

# The Creek & The Valley Member Gazette

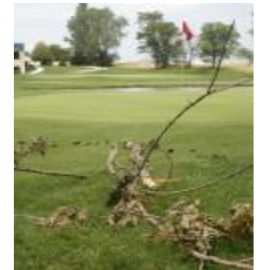
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## Extreme Weather Takes Its Toll



Mid-season already is upon us and golf is still heating up. We have gone through some extreme weather in the past month and the courses are holding their own. The greens are in the best shape ever and the overall conditions continue to improve. On July 17, we had a major storm BLOW through Thomas Township and Swan Valley lost a few trees to the storm, including a Crab Apple tree located right in front of the pro shop. Most debris has been cleaned up and both courses are back in beautiful shape.



I would also like to encourage members to take advantage of the complimentary golf pass offer to bring new players out to SV and CC. These two courses are hidden gems to those golfers who haven't played them recently. Ask in the pro shop for golf passes and bring a friend out to experience SV & CC.

## Breakfast Scramble

The first breakfast scramble of 2006 was a big success. Twenty-eight golfers participated in the event. The team of Tony Basalone, Kent Boertman, Max Williamson and Jim Bowman won first prize with a score of 14 under par and received pro shop gift certificates for their accomplishment. This was the most members we have had participate to date. After the word gets out on how much fun the event was, we will definitely have more for the next event which is scheduled for September 9th (7 a.m. breakfast: 8 a.m. Shotgun start)

Member cost : Single \$12.00  
Couple \$20.00  
Non Member \$32.50

Sign-up in the pro-shops.



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### SPECIAL FEATURE

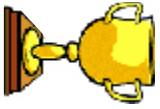
- *The woman behind the numbers*



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Club Championship August 26 & 27, 2006



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### View From the Pro Shop

Golf is in full swing and I appreciate every one who has given me feedback either verbally or in writing. I try to keep an eye on everything that goes on around the golf courses, but more eyes and ears help



Dave Buko, Director of Golf Operations

me do my job and improve what SV & CC have to offer. In this edition, I am going to start highlighting suggestions that come to me and give a summary of what was done to address the situation or suggestion. It doesn't matter if it is simple or complex, I will try to address the issue. I hope this will encourage others to bring

issues to managements' attention.

#### COMMENT BOX:

Swan Valley Hole #12

#### CONCERN: 2005

It seems that the fairway on this hole is always wet and carts are tearing up the fairway. Need to fix.

#### Action Taken:

In 2005, the fairway was sloped to the pond allowing water to flow into the pond. In 2006, a cart path was added on the east side of the mounds to direct traffic to the green without going though the fairway.



### Special Feature

**"The place would not be the same without Betty!"**

**Lenny LeFevre**

If you have ever called Crooked Creek with a question, you probably talked to Betty Farnum. She has been managing the books and the office at Crooked Creek & Swan Valley for the past 19 years. "No matter what the question is Betty always tries to find the right answer," quoted Lenny LeFevre, general manager.



Betty has three sons Robert, Tom and Dan. Betty also has 6 grandchildren and enjoys their company where she resides in Merrill. In her spare time she loves to golf and also teaches Country & Western line dancing.

So the next time you call Crooked Creek and talk to Betty, you can also make an appointment to sharpen-up your two-step.

Keep up the good work. We appreciate all you do.



### View From the Green

Many of you may have noticed that we have been spraying the golf courses more than usual lately. The reason for this increased spraying is due to the resurgence of the Japanese Beetles that are inhabiting the golf courses. Adult Japanese beetles



Mike Martell Greens Superintendent

emerge from the ground in late May or early June. Individual beetles live about 30 to 45 days with activity concentrated over a four to six week period. Beetle numbers begin to decline in late July, but some can be found as late as September. Both as adults and as grubs (the larval stage), Japanese beetles are destructive plant pests. Adults feed on the foliage and fruits

of several hundred species of fruit trees, ornamental trees, shrubs, vines, and field and vegetable crops. Adults leave behind skeletonized leaves and large, irregular holes in leaves. The grubs develop in the soil, feeding on the roots of various plants and grasses and often destroy turf in lawns, parks, and golf courses. We hope by our advanced spraying we have controlled the destructive nature of the Japanese beetles and have minimized the damage to Swan Valley & Crooked Creek.



## Swan Valley & Crooked Creek Club Championship August 26 & 27, 2006

Open to all club Members, League Members & Current Employees of Swan Valley & Crooked Creek

Cost is \$40.00 per Club Member & Employees - \$65.00 per League Member  
2-day Stroke Play Event - No Handicaps

1<sup>st</sup> Round - August 26th at Crooked Creek 2:00 p.m.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Round - August 27th 11<sup>th</sup> at Swan Valley 2:00 p.m.

Championship Flight  
First Flight  
Super Senior & Senior Flight  
Ladies Open Flight

Entry forms can be picked up at both Swan Valley and Crooked Creek pro shops. Award Ceremony will take place following the 2<sup>nd</sup> round at Swan Valley.

