

Sudden Valley Golf Club News

2024 Men's Invitational a Big Success

By Dan Perrino

The Sudden Valley 2024 Men's Invitational was a big success this year. 116 golfers participated and many prizes and merchandise were awarded. Congratulations to Brock & Bryce Hertz winning for Overall Low Gross, and to Brad James & Blair Driedger for Overall Low Net!

The Premier Sponsor for this year's event was Chuckanut Golf Carts who brought out four of their beautiful Icon & Legion golf carts from inventory and displayed them alongside the #1 tee box during the tournament.

Kevin LeDuc, Darren Chapman, Nolan Ferrier, Braden LeDuc, and the rest of the Pro Shop staff did a fantastic job managing the tournament and logistics. The event went off without a single hitch, a truly impressive feat for a tournament of this size.

Greg Wadden and the Turf Team had the course in excellent condition. The greens were rolling a very smooth 10 to 11 on the Stimpmeter throughout the weekend. In an effort to speed up play this year, the Men's Club worked with the Turf Team to cut the hazard long grass down on the right of #5 fairway, and to the left of the fairway on #12. Those two adjustments helped significantly reduce time spent looking for balls, and prevent the dreaded re-tee on #12. We also experimented



El Agave puts on a dancing horse show for the Friday night Men's Invitational Dinner

with some fun tee locations. On Saturday, the Silver tees were moved back a tier on #15. On Sunday, the Green tees were moved up a box on #3 which made the par 4 drivable for some golfers, and delivered a fun risk-reward decision. We plan to continue to experiment with different tee locations for this event going forward.

We also had an amazing turnout of volunteers leading up to and during the tournament. The Men's Club extends a big thank you to all the volunteers who participated in the Sand & Seed Party the week prior, and an especially big thank you to the Ladies Club volunteers who assisted throughout the weekend. The event as we know it is simply not possible without the volunteer support of the Ladies Club.

The two-person team stableford format continues to work well and will likely remain the format for the Men's Invitational going forward. This year marked the first year in a long time that Full Member/Full Member teams were not allowed. We're happy to report that we've completed the multi-year transition back to a more true Member/



Some of the 40 Teams & their Supporters on #1 during the Horse Race

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

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Guest Invitational tournament. Guest/Guest teams were still allowed to register, but a reference from a full member in good standing and their home club's head PGA Professional ensured a very limited Guest/Guest field. The participating Guest/Guest teams were comprised of former members, or well-known golfers in the local community. The registration adjustments did not lead to a lower turnout - we had the same number of participants as we did in 2023. We'll continue to target participation of 55 to 60 teams in future years. No major changes to team registration rules are anticipated for the 2025 Men's Invitational.

Save the date for next year's Men's Invitational Tournament on August 8th - 10th, 2025!



Dan Perrino, David Dunham, Michael Linville, Bill Hager & Doug Swanson on #1 during Horse Race

Ladies Club Crowns Club Champion

by Melissa Reece

The 2024 Sudden Valley Ladies Club held their two-day Club Championship tournament on August 17th and 18th. It was two days of strong winds and we got poured on for about 30 minutes on day two. Everyone toughed it out though, and it was a great tournament.

Our overall low gross winner and Club Champion was Laura Haggard, and the overall low net winner was Leslie McRoberts. Congratulations to both of you!

The Ladies Fall Wind-Up is scheduled for September 14th and will be four-person ABCD scramble. I hope to see everyone there!



Laura Haggard, 2024 Ladies Club Champion

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Congratulations to August 2024 Tournament Winners*

Bucks & Does—August 4

Gross

1st	D. & J. Perrino (69)
2nd	J. & B. Walton (74)
3rd	M. Linville & M. Reece (75)

Net

1st (tied)	S. & H. Kaestner (62)
	S. & C. Neely (62)
3rd	B. Fields & T. Callahan (65)
4th	T. & L. Haggard (66)
5th (tied)	D. Czarnecki & N. Berg (68)
	M. & R. Jacobs (68)
	S. & J. Haugen (68)
	D. Warner & B. Frank (68)
	A. Carter & K. Tutterow (68)

Mixed Member Social—August 5

Scramble

1st	L. & T. Haggard (32)
2nd	M. Reece & M. Linville (33)
3rd	D. & V. Tenpas (35.5)

Men's Invitational—August 10-11

Overall Low Gross

B. Hertz & B. Hertz (117)

Overall Low Net

B. James & B. Driedger (124)

Gross—1st Div.

1st (tied)	J. Walton & S. Kaestner (106)
	S. Card & C. Roth (106)
3rd	B. Fields & R. Killmer (100)

Net—1st Div.

1st	D. Dunham & M. Wienkers (113)
2nd	S. Pake & W. Vandemark (112)
3rd	R. Kruhlak & A. Hatch (111)
4th	G. Walker & M. Walker (110)
5th (tied)	C. Swift & A. Censullo (105)
	M. Linville & B. Shannon (105)

Men's Invitational—August 10-11 (cont'd)

Gross 2nd Div.

1st	R. Mills -& C. Chan (81)
2nd	K. Cormack & C. Brown (80)
3rd	C. Christie & L. Christie (77)

Net 2nd Div.

1st	L. Jammes & P. Temer (122)
2nd	D. Warner & N. Rautenberg (118)
3rd	K. Graham & D. Laird (113)
4th	T. Louszo & P. Haeder (112)
5th (tied)	R. Kenny & E. Kline (108)
	J. Sothy & R. Soroka (108)
	L. Haakonson & J. Bonk (108)

Ladies Club Championship—August 17-18

Overall Low Gross

L. Haggard (163))

Overall Low Net

L. McRoberts (114)

Overall Gross Runner Up

C. Allen (167))

Overall Net Runner Up

K. Larrabee (147)

Mixed Member Social—August 19

Shamble

1st	K. & H. Devlin (30)
2nd	S. & L. Card (32)
3rd	T. & M. Quinn (32)

*See SVGC Website for complete results of tournaments.

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Events in September

9/7	Member Social— Two person Scramble
9/14	Ladies Fall Wind-up
9/21	Fall Wind-up and Banquet

Another Hole-in One!



Bob Healy #13

He's done it again! Bob Healy aced #13 on August 16th. That makes four holes-in-one since March 19th. Congratulations. With that kind of a run, we're guessing Bob won't have any problem finding golfing partners.

Thanks to our Volunteers

A special shout-out to the following members who sanded on August 6th for the Men's Invitational:

- Steve Card
- Kelly Devlin
- Kevin LeDuc
- Lorna Lane
- Tanner Lee
with his dog Grizz
- Michael Linville
- Reg Mulligan
- Dan Perrino
- Jessica Perrino
- Melissa Reece
- Connor Swift
- Mike Wienkers

That same evening, Mary Jane Chmelik and Von Adrean from the Turf Green crew weeded around the driving range.

Thanks to all who helped. Your hard work getting the course ready was greatly appreciated.

Do You Know?

Rules and Etiquette

As the weather becomes a little more unpredictable and course conditions soften up, it is a good time to remind all golfers about one of the bigger rule changes to happen in the last few years and that is the embedded ball rule.

In the past you only received relief from an embedded ball on the closely mown areas (fairway or green surrounds). However, the difference now is that all golfers now can obtain relief from an embedded ball in the general area.

- Rule 16.3 allows relief for a ball embedded anywhere in the "general area" (that is, the area previously known as "through the green"), except when embedded in sand.
- In taking relief, the player drops the original ball or a substituted ball within one club-length of (but not nearer the hole than) the spot right behind where the ball was embedded.

Winter is coming.....but not yet!

While we are expecting the better weather to continue through the next month or more, now is a good time to remind all members and guests to check with the Golf zshop before playing to see if there are any special requirements for the day.

These rules could include cart restrictions or course maintenance disruptions.

Thanks for the continued support of the Golf Shop and Operations Team.

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Special Thank You to Volunteer Chris Weitzel

I would like to give a special thanks to Chris Weitzel, who has volunteered many hours of work around the clubhouse area. As many of you know Chris was a realtor broker with Re/Max Sudden Valley for many years and Chris feels the Valley has been so good to him for so many years, volunteering is a good way to “give it back”. Chris has been here nearly every day for the past several weeks blowing off the decks and surrounds, pressure washing, cleaning windows and floors, and many other tasks.

If you see Chris around the club house, please give him a thank you for his efforts.

Thanks,

Kevin LeDuc

Mark Your Calendars!
SVGC 2024 Annual General Meeting

The Golf Club’s Annual General Meeting is scheduled for October 19th at 4:00 pm at El Agave Restaurant. A meeting notice with the agenda and proxies for voting for our Board Vice President and Secretary will be distributed shortly.

If you can’t make the meeting, please at least vote and leave your ballot with the Pro Shop before the meeting or send it to our Club Secretary, Lorna Lane at llane.suddenvalley@gmail.com.



Sudden Valley—18th Green and Clubhouse