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2006 Golf Season Nears Completion

The 2006 golf season is coming to a close and the trees are starting to change color. On the whole, Mother nature was pretty good this year at the golf courses, giving us great weather for our courses to grow. Both courses had plenty of water to keep them green all summer long and avoided burning out our greens and fairways. The greens were in great shape and many new visitors to the golf courses told us they were the best greens in the area with a true roll and consistency from one green to another. Compliments to Mike Martell, our golf course superintendent and his staff. We look to pickup the 2007 season right where we left off.



Club Championship

The 2006 SV & CC Club Championship was held September 26 & 27 with a field of 32 golfers. Clint Mills edged out young Billy Crofton Jr. to take the Men's open division. Tomas Salas rounded out the open flight finishing in third place. Kay Groom topped Pam Johnson's score by one stroke to capture the Women's Division and Rebecca Trommer finished in third. The Men's senior division was won by Terry Clarkson with Bill Crofton Sr. taking second and Jim Trommer taking third. The Men's Super-senior division was won by Dave Jasperson followed by Willie Land and Marcelo Olivarez. Congratulations to all. The 2007 event will be a handicapped event and a tournament event staff is being formed to run the outing. Contact The pro shop to participate on the committee.



View From the Pro Shop

Where has the summer gone? Golf leagues are complete, weekend outings have passed and beautiful fall golf is here. The 2006 golf season was a very challenging one with other golf courses in the area lowering their pricing structure to compete. Swan Valley and Crooked Creek have always been moderately priced and with higher end courses temporarily lowering their pricing structure, only creates a short term cash flow fix and in turn escalates their cost for maintenance and course upkeep. High end courses cannot



Dave Buko, Director of Golf Operations

survive by doing this. As SV & CC course conditions continue to improve, we will always offer the best product at the best value.

COMMENT BOX:

Swan Valley Food Offering



CONCERN: 2006

I am getting tired of hot dogs & brats during the day when I play, need more variety!

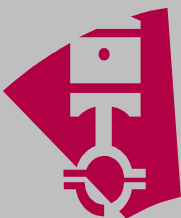
Action Taken:

Pizza warmer was purchased to offer hot pizza slices during the day. *Grill on the Green* menu hours expanded.

Special Feature

“If Bill can’t fix it, it ain’t worth fixing”

**Dave Buko
Director of Golf**



Ever wonder how we keep everything mechanically working? Well here’s how, Bill Valeck. Bill has been keeping things running for the past 14 years at SV & CC. He ran his own service station for 28 years, the majority years at Gratiot and River in Saginaw, before coming on board as the head mechanic at SV & CC. Bill & wife Betty celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary in September of 2006. They have three children: Bonnie, Bryan and Becky and seven grandchildren. Bill and Betty love to play euchre together and Bill does get out of the shop

once in awhile to play golf. “Bill took a burnt up, run down tractor and for only two-hundred dollars got it back working. He is amaz-



ing,” Mike Martell, greens Superintendent quoted. Bill loves working in the SV & CC organization and appreciates the respect and treatment he receives from management.

Thanks for all you do Bill!

View From the Green

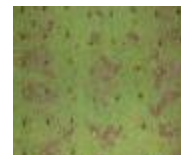
Aeration of the greens starts the week of September 18. We will start



Mike Martell
Greens Superintendent

with Swan Valley and then move to Crooked Creek. We will try to aerate 9 holes per day and be completed in one week. Aerification is a mechanical process

that creates more air space in the soil and promotes deeper rooting, thus helping the grass plants stay healthy. In most cases, it’s done by removing 1/2-inch cores (those plugs you sometimes see near a green or in fairways) from the compacted soil,



allowing for an infusion of air and water that brings a resurgence of growth. The spaces are then filled with sand “topdressing” that helps the soil retain air space and makes it



easier for roots to grow downward. Aerification achieves three important objectives. It relieves soil

compaction, it provides a method to improve the soil mixture around the highest part of a green’s roots and it reduces or prevents the accumulation of excess thatch. I would like to thank all the members for your continued support and feedback during the 2006 golf season. Have a great winter and see you in the Spring.

Crooked Creek Improvements - Hole # 9

The construction is complete on hole #9 at Crooked Creek and the improvements really add to this finishing front 9 hole. Golf Architect Jerry



Matthews made Len LeFevre’s vision come true in making the hole a challenging and picturesque front 9 finishing hole. “I’m very pleased with the improvements to the hole, Jerry and his team did a great job”, quoted Len LeFevre. Number 9 and 10 tee boxes were also reconstructed with the extra fill dirt dug out from the pond. All new areas were seeded and are already

showing signs of green grass growth. If weather conditions permit, both tee boxes will be open for the 2007 golf season. “Len always surprises me with new ways to improve the courses”, quoted Jerry Matthews. Phase two of this project is to add the pond between holes 11 and 17. This construction may start in the spring of 2007 if the weather and financing permits. If you try to cut the corner on hole #9, BEWARE OF THE POND!

