



**Valley Golf Association**  
Great Golf in the Valley

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*Special points of interest:*

- This will be a very important meeting for you to attend!!!! April 23rd 4PM at the Mat-Su Resort. No host cocktails and Appetizers served at 3:30pm.
- If you have anything that you would like to be brought up at the Spring Meeting, please contact James Seal to make your needs known so he can include you in the agenda.

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## Your New VGA "Head Honcho"

### A word from your President!!

It is almost time for that familiar call!!  
Fore! Fore! Fore!

The VGA Board has been working this winter to insure another great year of golf in the valley. We'll kick off the season with our VGA Spring meeting set for April 23 at the Mat Su Resort at 4:00pm, with snacks served at 3:30pm.

There are 6 sponsored tournament scheduled for the year. There will be different formats from medal and scramble to partners play. So be sure to attend the Spring Meeting and see what is planned. You'll come away with great information on the upcoming events.

The Spring Meeting will also have representatives from the area golf courses to provide you information on the upcoming season at their courses and facilities. We will have reports from the committees on the activities and happenings of the association. There will be time for your questions as well.

This is your association and your participation and attendance is key to its continued success. All the board members look forward to seeing you at the meeting, on the course and at our tournaments.

For more information on all the VGA events and activities, be sure to visit our website at [www.vgagolf.com](http://www.vgagolf.com) or [www.matsugolf.com](http://www.matsugolf.com). Here Birdie, Birdie!!!!

James Seal, President



Our current VGA President, James Seal celebrating his birthday in Las Vegas with his lovely wife Lonesal!

Send in your VGA membership application today.

## VGA HOLE IN ONE POLICY...

This policy was created by the VGA Board of Directors April 16th, 2001



- Must have been on permanent greens
- Must have been at either Settlers Bay Golf Course or Palmer Golf Course
- Must be a current VGA member, and current dues must be paid prior to the hole in one
- Signed score card with attest from witness must be provided
- \$200 payment from Treasurer will be made upon presentation of score-card

*Golf isn't like other sports where you can take a player out if he's having a bad day. You have to play the whole game.*  
- Phil Blackmar

Please take a look at our website at [matsugolf.com](http://matsugolf.com) or [vgagolf.com](http://vgagolf.com) and if there is something that you would like to see or utilize there, please contact our "Webmistress"



### EQUIPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Here are a few rules to remember regarding your equipment while playing a round of golf:

\*Equipment other than clubs (Rule 4-4) may be borrowed from anyone.

\*A player may not start his stipulated round with more than 14 clubs (Rule-4). The 14 club limit was added to the Rules of Golf in 1938.

\*A small object, such as a coin or tee, is not considered part of the players equipment when that object is marking the position of a ball or the extent of an area in which a ball is to be dropped.

\*If a players equipment (e.g. a wind blown hat or towel) causes the player's ball in play

to move, the player incurs a penalty stroke under Rule 18-2a and must replace the ball.

\*When were golf balls required to be uniform in size?

Until 1989 there were two standards for golf ball size (US & British) In 1990 the US standard of 1.68 inches was adopted worldwide.

# 2006 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

## Opening Day

May 21st 9am Shot gun @ Palmer

## 2 Day

Sat June 17th 230pm Tee Times @ Settlers

Sun June 18th 8am Reverse Shot gun @  
Palmer

## WarmUp

Sat July 8th 3pm Teetimes @ Settlers

Sun July 9th 8am Reverse Shot gun @ Palmer

## Memorial

Sat July 29th 11am Teetimes @ Settlers

## Seniors

Sat August 12th 230pm Teetimes @ Settlers

Sun August 13th 9am Reverse Shot gun @  
Palmer

## VGA Fall

Sun September 9 @ 10am

(based on weather) Shot gun @ Palmer

## Treasurer's Report—*Jules Mead*

Last year was a very successful year for VGA financially. We had a net cash gain of \$4,212.60 due to increased Pull Tab sales. VGA also started the new Woodworth/VGA Grant Foundation thanks to a generous donation of \$2,500. At the end of the golf season excess funds from each of our three bank accounts were moved to a 6 month Certificate of Deposit. As of March 14, 2006 the CD has earned \$123.36.

Below is a summary of our bank accounts at Wells Fargo followed by Profit & Loss statements of our two operating accounts for the year ended December 31, 2005. Any questions regarding our finances can be addressed at the spring membership meeting.

Bank Account Name	Balance
General Funds	\$1,535.61
Pull Tab/Scholarships	2,625.36
Woodworth/VGA Grants	497.50
6 Month Certificate of Deposit	15,049.71
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$19,708.18</b>

### Profit & Loss General Funds Account

Income:	
Entry Fees	\$6,100.00
Memberships	11,510.00
Raffles	1,538.50
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$19,148.50</b>

Expenses:	
Account	\$415.00
Alaska Junior Golf Association	1,600.00
Computers	1,298.92
Donations	2,000.00
Door Prizes	200.00
Handicaps	5,782.90
Hole-In-One	800.00
Membership Meetings	441.60
Misc.	72.99
Office, Postage & Printing	598.04
Tournament Awards & Prizes	6,362.01
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$19,571.46</b>

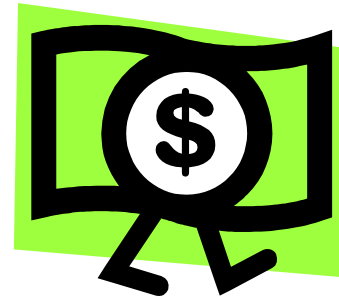
Total Loss (\$422.96)

### Profit & Loss Pull Tab/Scholarship Account

Income:	
Pull Tab Revenues	\$21,953.82

Expenses:	
Accounting	350.00
Alaska Cup	1,600.00
Membership Meetings	460.00
Pull Tab Games	10,823.59
Scholarships	4,000.00
Taxes & Fees	84.67
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$17,318.26</b>

Net Income \$4,635.56



VGA puts your membership dues to work for the betterment of everyone!



## Who are your VGA Board Members and Committee Chairs??

### PRESIDENT

*JAMES SEAL*



### VICE PRESIDENT

*JON ALBRIGHT*

### SECRETARY

*BONNIE PRUDENCE*

### TREASURER

*JULES MEAD*

Forget the moon,  
he's Swingin' to the  
Sun!

### HANDICAP CHAIRS

*JIM AND FAYE PALIN*

### SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR

*BOB STOLL*

### MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

*PAT McROBERTS*

### PULL TAB CHAIR

### TOURNAMENT CHAIR

*LONESA SEAL*

### RULES CHAIR

*CRAIG SAVAGE*

### EASY BIZ CHAIR

*CINDY HEAL-HARSH*

### PUBLICITY CHAIR

One of the nice things about the Senior Tour is that we can take a cart and cooler. If your game is not going well, you can always have a picnic. — *Lee Trevino*

## Grants through the VGA!



In addition to scholarships that have been available through the VGA and offered every spring to students who want to continue their education, the VGA board with the help of Harry Woodworth, has created a grant program to be funded by the VGA. This will be fueled from donations from our members with the stipulation that it is to be used by our very own members that want to pursue a career in the golf industry. The Woodworth/VGA Grant Foundation has been established with a very generous donation of \$2500 from Mr. Woodworth and with the idea that we will continue to donate and build the fund throughout each year. The board would like to thank the committee and Mr. Woodworth for their time, knowledge and generosity in making it possible for the VGA to provide this great opportunity of financial aid to it's members.

## Scholarships offered by Valley Golf Association

The 2006 scholarships are available and may be picked up at the local High School Counselors office, or by writing to:

VGA Scholarship

P.O. Box 87-5555

Wasilla, AK 99687

The scholarships will also be available at the Spring Meeting. The VGA has targeted \$5,000 for scholarships for the coming year. It is open to all individuals who are graduating from High School, returning college students and/or participants in a vocational or apprentice program which leads to a degree or a certification. The scholarship chairperson will be at the Spring Meeting to answer any and/or all of your pertinent questions.

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# A word from your Rules Chair, Craig Savage

## Distance Measuring Devices Legal for VGA Events

The VGA Board has voted in favor of a Local Rule to allow the use of distance measuring devices at all 2006 VGA tournaments as deemed allowable by USGA. Anyone who has picked up a golf magazine in the last six months is likely aware that as of January 2006, the USGA has made 111 changes to the Decisions on the Rules of Golf. Perhaps the most notable is new Decision 14-3/0.5: *“A Committee may establish a Local Rule allowing players to use devices which measure distance only. However, the use of devices that gauge or measure other conditions (e.g. wind or gradient) is not permitted.”*

Regarding Rule 8, Advice, an important change is Revised Decision 8-1/2, which states: *“Information regarding the distance between two objects is public information and not advice. It is therefore permissible for players to exchange information relating to the distance between two objects. For example, a player may ask anyone, including his opponent, fellow-competitor, or either of their caddies, the distance between his ball and the hole.”*

Another new decision is 16-1e/2, which says a player is *not* subject to a penalty if he stands on or astride of the extension of his line of putt behind the ball when making a short putt if the act is *“...inadvertent or is to avoid stepping on the line of another player’s putt.”* This enables a player to hole out a tap-in putt without going into contortions to avoid an illegal stance. It is still a violation to make a “croquet-style” putt from between the legs, however.

Did You Know? ----- (from the Definitions)

*“A ball is in a water hazard when it lies in or any part of it touches the water hazard.”*

*“A ball is on the putting green if any part of it is touching the putting green.”*

*“A ball is out of bounds when all of it lies out of bounds.”*

All the Definitions, Rules and Decisions on the Rules of Golf are posted in a very easy-to-use format on the USGA website at <http://www.usga.org/>. Check it out. Knowing the rules can help your score!



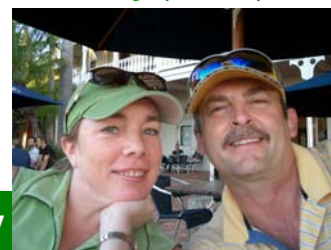
## Local Man Goes DOWN UNDER...

Mat-Su Valley and avid golfer Mark Glasoe has been chosen to be the new Welltec General Manager in Perth, Australia. His duties will encompass Australia, New Zealand, New Guinea, and Jakarta Malaysia. We're thrilled for this great opportunity for Mark but it's a

double edged sword!!! We finally got him to commit to being a Board Member and Vice President of the VGA—which lasted all of about 3 months before his transfer became permanent. He will be relocating this April to Australia and his wife Molly will be joining him

after golf season. Go girl! We all wish Mark and Molly great success.

The VGA President James Seal has appointed a new Vice President for the ensuing term, Jon Albright. Jon brings much experience to the Board and has played many a round of golf in Alaska and the Mat-Su Valley. Give your best to Jon when you see him.



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## Spring Meeting MatSu Resort Sunday April 23rd 4pm!!!



The Jr. Golf Program really swung into action last year! Local winners Rynae and Madison Baca put Alaska on the map. Attend the Spring Meeting to hear their plans for this year!

We have our usual 6 tournaments schedule this year. Check out the schedule and mark your calendar. The first event is the Opening Day Tournament on May 21st. It is a shotgun starting at 9am at the Palmer GC. We have pushed the date later into the year so that the weather would be

more pleasing. Throughout the year the event applications will be available online at [www.vgagolf.com](http://www.vgagolf.com), as well as both the Palmer GC and at Settlers Bay GC located by our computers. Remember to post all your scores. If you have any questions regarding tour-

naments feel free to call me 907-357-5879 at home or email me at [jnls19thhole@gci.net](mailto:jnls19thhole@gci.net). If you would like to donate items for the events or volunteer your time, please let me know.

Lonesa Seal  
Tournament Director