

Sudden Valley Golf Club Newsletter

Congratulations to the Winners * of the 2022—2023 Performance Physical Therapy Winter Series

Men's Division Kevin A. Miller
1538 Points

Ladies Division Catherine Allen
1447 Points

Series KP Winner Steve Kaestner

*See the SVGC website for the winners of each tournament in this series.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- April 7—SV Masters Par 3 Contest
- April 15—Golf Club Opening Day
- April 22—Ladies Club Opening Day
- April 22 –Men's Club Opening Day
- July 7 & 8 - Ladies Invitational
- August 11 & 12—Men's Invitational

Note: The complete golf tournament schedule is available on the SVGC website under Member Tournament Schedule.

Get Ready for Golf 2023

The 2023 golf season is here. This past winter Greg and the golf maintenance crew were busy improving the course drainage. They also added four new gold tee boxes. The Winter Golf Series was a success thanks to Brian, the pro shop, Performance Physical Therapy and the participants.

I sent out a survey and want to thank all who replied. I also want to apologize to you for an error I made. I understood there were some limitations to the free survey version I used. However, I failed to realize the survey results were limited to just 40 responses; we had 64. I was not able to access the last 24. Since I was limited to reviewing just 40 of the responses, I am reluctant to report the results. If you are interested in reviewing the limited results, please email me (jmmaixner@comcast.net). I encourage members to contact me with comments on ways we can improve the club and attract members.

Having said that, it was evident from the early survey responses and a review of the membership purchases over the last few years, the membership is aging, and more social memberships are being purchased compared to full membership. Over the next year, I hope the club will be able to attract more full memberships. In my opinion, the club will need to attract new and interested members to keep up the quality of events it provides. To that end, you may notice fliers and posters around the pro shop promoting the benefits of the Sudden Valley Golf Club. There are also posters focusing on the men's and women's clubs. Please encourage fellow golfers, who enjoy friendly golf and or fun competitions, to consider joining the SVGC.

This year we have 4 men's events, 5 women's events, 7 club events and 9 social events. Plus, there will be the continuation of Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings men's groups, Wednesday afternoon men's skins, Tuesday, and Thursday lady's groups (9 and 18 holes). These membership events are in addition to the perks the pro shop offers to golf club members. As you see, we have another fun summer planned.

I look forward to seeing you at the range and or on the course,

Jean Maixner,
Club President

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Course Update for Spring 2023

By Greg Wadden, Turfcare Superintendent

As we turn the conversation to course conditioning, I would like to update everyone on what has been happening over the last couple of months regarding course improvements and maintenance activities here at Sudden Valley Golf Club.

November:

- We started tackling the blackberries that have been overtaking various areas throughout the front nine holes along Austin creek.
- Started annual equipment maintenance.
- Started vegetation control and cleanup of 15 tee box complex.

December:

- Began aggressively aerating and topdressing all the fairways, high traffic areas throughout the course.
- Started construction of four forward Gold tee boxes.
- Annual maintenance conducted on all Irrigation satellite boxes throughout the course.
- Continued Fairway aerating and sand topdressing.

January:

- More work on blackberries mowing them down with a rented flail mower.
- Cleaned out drainage ditch along #1 fairway.
- Removed and installed new section of 10" drain line on #1 that was completely plugged with Willow tree roots.

February:

- Began tree work on the course. Limbing up trees behind #15 green to introduce more light and air flow through the winter and early spring.
- Limbing up trees along #3/5/9
- Again, more aerating and sand topdressing throughout the course.
- The sodding of new Gold tee boxes completed, with the expectation of opening up for play in late May.

March:

- Began draining #4 pond in anticipation of removing "cattail" growth this spring.
- All tee boxes were aerated, overseeded and a healthy dose of lime followed by sand topdressing.
- Wrapping up sprinkler head/drainage box clearing for the upcoming season.
- Began pressurizing irrigation system for upcoming season to ensure any leaks are repaired.

Which brings us to our upcoming season. I am very pleased to say that with all the hard work that the dedicated grounds crew completed, the start of this 2023 season should be off to a great start.

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Do You Know? Rules and Etiquette

Winter Rules

We are still playing winter rules which means you can lift, clean and place your ball no nearer to hole. You may move the ball up to one-club length in the fairway and closely mown areas and up to six inches in the rough. Remember to always mark the ball (with a tee) before lifting the ball. The Pro Shop will advise us when we revert to summer rules.

The Turfcare Crew is not planning to punch greens this spring, so please help out by repairing ball marks and keep the greens beautiful.

Also with the wetter conditions, it's easy to take divots so be sure to carry sand and seed mix to fill and replace divots. Large boxes of the mix are available on the 1st and 13th holes and smaller boxes are available on several of the tee boxes so please be sure to refill your bottles and continue filling divots. Grass is starting to grow so filling divots now leads to quick germination and recovery.

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

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