



**General Manager - Club News  
Current Events**

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Greetings,

Hello everyone and welcome to the 2017 season. We plan to use technology more often to communicate things at the club including email, facebook, and the club's website. Please share the newsletter with other members as we don't have every member's emails yet.

<b>Email</b>	<a href="mailto:rvccgolf@gmail.com">rvccgolf@gmail.com</a> (new email)
<b>Facebook</b>	There appears to be an <b>Unofficial Page</b> on facebook due to interest. We will create an official page soon.
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.rivervalleygolf.net">www.rivervalleygolf.net</a>

First things first, I know you are all anxious to get the 2017 season underway. Fred and the outside crew will begin preparing the course starting Monday April 3rd. The winter was not too hard on River Valley but some normal startup work must occur to get the course in playable conditions. You are welcome to walk the course until we can open for carts. Roy Vargeson and Larry Moon will fill the void of our General Manager. Roy will officially start working at the club starting Monday April 3rd. The rest of the staff will start soon as well.

**IMPORTANT ITEMS (Note: we have many changes to communicate this year)**

<b>Leagues</b>	<p><b><u>Start Dates (sign up at the club or by visiting our website)</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday - May 8</li> <li>Tuesday - May 16</li> <li>Wednesday - May 17</li> <li>Thursday - May 11</li> <li>Friday - May 19</li> </ol> <p><b><u>Men's Leagues (Monday/Thursday)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>During signup process, you will have a chance to vote on the Format we will use.</li> <li>Season length will now be <b>16 weeks</b> (instead of 12)</li> <li>Smaller Playoff: Only the <u>Division winners</u> will compete at end of season</li> </ul>
<b>Season Opener</b>	<p><b><u>NEW THIS YEAR</u></b></p> <p>We will have a new event for Members only that kicks off the season. It will be a "dew sweeper" style event where you play your own ball without any handicap. Teams will be drawn while you are playing. Bring your own foursome or the club will pair you with others. Please sign up at the club if you would like to play. We are planning on an 11 am start depending on number of players. We will also have finger foods available after playing.</p>
<b>Event Schedule</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The event schedule is just about done. A tentative copy will be available for viewing on our website by April 4th.</li> <li><b>New Events we are hoping to add:</b> a (2nd) <u>27 hole tournament</u> and a <u>night golf tournament</u>.</li> <li>We will continue to strive for a balanced schedule that provides enjoyable events for you to play, some free weekend days, and which generates enough revenue to keep the cost of dues down.</li> </ul>

<b>Bar Prices</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Please take note of new bar prices when you visit the club.</li> <li>● This is a necessary change to keep our head above water. Our drink prices will still be reasonable compared to other local clubs.</li> </ul>
<b>Gift Certificates</b>	<p><b><u>2016 and “older” Gift Certificates</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All currently issued gift certificates must be used by 12/31/2017.</li> <li>● They may be used in the same way you have used them in the past.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>2017 - “new” Gift Certificates</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We will now keep track of your Gift Certificates electronically and thus you will not receive a “paper” certificate. You can check with pro shop for your available credit.</li> <li>● You will only be able to use new gift certificates for <b>Pro Shop Merchandise</b>.</li> <li>● We plan to expand on what we offer in the pro shop. Changes take time, but we will work on making this a benefit to our members.</li> <li>● Please see Roy or Larry with questions in the Pro Shop.</li> </ul>
<b>Tee Box Rules</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We are reviewing current rules and will make necessary changes so they are consistent and fair to all golfers.</li> <li>● We are continuing to strive on being a “Forward Tee” golf club which promotes you to play a given tee based on <b><u>how far you hit the ball</u></b> (not based on age or HDCP). Please stay tuned in as we work on improving the “mixed tee” competition at our club. We will have signs posted on any Tee Box Rule changes before leagues begin.</li> </ul>
<b>Projects</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) New office in the Pro Shop</li> <li>2) Fix the ditch on Hole #9</li> <li>3) New Tee Boxes (list to be communicated once approved and planned)</li> <li>4) Others that are approved will be communicated.</li> </ol>

Well, I think that is enough to digest for now. Keep your ears and eyes open as we continue to communicate news at the club. Change is inevitable if we wish to continue providing a golf course to play at for years to come. Feel free to visit or call the pro shop with any questions or concerns you may have (or solutions to problems). Hope to see you at the club soon.

Thanks,

Roy Vargeson and Larry Moon, General Manager