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# THE CLUB GAZETTE

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Robyn Armstrong	Priscilla Jenison	Aryel Perez
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# From the Board

## MESSAGE FROM BOARD

The beginning of the year has brought on much welcomed rain mixed with some beautiful days of sunshine! We hope all of our Members have been enjoying the course, courts, activities, The Lemon Leaf and The Bunker. There have been a number of Winter projects underway at the Club and our thanks go out to all of the Members that are pitching in to improve our Club.

Due to the rising expenses across the spectrum, there will be an increase in dues **beginning March 1, 2023**. The Board, with the assistance of a committee, was able to make the most modest adjustment possible in order to keep the dues affordable for our dedicated Members. Overview on the increases in membership dues may be found on the following page.

The Annual Shareholders meeting is to be held on **March 1st, 2023 at 5:00pm**. There are 3 Board seats up for re-election. The Annual meeting is for Shareholders only.

Please contact the front office with any questions.



## BOD MONTHLY MEETING

All Board of Director (BOD) meetings are scheduled for the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. with the exception of the months of November and December, which are scheduled for the third Thursday.

If you wish to address the Board of Directors, there is an open forum for you to do so, you will be given the opportunity to speak at the end of the meeting.

**THE NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE:**

**FEBRUARY 23TH AT 6:00 PM**



## From the Board

# MESSAGE FROM BOARD: MEMBERSHIP RATE INCREASES

Dear Valued Members,

We hope you had a wonderful Holiday celebration with friends and family. Following the September announcement which outlined new membership tiers and rates, we have heard your feedback and concerns. As such, the Board of Directors have been diligently working to approve fair and reasonable increases for 2023.

As most of you are aware, current economic conditions are driving inflation and cost of living increases. The club has been experiencing drastic increases in operating costs: gas, electricity, water, insurance, and minimum wage over the past 5 years while dues remained the same. As a result, the Board has decided to raise membership dues by a modest amount. Our goal was to set club pricing at a minimal sustainable price in order to reduce attrition. Please keep in mind, these increases are necessary to keep the club open and do not cover capital improvements. This decision will allow the Antelope Valley Country Club to continue offering the best Country Club experience in the Antelope Valley. Our club is a place to elevate your game, meet new friends, explore & create networking opportunities, and share family experiences.

**The following details outline changes that will go into effect March 1, 2023.**

### **Golf Memberships:**

- All golf membership dues will increase \$50/month.
- Privileges of golf memberships are extended to member, spouse/partner, and dependents age 25 and under. For dependents, proof of full-time college status required each year.
- Young Adult will remain at 21-40 years of age.
- Range balls will be complimentary for all golf memberships.
- Cart costs will be decreased to \$15 per 18 holes for only golf members. No discount for 9 holes. Single monthly \$120, yearly \$1320, Family monthly \$180, yearly \$1980.
- All cart barn fees will be increased \$10/month due to rising cost of electricity.
- Golf trail fees will increase from \$62/ month to \$70/month
- Annual cart sticker remains unchanged at \$140/year. This payment is applied to
- annual cart path maintenance.
- Member's immediate family will receive a 20% discount on current green fees, limited to 6 times a year.

No other discounts will be given for guests.

### **Court Memberships (Tennis & Pickleball):**

- All court memberships dues will increase \$10/month.
- Privileges of court memberships are extended to member, spouse/partner, and dependents age 25 and under. For dependents, proof of full-time college status required each year.

### **Social Memberships:**

- All social membership dues will increase \$10/month, \$55 to \$65 with more benefits (pool & gym).

We are honored to continue having you and your family as valued members of The Antelope Valley Country Club community.

Sincerely,

AVCC Board of Directors



# From the Course



## WGA Tournaments

January 3, 2023 till February 13, 2023  
WGA Winter Ringer Tournament

February 21, 2023 till April 3, 2023  
WGA Round Robin

## MGA Tournaments

## AVCC Tournaments

February 5, 2023  
AVCC Sweethearts Tournament

February 12, 2023  
AVCC Superbowl Shootout

March 12, 2023  
AVCC St. Patrick's Tournament

March 25, 2023 to March 26, 2023  
3- Person Challenge

## Outside Tournaments

March 13, 2023  
Outside Tournament

March 26, 2023  
Zero Limits Golf

March 17, 2023  
Men's Club Tournament  
Daniel Hulben

March 23, 2023  
Outside Tournament  
John Kalita

## Events

March 14, 2023 at 1:00 pm  
WGA St. Patrick's Mixer

March 31, 2023  
Nine & Wine

**Sign up in the Pro Shop 661-947-3400**  
**Contact Trent for more information**

## From the Business Office

### *Erica Cervantes, Office Manager*

...and just like that another month has come and left.

If you update your payment method on the portal, please be sure to reset your autopay date as well, the system deletes the set date if you change/update your payment method.

Reminder that golf member script has been extended through the end of March for you to spend. The Golf Pro Shop is now cashless, major credit cards accepted only.

As a reminder, resignations MUST be given 30-days in advance for proper resignation. Payments made after the 15th are considered late and will accrue fees. Members who are 45+ days past due will be suspended, member charge, Club and tournament privileges will be revoked.

Reminder to all Shareholders that the Annual Shareholder meeting is happening on Wednesday, March 1st, 2023.

Any questions please contact the office.

### *Karen Cervantes, Membership*

We welcomed 24 new members to the Club in the month of January, with 4 being full golf members. Thank you to our current members who continue to take advantage of our membership drive and referred new golf members in the month of January.

#### **Membership Drive**

**Refer a new golf member and you will receive \$50 off your dues for 6 MONTHS!**

We have consistently met our goals for membership every month this past year! I want to give a huge thank you to our current members for introducing AVCC to their family and friends.

As of January 2023 we have a total of 418 memberships! This is a huge increase from February 2022 when I took over membership we had a total of 365 memberships.

Our goal for 2023 is to continue marketing the Club to Antelope Valley for an all around experience, family fun, entertainment, sports, and community.

Please, for 2023 lets maintain the momentum of excitement that we ended 2022 with.



# GRASS GOSSIP

## Golf Course Superintendent

January was a great month for the course. A fungicide application was used at the beginning of the month to treat greens for fairy ring and phythium common during the winter seasons. The fungicide app along with heavy rain greatly benefited our greens and I'm happy to say they are looking healthier. Next week, a second round of fungicide will be applied, and I am hopeful it will reduce signs of sickness significantly.

Lots of little projects have been completed this month:

- Trees at 2 and 17 greens were removed and area cleared of debris
- Driving range/4 cart path fence line cleared of excess sand
- Tree lines at 14/15 and 10 thinned (Will be potentially removed completely in the future)
- All irrigation breaks and leaks fixed. There were a few leaking heads that popped up this week that will be addressed this upcoming week.
- Newest members of the team began heavy equipment training. The goal is to have a well- rounded team ready by spring!

In the month of February, there will be a huge focus on irrigation and prepping the course for spring.

Days will begin to warm up more than we are used to so greens might need a light watering in the afternoons. With that said, please be nice to the course while it begins to transition into warmer temperatures!

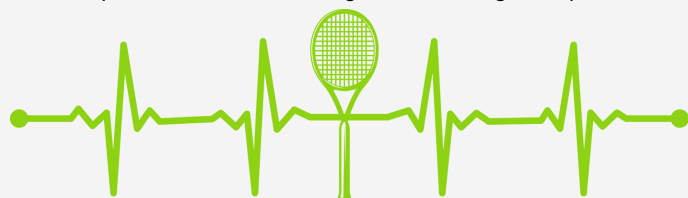
Like always, Thank you for your continued support.

-Beatriz

# FROM THE COURTS

## Kirk Shoemaker Director of Tennis

Wow! What a fantastic Aussie Open we had Saturday, January 28, 2023 and amazing food from Lemon Leaf Café. Our largest social ever. 24 players competing in a Doubles Round Robin format playing 5 times and 1 to rest for a total of 35 games each. Our Winners were, on the women side, we had a tie for First / Claudia Mejuto and Diane Wellbaum each winning 26 games. On the men's side, new member from Texas , Justin Endicott won 22 games. We also had our Player of the Year Awards going to Diane Wellbum who is always saying yes, to all our socials, events, tournaments, won our fundraiser, got on the Tennis Council and is a positive force for the Club and our Tribe! Eddy Chan got Most Improved Player of the Year for his hard work on his Tennis Strokes / Game and placing 4th in our Men's Grand Prix Singles Challenge with 14 matches played and winning 900 pts. Our Champion was Marcelo Cena, winning 15 Matches out of 16 played for 1,575 pts. Our Finalist was Mike Lee Winning 1,125 pts just edging out Frank Devera who won 1,050 pts, both players having the closest Head to Head scores. The Mixed Doubles League finally finished with Frank Devera and Vicki Vogel taking First Place and Finalists /Stacy Adams and Frank Tremonti. Congratulations to All of Award Winners! Winter Mixed Doubles Leagues have started with 24 members playing until end of April. Our USTA Team vs the park has won the past two matches 2-1, 3-0 Victories! Coming in February, get ready to celebrate our Pickleball Doubles League Winners Celebration! Contact Captain Kirk for all Things concerning Racquets / Paddles.




### Tournaments

 Jan 25th Tennis Mixed Doubles League

 Jan 21st to March 18th USTA League Begins

**Weekly Pickleball Court 3**

 Sunday at 9:00 AM

 Wednesday at 5:30 PM

### Weekly Clinics

**Tues** 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM Adult Tennis Drill Clinic

**Wed** 10:00 AM - 12:00 (Noon) Private Clinic/ Luncheon  
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Junior Beginner Tennis Clinic Ages 10 to 16

**Thurs** 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Junior / High School Tennis Drill Clinic  
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Pickleball Drill Clinic

**Fri** 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Cardio / Footwork / In Shape Tennis Class

**Sat** 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM USTA 3.0 - 4.0 Drill Clinic

# A Special Tribute



November 2011 - January 2023  
 RIP January 7, 2023



## DALLAS LIVES!

A TRIBUTE TO OUR AVCC TENNIS  
 & PICKLEBALL GOLDEN DOODLE MASCOT,  
 AUGUST 2020 - JANUARY 2023



Dallas was loved by all.  
 He touched the hearts  
 of all our Tribe!





# From the Course

## *Trent Baskin Golf Pro*

I am happy to announce that we are only a month and a half away from daylight savings time and you all know what that means, more daylight for golf! We had some much-needed rain in the past month in preparation for the upcoming season, we are excited to see that hopefully translate to a beautiful green golf course.

Team Play kicked off on Thursday January 26th with our Men putting on a good old fashion beat down on Griffith Park 41 points to 6. Upcoming team play matches will be held here at home on Saturday February 4th, Thursday February 9th, & Saturday February 19th. Let's all wish our Men good luck. We have an exciting list of Tournaments in the upcoming months so stay up to date with the main office or pro shop.

The course will remain cart path only through the end of February until it warms up a little. Thank you all for your patience through this as we have many members putting in their own personal equipment & time to ensure our home golf course looks pristine. Big Shoutout to Justin Rockey, Ray Munoz, Bo Herman, AJ Martinez for the work you're doing around the course. To all the other members & Board of Directors that I did not mention, your hard work does not go unnoticed. What you do motivates the rest of us to follow your lead & you have all made this place somewhere that is welcoming for everyone in the community. I truly believe come summer, this will be a hotspot for all families and golfers in the Antelope Valley and surrounding cities. We can't wait to see what the future holds for us.

As always, if you have any golf related questions or simply just want to come say hello. You know where to find me.

Trent Baskin



January Floating  
Cup Winner  
CONGRATS!  
Makenzie Smith



### WGA Winter Ringer

Began January 3, 2023  
runs through  
February 13, 2023

### WGA Sweeps Winter Blow Out

Held January 7, 2023

#### Gross Winners

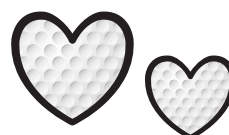
- 1st Makenzie Smith
- 2nd Cindy Jackson
- 3rd Ann Teschler
- 4th Anne Caulfield
- 5th Gina Hutchison
- #5 CTP June Rick
- #11 CTP Lindsey Dooley

#### Net Winners

- 1st Amy Choe
- 2nd Diane Beck
- 3rd Alice B. Barcelona
- 4th Mary Courtney
- 5th Pat Stevenson
- 6th Cindy Smith
- 7th Barbara Wickham

If you would like to join the Women's Golf Association  
weekly sweeps please contact  
Cindy Jackson at [jacksonfore@hotmail.com](mailto:jacksonfore@hotmail.com)

Weekly sweeps are a great way to get to know other lady golfers.  
We play a different game each week and complete gross and net.



# FEBRUARY 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Front Office Hours Monday - Friday 10:00 to 4:00 PM Closed Saturday and Sunday			1 Pickleball	2	3	4 Men's Team Play @ Home vs Sundale
5 AVCC Sweethearts Tournament Pickleball	6	7	8 Pickleball Ladies Poker Night	9 Men's Team Play @ Home vs Braemar	10 Jazz Night The Lemon Leaf Café V-day Dinner Special Menu	11 The Lemon Leaf Café V-day Dinner Special Menu
12 AVCC Super bowl Shootout Pickleball	13 WGA Winter Ringer Ends	14  The Lemon Leaf Café V-day Dinner Special Menu	15 Pickleball Mega Mixer	16	17 Poker Night	18 Men's Team Play @ Home vs Westlake
19 Pickleball	20	21 WGA Round Robin Begins	22 Pickleball Pickleball League Celebration	23 Monthly Board Meeting	24 Karaoke Night	25 Comedy for a Cause
26 Pickleball Men's Club Event	27	28 Ladies Bunco Night				

# MARCH 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Front Office Hours Monday - Friday 10:00 to 4:00 PM Closed Saturday and Sunday			1 Pickleball MGA Match Play Annual Shareholder Meeting	2 Trivia Night	3	4
5 Pickleball	6	7	8 Pickleball Ladies Poker Night	9	10	11
12 Pickleball  AVCC St. Patrick's Tournament	13	14  WGA St. Patrick's Mixer	15 Pickleball	16	17	18
19 Pickleball Watch Party @ The Bunker BNP Paribas Tennis	20	21	22 Pickleball	23 Monthly Board Meeting	24	25 AVCC 3-Person Challenge BNP Paribas Open/ Pot of Gold Social Tennis
26 Pickleball AVCC 3-Person Challenge	27	28 Ladies Bunco Night	29 Pickleball	30	31 Nine & Wine Golf Event	

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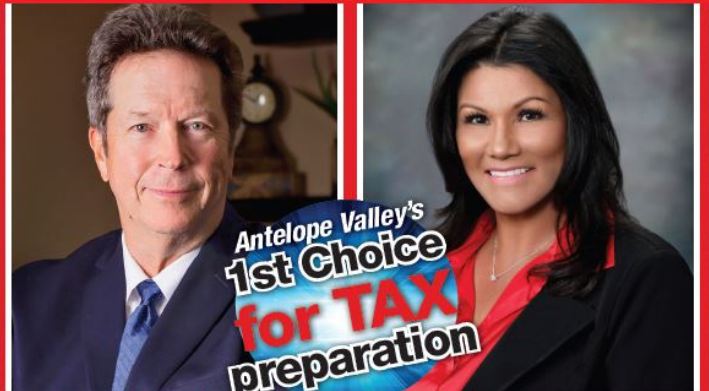
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