

# Sudden Valley Golf Club

## Junior Golf Camp

It was 40 years ago that the Sudden Valley Golf Course introduced the first Junior Golf Camp. This year's camp took place June 26 through June 29.

The camp is open to kids 7 through 15 years old and this year we had 70 future golfers participate. The weather cooperated and the kids had a ball and might have even learned a little about the game we all love.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped our Pro Shop Staff with this annual affair.



*Kid's Camp—2023*

## Ladies Invitational

*by Melissa Reece*

The 2023 Sudden Valley Ladies Invitational was a tremendous success with a field of 72 golfers. Thanks to our many sponsors, we awarded \$4,480 in event and field prizes. A huge thanks to all our volunteers, and of course the Pro Shop. We could not have done it without you!

The Friday putting contest and raffle during the awards luncheon on Saturday raised \$1,000 that was donated to a local women's shelter, DVSAS (Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services). I would personally like to thank the following individuals and organizations for donating to such a wonderful cause: The Weitzel Home Team, Silver Reef Casino Resort, Jess Perrino, Sound Beverage, Laura Haggard, Jodi Erickson, Skinny Dippers Pet Salon, Tino's Restaurant, Elaine Maki, Kerri Larrabee, and Mary Bradford.

The format was two-person teams, posting an eclectic score representing the best of both days. This was the second year a combination of silver and gold tees was played, which continues to receive positive feedback.

The complete tournament results can be found on the Sudden Valley Golf website. Congratulations to Abbi Pagnossin and Melissa Reece for overall low gross, and to Linda DenAdel and Kelli Sayler for overall low net. The Friday Horserace was a wonderful time, and congratulations to April Markeiwicz and Holly Hilton for winning first place.

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

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## Congratulations July Winners\*

### Member Social—Alternate Shot—July 1

**Net** Tie 1st S. & K. Kaestner (34)  
J. Treat & M. Larkin (34)  
Tie 3rd J. & K. Fuchs (36)  
B. Shannon & E. Maki (36)  
J. Maixner & S. Mitchell (36)

### Ladies Invitational—July 6-8

#### Low Gross of Field

A. Pagnossin & M. Reece (65)

#### Low Net of Field

L. DenAdel & K. Sayler (52)

#### 1st Flight—12.9—45.8 Index

**Gross** 1st M. Christman & K. Fuchs (69)  
2nd L. Haggard & S. Lester (70)

**Net** 1st J. Dibiasse & L. Stone (60)  
Tie 2nd T. Callahan & K. Kruhlak (61)  
A. Johnston & C. Serediuk (61)

#### 2nd Flight—45.9—59.1 Index

**Gross** 1st S. Pfeil & C. Mellander (80)  
2nd L. Perry & K. Prior (84)

**Net** 1st K. Reece & K. Szol (56)  
2nd J. Chevalier & B. Hawkins (59)

#### 3rd Flight—59.2+ Index

**Gross** 1st E. Maki & K. McNulty (84)  
2nd C. Kerkof & C. Rice (88)

**Net** 1st L. McRoberts & M. Kirwin (54)  
2nd E. Altman & ML Jones (56)

### Monday Couples

#### (Two-Person Alternate Shot) - July 10

**Net** Tie 1st B. Shannon & E. Maki (31)  
M. & J. Jeide (31)  
3rd T. & L. Haggard (32)

### Mid-Summer Best Ball —July 22

#### Men's 1st Flight

**Gross** 1st C. Linville & K. Graham (67)  
Tie 2nd M. Wienkers & D. Perrino (72)  
G. Paul & T. Paul (72)

**Net** 1st S. Kaestner & B. Fields (64)  
2nd M. Root & D. Czarnecki (66)

#### Men's 2nd Flight

**Gross** 1st B. Smith & M. Bennett (76)  
2nd K. Miller & D. Weymouth (77)

**Net** 1st T. Louzao & L. Jammes (63)  
2nd L. Burzycki & D. Hardwick (67)

#### Women's Flight

**Gross** 1st L. Haggard & K. Fuchs (75)

**Net** 1st E. Maki & S. Pfeil (65)  
2nd T. Callahan & K. McNulty (65)

### Monday Couples (Scramble) - July 24

**Net** 1st S. & K. Kaestner (30.5)  
2nd M. Linville & M. Reece (31.5)

\* See SVGC Website for complete results of tournaments.



Congratulations to *Steve Pake* who got his very first Hole-in-One on No. 4 using his pitching wedge.

## Events in August

- Aug. 6 Bucks & Does
- Aug. 7 Monday Couples—Chapman
- Aug. 11-13 Men's Invitational
- Aug. 19-20 Ladies Club Championship
- Aug. 21 Monday Couples – Shamble

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## Why Is Someone with a Hose Watering the Green in Front of Me?

Our Turfcare Superintendent, Greg Wadden asked us to share the following article written by Brian Whitlark, USGA Regional Director, West Region. It's informative and a good read.



Try to be patient if you encounter someone hand watering greens during your round. This brief disruption helps to keep the greens healthy and playing their best.

You managed to get away on a summer day to tee it up, you're in a good rhythm with your swing, when suddenly your round gets put on pause because a member of the maintenance team is watering the green in front of you with a hose. Frustration sets in. Not only are you delayed, now you'll be playing on a wet green. Why didn't they just run the sprinklers at night? How is this going to affect green speed and firmness? Is this going to happen again on the next hole? Read on to understand why and when courses hand water greens and how this practice will impact your round of golf.

### Why do courses hand water greens?

As it turns out, hand watering greens is far more precise than using sprinklers and is an essential part of every good golf course maintenance routine. Only with the use of precision irrigation techniques – like good old hand watering – can courses overcome the limitations of the automated irrigation system. Golf course sprinklers often throw water more than 60 feet horizontally and 20 feet in the air, which means the spray will be impacted by wind and some water ends up where it is not needed. Watering with a hose allows the maintenance team to put water only where needed, leaving the rest of the green alone.

Courses also recognize that drier conditions are better than wet – both for the health of the grass and for playability. Consequently, superintendents will provide supplemental water to dry areas with a hose during the day rather than risk overwatering the night before. The maintenance team often uses hand-held soil moisture meters to make sure they only apply water where soil moisture is too low, ultimately delivering firm and consistent turfgrass conditions.

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## Why Is Someone with a Hose Watering the Green in Front of Me?

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### When do courses typically hand water greens?

Courses usually hand water greens in the morning and/or afternoon to deliver water only where it is needed. When water is applied in the morning, the goal is to give the green enough moisture to make it through the day – focusing mostly on the dry areas. Soil moisture meters are used to determine what areas need water and how much to apply. Staff also monitor soil moisture throughout the day and may need to add water to chronically dry areas such as mounds and south-facing slopes – especially during hot, windy conditions that rapidly dry out the turf.

### How will hand watering affect my round of golf?

Before I discuss the short-term impact of hand watering on your golf round, I want to emphasize that the staff member in front of you is working hard to protect the health of the grass and to do it in a way that minimizes any disruption to play. Please try to be patient! Hand watering where soil moisture is too low will help keep the grass from wilting and eventually dying, which over the course of the summer will absolutely improve your golf experience!

In the short term, if you play on a green that has been hand watered within about the last 20 minutes it will be marginally slower, but this effect is only temporary. How much slower? The difference after hand watering is often only 4-8 inches of ball roll as measured by the USGA Stimpmeter. This change is within the range where even the most accomplished golfers are unlikely to detect any difference. The greens also may be slightly more receptive, but it is unlikely that you'll notice much difference in how the ball reacts. If anything, it will help stop the ball on the green, which isn't the worst thing!

In conclusion, the next time you see a staff member hand watering a green, be patient with them and know that they are only trying to protect the health of the turf and provide you the best playing conditions

## Rules & Etiquette

### You can accidentally hit your ball on the green with no penalty (Rule 9.4)

The green is yet another place where the rules have gotten friendlier. Say you accidentally cause your ball to move on the putting green, even with a practice swing (a la Matthew Wolff at the 2021 WGC-Concession). You can replace the ball with no penalty. Same if you cause your ball marker to move.

There's also no penalty if your ball moves because of natural forces (such as wind or water). However, where you play your ball from after it moves varies. If you had already marked your ball on the green, replaced it and now a gust of wind comes up, you should return the ball to where it was when you marked it. If your ball moves before you've marked it, you don't replace the ball at all, just play from the new spot—even if that spot is now off the green. This was an issue during the windy 2022 Players Championship, where Rory McIlroy correctly replaced his ball that moved after being marked, but Keegan Bradley incorrectly replaced his because he hadn't lifted his ball after marking it. The result was a two-shot penalty.