

Valley Golf Association
Spring Meeting
April 25, 2004

Meeting called to order by President Bob Stoll at 4:40 p.m. at the Mat-Su Resort.

Motion to waive reading of the minutes and accept as written by Nancy Munoz; second by Ron Stocker.
Motion passed.

Introduction of Officers:

Bob Stoll, President
James Seal, Vice President
Bonnie Prudence, Secretary
Jules Mead, Treasurer
Faye and Jim Palin, Handicap Committee
Pat McRoberts, Membership Chair
Randy Merrill, Rules Chair
Molly Glasoe, Publicity Chair
Lonesa Seal, Tournament Chair
Dale Dailey, Fund Raising Chair
Joe Butler, Past President
Cindi Heal Harsh, Easy Biz Chair

President Stoll introduced Roger Baca from the Alaska Junior Golf Association. Roger introduced his daughter Rhynae, who just returned from Jekyll Island Junior Invitational where she placed second. Rhynae showed her trophy for this tournament. Rhynae also placed 20th in the Junior World Tournament. Roger gave a short presentation regarding the Junior Golf Association.

Bob then introduced Jeff Barnhart, Palmer Golf Course. Jeff commented that a good friend of golf in the area, Jack Smith, had a small heart attack. He is doing fine and is staying with George and Tracy at present. Don't call but Nancy or George can provide information on his condition. He then advised that season pass will be \$475 for individuals and \$750 for family and will be the same next year. They are trying to keep price affordable to all golfers. The reason they can do this is VGA loyalty to Valley courses. Jess and Skip at Fishhook Glen have done a great job of getting everyone prepped for play. Green fees will be \$32; punch cards \$110 for five rounds. Seven days ahead you can call for tee times. cart rental. George will be doing the Junior Golf program on Wednesday morning starting June 9. The biggest tournament is the 2004 Two Ball Challenge. Entry forms are available from Jeff and Nancy. Don't wait to the last minute to enter. It will be held on May 21 and 22. Last year there was a large Calcutta. Golf will be 2 for 1 after 4:00 p.m. all summer. The golf course is trying to do small improvements and it can't be done without the support of all golfers.

Bob Stoll made some comments about the VGA tournaments.

Bob introduced Billy Bomar, Settlers Bay Golf Course. Planning on June 1 opening the driving range. All 18 greens are open. Sam Bomar is head professional at Settlers Bay and now owns a home in the subdivision. There are 500 kids in the Junior Golf Program in Anchorage. One goal at Settlers is to increase participation in the junior program. Zac Gavlac is coming back to Settlers this year after doing some caddying in the Scottsdale area. Ryan Sparks is coming to work at Settlers Bay. Weekday specials on Monday and Wednesday for Seniors, Ladies and Juniors; Tuesday and Thursday, Two for the price of one; Twilight fee of \$22 after 6:00 p.m.; VGA special on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of \$12.00 walking and \$22.00 riding for VGA members only. In order to get this special fee you need to show your GHIN card that has the club number and your name on the card. Season pass is \$499 single and \$799 family. Billy thanked everyone for supporting golf in the Valley. He then commented that season pass holders may play unlimited golf Monday through Friday. Saturday, Sunday and holidays play must begin

before 8:00 a.m. and after 12:30 p.m. Season passes are not good for tournament play. Punch cards are \$125 for five rounds. It will be cart path only for a few more days.

Jesse Warner from Fishhook Glen: Course continues to improve. Have 9 holes available for play. Fees are \$8 on weekends and \$6 on weekdays. Involved in Junior Golf this year and it was encouraging to see how many kids have improved their play. He gives out a sheet explaining golf etiquette to all players. Kids know they if they screw up they get kicked off the course. Driving range is open on both grass and mats.

Louie Zib, Eagle River Golf Center: Bob Haggerty has been helping out so Louie can have time off. Thanks Jeff for sending the ladies to Eagle River for clothing needs. He now carries several new lines of clothing and has equipment from Titleist and Ping. Would like to invite everyone to come in for custom fit equipment. He does read all the golf magazines and tries to keep up on all changes in equipment. If you just want off the rack equipment, MacGregor has some new products and Callaway has a new system out. The list does go on. Has simulator play and tee times can be made a week in advance. Has a pro working in the winter. Louie also carries a large selection of junior clubs and clothing.

Sleepy Hollow Representative not present.

Bob asked Chuck Tanner to speak concerning the Alaska Cup. For the last several years there has been a competition between Anchorage and the Valley with play alternating between Anchorage, Palmer and Settlers Bay. Unfortunately for the last two years, the Valley has lost. The VGA State Am Warm-up is the qualifier for participation in the Alaska Cup tournament. It is played as a best ball twosome for two rounds, then alternate shot and singles match as the final round. The public is invited to come and watch the match. Play this year will be August 28 and 29 at Settlers Bay, 36 holes each day.

Committee Announcements:

Scholarship: Bob Stoll announced there are five \$1,000 scholarships this year. Applications are available at all the local schools and are due May 10. VGA has also created a grant program for all who are interested in making golf a career. Travis Parker is attending school in Arizona in the golf program there and has been the recipient of a grant to help with expenses.

Membership: Pat McRoberts asked that we all pay dues today if at all possible. The sooner dues are paid the sooner your scores can be posted to establish your handicap.

Rules: Randy Merrill not present today.

Tournament: Lonesa Seal. There are only 33 players signed up for the tournament next week. Entry forms are available at both courses and on the website. Ryan Sparks, Suzanne Cyr and Tammy Clayton are serving on the tournament committee. Please remember to get your tournament applications in as soon as possible for all tournaments since the courses need information about player numbers a week in advance of the tournament.

Handicap: Faye Palin. USGA says our system will officially open on May 1; next year it will be April 29. The first update for handicap will be May 14. USGA updates handicap every two weeks. Rulebooks have been ordered. It was a big year for revision of rules. The books will be available at both courses as soon as they arrive. Remember, everybody has been deactivated in the system and will be re-activated once dues are paid. PLEASE POST YOUR SCORES. If you are playing in VGA tournaments, the Handicap Committee will post those scores for you.

Easy Biz: Cindi Heal Harsh. Letter coming to you from Alaska Airlines which explains Easy Biz to you all for every ticket purchased through the Easy Biz account VGA gets mileage credit. If you spend \$500 VGA also gets 500 miles. There is a link on the VGA website and a link on the Alaska Airlines site as well. The miles that are earned by VGA are used as door prizes in our tournaments. 40,000 miles will be

given away as prizes at the end of the year. You are not losing anything but it does benefit VGA so we get miles to give away.

Fund Raising: Dale Dailey. Pull-tabs are available at Mat-Su Resort and Settlers Bay. Income from pull-tab sales goes to the Scholarship fund. We are looking for more vendors. If anybody is interested in selling pull-tabs contact Dale. From pull-tabs, we are allowed to use a certain percentage on the funds for the benefit of the organization such as tee prizes and door prizes for tournaments.

Bob announced that Dave Blanchette is putting together a golf team at Wasilla High School. Palmer Golf course will offer free golf to the high school members of the team after 4:00 p.m. As a reminder, another fun tournament is the Elks Tournament on June 5 and June 6. It is a scramble format with 130 to 140 players. Don't have to be a member of VGA or the Elks to play in this tournament.

Motion to adjourn by Molly Glasoe; second by James Seal. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Prudence, Secretary