

## GREEN VALLEY GOLF ASSOCIATION JULY 2025 NEWSLETTER

### GVGA 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY TOURNAMENT RESULTS:

The Green Valley Golf Association (GVGA) hopes that you enjoyed your July 4th at GVCC this year. We had 64 players and 16 foursomes for our Stableford format. Here are the tournament results in case you missed them (prize money is awarded as Pro Shop credits):

1st Place (\$40 each): [82 pts, tiebreaker, matching cards] M. Reardon, F. Paranzino, J. Dunn, C. Trenholme  
2nd Place (\$35 each): [82 pts, tiebreaker, matching cards] A. Chapman, B. Gregory, JR Reid, C. Wygant  
3rd Place (\$30 each): [80 pts] J. Chapman, J. Tomlinson, T. Wark, R. DaPonte  
4th Place (\$25 each): [76 pts] M. Correia, C. Pratt, D. Green, S. Pettit  
5th Place (\$20 each): [73 pts] M. Levasseur, T. Birmingham, P. Pettit, C. Page

Closet to the Pin:

#5 (\$25) - 24' 2" , Cindy Grzechowiak

#5 (\$25) - 6' 9" , Larry Yahia

#12 (\$25) - 6' 5" , Cindy Silvia

#12 (\$25) - Hole-in-One , Rome Velasco (Congratulations Rome!!)

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The GVGA **Mixed Member-Member**, 2 Day Tournament, will be held on **Saturday/Sunday August 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>**.

Each team will consist of 1 female member and 1 male member.

Sign-up sheet is on the Ladies Bulletin Board with a sign-up and payment **DEADLINE of August 12<sup>th</sup>**.

Cost is \$35 per person, payable in cash, check or Venmo.

**Check payable to:** Green Valley Golf Association and **Venmo to:** @Cynthia-Grzechowiak

**Saturday's Format** will be the **SHAMBLE - 1 Net Ball** with individual handicaps at 75%.

**Sunday's Format** will be **Modified Best Ball**, 1 or 2, based on the hole, with individual handicaps at 100% (max 36).

1 Net – Holes 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17

2 Net – Holes 3, 7, 8, 12, 15, 18

Want to play but don't have a partner? We can help, just contact

Ellen Ford ([ebiford@cox.net](mailto:ebiford@cox.net)) or Cindy Grzechowiak ([cindy.grzechowiak@gmail.com](mailto:cindy.grzechowiak@gmail.com))

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AND, A WEEK AFTER THAT:

**GVGA LABOR DAY SCHOLARSHIP TOURNAMENT:** The format will be Pick your Partner for a one Best Ball Tournament. More information to follow in the next newsletter. This is also our Scholarship/Charity Tournament – here is information from our Chair of the Scholarship Committee. This includes information on donating to the fund, either through a tee sign or a donation of your choosing:

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### 2025 Scholarship Fund and Charity Golf Tournament GREEN VALLEY GOLF ASSOCIATION

Friends of GVGA Scholarship Fund,

2025 SCHOLARSHIP - I want to thank you for the donations last year to the GVGA Scholarship Fund and Charity Golf Tournament to raise money to support the Association's charitable endeavors. This past June at the Portsmouth High School Awards Night the GVGA was able to award 3 Portsmouth High School Seniors \$1000 each. We are proud and wish the best of luck to Kyle Bielawa, Tyler Both and James Hecht our 3 seniors. And to top it off their 2025 Golf team coached by Gary Sykes and asst. coach Tyler Angers won the 2025 RI Coaches Association Division 2 Championships at the end of the season.

CHARITY -In 2024, the Green Valley Board of Governors chose two local individuals who were in need of financial support for medical attention. They received a charitable donation in the amount of \$500 each. This year in addition to the scholarship awards, another charitable donation of \$1000 will be given to the Four Hearts Foundation to benefit the injured from the tragedy in June at a graduation party. The GVGA Board of Governors is looking to provide charity to the families.

We are asking interested business communities and Green Valley CC Members to "sponsor" a tee or hole during our Tournament. The tournament will be on Labor Day Weekend (9/1/2025). **The cost to become a sponsor is \$100** (or more would be greatly appreciated) and includes recognition at one of the tees or holes during the Tournament and a notice on the Association's Bulletin Board.

Please complete and return the attached on or before August 11, 2025, to become a sponsor. Please make **checks payable to GVGA**. Thank you for your consideration.

Very Respectfully,

Douglas Clark, Liz Duguay, Tim Wygant

Scholarship Committee & GVCC Board of Governors

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Yes, I would like to be a sponsor. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Comments on sign? : \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one **payable to GVGA**

Check for tee sign (\$100) (    )      Other donations to GVGA (    )

Please return by August 11, 2025 to:

GVGA Scholarship & Charity Fund Tournament

371 Union Street

Portsmouth, RI 02871

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### UPCOMING MEN'S EVENTS:

#### **MEN'S CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP:** THE FOUR ROUNDS OF MATCH 2025 Men's Club Championships:

Four (4) flights with stroke play qualifying followed by seeded bracket match play (up to 16 players per bracket).

Flights:

- Championship Flight: Open to ALL handicaps, played from BLUE tees
- Flight 1: Course handicaps 8-14, played from WHITE tees, match play with no handicaps
- Flight 2: Course handicaps 15-20, played from WHITE tees, match play with no handicaps
- Flight 3: Open to ALL handicaps, play from your normal tee color, full handicap flight,

Qualifiers: July 26th, all flights (rain date July 27th)

Match Play: August 2nd, 3rd, 9th, and 10th. Number of days will be determined by bracket size.

**Deadline: July 17th (sign-up in the Pro Shop)**

See posted flyers in the Club House for more information.

**GOVERNOR'S CUP** (Low Net): JULY 19/20

**MEN'S SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP** (Low Gross Three Divisions): AUGUST 16<sup>TH</sup>/17<sup>TH</sup>

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### UPCOMING LADIES' EVENTS:

**PRESIDENT'S CUP** (already played): the winner of the Low Gross Ladies' President's Cup is Cindy Silvia. She will be presented with a trophy at our Columbus Day Tournament Awards Banquet (Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>)

**LADIES MEMBER GUEST:** is ready to go on July 24<sup>th</sup>.

**LADIES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP:** August 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> / Rain date August 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>. Sign up is on the Ladies' Bulletin Board and will remain up until Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. The Tournament will be Two Day Aggregate Stroke Play with the Low Gross winner declared Club Champion for 2025 and the Low Net winner also recognized.

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Thanks, Liz, for getting clarification about this question!!

**RULES CORNER.** The last few times my ball has landed very close to the large boulder that sits in the ground on Hole #17, to the right of the 150 marker in the fairway, I have wondered what the ruling would be if the ball landed on the rock. I have heard both that it's a free lift and the other being that you play it as it lies and to proceed under Rule 19 as unplayable. So, I decided to inquire what the correct ruling by asking the USGA Rules Team. Their answer is as follows: Since the boulder is a Natural immovable object (vs an artificial or man-made immovable object) you either have the option to play the ball as it lies or declare it as unplayable. If you choose to declare it unplayable, you will incur a one stroke penalty and must proceed according to Rule 19 (unplayable ball). Since your course has not declared the boulder an immovable obstruction, you are not entitled to free relief under Rule 16.1. So folks, if your ball does land on a rock, you cannot take free relief. I believe this is

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similar to having your ball land on tree roots, another Natural immovable object. Also please note that in order to declare the boulder as an immovable obstruction you must adopt a Local Rule to that effect. Any Questions, please contact the GVGA Handicap/Rules Committee, Bob Victor or Liz Duguay. Thank You!

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**GVGA Upcoming Election:** We will have three openings for the Green Valley Golf Association Board in September. There have been two women on the Board for some time – Liz Duguay and myself, Denise McCarthy (Jackie Booth served with me in the past). I have decided not to put my name up for reelection and hope there is at least one woman who will join the Board and help Liz run women's events plus help with other Board activities.

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### **COURSE CLOSED FOR OUTSIDE TOURNAMENTS (MOST OF THE DAY):**

JULY 18<sup>TH</sup>: SPECIAL OLYMPICS

JULY 24<sup>TH</sup>: LADIES MEMBER GUEST

JULY 25<sup>TH</sup>: PORTSMOUTH YOUTH FOOTBALL

AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>: COSTELLO (UNTIL 1:30)

AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>: ROGERS

AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup>: PORTSMOUTH LITTLE LEAGUE

AUGUST 29<sup>TH</sup>: TOURNAMENT

SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>: TIVERTON

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Respectfully submitted,

Denise McCarthy – Editor

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