

Sudden Valley Golf Club News

Raising Money for Bellingham Food Bank

By Jean Maixner

We had a great turn out for the Two-Person Scramble. The day was gorgeous, and the play was fun. This year, the event was associated with a fundraiser for the Bellingham Food Bank (BFB). The BFB is the busiest food bank in the state of Washington. It serves 20% of Whatcom County families. Some of those families live right here in Sudden Valley. By giving, you helped not only Whatcom County families but your valley neighbors as well.

As SVGC members and event participants, you stepped up; \$2,850.00 was collected for people in need of food support. At a time when access to free and low-cost food has decreased 20%, this donation will aid the BFB to reduce hunger and provide high quality food to those who face food insecurity.



Bellingham Food Bank Volunteers

Checking in at Pro Shop Before Your Round

By Kevin Leduc

As we approach the busy season, we would like to remind all players to check into the Pro Shop before play. We have some new and returning Pro Shop employees that maybe don't know you or can't recall your name. It is important for us to record all rounds and have an accurate tee sheet every day. We will continue to put range balls outside on the table, but sometimes the staff doesn't know if you are playing or just practicing. Please pop your head in and let us know, plus we want all of staff to get to know you.

I would like to thank everyone for their patience on the green recovery this season. Greg Wadden and his crew has done an amazing job getting the greens coming back through slicing, over seeding, fertilizing, and top dressing. If the weather cooperates, we expect them to be fully recovered by mid-June.

The golf staff looks forward to serving you in a great golf season ahead!

Update on Beautification Funds

Every year, the SVGC raises funds through 50/50 drawings, selling squares, etc. for the Beautification Fund which is used for special projects to enhance the course.

So far this year, the Club has spent \$1,538 from the Beautification Fund carryover from 2023 on the sod for the gold tee boxes on holes 3, 5, 6, and 18. In addition, money has been allocated to replace the clock on the 1st tee box.

So please, when you see an opportunity to contribute to this important Fund, please do so.

Thanks.

The SVGC Board appreciates your support. We hope to continue to bring many more fun events throughout the year.

President: Jean Maixner
VP: Guy Calb
Treasurer: Dave Strauss
Club Captain: Kelly Devlin
Secretary: Lorna Lane
Ladies Captain: Melissa Reece

Men's Captain: Dan Perrino
Greens Chair: John (Fuzzy) Fuchs
Social Chair: Beth Johnston
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To contact SVGC board members, please email: llane.suddenvalley@gmail.com

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Congratulations to May 2024 Tournament Winners*

Sudden Valley Cup—May 4

Gross—Men's Flight 1

1st C. Linville (71)
2nd J. Maurer (73)
3rd D. Perrino (76)

Net—Men's Flight 1

1st J. Joslin (65)
2nd D. Dunham (68)
3rd D. Knutzen (70)

Gross—Men's Flight 2

1st R. Kenny (79)
2nd T. Haggard (82)
3rd L. Leiberman (85)

Net—Men's Flight 2

1st D. Warner (64)
2nd A. Eyoub (68)
3rd R. Gray (86)

Gross—Women's Flight

1st L. Haggard (79)
2nd K. Fuchs (82)

Net—Women's Flight

1st tied A. Johnston (66)
L. Lane (66)
2nd J. Maixner (70)

Horse Race to Honor Brian Kruhlak—May 11

1st K. Toivola/D. White
2nd R. Gray/K. Devlin
3rd A. Hatch/R. Kruhlak

Ladies Opening Day—May 11

1st K. Fuchs/C. Caven/L. McRoberts
2nd L. Haggard, J. Meade
J. Moore, L. Card
3rd E. Maki, K. Prior, K. McNulty

Two-Person Scramble—May 18 (Food Bank Fund Raiser)

Gross—Men's Flight 1

1st K. Coolley/A. Darnell (61)
2nd C. Linville/B. Sorenson (63)

Net—Men's Flight 1

1st tied G. Paul/T. Paul (63)
S. Pake/A. Pagnossin (63)
3rd K. Miller/R. Steiner (64)

Gross—Men's Flight 2

1st K. Cormack/C. Brown (67)
2nd T. Weymouth/D. Weymouth (63)

Net—Men's Flight 2

1st tied I. Hamilton/A. Eyoub (63)
P. Hoagland/D. Ireland (63)
3rd R. Kenny/C. Scothy (64)

Gross—Senior

1st D. Ralston/B. Hager (68)
2nd B. Fields/J. Maurer (69)

Net—Senior

1st T. Lousao/R. Gray (60)
2nd tied D. Warner/J. King (64)
M. Kok/L. Simkins (64)

Gross—Women's Flight

1st K. Fuchs/T. Callahan (70)

Net—Women's Flight

1st J. Georg/L. Lane (63)
2nd A. Johnston/C. Serediuk (67)

*See SVGC Website for complete results of tournaments.

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Ladies Koeniger Cup—May 25 (Stableford Format)

1st	L. Lane (42 pts)
2nd	M. Bradford (37 pts)
3rd tied	K. Fuchs (35 pts) J. Maixner (35 pts)

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Jeri Moore—#16

Congratulations to Jeri Moore who had her first hole-in-one on May 23 on No. 16. Let's hope this is the first of many!

Events in June

6/1	9-hole Mixed Member Social
6/8	Two-Person Triple Six Open
6/10	Monday Couples—Scramble
6/22	Men's 28-hole Stroke Play
6/24	Monday Couples—Chapman

Sudden Valley Golf Club Turfcare Update

By Greg Wadden

Since my last update, much has happened with course conditions in a positive way. As it stands, impressive results of seed germination have occurred on all our putting greens. With longer days and warmer temperatures soon to be upon us much of the thin perimeter areas of our greens will fill in.

So, what is happening on the course moving forward:

- Back 9 fairway slicing completed and planning to complete the front 9 within the week. This process is done into the clay layer and assists with drainage.
- Close up chipping green and overseed area that we "borrowed" sod from.
- Top up all sand traps with fresh sand.
- Cart path repair work is scheduled for the second week in June. Please be aware of contractors working on the golf course.
- We continue to lightly and frequently top dress the greens with sand to aid in filling and smoothing our putting surfaces. This will gradually slow to a two-week interval instead of the weekly applications currently being applied.
- All our new gold tee boxes are now open.
- There are more trees on the course that need attention and we will be addressing them as we move forward.

Thank you for your understanding and patience as we roll into what is shaping up to be an exciting, dry, and warm 2024 golf season!

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Summary of 2024 Men's Club Events

by Dan Perrino

Save the Dates

June 1st: Club Championship Match Play Matches Begin

June 22nd: 18 Hole Individual Stroke Play Tournament

August 9th - 11th: Men's Invitational Tournament, 2-Person Team Stableford

Details & Updates

Wednesday Afternoon Skins

- **No pre-registration, meet on the range at 3:45pm (check in with the Pro Shop first)**
- Guests are welcome!
- Active GHIN handicap required to play in Net Skins game
- 9-Holes
- Groups formed by ball drop
- **\$10 cash entry fee for Gross game, \$10 cash entry fee for Net game.**
- Par 3s played as gross in Net game (no strokes applied or subtracted regardless of handicap)
- Max 1 handicap stroke per hole in Net game (no double pops regardless of handicap)
- **Results and payouts posted the following Wednesday**
- **Men's Club Captain reserves the right to apply adjusted handicaps to net players who consistently shoot below net par, or do not have recent scores posted**

Club Championship Match Play Brackets

- Brackets will continue to be seeded by handicap (no qualifying round required)
- An email was sent out to all Men's Club Members in late May with a list of those registered to ensure that no one who wishes to participate is accidentally left out
- Brackets finalized by June 1st. Once the brackets are finalized/posted, no late registrations will be permitted
- Please complete your matches in a timely manner so the Men's Captain doesn't need to chase people down. **Men's Captain has full discretion to disqualify golfer(s) who don't schedule and complete their matches within the stated date windows.**

Men's Invitational

- **Biggest and best Men's Club event of the season. You do not want to miss this tournament!**
- As a part of the multi-year transition back to a true member-guest, **full members will no longer be allowed to form a team with each other.** Full Members (defined as any membership option that provides unlimited golf) will still be allowed to register with Associate or Social members
- The Men's Club strongly encourages members to form a team with guests from different clubs. It's our opportunity to show off our course and club!
- **Registration begins in June** and fills up fast, so start looking for your partner now!

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Do you know?

Rules & Etiquette

GHIN Index vs. your Course Handicap based on the tees you play.

There still seems to be some confusion between what GHIN lists as your handicap index and what your Sudden Valley daily course handicap will be for the tees you are playing.

Handicap index and daily course handicap are not the same despite the terms often being used interchangeably. However, they work together to measure you against other golfers and any course you're playing.

But what's the difference between index and handicap? One noticeable difference is your handicap index usually has a decimal while your daily course handicap will be a whole number.

Your index is a number determined by recent scores and identifies how skilled a player you are. To get your handicap index, the GHIN system keeps track of your 20 most recent scores. Then, your worst 12 are thrown away and the remaining 8 are averaged out. The average of your best 8 becomes your handicap index and ultimately, this number is used to calculate daily course handicap.

A handicap takes your index and applies it against the course (and tee markers) to predict how many strokes over (or under) par you will shoot. *You cannot determine your handicap without first knowing your index.*

Fortunately, the GHIN website will calculate your handicap for you. After you have logged into the GHIN app go to the Handicap Calculator tool, you just select the course and which tees you're playing (gold, silver, green, etc.) and the app will do the calculation for you.

The Pro Shop also has printed out conversion charts as well and can tell players what their course handicap is from the tee they plan to play.

Hopefully this helps with any confusion.



Brian Kruhlak and his Family & Friends at recent Horse Race Celebrating his Retirement as SVGC Director of Golf