

# The Creek & The Valley Member Gazette

June 30, 2007



## Summer Sizzles

June has come and gone and the golf season is at its mid-point. The 2007 golf season has been overrun with courses discounting to no end and driving the price of golf down. Most of the high-end courses are lowering their prices to compete with the lower priced courses. Swan Valley and Crooked Creek are holding their own offering a challenging course at a reasonable price. Rocky Graham writes, "I had all but given up on Swan Valley 5 years ago, until Sunday when we played a round and I was totally impressed with the transformation of the course and the quality of the greens." Our membership and open play continues to grow each year and be assured that things are only getting better.



## Breakfast Scramble

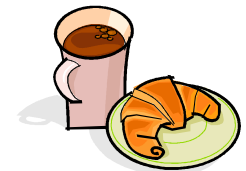
The first breakfast scramble of 2007 is scheduled for July 28th at 9 a.m. A Continental breakfast will be served between 7:30 a.m. and 9 a.m. at Swan Valley. This event is intended as a friendly competition to promote playing with other golf members and golfers. The format will be a 3 or 4 person best-ball tournament, depending on the number of participants. Prizes will be awarded after the golf is complete. Please spread the word and let's try to double our participants from last year's largest event of 40 golfers.

### Member cost:

Single \$6.00 per person

Non Member \$26.00

Sign-up in the pro-shops.



If you have not received your membership cards for Sandy Ridge and Maple Leaf, please inquire in the pro shops to receive your cards.



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### SPECIAL FEATURE



*The man and woman  
behind the business?*

# THE CREEK & THE VALLEY

9521 HIGHLAND GREEN DRIVE  
SAGINAW, MI 48609



Breakfast Scramble—Swan Valley  
Saturday July 28th, 2007, 9am

CALL TODAY TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT:  
989-781-4653

### View From the Pro Shop

As Swan Valley and Crooked Creek gain in popularity, it is becoming more and more important to reserve tee times. The walk-in golfer is becoming a gamble for golfers and members alike. If you basically show



Dave Buko, Director of Golf Operations

up in the pro shop to play golf, chances are you might have to wait or might not even get to play. Simply call the pro shop in advance and make a tee time. Members can make tee times two weeks in advance and non members one week in advance. The CC and SV web-site also allows you to make a tee time on-line. The web-site also has an event calendar

showing golfers when leagues and outings are scheduled at both courses. Please take advantage of these tools to assist you in assuring that you will be playing golf at a certain day and time. If your not computer savvy simply pick up the phone and call the pro shops to reserve your time.

I continue to receive calls about surrounding neighbors playing golf on the golf courses, some members and some non-members. It is not permitted for anyone to use the golf course as a practice range or putting green. We have adequate facilities for practice, so please use them accordingly and continue to report violators.

### Special Feature

*"I would like to personally thank all members for your continued support of Swan Valley and Crooked Creek. We will continue to invest in SV and CC to improve our overall offering"*

Leonard LeFevre

Leonard and Gerry LeFevre have owned Crooked Creek since 1959 and Swan Valley since 1982. They are both natives of Saginaw County and have been married for 53 years. Len, an attorney by profession, has always had a



hand in making the decisions that drive SV and CC. Len and Gerry have 7 children, 34 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

Most of the children are involved in some aspect of the business. In Len and Gerry's spare time they like to attend their grandchildren's sporting events,

participate in league bowling and on occasion visit the Casinos to play nickel slots. Len and Gerry do keep good company, they met Pope John II in 1998 and also funded a trip for their children and spouses to do the same in 1999. Len and

Gerry have always promoted their Christian faith and work ethic in their businesses and are members of Legatus, a Catholic organization run by Tom Monahan, promoting the same

faith and work ethic principles. Len loves to see the growth that has occurred over the years at SV and CC and looks forward to more improvements in the future.

### View From the Green

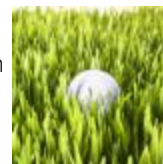
Four weeks of hot summer heat is putting our irrigation system to the



Mike Martell Greens Superintendent

test. We continue to water every night in hopes of keeping the fairways and greens from burning out. In an effort to maintain adequate course conditions,

the greens and fairway are being cut a little longer to absorb some of the heat. It comes down to needing a good long rain. We haven't had a good rain in the past four weeks. The greens are withstanding the hot temperatures and are actually in really good shape considering



the temperature and lack of rain. All things considered both course are in great shape. We continue to improve the overall course conditions and

strive to offer golfers a consistent playing surface to hit from. Holes 9 and 10 are recovering nicely from the renovations done in 2006 and all new boxes are open for play and the grass is growing. If there are issues with the course that concern you please bring them to my attention and I will do my best to assist you. Thanks again for all the compliments you have given me on the course and continue to give me feedback to better serve the golfers and the courses.



### Crooked Creek & Swan Valley Project updates:

To follow the Grand Ball room renovation of 2001 at Swan Valley, the Blue Heron room has been remodeled to



update the décor and to also increase the capacity of the room. The renovation was managed by Joe LeFevre and was completed in one months time to not interfere with the banquet schedule. Joe LeFevre, "The room was in much need of updating and the finished product has been received by many who attended the two open houses in June".

The exterior of Swan Valley also is getting a face lift to repair the stucco

will start in July and will take approximately four weeks.

The Crooked Creek Bar and Grill is progressing at a slow pace with alterations being made to the blueprint to fulfill code requirements. Once plans are complete and approved the demolition should start near the end of July.



Bowling can't be left out. Estimates are being gathered to purchase new pin setter machines and new automatic scorers for Crooked Creek. No time-line has yet been set. Plenty of things are happening at the Creek and the Valley. Stay Tuned!