

# The Hidden Valley Weekly



Thursday, May 19, 2011

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE HOURS: 9 - 12 & 1 - 4, Monday-Friday, Closed Holidays

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## Flood Risk and Mitigation 2011

Hidden Valley is faced with a higher degree of flood risk this year as a result of snow pack accumulations which are higher than prior year averages. According to The Alberta Environment Web site (<http://www.environment.alberta.ca/forecasting/data/snow/may2011/bowscrank.pdf>) the Bow River Mountain Snow Course has accumulations which are 25% above average over the 14 reporting stations. Other Mountain Snow Courses which drain into the Bow River Basin average 91% to 131% of historic averages. Flood risk escalates significantly with higher temperatures combined with precipitation. Other factors include dam level management and the rate of ground water absorption. In advance of the 2005 flood there was at least 10 days of above average rainfall.

To manage our 2011 risk, the Berm Project at the East and West ends of the river bank adjacent to the Resort was undertaken which was detailed in earlier communications. In addition, a survey has been taken of the elevations associated with the entire Berm, the 2005 flood elevation estimates and river elevations for benchmark purposes. A Hydrological Engineer has been engaged to review the survey results and inspect the banks and the water flows to identify if and where additional protection is required together with a corresponding risk ranking with the objective of affording us protection for 2005 flood levels. Based on these findings, Dick Burgis and Bill Langen will assess the need for additional concrete blocks and or sandbagging together with a recommendation to the HVGRA Board. We expect some level of additional protection may be required at least in several high risk areas.

Based on historic flow averages

(<http://www.environment.alberta.ca/apps/basins/DisplayData.aspx?Type=Figure&BasinID=8&DataType=1&StationID=RBOWCARS>)

the high water period runs during mid June, so we anticipate that, although time is limited, we will have sufficient time to install further protection. In the meantime we intend to build a reserve of sandbags. In this regard we will need **all** volunteer resources on Saturday May 21, 2011. In the event that we do not get the volunteer base to prepare sufficient sandbags on Saturday to get the job done, we will consider other options including closing the Golf Course. Given the spirit in our community we are confident this will not be required.

No one who experienced the 2005 flood will forget the power of the river and the overwhelming damage consequence to property and soul.

There is no guarantee that we can prevent a 2011 flood. Each cabin owner must consider their own contingency plan to protect property but more importantly to be in a position to evacuate immediately if the call is made.

## PROVINCIAL FIRE BAN:

"Due to windy conditions and high wildfire risks, fire bans are now in place across the province on all land in Alberta. The fire ban is effective immediately, and until further notice.

The fire bans prohibit the use of all wood, briquette and propane/natural gas fires, including those contained in designated fire facilities and portable fire pits. Gas and propane stoves, when approved for cooking, are allowed.

People can be charged under the Forest and Prairie Protection Act and could face a fine of up to \$5,000. In addition, the responsible party can be held responsible for the costs associated with fighting the fire, with no maximum limit."

## **Operations & Golf:**

**Sandbagging Bee:** Due to the poor turnout of cabin owners last Saturday there will be another sandbagging bee this Saturday, May 21, 2011, 9 AM – 1 PM. Many thanks to the 20 dedicated cabin owners that did show up. We will be sandbagging and stockpiling at the Resort's West end Access Road between lots 324 and 325, in the Blue Bin area and at the Resort's East end Access Road between lots 22 and 23. We **all** benefit from this flood prevention so we should **all** participate with the sandbagging. Many hands make light work.

**Divot Mix Dispensers:** Over 100 dispensers were attached to carts last weekend. Thank you to Mike Burke, Al Dundas and their team for a great effort. This project will continue over the next few weeks at the Half Way House.

**Greens:** The greens are progressing slowly with somewhat better weather but not yet ideal. We are looking at several options, even perhaps re-sodding the worst. In the meantime we have tarped number 3 and 4 greens to assist in recovery, as the overnight temperatures of 4-5 degrees are not conducive to growth. We have therefore set up temporary greens on 3 and 4 until further notice. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

### **Ladies Golf** by Darlene Whitall

Thanks to all 59 ladies who enjoyed a day of golf, fun and laughter at the White Elephant. A special thank you goes out to the Restaurant staff for providing us with a delicious chicken dinner and the Pro Shop for taking care of our special gifts. The painting has returned with the addition of a driving range and Barb Fischer will surprise us with her artistic addition for next year.

If you missed out on this fun tournament you will want to sign up for our next tournament the 3 Lady Scramble on June 11, 2011. One person on the team must be a member of Hidden Valley. If at least two team members have their 2011 RCG/Alberta Card, the team will be flighted based on their handicap. Therefore it is very important to purchase your RCG/Alberta Card to ensure that you will golf with other ladies of your caliber.

Jay will be hosting Match Play again this year; sign-up sheets are in the Pro Shop. Match Play is played on a hole-by-hole basis, not your accumulative score (Stroke Play). Handicaps are required so this is another reason why you need your RCG/Alberta Card.

The Par Tree and Birdie House are both up and waiting for your name... remember you **MUST HAVE** your RCG/Alberta Card to participate. There is a \$25.00 gift certificate drawn monthly for each.

We are also looking to see if there is enough interest to host a Ladies Golf bus trip on Saturday July 23, 2011 during the Men's Club Championship. If you are interested please sign up in the Pro Shop.

**ERP Street Captain Meeting:** There will be a Street Captain meeting Monday, May 23, 2011, at 10 AM in the Lounge. The last list that we have of Street Captains was from 2007 and needs to be updated. The Street Captains are responsible for relaying emergency information to their assigned cabins and assist in the event of an evacuation or other emergency. If you are interested in becoming a Street Captain and for those of you that were Captains, please attend this meeting.

### **Social News** by Janet Antonishyn

**Volleyball Tournament** – Looking at the weather forecast for this weekend we are hoping Mother Nature will cooperate this Saturday May 21, 2011 and bring us sunshine for our Volleyball Tournament from 1 PM to 5 PM. Since there are not a lot of teams pre-registered, I will make up the tournament schedule as the teams arrive. Format is a quick game to 21 and then the next game will play. This is all for **FUN** and of course a trophy. Who is going to come out and play against my family's team??

**Movie Night:** We had a nice turnout for "Yogi Bear" last Friday for our first Movie Night. Next time if the wind is howling like it was, we will have the tarps down and the heat turned on so it will be nice and cozy in the Tee Garden. Next Movie Night is June 4, 2011, 8 PM. Feature movie TBA the week of June 1, 2011.

**Ladies Bunko Game** – May 27, 2011 in the Lounge 7 PM. Sign Up sheet can be found on bulletin board across from the Restaurant

**Baseball:** The first game of the season May 28, 2011 behind the 7<sup>th</sup> hole Tee Box.

**Tipi Grill:**

Father's Day Breakfast Buffet, June 19, 2011, 9 AM – 1:00 PM. Reservations not required as it will be on a first come first serve basis.

The Tipi Grill at Hidden Valley Golf Resort is accepting resumes for Full and Part Time serving and kitchen positions for the upcoming season. All Servers must be 18 years or older and must have or be willing to get their ProServe certification. (ALGC regulation).

Email resume or questions to - [souprsan@telusplanet.net](mailto:souprsan@telusplanet.net) - Attention: Shelley.

**Updates and Advisories:**

- 1) Please ensure that all Black Knot on your property is pruned. Our Maintenance Staff will be working on the common areas.
- 2) Be aware the Boil Water Advisory is always in effect.
- 3) Leaves and large branches will be picked up at the end of your driveways until the end of May. Please ensure that all ends are facing in the same direction which will make for easier pickup.
- 4) You are responsible for the flight of your golf ball and as a result, legally responsible for any damage it causes around the course with adjacent cabins and other property. Govern yourselves accordingly.
- 5) For insurance purposes the Siksika Fire Department is the First Responder for the Resort. The distance from the gates of the Resort to the parking lot of the Gleichen Fire Station is 25.6 km.



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# PRO SHOP AND GOLF TALK

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Hope everyone is looking forward to the weekend! There are shotguns this weekend and please try to check-in **more** than the 5 minutes ahead. Come in early and you will be able to practice, loosen up and get ready. It will also make for a better check-in experience for all. Please come back to the Pro Shop after your round and check out the latest gear and fashion trends. Have a great long weekend!

Remember to phone in advance if you have to cancel or your number of golfers change. It is tough to fill when last minute notice is given and Tee Times are at a premium on the weekends. Thanks.

**Club Nite** kicks off on May 20th. There will be a 6:00 shotgun start. Get your team of 5 together or throw your name down and we'll put a team together. \$60.00 gets you 12 weeks of prizes, fun, and entertainment with a chance to win a Burner Superfast 2.0 Driver the first night, with a windup meal at the end of the 12 weeks. New for this year there will be a new format each week with prizes given out in the Tee Garden afterwards. Some weeks there will be individual prizes and other weeks will be team prizes. For those that can't make it every week you can join in the fun for when you can-cost is \$6.00. Please phone in by Wednesday 6:00 PM to get a spot. The Tee Times will be opened up Thursday morning in order to fill the shotgun. \$1000 in merchandise will be up for grabs for the first person to score an ace. When you get that ace you are also covered for a round of drinks for all Club Nite participants so nothing comes out of your pocket. You can start aiming directly at the flag without worrying about being stuck with the bar bill by getting a hole in one.

**Men's and Ladies Match Play** signup sheet is empty. Please sign up. It is a great format to try.

### **Pro Shop Specials this Weekend**

Golf Club Clearance- Select Driver's, hybrids, fairway woods, putters will all be sold well below cost as Jay wants them gone. Get in and see if there is a club for you.

### **Corporate Corner**

Please see Jay about promoting your business or golf tournament. Corporate orders can be here in as short as 2 weeks. Logo golf balls are a great way to promote your business or first tee give-aways at your company tournaments. There are lots of other options from golf shirts, jackets, golf bags, and more all at very competitive pricing. Please refer to the "**Promote your business**" link on the website or come in and talk to Jay as he wants your business and will do all he can to accommodate you.

**Driving Range** The driving Range is open for business. Balls will be available in the Pro Shop for \$5.00/bag. An even better deal is a Season Pass for \$100.00. Get yours this weekend!!

**Golf Mindbender:** Submit your answers to Jaymacsports@shaw.ca or drop answers off in the Pro Shop. Those who get all answers correct will be put in a draw for a Loft 8 Golf Shirt. **Good Luck!**

**Q. Who was the last player to win the US Open by shooting all four rounds in the 60s?**

**A) Tiger Woods, B) Lee Janzen, C) Payne Stewart, D) Jim Furyk.**

**Q. Which golfer once lost the Masters by signing an incorrect scorecard?**

**Q. Who was the youngest player to play in an LPGA event and how old was she?**

**Q. Who has the most PGA tour wins?**

**Q. Who has the most PGA tour Major titles?**

**Q. In Match play, what penalty does a player incur for teeing off in front of the tee markers?**

**A) No penalty, B) 1 Stroke, C) Loss of Hole, D) No penalty, opponent may require player to re-hit.**

**Solaire Special-** Callaway Solaire Ladies 14 piece set \$899.95 and get a free pair of shoes and dozen Solaire Golf balls. This special ends May 27, 2011.

**Golf Lessons-** Jay will be able to teach as soon as the weather permits. Please call to arrange a time for a spring tune up. There will be clinics throughout the year so please inquire at the Pro Shop. Look for a 2 day Junior camp in July or August as well.

The AGA cards are in and ready for pickup. They have your name on them this year so that is sure to help your handicap go down. Enter all your scores!

**Marshals:** We are in need of marshals for the summer. Please see Jay in the Pro Shop if you are interested. This is a job which requires patience and good people skills, with an understanding of the game an asset.