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JUNE 2023



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### Welcome New Members

Thomas Anderson	Michael Hairell	Jorge Merino
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# From the Board

## MESSAGE FROM BOARD

The first order of business is a hearty welcome to our new General Manager, Mark Fragale. If you weren't able to attend the "Meet and Greet" or haven't had the opportunity to meet Mark, don't be shy. He's a great guy and would love to meet you. Mark's vast experience and leadership skills will be a great asset to our club.

As many of you have heard by now, Lemon Leaf Restaurant owner Maria Elena Grado has filed a lawsuit against Antelope Valley Country Club for breach of contract. The original contract between AV Country Club and Lemon Leaf is July 23, 2020 to July 23, 2023. Our legal team has advised us not to discuss the matter at this time. The board has appointed former board member Greg Cich to a special committee for Legal Affairs. Mr. Cich will be coordinating our legal team.

The club is changing the Point of Sale system from Club Essentials to Teesnap on June 1, 2023. This change encompasses the member webpage, member login, member charge account and electronic tee sheet for making tee times. This new system is far superior for accurate accounting information which will help guide us in future financial decisions to make the club more profitable. The front office will be setting up training sessions for accessing the new system. Please be patient with all the staff throughout the club as they are also learning this new system.

Lastly, our liquor license is currently being changed from that of a PRIVATE CLUB to being able to serve the public. We feel this change will bring in much needed revenue from all avenues. We anticipate the transformation to be in place within the next few weeks.

The entire board would like to thank the members, shareholders and employees for their continued support as we navigate the challenges the club faces. As Steve Jobs once said "Great things in business are never done by one person, they're done by a team of people". The members, shareholders, employees, and sub contractors are part of our team.

Sincerely, AJ Martinez (President) and Gina Hutchison (VP)



## 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:**

**JUNE 22ND AT 6:00 PM**



# From the General Manager

## *Mark Fragale, General Manager*

AVCC Members-

I would like to thank all the members that attended The Meet & Greet on Wednesday, May 17, 2023. Each of you made an effort to support the Club and made yourselves heard in terms of your goals and future vision for the Club.

I ask that if you have not met me in person, to not be coy and introduce yourself. I am happy to meet each of you and to help move the Antelope Valley Country Club forward.

Please if you have any questions or feedback I ask that you kindly email me.

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

Thank you,

Mark Fragale  
General Manager



# From the Course



## WGA Tournaments

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

June 10, 2023  
WGA Floating Cup Finals

June 13, 2023  
WGA Flag Tournament

## MGA Tournaments

June 3, 2023 and June 4, 2023  
MGA Schafer Tournament

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

## AVCC Club Tournaments

July 4, 2023  
AVCC Flag Mixer Tournament

## Outside Tournaments

June 4, 2023  
Zero Limits Tournament

June 5, 2023  
Denica White Tournament

June 9, 2023  
Lockheed Tournament

June 26, 2023  
Chi Kappa Omega Tournament

July 23, 2023  
US Kid's Golf Tournament

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



# Club Tournaments & Member Social Events



AVCC Sink de Mayo



AVCC Sink de Mayo



AVCC Sink de Mayo



AVCC Sink de Mayo Winners



## From the Business Office

### *Erica Cervantes, Office Manager*

AVCC Members-

Effective June 1, 2023 AVCC will no longer be using Clubessential our platform for point of sale, billing, website, etc. We will be transferring to Teesnap. We ask that during this transition you bare with us as our staff will be learning a whole new system.

With the changes, we ask that if you are currently on Autopay, be prepared to be asked to update or provide AVCC front office staff with your preferred billing method again as we may not be able to integrate the old system with the new for security reasons for member billing.

July 1, 2023 marks the start of a new quarter. The current quarter ends June 30, 2023. Be sure to dine in or takeout from The Lemon Leaf Café to make your quarterly food minimum.

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.

Thank you.

### *Karen Cervantes, Membership*

We welcomed 19 new members to the Club in the month of May, with 5 being full golf members.

We encourage all AVCC Members to bring their family and friends as guest to any of our social member events! This is a great way to introduce your loved ones to the Club and build community.

May included events such as Cinco de Mayo Fiesta, Trivia Night, Karaoke, Tennis Women's Member/ Member and Sink de Mayo! We welcomed new faces and had a full house majority of the events. Thank you to all the AVCC Members, family, and friends that attended and showed the Club support.

As Erica mentioned we will be transferring over to a new system and with that our AVCC Portal and website will be changing. For social events in June please email me directly to RSVP until we announce how to register for events using the new system.

Lastly, we are currently at 412 memberships. Summer is here and we project our membership to grow closer to 500. Continue to be outgoing and welcome new members to our Club!

Thank you.



# Grass Gossip

## Golf Course Superintendent

Dear Membership,

This past month, rough and fairways were sprayed with herbicide and pre-emergent herbicide to reduce weeds around the course. Fairways are fully established, Bermuda filled in well! Mowing rough and fairways twice a week as well as tees. Greens were top dressed post aerification to level them out more and increased fertilizer to help fill them in.

Next month:  
-Katana spray on fairways (end of the month)  
-fertilize tees and spot fert rough/fwys  
-continue troubleshooting and adjusting irrigation

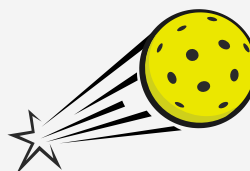
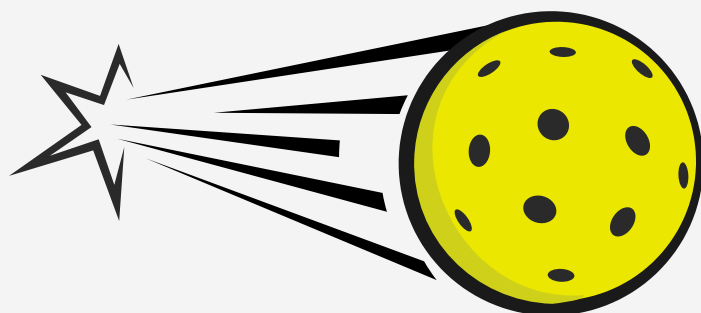
Beatriz Chavez Flores



# From the Courts

## Kirk Shoemaker Director of Tennis

We had a fabulous Women's Member Guest Tournament Saturday, May 20, 2023 with 19 ladies and myself playing a Round Robin with 4 rotations and 4 different partners for 36 games of match play. Our theme this year was Tiki / Tropical drinks / The Pain Killer Punch was done when the matches finished! Hahahaha! Our Winners were : Guest Winner Janine Baker with 24 games and Member Winner Deanna Lancaster with 22 games. Each got a Tiki Mug / Thermos. Congratulations to you both! Prizes were raffled off and each lady got a swag bag and luncheon followed for good times for a very successful event! We have 20 teams playing Pickleball League / 16 Men playing Singles Challenge and Mixed Doubles has been extended as well. Come join and cheer on our Club USTA Team vs Park Team on Saturday and Sunday! Next up is the Grand Slam French Open Tennis Social Saturday, June 10, 2023 at 9am luncheon to follow. We have 3 Summer Tennis / Pickleball Camps going the last 2 weeks of June and another after July 4, 2023 week for fun times on the Courts! Contact Captain Kirk for Sign-Ups and All Things Concerning Racquets / Paddles!!!!



### Tournaments

July 19th Summer Flex League Mixed Doubles

### Summer Sport Camp

June 20th Summer Sports Camp

### Weekly Pickleball Court 3



Sunday at 9:00 AM



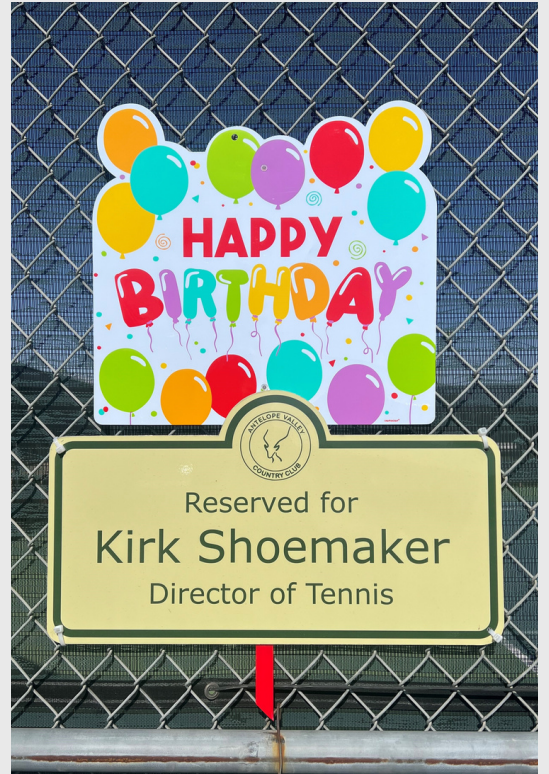
Wednesday at 5:30 PM

### 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



# Tennis & Pickleball





# From the Pro Shop

## *Trent Baskin Golf Pro*

Hello everyone and happy Summer days. Warm weather is here and with it the golf course is in the best shape it's been in a decade which is really exciting. So thank you rain and BrightView. May had many fun tournaments. The ladies kicked off the month with their Senior Club Championship & Member/Member. Miss Gina Hutchison won the Senior Club Championship & Amy Choe/Alice Barcelona won the Member/Member, congrats ladies!

We also welcomed 3 major fundraising tournaments that had excellent turnouts and gave our beautiful course some much needed exposure. A huge shoutout to these organizations, thank you for your support.

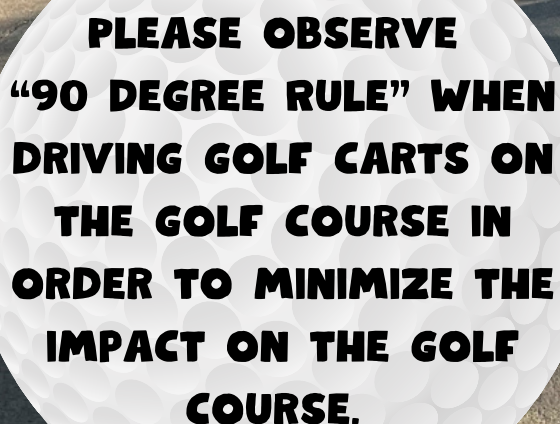
- Rusty Studs
- Air Force Society
- West Lancaster Rotary

### Upcoming Tournaments in June

- Annual Schafer Tournament, Saturday/Sunday June 3rd & 4th
- Lockheed Fundraiser Tournament, Friday June 9th (course closed)
- Pink Tee Golf Tournament, Monday June 26th (course open in the morning) Times TBD

This month we welcomed our new General Manager, Mr. Mark Fragale. With that being said, we are making many improvements to our facilities, amenities and pro shop. Thank you for all your support, you can come see him or I and we would love to show and tell what we've been working on for us. Enjoy the start to your summer AVCC!

Trent Baskin



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# Women's Golf Association



**2023 Member Member Winners**



**Horse Race 2nd Place Anne Caulfield & Ann Teschler**

**Horse Race 3rd Place Amy Choe & Alice Barcelona**



**Jenna Hollingsworth Eagle on Hole #7**



**Horse Race 1st Place Gina Hutchison & Jenna Hollingsworth**



**WGA Senior Club Champ Tournament**



**Gina Hutchison Senior Club Champion**

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.



**Overall Senior Club Champion: Gina Hutchison**

Flight 1 Low Gross: Cindy Jackson

Flight 1 Low Net: Diane Beck

Flight 2 Low Gross: Anne Caulfield

Flight 2 Low Net: Ricki James





# Men's Golf Association



## MGA Committee Updates

We want to notify all MGA Members that with the transition of our platforms and website we may have a delay in posting the MGA Minutes. Please bear with us during this change.

In the meantime, 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 MAY EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

### DYLAN SCHUOLER

It is with excitement and pleasure to congratulate Dylan Schuoler, our pro shop attendant, as our employee of the month for May! Dylan has proven himself over and over again to be an exemplary employee. Dylan needs little direction. He sees a job that needs to be done and he does it. And he does it well. Dylan has a high standard of work ethic and integrity and we thank him for his professionalism.

Dylan will be receiving this award in the Bunker date and time will be announced via email. Please come out and support Dylan. If you're unable to attend, the next time you see Dylan in or around the the pro shop, please take the time to congratulate him.

**AVCC Board of Directors**

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## 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.

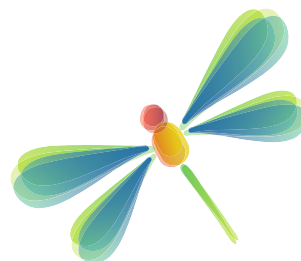
Winner will receive a dedicated parking space for the upcoming month, along with a photo and article that will be published in The Club Gazette, a color photo of presentation will be posted on all exterior doors, and will be shown on the TV in The Bunker. The recipient will also receive a gift to recognize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

**AVCC Board of Directors**





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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			Front Office Hours Monday - Friday 10:00 to 4:00 PM Closed Saturday and Sunday	Trivia Night 1	2	MGA Schafer Tournament 3
Pickleball MGA Schafer Tournament 4	5	6	Pickleball 7	8	Karaoke Night 9	WGA Floating Cup Finals Grand Slam Social French Open 10
Pickleball 11	12	WGA Flag Tournament 13	Pickleball Ladies Poker Night 14	Employee of the Month Deadline for Submissions 15	Dive-In Movie Night 16	17
Pickleball 18	19	Summer Sport Camp 2023 Begins 20	Pickleball 21	22 Monthly Board Meeting	23	24
Pickleball 25	26	Ladies Bunco Night 27	Pickleball 28	29	Live Music 30	

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



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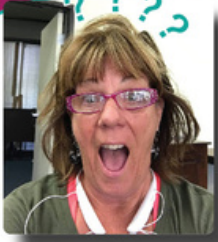


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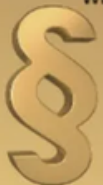


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