

The board has spent the last year working on the pool maintenance and operations. Jarl Peterson, our pool trustee, has spent countless hours meeting with pool contractors, our operation manager and pool personnel, contacting Washington State to come up with a workable plan for the maintenance and continuing upkeep of our pools. He, along with the pool committee will be presenting options for you to vote on.

Your vote is EXTREMELY important and should be exercised. Please take the time to review and respond to the enclosed ballots.

Treasurer's Report: David Cartwright

- The annual audit was held in-house and no discrepancies were noted. At the 2012 Annual Membership Meeting the members present voted to have an in-house audit rather than by a CPA for 2013, saving us thousands of dollars. The membership again voted at the 2013 Annual Membership Meeting to hold an in-house audit for 2014.

Clubhouse Report: David Cartwright

- We are looking into Lowes for a possible donation of flooring material for upstairs in the game room. Since flooring has never been installed upstairs it will make for a much more attractive area and also serve as a sound barrier between the upstairs and downstairs when games are being played. We are also looking into adding more lighting and painting walls a lighter color to brighten the place up. Adding a couple of couches would also help to make it a place to be proud of.
- Now that Phase One of the storage area expansion has been completed we'll be starting Phase Two this summer to remove and replace the existing fire escape from the upstairs game room. The boards have rotted and are in need of replacing.
- The brick fundraiser web site is up and running at www.bricksrus.com/order/hvcc and has a PayPal link for ease of payment. If you do not have access to a computer, or would rather fill out a form instead of ordering online, there will be forms available at the Clubhouse. We're selling 4X8 bricks for \$40 and 8X8 bricks for \$90. There will be a poster in the Clubhouse where you can reserve a spot for your brick. Please come and be a part of our Members Walkway. All donations will go towards supporting a big screen TV, Wii, flooring, paint and lights for upstairs game room, repair of juke box, tuning the piano, new games for upstairs, popcorn maker, hotdog roaster and any other request our members might make.
- We now have a Community bulletin board in the Clubhouse for members to post wanted/for sale/trade ads, please see board for details.
- Thanks to all the volunteers for painting, planting, cleaning and cooking during the Clubhouse Cleanup Day and to Cutter Coffee for donating coffee to the High Valley Country Club.

Golf Report: Bob Conklin

- We are really pleased with the response we have received on the benches. As of now there are only two holes left to place benches - holes 3 and 7. A big thank you to our members who have purchased benches for High Valley Country Club.
- Andy Tudhope has finished making the tee box markers and they are in place. They look great.

THANK YOU, ANDY

- The greens have been plugged and sanded and are coming around. Thanks to all the members who volunteered to help, they always step up when needed.
- If you have any questions or suggestions or if you are interested in purchasing a bench, please let me know.

Pools Report: Jarl Peterson

Once again our staff has done a beautiful job preparing the pool! Thanks Rick, Randy and Marvin!! During the annual meeting it was voted by a quorum to direct the board to find money in the current budget to staff the pool full time this season. The Board met and has added this staffing to the best of our ability within the current budget. There were some negative impacts to other areas of the budget. Pool hours of operation have been reduced and the pool furniture will not be replaced this season.

The pool rule regarding 13-17 year old swimmers needs clarification. Children may swim in the pool if there is a staff member and or others in the pool. They can bring a buddy in that age group as well. They cannot be alone in the pool. The Department of Health is required by law to regulate pools and sets these rules under that mandate. Just as a restaurant can be closed by the state for noncompliance so can our pool.

The mail ballot will be out soon. Please take time, read the options and vote. The goal for the pool is a sustainable operation that includes future maintenance and budget planning! It is my feeling that with approval from the members of the mail ballot the pool will be in a great situation for the foreseeable future. The repairs will bring this facility back to an expectable status; we should be able to purchase furniture and take advantage of cost saving and energy efficient technologies.

High Valley Women's Club

High Valley Women's Club meets the first Monday of each month from May through October. We are very active in the High Valley community. We would like to invite ALL women who live in High Valley to join us. The annual dues are only \$1.00 per year and we collect \$1.25 at each meeting. Please consider joining us. Contact me, Sandy Conklin at 253-740-7253 for more information.

High Valley Picnic The High Valley Bi-Annual picnic will be held on Saturday, August 10th. Hamburgers, hot dogs, all the fixin's, and drinks will be provided by High Valley. Please bring a side dish, chips, or a dessert. The High Valley Women's Club is looking for volunteers to help cook the burgers and hot dogs. Please let me (Sandy) know if you can help. This picnic is always a lot of fun for the entire family. There will be games for the children (and some grown-up children, too) and the day begins with a golf tournament. Get to know your neighbors and join in the festivities. Hope to see you there.

Resources & Dates:

Lewis County residential households may be eligible to receive ONE VOUCHER **GOOD FOR 30 DAYS ONLY** from the date issued for free disposal of ONE LOAD ONLY PER PRIMARY RESIDENCE, up to 1,000 lbs. (one-half ton) of household refuse. This free program ends on September 30, 2013, so vouchers issued in September must be used by September 30, 2013. **Owners of multiple properties**

are eligible to receive one voucher only. For more information and to print your voucher, go to www.voucher.lewiscountywa.gov.

July 7th – Annual Chicken Barbeque @ the Packwood Community Center Park – sponsored by Packwood Improvement Club

July 28 & 29 – Packwood Summer Rod Run

August 4th – Annual Beef Barbeque @ the Packwood Community Center Park – sponsored by Packwood's Fire Association

August 10th – High Valley's Bi-Annual Picnic and Golf Tournament (bring a side dish, chips or dessert)

Message from the Water Department

Why conserve water?

It's the right thing to do. Everyone needs water to survive.

We have more people, but not more water. The amount of water on earth remains the same while the population soars.

How much water do homeowners use?

While industry and agriculture use larger percentages, households are still big users and the amount used has increased over time.

A century ago, Americans used approximately 10 gallons of water to drink, cook, clean, and bath.

Today an average American uses more than 100 gallons of water, and average household more than 260 gallons.

So how can we as homeowners save water?

- ✓ Keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator rather than running the tap until the water gets cold.
- ✓ Fixing that leaky toilet can save as much as 500 gallons a year. Check toilets for leaks by putting a few drops of food coloring in your toilet tank. If the color begins to appear in the bowl without flushing, you have a leak.
- ✓ Repair dripping faucets by replacing washers. One drop per second can add up to 2,700 gallons per year.
- ✓ Wash clothes when you have a full load. Most wash machines use 30 plus gallons per wash cycle.
- ✓ Use both sides of the sink when washing dishes: one side to wash and the other to rinse. Don't wash dishes with the water running.
- ✓ Install flow restrictors in faucets.
- ✓ Never pour water down the drain when there may be another use for it such as watering a plant or cleaning around the home.

Bottom-line folks, the more water we use the more it costs in power, and the equipment to get the water to our faucets.

As of May 2013 we have used 16,295,221 gallons of water. In the 2 previous years we used: 2012 = 9,656,980 and 2011 = 8,222,492. So in the same months as previous years our water use is almost double.

We have had some serious water leaks that have taken time to find, and that's where we need your help. Please report any suspected leaks on your property or your neighbors.

Once all service meters are in, it will be much easier to find the leaks or water losses on the customer end. Then we will have to do a leak detection audit to check our main lines.

This all costs money folks, so please use you water wisely.

Thank-You for your help.