



## NEWSLETTER (July 2009)

### From the PRESIDENT

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The summer golf season is in full swing at the Valley. The tournaments that our Men's Golf Association has put on have had excellent participation by our membership. The Partner's Championship is down to the finals, and we will begin the President's Cup match play event this month. It is also time to think about your partner for the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual DeKalb Cup Championship which will be played over Labor Day weekend, and we would like a full field for this event.

Just a reminder to those who are playing at the Valley this summer, drink plenty of water. We have had a few incidents of dehydration already, and it is important to drink plenty of fluids while playing in the Georgia heat. The staff has been diligent in keeping up with changing the water coolers throughout the day so hopefully everyone can keep hydrated. I look forward to seeing and playing golf with everyone at the Valley.

**Gary Brinker**  
**President MVGA**

### From the PRO SHOP

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We will be hosting a local qualifying round for the McGladrey Team Championship on Saturday August 8<sup>th</sup>. The event is a National Championship and is open to Three Man Teams with USGA handicaps. You can sign up and pay your \$55 entry fee at [www.pga.com/teamchampionship](http://www.pga.com/teamchampionship). (There will be no other fees at Mystery Valley other than cart fees). All players entering the event will receive a Sling backpack and a half dozen golf balls.

- K While this is somewhat a replacement for the former Oldsmobile Scramble, the format is different. Each player plays his own ball, and the team score is the **one net best ball on each hole**.
- K We need at least 7 Teams to send one winning team to the state championship at Chateau Elan on September 28<sup>th</sup>. If we have 14 Teams, we can send 2 winning teams. John Crumbley, Director of Golf, and winning professional on the 1996 Oldsmobile Scramble National Championship Team, will join the team at the State event to make a foursome.

K The winning teams at the State level will advance to the National Championship to be played at Pinehurst.

**John Crumbley**  
**PGA Professional**

**Notes from MAINTENANCE**

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This has been one of Mystery Valley’s very BEST years with regard to course conditions. From the fairways to the greens, drainage and water leak repairs, and even the traps, it’s been special. And we owe all to Chet and Chad along with their dedicated crews. We encourage everyone to take the time to let them know how much we appreciate their efforts!!!

**MVGA NEWS**

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☐ Congratulations to those who recently had Holes-in-One:

- Wes Aikens** had his Hole-in-One while playing at Royal Lakes
- Doug Arnold** on the 16<sup>th</sup>
- Billy Bulmer** on the 11<sup>th</sup>

☐ Mystery Valley hosted the USGA Publinx Qualifying on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of June. Five of our very own participated in this National golfing event, with **Bill Eastman** the low Valley player shooting 77 and 72. The other participants were:

- Jimmy Stewart**
- Richie Gillespie**
- Devon Walker**
- Jacques Lamont**



☐ MVGA will be recognizing our valued senior members whose loyalty has been key to the success of the Valley and our organization. There are a good number of our members that meet these criteria, and **Bob Beneda** volunteered to be our first.

☐ Bob starting playing at the Valley in 1979, 30 years ago. He joined the MVGA that year and has been a member every year since.

☐ Bob’s best score at MVGC is 68 on January 11, 1992. He had 9 birdies in this round and only 5 pars. He still has the score card – GREAT ROUND!!!

☐ Bob has had 5 hole-in-ones. He’s had four during the last five years alone, all at the Valley. One on the Eleventh hole, and the last three on the Fourth, including one in

January of this year.

□Bob has also been lucky enough to have played some of the great courses over the years. He's played **The Old Course at St. Andrews, Pebble Beach, Pinehurst No. 2, Kapalua on Maui, HI** and one you may have never heard of, **Sand Hills in Mullen, NE.** (no surprise Bob that it would be in Nebraska).

□Concerning equipment "*Technology has definitely changed the game. For me the greatest change has been the driver. It used to be the hardest club to hit consistently and now it is the easiest. Also, the Golf Channel has been very helpful with instruction and all the information for golf nuts like me*".

□Bob also provided some interesting "Golf Numbers":

**1965** - The year that Mystery Valley Golf Club opened. The course was designed by Dick Wilson, who was one of the most famous golf course architects in America at that time.

**55** - The number of golf courses designed by Dick Wilson. Some of the most famous include the Blue Monster at Doral, Bay Hill (Arnie's course), Dubsdread at Lamont, Illinois, Seminole (renovation of Donald Ross design), where Ben Hogan used to tune up his game in the Winter prior to starting out on tour.

**60** - Total number of sand bunkers at MVGC. Hole #1 has the most at six, and hole #10 the least with only one. There used to be one additional bunker, does anyone remember where it was?

**63** - The official course record at MVGC. The record is held by Bill Spanmath, Dave Nelson and our late great friend, Red Dobbins.

**24** - Number of Life Time Members of Mystery Valley Men's Golf Association.

**46,000** - According to latest records, the approximate total of rounds played at MVGC last year. Only Bobby Jones and North Fulton had more rounds played in the Metro Atlanta area.

**From the LIGHTER SIDE**

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**K Why Golf is better than SEX**

- A below par performance is considered good.
- It's way easier to find the "Sweet Spot".
- Three times a day is possible.
- Threesomes and Foursomes are encouraged.
- If your equipment gets old, you can replace it.
- You can stop in the middle and have a beer and a sandwich.

**K Golf Quote:**

*“Have it your way, I just thought that ‘Hole-in-Twelve’ sounded more positive.”*