



TWENTY VALLEY GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB NEWSLETTER SPRING, VOLUME 1, 2025

Greeting from the President

I would like to welcome all returning members and our new members to the 2025 golf season here at Twenty Valley. I hope everyone had a good winter and is ready for a great golf season.

This past winter, the Board of Directors and our managers have been working hard at updating policies and procedures and trying to streamline and improve our daily business practices.

It is very, very important that **ALL** of our members actively use the website www.twentyvalley.com to keep up to date with our new policies and procedures and our schedule of events!

On our web page, you will see two icons on the top right of the page, Book a Tee Time and a circle with 3 horizontal lines inside the circle. Click the circle icon and a new sidebar opens on the right, then click on Members Only. You now arrive at the Members Dashboard and a new sidebar opens on the left. There you will see the following categories: Calendar, Events & Leagues, Club Policies, League & Field Day Results, Networking Directory and Weekend Ballot Form.

Please read your Twenty Valley emails completely!

If you are having trouble receiving emails from the Club, please check your “junk folder” first. Then if there are no emails from the Club in your junk folder, please send Lori Valente an email to inform her of your difficulties and that also provides your correct email address so we can hopefully communicate successfully.

One of the new policies this year is the implementation of a “**Waiver and Cart Agreement**” that **must be signed** by all members of our Club **and** by all playing guests to our club.

This is strongly recommended by our insurance company, and it also provides our club with a discounted rate on our Liability Insurance cost.

Members will be able to sign the waiver, and their name will be stored in the database, so as a member, you only sign the waiver once at the beginning of the golf season.

All guests of members and green fee patrons must also sign the waiver before they are permitted to play here at Twenty Valley.

We are currently working on completing a few upgrades to our on-course facilities for a more enhanced service for our membership. We have a newly renovated and remodeled Halfway House at #9. We also built a new Starters' Shack at the top of the hill. Please check in here upon arrival.



I want to remind you that we are all stakeholders in the success of our club, and it is your involvement and participation that makes Twenty Valley one of the best golf clubs in the Niagara region.

I truly feel that we have the best managerial staff in the region. It is also important to remember that the managers and the Board of Directors are here to serve the membership and our guests.

Your comments, opinions and questions, when expressed with sincerity and honesty, only help to guide our staff and the Board in our future endeavours and direction.

Thank you, Mike Persia

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CLUBHOUSE NEWS

Food service is planning to open for service of limited items upon the course opening date. Our target date for full menu items is May 2.

The newly renovated Halfway House should be complete in early May.

Our goal for the 2025 season is to build on the positive momentum of our recent 2024 year by:

- Enhancing beverage offerings, including daily drink specials
- Expanding menu selections and providing meal specials when available to do so
- Encouraging more post-round member engagement within our clubhouse to maximize and foster a stronger sense of community

Our operational decisions continue to prioritize the best interests of the club and our membership. With the success of our partnership with Revalee and the improvements made to our food and beverage offerings, we are confident that maintaining this direction will contribute to an enjoyable season.

GREENS UPDATES I trust you all had an enjoyable winter, and we're eager to welcome you back to the course. The course has weathered the winter well and the maintenance crew has been actively preparing for the 2025 season.

The cooler-than-normal spring, the coolest since 2016, along with heavy rain last week that caused flooding, has led to a couple of postponements of our **Annual Member Cleanup Day. We're making one last attempt to host it on April 12th at 9:00 am, followed by a light lunch at noon. High school students can earn their volunteer hours.**

Regarding new equipment for 2025, we have already received 13 new golf carts, bringing our fleet to a total of 72. We are awaiting the delivery of a new heavy-duty utility cart, a sand pro for bunker grooming, an over seeder and a used fairway aerator.

We're gearing up for another busy year on the course and are hoping for improved weather to help us prepare and open our doors. We look forward to seeing you all on the course soon. Weather permitting, we are targeting an April 17th opening day.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REMINDERS

We have invested in automated external defibrillator units (AED's). These are portable devices that can be used to treat a person whose heart has suddenly stopped working. There are 5 of these units in the following locations: **Main Clubhouse (upstairs), Pro Shop, Halfway House, Crossing Shack (by #5 tee), and Maintenance Barn (far end of the driving range).**

If someone is experiencing a possible heart attack on the premises you should immediately call the pro shop (905-562-5641 ext. 4) as they will dispatch trained staff to bring the nearest

defibrillator to assist in the situation, Call 911, administer the AED and stay with the person. Anyone can operate the defibrillator as it gives step by step voice instructions once it is turned on. Warning signs of sudden cardiac arrest can include chest pain including tightness or pressure, racing or pounding heart, shortness of breath, dizziness, nausea, fatigue, and in some cases, loss of consciousness or fainting or lack of pulse.

Control your golf ball !

Easier said than done, none of us (except for Ron, Caleb and Mike) are pros and we all hit errant shots some of the time. We need to be diligent about not playing shots when the possibility of a golf ball hitting someone else exists.

So please be aware of maintenance staff working on the course and avoid hitting until they are out of the way. If they are cutting a green, setting a new flag, raking bunkers, etc, you should not hit approach shots onto the green until they have left the area or signaled you to hit up.

If you see a worker cutting grass on the course. Make sure they are out of range or have made visual contact with you. Your co-operation in keeping them (and fellow golfers) safe is appreciated. Always YELL FORE whenever there's a ball headed towards another person.

Twenty Valley Juniors Program is Back!

We're thrilled to announce that the Twenty Valley Juniors Program is back for another fantastic season—and even more excited to welcome back Mike Karasinski as our head coach! Mike's passion for junior golf is unmatched, and his lessons strike the perfect balance of fun and fundamentals. Don't be surprised if your kids start outdriving you by August... fair warning!

As always, we'll be bringing in some special guest coaches throughout the summer to keep things fresh and inspiring for the juniors.

Thanks to the generous support of the Parimutuel Group, we've also invested in some brand-new teaching aids to level up the experience. These tools will help kids learn faster, laugh more, and fall in love with the game.

Sign-ups open in early May, and with only 40 spots available, it's first come, first served—so don't wait!

Let's make this summer one to remember for the next generation of golfers.

IMPORTANT DATES for MEMBERS

April 12th : Members CleanUp day

April 29th: Ladies Opening Dinner and Purse Bingo

May 1st: Men's League Opening Draft and Banquet Dinner

May 10th: Opening FIELD DAY 4 PERSON NET BEST BALL

May 31st: AM shot gun / PM outside Tournament

June 8th: Deer Park Pairs FIELD DAY # 2

June 20th: Glow in the Dark Golf Fun

June 29th: Junior League begins



July 5: RBC PGA Scramble Qualifier

July 20: Quota Points FIELD DAY # 3

July 26/27: Senior Men's Championship

July 29/Aug 4: Junior Club Championship

Aug 2/3/4: Club Championships

August 12: Ladies Invitational

August 15/16: Men's Member Guest Event

August 24: Chapman FIELD DAY # 4

August 26: Junior/Senior Tournament

September 14: Shamble FIELD DAY # 5

**LEAGUES FOR MEMBERS
TO JOIN**

Tuesdays - LADIES LEAGUE

Thursdays - MEN'S LEAGUE

Fridays - COUPLE'S LEAGUE

Tuesdays - JUNIOR LEAGUE

OUTSIDE EVENTS ON THE SCHEDULE

April 12th - Niagara Agricultural Awards Banquet

May 31st - OUTSIDE shot gun Tournament - afternoon

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