

Sudden Valley Golf Club News

Food Bank Fundraiser Tournament – August 21st, 2025

As a welcome change to our weekly Ladies Tuesday/Thursday golf outing, Jean Maixner organized a really fun event for us tied to a fundraising opportunity for the Bellingham Food Bank. Entry was based on a donation to the Bellingham Food Bank and we had 32 players for a two-person scramble with lots of unique twists and turns on a traditional scramble. By the end of the day, more than \$2,000 had been raised for the Food Bank. In addition to their entry fee donation, each team had a chance to make an extra donation so they could swap two putts with the opposing players if theirs was an easier putt. Each player received a tee prize consisting of a sleeve of XXIO golf balls thanks to Darren Chapman from the Pro Shop, a pocket ball washer donated by Mary Bradford, a retractable brush for cleaning the grooves in your club and a wristband for keys. We would also like to acknowledge the efforts of Kerri Larrabee who promoted the tournament which helped increase participation.

There were lots of challenges including putting with kid's plastic golf balls on No. 3 and spinning to find out how many strokes you were to add or subtract from your team's score on No. 5. On No. 9 we got to skip having to hit over the creek and chip on from a location near the green if we made an extra donation to the Food Bank which most of us welcomed. On No. 12, we again spun the wheel to find out what club we had to play from tee box to green and then on No. 18 we used drivers only although we could tee up every shot. The kicker was that once we got to the green, we could only put one-handed which some of the lower-handicapped players had been practicing already since they had to putt one-handed on four additional holes. All these extra challenges added to the fun.

Congratulations to Jeri Moore and Judy Mead who won low net with a score of 65. Second low net went to Kristin Fuchs and Kerri Larrabee while we had a tie for third place with a score of 70 between Coleen Thompson and her partner Shelly Howard and Kathy McNulty and Bonnie Frank.

After the tournament, we all gathered at Jean & Stu's house for awards, potluck snacks, refreshments and another round of competition – a chipping contest into a cardboard box which is much harder than you think and was won by Mary Bradford.



Some of our winners from Food Bank Fundraiser Tournament –
L-R: S. Howard, C. Thompson, J. Meade, J. Moore, K. Larrabee, K. Fuchs, C. Serediuk, A. Johnston

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Thanks to Our Volunteers for the Men's Invitational Sanding Party on July 29th, 2025

A special shoutout to the folks who showed up for the sanding party in preparation for the Men's Invitational. Namely:

Mary Bradford

Kelly Devlin

Lorna Lane

Kevin LeDuc

Carson Linville

Melissa Linville with her dog, Ozzie

Michael Linville

Steve Kaestner

Nate Merkinhhaus

Dan Perrino with his dog, Smooch

Connor Swift with Kalli Hyde and their dog, Moose

Mike Wienkers

Ladies Club Championship

by Melissa Linville

The 2025 Sudden Valley Ladies Club held their Club Championship tournament on August 17th. It was a typical day of weather in Sudden Valley - one minute bright sun and then the next it was pouring rain, but I really appreciate everyone that came out to play.

Our overall low gross winner and Club Champion was Paige Hagen, and the overall low net winner was Linda Card. Congratulations to both of you!

The Fall Wind-Up is scheduled for September 13th and will be 4-person ABCD scramble. I hope to see everyone there!



Ladies Club Champion, Paige Hagen

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Congratulations to our August 2025 Tournament Winners*

Bucks & Does – August 3rd, 2025*

	<u>Score</u>
<u>Gross</u>	
1 st Kelly Devlin & Dani Bailey.....	65
2 nd Sean Oliver & Catherine Allen	76
3 rd Norm & Annette Bonnicksen	79
<u>Net</u>	
1 st Steve & Hannah Kaestner	57
2 nd (tied)..... Jon Sharp & Mary Bradford	64
Jake Weinstein & Elaine Maki.....	64
Curt Gerner & Bonnie Frank	64
Dan Czarnecki & Maureen Christman	64

Men's Invitational – August 8th, 9th & 10th, 2025*

	<u>Score</u>
<u>Overall Low Gross</u>	Steve Kaestner & Mike Wienkers 102
<u>Overall Low Net</u>	Darryl Warner & Nick Rautenberg 128

First Division

<u>Gross</u>	
1 st Bryce & Brock Hertz.....	100
2 nd David Dunham & Adam Hagen.....	96
3 rd Garrett & Marc Walker	94
<u>Net</u>	
1 st (tied)..... Erez Nakagawa & John W. Warmenhoven	120
Collin Morrow & Dave White	116
3 rd Alex Hygessen & Greg Welsh.....	114

Second Division

<u>Gross</u>		<u>Score</u>
1 st Ken Cormack & Craig Brown.....		85
2 nd Jay Ingwaldson & John Arnold.....		74
3 rd (tied)..... Jeff Smith & Jacob Greenberg.....		73
Ryan Mills & Chris Chan		73
<u>Net</u>		
1 st Turner Lee & Sam Green.....		119
2 nd Jim Kaldestad & Gary Laakso		113
3 rd Tony Lousao & Greg Swanson		109

* See SVGC Website for complete results of tournaments.

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Men's Invitational – August 8th, 9th & 10th, 2025*

	<u>Score</u>
<u>Horserace</u>	
Win	Garrett Walker & Connor Frank
Place	Tyler Noble & Eli Nakagawa
Show	Collin Morrow & Dave White

	<u>Score</u>
<u>Friday Best Ball Competition</u>	
<u>Gross</u>	
1 st	Danny Horner & Tyler Noble66
2 nd	Steve Kaestner & Mike Wienkers68
3 rd (tied)	Bryce & Brock Hertz69
.....	Brian & Rees Krulak.....69

<u>Net</u>	
1 st	Craig & Brad James60
2 nd	Marty Jeide & Brent Taylor61
3 rd (tied)	Bob Lutz & Vic Lawson64
	Larry Jammes & Gary Lupo64
	Sean Oliver & Cameron Laird64

Member Social – 4-Club - August 12th, 2025*

	<u>Score</u>
<u>Gross</u>	
1 st	Laura & Todd Haggard34
<u>Net</u>	
1 st	Heather & Kelly Devlin31
2 nd	Abby Miller & Brad Taddonio32.5
3 rd	Melissa & Michael Linville34

Ladies Club Championship – August 17th, 2025*

	<u>Score</u>
<u>Overall Low Gross</u>	Paige Hagen80
<u>Overall Low Net</u>	Linda Card71
<u>Overall Gross Runner Up</u>	Laura Haggard82
<u>Overall Net Runner Up (tied)</u>	Jean Maixner72
	Bonnie Frank72

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Member Social – Mixed Chapman - August 23rd, 2025*

		<u>Score</u>
<u>Gross</u>		
1 st	Connor Swift & Kalli Hyde	38
<u>Net</u>		
1 st	Jason & Nikki Taylor	36
2 nd	Sam & Holly Green	37
3 rd	Steve & Linda Card	37.5

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Congratulations to **Steve Card** who scored a rare *double eagle/albatross* on No. 7. As he described it: "I hit a good drive to the left/middle of the fairway. Hole was located in the back/middle of the green. I had 191 yards, and had to carry the Sequoia on the left of the green to get to the pin. I hit a hard 5 iron up and over the tree, with about a 3 yard fade. It landed very softly, and released about 8 feet into the hole.

It was maybe the purest golf shot I've ever hit in my 54 years of playing this game!"



Congratulations to our August Hole-in-One Winners



Les Topp on No. 13

Les Topp had his first hole-in-one on No. 13 on August 18th.

Tony Louzao also scored an ace on No. 16 on August 21st. This was Tony's fifth hole-in-one; his 2nd in Sudden Valley having previously aced No. 8.

Sadly no photo to share.

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Mark Your Calendars

Upcoming Events in September/October 2025

Tuesday, September 2 nd	Couple's Social – Shotgun beginning at 4:30 pm
Wednesday, September 3 rd	Men's League – Tee times beginning at 4:00 pm
Saturday, September 13 th	Ladies Club Fall Wind Up – Shotgun beginning at 8:40 am
Saturday, September 20 th	Fall Wind Up – ABCD Teams – Shotgun beginning at 9:00 am
Saturday, September 27 th and Sunday, September 28 th	Whatcom Amateur – Tee times beginning at 7:54 am. Call Pro Shop for details.
Saturday, October 25 th	SV Golf Club Annual General Meeting - 4:00 pm in backroom of El Agave Restaurant <i>Look for meeting announcement and proxy to vote for Golf Board Members which will be distributed soon.</i>

Do You Know? Rules and Etiquette

by Darren Chapman

Posting Your Score



When You **Must** Post a Score

- All rounds played under the Rules of Golf should be posted (unless specifically excluded below).
- 9-hole or 18-hole rounds both count (the system combines 9-hole scores).
- Stroke play, match play, tournament, or casual rounds all count if played under the Rules of Golf.
- Rounds with fewer than 18 holes completed: You may still post if at least 7 holes are played for a 9-hole score, or 14 holes for an 18-hole score (with net par used for unplayed holes).
- Scores from any course with a valid Course Rating™ and Slope Rating® (anywhere in the world) are acceptable.



When **Not** to Post a Score

You should not post scores if:

- You played fewer than 7 holes (for a 9-hole score) or fewer than 14 holes (for an 18-hole score).
- You used non-conforming clubs, balls, or equipment.
- You did not play under the Rules of Golf.
- You played alone (a score must be played with at least one other person under WHS).
- The course was not rated by a governing golf association.
- You practiced or played a round where you intentionally didn't hole out.
- Conditions were abnormal and the round wasn't played the way the course is designed (e.g., winter rules with mats in fairways, temporary greens not rated, etc.).



Key Posting Rules

- Maximum Hole Score: Use Net Double Bogey as the maximum score allowed on any hole for handicap posting purposes.
- Post the same day you play (WHS updates daily).
- Match Play: Even if a hole is conceded, record your most likely score for posting.
- Incomplete Holes: If you start a hole but don't finish, you must post your most likely score (within the Rules of Handicapping)

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Course Update

By Kevin LeDuc

As we move into the Fall season, the golf staff would like to thank all the wonderful members for their support this season. We're excited to see some growth in the membership and especially with the Intermediate (18-28 years old) classification. Below is a YTD breakdown of the membership comparison to 2024.

Membership Type	2024 Members	2025 Members
Single	60	52
Couple	24	22
Family 3+	4	5
Intermediate	18	46
Senior	42	50
Young Family	13	15
Associate	60	80
Social	235	241
Total	456	511

The weather and course conditions have been exceptional this season and we are hoping this continues into the Fall for more great golf. Greens aerification is scheduled for October 6th & 7th. We hope to see everyone taking advantage of the conditions and don't forget to sign up for the Fall Wind Up – September 20th.

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

<i>President:</i>	Jean Maixner	<i>Men's Captain:</i>	Connor Swift
<i>VP:</i>	Guy Calb	<i>Greens Chair:</i>	John (Fuzzy) Fuchs
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Dave Strauss	<i>Social Chair:</i>	Open
<i>Club Captain:</i>	Kelly Devlin	<i>Handicap Chair:</i>	Rick Larrabee
<i>Secretary:</i>	Leslie McRoberts	<i>Membership/</i>	
<i>Ladies Captain:</i>	Melissa Reece	<i>Nominations Chair:</i>	Guy Calb

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