

## VALLEY VIEW GOLF CLUB MEMBERS GUIDE

Welcome to Valley View Golf Club. As a member at Valley View Golf Club, we want you to be aware of some of our club activities, available services, and member expectations. We hope this guide will help answer any questions you may have about your new golf home.

Our Club House will be your first stop, and the person you will deal with most often is Bobby Parsons. Bobby runs the club house, snack bar and pro shop, as well as arranging lessons by appointment. At the Club House you may enjoy the small café, pay membership fees, green fees, rent a gas golf cart or hand cart, or use the handicapping program on the computer if you are registered. Valley View Pro Shop carries a selection of most items you will need to head to the course. Lockers are available in the basement of the club house for day use along with showers before or after your round if needed.

We also have a practice putting green and a small unattended practice range. You will notice a nursery green on the left of the practice area. This nursery green is off limits to all play and foot traffic.

### Club Activities:

Activities at the club include:

Ladies league on Tuesday Morning

Senior Men's league on Wednesday Morning

Men's league night on Thursday Evening

Couples night on Friday Evening

Summer instructional programs for youth and young adults

Club Championships

The club is the site of numerous tournaments during the year.

We host the local High School golf teams during the public school season. (This is late summer and fall)

Oakland Hall and lawn, the house located beside the clubhouse, is available to rent for weddings, receptions, and other activities.

Members are allowed to fish the course ponds on a strict Catch and Release basis during hours when golfing activities are low.

### Member Expectations:

**Code of Conduct:** Each Member at the Club should have a reasonable expectation of what the conduct of fellow golfers and course conditions will be. As a golfing organization, our expectations for our members and guests are in line with the golfing community standards for attire and individual on course conduct.

**Shoes:** All golfers shall wear proper footwear when on the **course** or on the **practice** areas; soft spike golf shoes, spike less golf shoes or sneaker style shoes only. Hard sole shoes, work boots, and ladies high heel shoes are prohibited in play and practice areas.

**Attire:** In general all attire should be clean and in good repair. There shall be no words or images that are profane or of a pornographic nature displayed on articles of clothing, or conveyed in any manner on the course property.

Gentlemen should wear a long or short **SLEEVE** shirt, with the gentlemen's choice of collared or banded shirt. Muscle shirts for the gentlemen are prohibited. Pants may be long pants or shorts. Jeans are permissible but no cut offs.

Ladies shirts may be sleeved or sleeveless and collars are optional. Halter tops, tube tops, or any shirt that reveals the midriff shall not be permitted. Long slacks, shorts, skirts, or skorts are all appropriate.

**Carts:** Rental gas carts are available at the course on a first come, first serve basis for both Members and daily green fee players. Only persons with a valid driver's license may rent and operate a rental gas cart at the club. There are also a limited number of rental hand carts available.

Members may wish to have their own cart at the Club. For an annual fee an assigned cart storage space may be obtained in our member cart shed. Persons who own and store a cart at the Club are fully responsible for the cart and the operation of that cart including any injury or damage caused or created by the owner/member's cart.

Personal carts **MAY NOT** be lent to anyone who is not listed under the membership agreement. This in no way prohibits allowing a guest player to accompany you in your cart. Full club membership players may ride in your cart without an additional fee. Dual course membership players will pay a trail fee equal to a cart rental fee.

Seasonal and daily weather/ground conditions dictate whether carts may be driven on the fairways or must remain on the designated cart paths. A sign located beside the practice green as you approach the first tee will indicate whether the 90 degree rule is in effect or if it is **CART PATH ONLY** that day. The 90 degree rule simply means you drive on the cart path until you are parallel with your ball and turn off the cart path at a full 90 degree turn, driving straight to your ball. After the ball is played you should return to the cart path as closely to the point that you left the cart path as reasonably possible. **ALL Par 3 holes are cart path only AT ALL TIMES.**

**THE COURSE:** Valley View is an 18 hole, Par 71 for the Men, and Par 72 for the Ladies. We have 4 available tee box options marked with color coded markers. The tee marker locations are - red for ladies, gold for seniors, white for men, and blue for long ball hitters. As you become familiar with the course you will notice that several of the Blue Tee boxes are located well back of the others for that particular hole and likewise, several of the Red/Gold Tee boxes are well forward. We have three colors for the greens flags to mark the pin locations. A front pin is indicated by a red flag, middle pin by a white flag, and a back pin by a blue flag.

White stakes mark areas as out of bounds. Hole one has out of bounds markers for shots from the tee to the right of the fairway making a tee to green shot out of bounds. This adds a layer of player safety by preventing a blind shot into players on the putting surface. Lateral hazards are marked with red stakes. All fences are out of bounds. A ball striking an overhead line or power pole should be replayed without penalty.

**ON THE COURSE:** We hope that you will feel like you are at home while at the club and participate in the care of our grounds as you play your round. Please repair your ball mark on each green, rake any bunker you walk into or play a shot from and utilize the sand/seed bottles on the rental carts to repair fairway or tee box divots. We encourage private cart owners to carry sand and seed in their personal cart to help with the care of the course. Sand and seed are located in black plastic boxes on several tee boxes to refill your empty bottle.

For your comfort while on the course, restrooms and a water fountain are available at the Maintenance shop located to the right of the number 5 tee box.

**Slow Play:** To avoid slow play no group larger than 4 is allowed to tee off together on the weekends. During spring and summer Marshals will be on the course on the weekends assuring the pace of play is reasonable. As a member or guest, each golfer must adhere to any directions given by a course Marshal. Please remember to allow smaller groups or groups playing faster to play thru. Always allow a one shot cushion between playing groups.

For more on Golf etiquette go to [WWW.PGA.com](http://WWW.PGA.com) website. Select the Instructional tab and then select Golf Basics. Once on the Golf Basics page select Golf Etiquette.

**Safety:** Safety at Valley View is a top priority. You must yield the Right of Way to the course grounds crew at all times. Watch for them to move to a safe location before playing a shot. It is not recommended to play a shot over a building. A ball hit in the parking area is out of bounds. Never play a shot overhead of a group, our grounds crew, or their equipment. Within your own group, do not advance beyond your fellow competitors until they have played their shots. For the safety of everyone do not throw your golf clubs.

Make yourself aware of a safe location to immediately go to should there be a lightning event. The primary location is the club house. Every attempt will be made to give you advanced warning of lightning in the area by sounding an air horn. We want to encourage you, however, to not wait on our warnings. There will be occasions, that you as the golfer will have knowledge of a pending storm prior to the club house. Not only should you not wait for us to sound the lightning warnings, you should leave the course for your own safety and come let us know that lightning is near the course.

**Fishing:** Fishing is permitted in the ponds on the course by members and their guest. Members must remain in close proximity to their guest at all times. Safety is the primary concern during fishing activities. Children should never be left unattended while fishing. There should be no casting toward the pond fountains due to underwater electrical wires. Fishing will be permitted between 7AM and 5PM with approval from the clubhouse manager. Fishing during times of high golfing traffic, including but not limited to tournaments and other course events, will rarely/not be allowed. Fisherman should remain alert for approaching golfers and reposition themselves appropriately to avoid injury or interference with play. CATCH & RELEASE ONLY. There will be no exceptions.

**Prohibited items and conduct:**

Firearms, Bows or Crossbows

Fireworks or any other type of explosive

Devices capable of broadcasting sound (boom boxes, etc.)

Any item or conduct deemed illegal by local, state or federal law

Any Alcoholic beverage brought onto the property by a private individual for personal consumption. This in no way prohibits licensed vendor deliveries. (see Alcoholic Beverage Policy in the next section)

**Alcoholic Beverage Policy:** Any Alcoholic Beverage consumed at the course must be purchased at the club house or provided by an authorized person thru the course for league play, tournament play, etc. Small coolers may be borrowed from the club house to take refreshments on the course to enjoy during your round.

**Disclaimer of Liability:** Any action or result of an action of any individual, either member or guest at Valley View Golf Course, that results in property damage or personal injury to themselves or property damage or personal injury to another shall be the sole responsibility of that individual. This is not limited to but includes damage and/or injury that may result from a golf ball coming in contact with an individual or property, be it on the grounds of Valley View Golf Club or on any adjacent property or highway.