

Sudden Valley Golf Club News

Congratulations September Winners

Ladies Fall Wind-up—Sept. 17

1st Place* Toni Clough, Elaine Maki,
Bonnie Frank, Jody Erickson

*There was a four-way tie with a score of 69. Winners won a scorecard playoff. Visit the SVGC website for rest of winners.

Club Fall Wind-up—Sept. 24

1st Place Kelly Devlin, Kristin Fuchs,
Orest Kruhlak, Karen Miller
Score 115, won \$400

2nd Place Bob Fields, Tricia Callahan,
Tony Lousao, Bonnie Frank
Score 117, won \$320

Social Events

Monday Social 9/10

Gross Todd & Laura Haggard
Score 36, won \$40

1st Net Jon & Jeanne Joslin
Score 34, won \$40

2nd Net Kelly & Heather Devlin
Score 345 won \$20

Hole in One

Stu Mitchell
Hole #4 on 9/11



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

October 8th, 2:00 pm Golf Club Annual Meeting

Your Golf Club Board is holding its Annual General Meeting on October 8th at 2:00 pm in the Backroom at El Agave. *Just to clarify, this meeting is for Golf Club Members—you do not need to be a resident of Sudden Valley in order to participate.*

During this meeting we'll be electing Board Members as well as approving the revised Club By-laws. The full Agenda was distributed in early September by the Pro Shop.

In order to conduct business at this meeting, we need to have a quorum of a minimum of 44 members present or represented by proxy. So we need your help.

If you can't attend the meeting, please be sure to send your completed proxy to our Club Secretary, Lorna Lane at llane.suddenvalley@gmail.com or drop it off at the Pro Shop. Thanks.

October Events

October 1st	Winter Series Two Person Scramble
October 8th	SVGC Annual Meeting
October 22nd	Winter Series Big Cup Shamble

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: Bob Shannon/Kelly Devlin
Secretary: Lorna Lane
Ladies Captain: Shari Pfeil

Men's Captain: Dan Perrino
Greens Chair: Bob Shannon
Social Chair: Beth Johnson
Handicap Chair: Rick Larrabee
Membership/
Nominations Chair: Guy Calb

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Ladies' Club Report

By Shari Pfeil

The Ladies Club had a fantastic season in 2022. It was wonderful to be able to have our Canadian friends join us again. We had all six of our ladies club tournaments this year and you can see the results at the end of this article.

We made a concerted effort to get as many people involved in our tournaments as possible, especially beginning golfers and the 9 hole group. We had minimal success so we're trying a different strategy

next year in hopes of attracting more players. We hope to focus on playing golf and socializing with each other and cutting back on the formality of our club. Hopefully that will entice more people to play with us.

Melissa Reece has volunteered to be our Ladies Club Captain next year and Jody Erickson will be her Co-Captain. We are all very thankful that these two capable women have stepped up to help our club continue. Bonnie Frank will continue her role as Treasurer. We benefit from her fountain of knowledge about our club. She sure helped me during my years as captain. I couldn't have done it without her!

I'd like to mention two ladies who have volunteered for the ladies club for many, many years and are finally stepping back and allowing others to help run our club. Mary Jo Case has had many roles, but in recent years she's been our secretary. Like Bonnie, she is a great source of knowledge about everything that has to do with our club. I'm hopeful that she'll still volunteer in some capacity. Kerri Larrabee is another member who has volunteered for years. She makes everything seem so effortless, but I know she puts a lot of time and effort into everything she does for our club. She's still going to be continuing with some of her roles, but is stepping back from others. Thank you Mary Jo and Kerri for your years of service to our club!!

Our Tuesday and Thursday 18 Hole Group continues to be very popular. Thankfully Jo Jean Kos, Lorna Lane, and Coleen Thompson have taken over the leadership of this group after Jean Georg "retired". It takes quite a bit of dedication to run this group.

Our Tuesday 9 Hole Group also continues to be popular with the ladies in our club. Judy Meade ran it this year and did a fantastic job. She's also a great liaison between the 9 hole group and the rest of the ladies club. I know she'll continue to help her group feel comfortable playing with more members.

We'd like to thank the Pro Shop and Maintenance staff for their hard work and dedication to making the Sudden Valley Golf Course the best place to play in Washington!!

Tournament Winners:

Opening Day: Laura Haggard, Jo Jean Kos, Peggy Yake, and Amy Guess

Koeniger Cup: Jean Maixner after 3 way playoff

4-Person Better Ball: Lorna Lane, Mary Jo Case, Jo Jean Kos

Invitational: Gross — Kristin Fuchs and Maureen Christman
Net — Laura Haggard and Kathi Kruhlak

Ladies Club Championship: Catherine Allen

Fall Windup: Toni Clough, Elaine Maki, Bonnie Frank, and Jody Erickson



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Our new Club Captain—Kelly Devlin

The SVGC Board is pleased to introduce Kelly Devlin as our new Club Captain replacing Bob Shannon who has served the Club the past few years as both Club Captain and Greens Chair. Thanks Bob for all your hard work and welcome Kelly.

Kelly and his wife, Heather, have lived in Whatcom County for a little over 30 years. They moved to Sudden Valley in 2016 and quickly wondered why they didn't make the move earlier. Kelly has been golfing since he was about 10 years old and Heather is slowly gaining interest in the sport we all love! When not golfing, they enjoy their female black lab, Charlie.

Kelly and Heather enjoyed a fair amount of travel prior to COVID and are really looking forward to more in the years to come. Kelly is happy to be getting a bit more involved in our Club as our Club Captain.



Kelly Devlin, SVGC Club Captain



Beth Johnson, SVGC Social Chair

Our New Social Chair—Beth Johnson

The SVGC Board welcomes Beth Johnson who so graciously agreed to help the Club in the role of Social Chair.

Beth Johnston is a lifetime Washington State resident. She worked at Puget Sound Energy for 40 years and retired in 2017. She had a weekend place in SV for about ten years prior to retirement and has been living in Sudden Valley in the summer and Arizona in the winter since that time.

Beth has been golfing for about 30 years and loves the walking and socializing that golf brings her and she is looking forward to serving the Sudden Valley Golf Community.

Holes in One

Did you know...

If you have purchased a SVGC Full Membership and you get a hole-in-one while playing on the SV Golf Course, the Club will reimburse you up to \$100.00 for drinks (no food) at the El Agave restaurant. However, you must have at least one witness and the drinks must be purchased the same day of the ace.

After a hole-in-one, go to El Agave and celebrate. Keep your receipt and present it to a senior member in the Pro Shop. The Golf Club will reimburse you up to \$100.00.

Get a hole-in-one and celebrate.

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Course Update

Bridge Update

The bridge deck was installed the last week of September. Due to the height of the bridge, significant work needs to be done to build up the ramps leading up to the bridge deck. Once that is complete, the deck will be filled with gravel and then a layer of asphalt will be placed on top of the gravel. These last phases are expected to be completed by mid-October at which point the bridge will be ready for use.



*Bridge Ramp Viewed from the Path
near the Adult Center*



*L-R - Bonnie Frank, Kerri Larrabee, Kristen Frank and Elaine
Maki standing in front of the
new bridge, near Hole 8*

Aerification Update

Due to an unavailability of trucking, the sand required for greens aerification will not arrive onsite until later in the first week of October. This has forced us to delay greens aerification until October 10th. We expect the course to be fully closed on October 10th and hope to have 9 holes open on October 11th. This schedule as always is weather dependent and is subject to change. Updates will be sent out via email by the golf shop staff.

Rules and Etiquette

Pace of Play

Nobody likes to stand around waiting for the group in front to clear the fairway or green. If you find that you are lagging behind the group in front, please make every effort to pickup the pace. There are several ways you can do this. For example:

- Do your housekeeping on your own time; start the round with tees, markers, balls and a ball-mark repair tool in your pocket. Replace headcovers while you walk. Write down scores on the next tee. Don't make others wait.
- Play ready golf. Forget playing with "Honors". Whoever is ready to hit should play their shot.
- Keep your pre-shot routine short. Limit your routine to one practice swing or no practice swing.
- Once you are off the tee, think ahead. Determine your yardage and make your club selection before it is your turn to play.
- Be ready to play when it's your turn; take multiple clubs around the greens or when away from your cart.
- Read your putt prior to your turn; do not wait to finish tap-ins.
- If you're walking and are at the green, be sure to put your clubs where you will be exiting the green towards the next tee.
- If you are still behind, those who have finished the hole should go ahead and tee off while the rest of the group finishes putting.