

ANTELOPE VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB

# THE CLUB GAZETTE

JULY 2023



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*Food and Beverage Director - Jose Trejo*  
*The Lemon Leaf Owner - Maria Elena Grado*  
*Newsletter Publication - Karen Cervantes*

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*Member - Jonae Fedors*  
*Member - Royce Kaufman*  
*Member - Adrienne Reca*  
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*Member - Dean Kraft*  
*Member - Ray Munoz*  
*Member - Chad Pickrel*  
*Member - George Pierson*

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*Tennis/ Pickleball Director - Kirk Shoemaker*  
*Member - Veronica Clarkson*  
*Member - Geoff Yeager*



# From the Board

## MESSAGE FROM BOARD

Members & Shareholders,

As you know, the Board of Directors did not meet in June 2023 due to the lack of a quorum. This time of year, many of our directors are taking family vacations. We hope to have a full quorum for the July meeting. The board communicates several times a month in between meetings by email and text messages when we have to deal with something urgent that cannot wait until the meeting. Fortunately, these meetings are less frequent now that we have a very capable General Manager who can handle all the day to day operations of the club.

Regarding the Lemon Leaf lawsuit, our legal team is handling the legal filings. We have been advised by the legal team to say as little as possible at this time. We appreciate your understanding regarding that position. We want the best financial outcome for AV Country Club.

The liquor license was officially approved June 5, 2023 during a site visit by the Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC). We are now awaiting the paperwork filings in Sacramento. We were told it could be anywhere between 1-2 months for that to be complete. This change will increase much-needed revenue as well as reduce fees we currently pay for each private event held at the club.

The Board would like to take this time to thank all the Members that donated to repairing the ice machine near the Women's Locker Room and Fitness Center. We were informed that there was a specific part that was overlooked previously that is causing the machine to not work. The cost for replacing the part was \$1,500, we are waiting for the part to arrive estimated arrival is mid-July. With the donations made to the ice machine and keeping the cost low the remainder of the donations will be used to purchase water clocks on the course. We appreciate all the donations made and will keep membership informed on the repair for the ice machine. Please be sure to visit the bar or beverage cart while playing during the hot season to avoid overheating or dehydration. We will work on having a beverage cart circle more to have easy access to water until the repair is completed.

As always, if you have questions or concerns prior to the board meeting please send us an email. While we are happy to answer questions, we kindly request you FIRST contact the General Manager Mark Fragale with your concerns. Keep in mind board members are also dues paying members of the club. We come to the club just like all of you to enjoy golf, tennis, pickleball, social events or to relax in The Bunker with friends. It's for that reason, we request everyone use the above-mentioned forms of communication before approaching us in person with your concerns.

Happy summer everyone!

Sincerely, Gina Hutchison ,Vice President, AVCC BOD



## 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:**

**JULY 27TH AT 6:00 PM**

# From the Course



## WGA Tournaments

May 30, 2023 till July 10, 2023  
WGA Summer Ringer Begins

August 12, 2023 - August 13, 2023  
WGA 2-Day Eclectic

## MGA Tournaments

July 8, 2023 and July 9, 2023  
MGA Lucky Walker Senior Club Championship

August 5, 2023 - August 6, 2023  
MGA Member/ Member Tournament

## AVCC Club Tournaments

July 4, 2023  
AVCC Flag Mixer Tournament

Sign up in the Pro Shop 661-947-3400

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## Outside Tournaments

July 23, 2023  
US Kid's Golf Tournament

August 4, 2023  
Northrop Grumman Tournament

August 11, 2023  
Paraclete Booster Tournament



# From the Business Office

## *Mark Fragale, General Manager*

Effective June 1, 2023 AVCC began using Teesnap, our new platform for member billing, point of sale (POS), and website. We are still working on finalizing all information and data. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

As a reminder, everyone needs to verify their own personal email and please be sure to put a card on file. Our new member portal does not allow you to pay or update payment information online. So please call, email, or visit the front office to be sure your membership account is fully setup. We were unable to integrate the old system with the new for security reasons for member billing.

Effective June 12, 2023 AVCC Board of Directors announced that temporarily the quarterly food minimum is waived. Please lookout for more information as to when the food minimum is resumed and continue to support The Lemon Leaf Café during this time.

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 effective August 1st billing. Members who are 45+ days past due will be suspended, member charge, Club and tournament privileges will be revoked.

Thank you.

## *Karen Cervantes*

*Director of Catering and Member Relations*

Hello Members!

Happy 4th of July! Who is ready for summer? NOT ME! I am so happy to see all of your transitioning smoothly into our new system Teesnap. We appreciate your positivity when visiting the front office and recognition of our hard work as a team.

Our AVCC Portal and website will be changing. For social events in July please email me directly to RSVP until we announce how to register for events using the new system once the website officially launches.

### **Upcoming billing schedule:**

July 1st- Teesnap will email you your June Statement which will consist of June Dues, June Member Charges, and May Member Charges.

July 1st- Autopay pulls. If you signed up for Autopay expect your June Statement balance to pull in full.

August 1st- Teesnap will email you your July Statement which will include your July Dues and July Member Charges.

August 8th- Autopay pulls.  
The 8th will be the Autopay date moving forward.

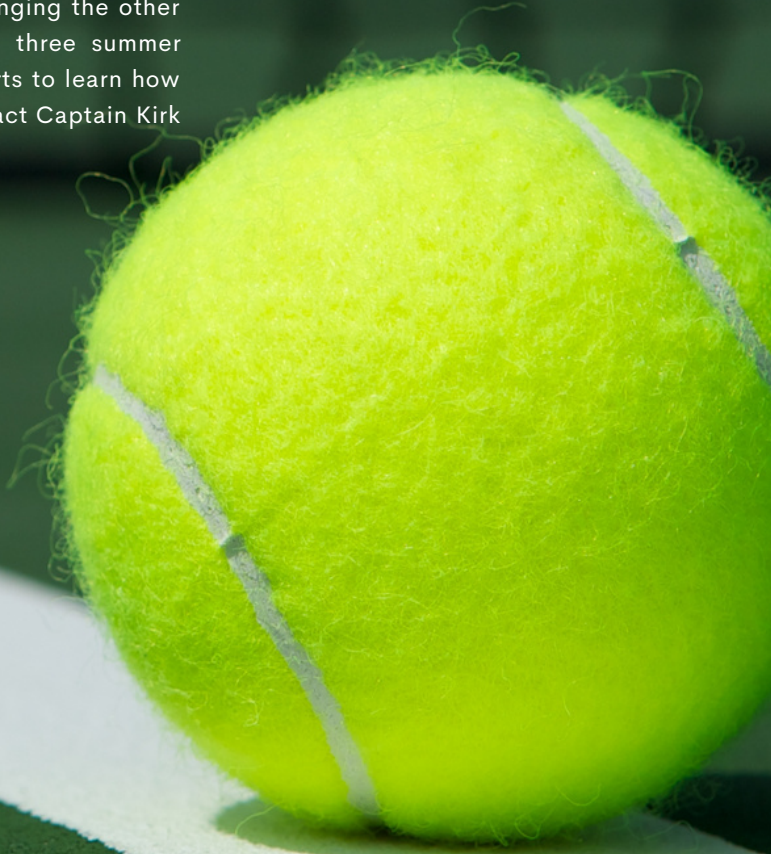
Thank you.



# From the Courts

## *Kirk Shoemaker Director of Tennis*

Happy Summer! Big month for our Tennis Tribe! Starting with our French Open Social on June 10th. We had 20 members playing in a Round Robin Doubles Tournament playing 36 games and rotating with 3 different partners. Our Winners were Stacy Adams winning 26 games for the women and Ariel Preze tied with Jim Majh at 21 games each, then Ariel winning 10 point tiebreaker to take first place. Each got French Open towels. Congratulations to you both! Marie came through with fantastic French food luncheon after our match play. Team AVCC Won USTA Spring 7.0 Mixed Doubles League and qualifying for Sectionals in September. We tied at 4 matches each against Eric Miller's Park Team but won to winning more Matches, congratulations team and to Captain, Royce Kaufman for the second time! We had 10 members in our Tennis Tribe play at Racquet Wars on June 24th at Newport Beach. There were 3 champion teams winning and 1 team at the top took 1st place in the consolation bracket. Outstanding performance! Well Done! League play in both tennis and pickleball continues. Keep challenging the other teams! Wimbledon Social is on Saturday, July 22nd. We have three summer tennis and pickleball camps going on teaching the kids both sports to learn how to play so they can have fun playing with family and friends! Contact Captain Kirk for All Things concerning Racquets / Paddles



### 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

### Tournaments

- July 19th Summer Flex League Mixed Doubles
- Aug. 19th Men's Tennis member/ Guest Tournament

### Summer Sport Camp

- June 20th Summer Sports Camp

### Weekly Pickleball Court 3

-  Sunday at 9:00 AM
-  Wednesday at 5:30 PM



# Tennis & Pickleball





## From the Pro Shop

### *Pro Shop Announcements*

AVCC Members-

We are now able to sell gift cards by using our new system Teesnap! You can purchase gift cards at the Pro Shop or any area around the Club. This is a great way to treat your family and friends to come experience the Club!

New merchandise is on the way. Keep an eye out for all newness coming soon!

Remember you can book tee times 14-days in advance by using your new Teesnap member portal. If you have yet to setup your member portal, we ask that you kindly visit the front office or call the front office to assist with this. If you are unable to use our online resources, you may call the Golf Pro Shop to book your tee times availability may vary.

AVCC Front Office

661-947-3142 Opt. 5

Hours: Monday - Friday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

AVCC Golf Pro Shop

661-947-3142 Opt. 1

Hours: Monday - Sunday 7:00 am - 7:00 pm



## Grass Gossip

### *Beatriz Chaves Lopez, Course Superintendent*

Esteemed membership,  
The last few weeks were dedicated to preparing for high temperatures.

**Irrigation:**

- Clock on 1 fairway was replaced
- Irrigation was acting up a bit this month so there was a lot more water running throughout the day than usual. Thank you all for your patience!
- New portable sprinklers were installed and are continued to be moved around as needed
- We welcomed a new hire, Mark, who is helping in the afternoons and weekends. Mostly spot watering.

This month, greens tees and some fairways were sprayed with insecticide to prevent grubs. This is so birds don't start ripping up the turf trying to get worms. The application on fairways will continue this month.

Also, due to increasing temperatures, the Katana app on fairways will be pushed back a week or so into July.

Thank you all for your continued support.





# Junior Golf Graduates



We wanted to wish all our Junior Golf and Tennis Members congratulations on their 2023 commencement!



Jase Pfeil  
Ryan Kirschbaum  
Vance Gravenstein





# Women's Golf Association

# 2023 FLOATING CUP WINNER JACKIE PICKREL



2nd Place  
Ricki James  
3rd Place  
Pat Stevenson  
4th Place  
Udhaya Krishnan



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.



# Men's Golf Association



## MGA Committee

Please send any photos of MGA Tournaments or Social Events to Karen to include in upcoming Newsletters for the MGA section. Thank you!

[membership@antelopevalleycountryclub.com](mailto:membership@antelopevalleycountryclub.com)



# AVCC Employee of the Month

## AVCC EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH PROGRAM

We are now announcing a new AVCC Employee of the Month program!

### Goals:

- Increase/improve member satisfaction
- Increase/improve customer satisfaction
- Increase productivity
- Improve unity between different club functions (office, bar, tennis, pro shop, and restaurant)

Nominee submission by peers, members, managers, and board members.

Submissions due by **3rd Thursday of each month** and provided to Karen Cervantes via email.

[membership@antelopevalleycountryclub.com](mailto:membership@antelopevalleycountryclub.com) **The next deadline is Thursday, July 15, 2023.**

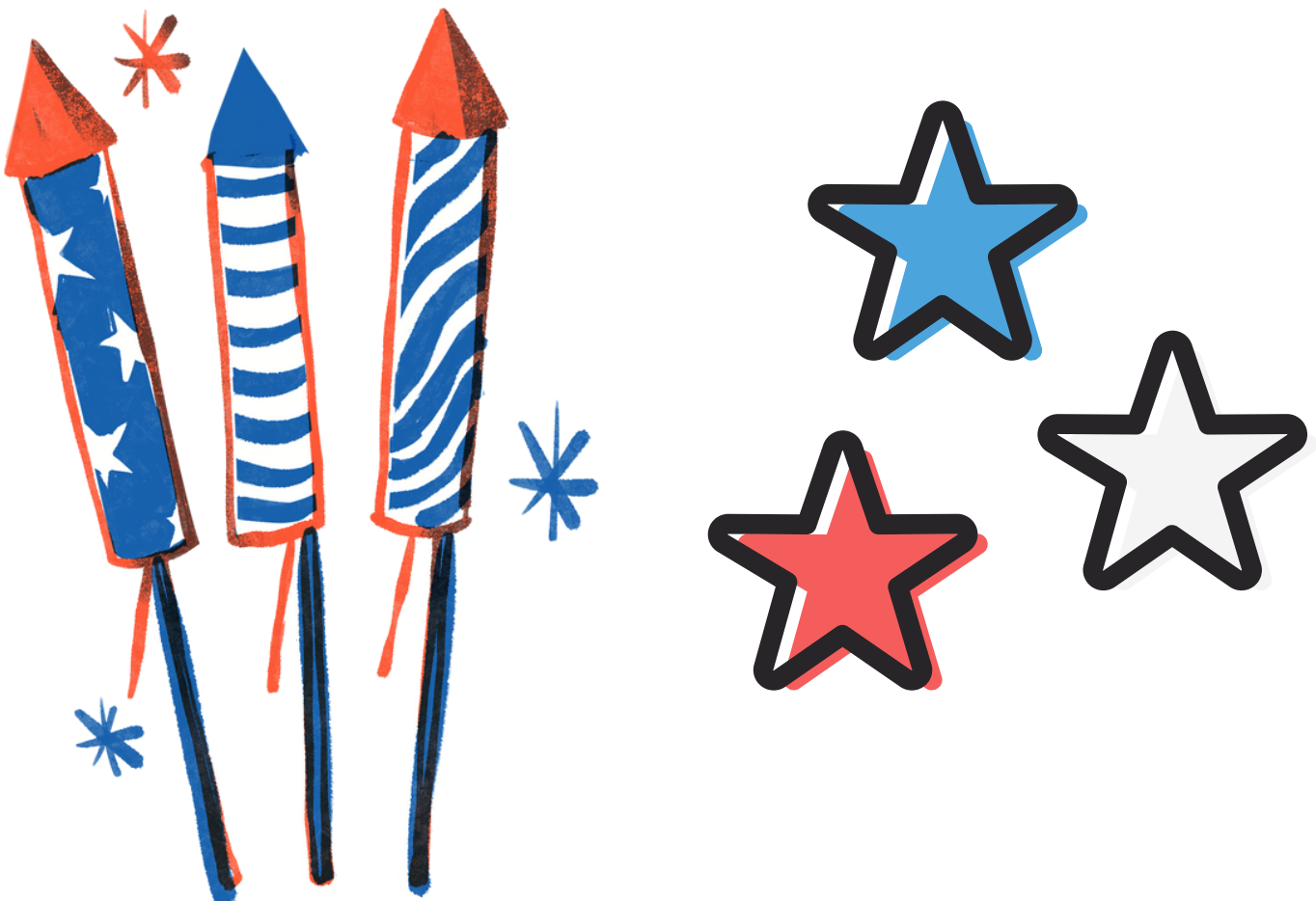
The submissions will be voted on by the Board of Directors at their monthly meeting, every 4th Thursday of the month.

Must include a paragraph on why this nominee deserves the award. Can be quantitative or qualitative.

Winner will be recognized the last Friday of the month at The Bunker, presented by the board president or his representative. If your candidate is not chosen, do not be discouraged please resubmit your candidate again!





The recipient will also receive a gift to recognize his or her achievement, along with a photo and article that will be published in The Club Gazette, a color photo of presentation will be posted on all exterior doors, and will be shown on the TV in The Bunker.

### AVCC Board of Directors








# JULY 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	AVCC Flag Tournament 4	Pickleball 5	6	7	MGA Lucky Walker Senior Club Championship 8
Pickleball MGA Lucky Walker Senior Club Championship 9	WGA Summer Ringer Ends 10	Summer Sport Camp 2023 Begins 11	Pickleball 12 Ladies Poker Night	13	14	15
Pickleball 16	17	18	Pickleball 19 Summer Flex League Play/ Mixed Doubles Start	20 Employee of the Month Deadline for Submissions	21	22 Grand Slam Social Wimbledon
Pickleball 23	24	Ladies Bunco Night 25	Pickleball 26	Monthly Board Meeting 27	Live Music 28	 29
Pickleball 30	31					

# AUGUST 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		 1	Pickleball 2	3	4	MGA Member/ Member Tournament 5
Pickleball MGA Member/ Member Tournament 6	7	8	Pickleball Ladies Poker Night 9	10	11	WGA 2-Day Eclectic 12
Pickleball 13 WGA 2-Day Eclectic	14	15	Pickleball 16	17 Employee of the Month Deadline for Submissions	18	19 Men's Tennis Member/ Guest Tournament
Pickleball 20 	21	Ladies Bunco Night 22	Pickleball 23	Monthly Board Meeting 24	Live Music 25	26
Pickleball 27	28	29	Pickleball 30	31		



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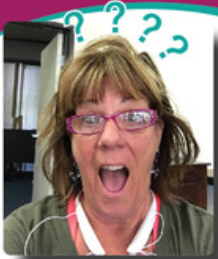
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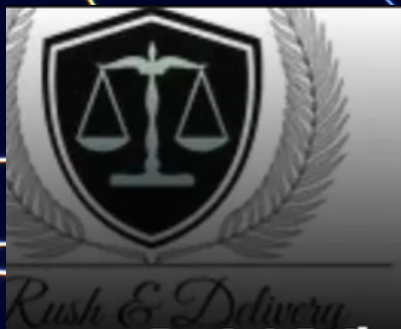
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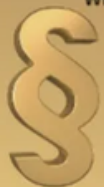


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