

# The Valley Discourse

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# March 2017

### Sugarloaf Dining Hours

Thursday & Friday: 5:30pm to 9pm (Happy Hour: 5-7pm)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
(GOLF EVENTS) (MEMBER EVENTS)	(MISC. EVENTS) (FAMILY EVENTS)		1	2	3 **Sugarloaf Dining**	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 **Sugarloaf Dining**  (Private Party)	11  (Private Party)
12	13  (Private Party)	14	15	16**Sugarloaf Dining**	17  St. Patrick's Day Club Party	18  S.A.F.E. Autism Fundraiser
19	20	21	22	23**Sugarloaf Dining**	24**Sugarloaf Dining**	25  (Private Party)
26	27	28	29	30**Sugarloaf Dining**	31**Sugarloaf Dining**	



## Capital Improvements: *New Terrace*

We are pleased to announce that construction will soon be underway for the new Sugarloaf Terrace!! This new 1,750 SF elevated terrace, designed by Howard Kulp Architects of Allentown, is scheduled to be completed in the late spring.

The new terrace will connect to the existing clubhouse balcony, at the end of the main entrance corridor, and wrap around the Sugarloaf Room, providing double stair access to the pool deck level. The terrace will enhance our Sugarloaf dining concept, offering a new outdoor venue for dining and other special events.

The deck surface will be a new state-of-the-art composite decking by Admiral SpaceMaker. This composite decking is made of 100% virgin cellular PVC and is completely waterproof, allowing the space underneath to be utilized during wet weather. The perimeter railing will be a Feeney DesignRail horizontal wire system, providing uninterrupted views of our pristine valley and the Sugarloaf Mountain.

The project will also include an expanded lower patio, at the 19th Hole level, with a landscape block seating retaining wall with a built in fire pit!!



### Tillie's Tales

*"A round of golf should present 18 inspirations. Every hole must have individuality."*

## Kid's Easter Party

Sunday, April 9  
1:00-4:00 p.m.

### Buffet Menu

Chicken Fingers, Pierogies, Macaroni and Cheese  
Fruit Salad, Meatballs, Ziti, Pizza,  
Variety of Easter Desserts and Treats

*This year will feature our annual Easter Egg Hunt for three different age groups and prizes for all.*

*So make sure you bring your Easter Basket!*

*We will also have a DJ and a visit from Peter Cottontail.*

*There will be \$5.00 Activity and Craft Fee*

*\$15.00++ per adult, \$8.00++ per child ages 4 through 12,  
and children under 3 years of age are complimentary*



## Note from the Management

We would like to take a moment to announce that the final agreement / closing for the new ownership structure was completed as of March 1st. Please take the time to express your gratitude to Joe Zeller and Don Pachence for their efforts in facilitating this transaction.

Over the past several months we have paid all past due bills and have infused capital for operational and new improvements to renew and build Valley into the future. However, we will need your support as well to help maintain the financial stability of Valley. As promised in our letter of intent, and as presented to the membership in April 2016, we will be instituting the annual 5% increase on all dues and assessments. We have also elected to collect both the operational and capital assessments over a 12 month period. These changes will be reflected in your monthly statement.

Remember that the best way to restore complete financial stability for the club is to increase our membership. We ask for your support to recruit new potential members to Valley. Reach out to your family and friends and help spread the word about our new amenities. Thank you for your continued trust and confidence.

### Easter Buffet Sunday, April 16

#### Seating Times

11:00am, 12:30pm, 1:30pm, and 2:30pm  
\$24.95++ per adult, \$11.95++ per Child from 4-12 years  
and Children under 3 are Complimentary

#### Salad Station

Mixed Greens with assorted dressings, Assorted Artisan Breads and rolls, Fruit Display and Tomato Bisque Soup

#### Carving Station

Prime Rib with Horseradish Cream Sauce and Au jus,  
and Virginia Baked Ham with Raisin Sauce

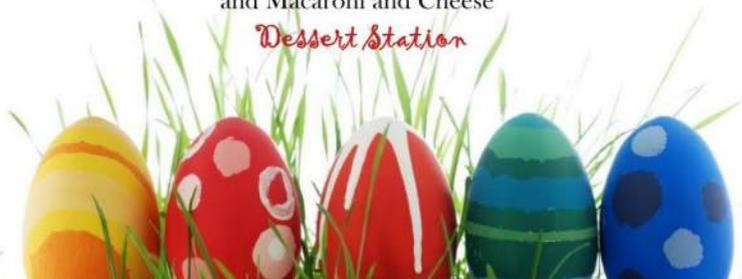
#### Buffet Station

Hunter Style Chicken, Potato Encrusted Cod, Tortellini with Alfredo Sauce, Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Pan Gravy,  
Spring Vegetable Medley

#### Kids Station

Chicken Fingers with Dipping Sauces, Pierogies,  
and Macaroni and Cheese

#### Dessert Station



### Can you hear me now??

How would you like to hear from us? The VCC Management is trying to determine the best way to connect with our membership. Let us know what you think:

- Are you enjoying the Valley Discourse newsletter?
- Are you receiving our emails?
- Would you be interested in text messaging alerts?

The most recent feedback we've received is the request for text messaging alerts. With most cell phone plans offering unlimited text, why not? If you are interested in receiving text alerts, please call or email Taunya with your cell phone number and carrier (i.e. AT&T, Verizon, T-Mobile, etc.). This will allow us to utilize your phone's unique text enabled email address for future communication.



## Clarkie's Duffer's Diktats

I want to share another rules incident from the 2012 PGA Championship at the Ocean Course, Kiawah Island, South Carolina, where I served as an official. During Thursday's round, I was stationed at the drive zone on hole #10, a long par 4. Spencer Levin's tee shot landed on a steep grassy bank, narrowly missing the fairway. The ball's position on this slope would require Spencer to adopt an extremely awkward stance to play it, with his left foot much higher than his right. On closer inspection, it became clear that the ball was embedded. Levin sought relief under Rule 25 {Abnormal Ground Conditions}, Section 2 of which deals with embedded balls. Relief under this rule is granted for an embedded ball in a "closely mown area". Obviously, this area was not "closely mown" but thanks to the local rule which was in effect for this competition {found in appendix 1, part 3a of the Rules of Golf}, relief was available "through the green". Spencer called for my assistance with the drop, stating that he would drop his ball within one club-

length of its embedment. This drop would give him a level lie, almost in the fairway. I explained that the rule requires the ball to be dropped "as near as possible to the spot where it lay, not closer to the hole", unlike the other situations covered under the rule, which provide one club-length relief. A somewhat heated discussion ensued, whereupon I produced my Rules book to settle any doubt. His subsequent correct drop made playing the ball only slightly easier, and Spencer hooked his shot over a massive dune amidst a large group of spectators. Thinking that I might be called upon for another ruling, I followed Levin to where a new rules situation presented itself, which I shall relate to you in next month's Discourse.

By the way, this more generous embedded ball local rule is always in effect at the VCC. Check the back of your scorecard.

All the best, Clarkie



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<https://www.facebook.com/Valley-Country-Club-369341539926431/>



## PA Women's Open Championship Update: Website Launch

The 2017 Pennsylvania Open Championship website has been recently launched. Check it out at [www.pawomensopen.org](http://www.pawomensopen.org). Player housing hosts and volunteers are needed for the event. Sign-up forms can be found on the website. For questions about available sponsorships and the Pro-Am, please contact the tournament director, Kate Scarpetta, at [kate@pawomensopen.org](mailto:kate@pawomensopen.org) or 570-241-8628.



## Frank's Golf Tips: *Club Grips*

One of the best ways to get ready for the 2017 Golf Season involves some simple maintenance. Take a look at your golf grips. If the grips are worn or haven't been changed in the past 12 months, it's time to get new grips.

To get ready for a new season, clean your grips with a wet, soapy towel and wipe them thoroughly. If your grips are slippery or appear worn, you need new grips. Slippery grips cause you to hold the club with more pressure and this interferes with making a good golf swing. A general rule of thumb is to re-grip your clubs once a year, so the beginning of the season is a great time to re-grip.

Visit the Pro Shop for assistance. There are many questions to be answered before choosing a grip, so let us help you! Clark and I will assist you in choosing the proper grip for your game. Some of the questions you need answered prior to choosing your grip are: What size glove do you wear? Do your hands sweat when you play? Do you prefer a soft or firm grip or one with a smooth or rough texture? How often do you play?

Grip technology is constantly improving and all grip manufacturers now offer grips designed for a number of variables, some with cushion under the grips and some designed to absorb moisture (perspiration, rain, etc.) And now, Grips come in a variety of fun colors, which allows you to add some color and personality to a normally boring grip.

Once you have new grips, your clubs will feel new again and you will notice an immediate improvement, which leads to better shots and lower scores. A simple improvement like this will allow you to start the season with a good grip on the 2017 season. Anyone with questions pertaining to having your clubs re-gripped please call Clarkie or myself.

Regards, Frank



## 2017 Golf Schedule

As we finalize our 2017 golf schedule, please mark your calendars for our most popular events:

### May

5/13: Icebreaker Tournament  
5/23 to 5/27: PA Women's Open

### June

6/3 to 6/4: Spring Better Ball  
6/8: One Day Member Guest  
6/11: Mixed Couples Tournament  
6/17 to 6/18: Father/Son/Daughter

### July

7/8 to 7/9: Summer Match Play  
7/16: Mixed Couples Tournament  
7/28 to 7/30: VCC Member-Guest

### August

8/4 to 8/6: VCC Club Championship  
8/14: VCC Jr. Club Championship  
8/18 to 8/20: Frank Olander Classic

### September

9/14: One Day Member Guest  
9/22 to 9/23: VCC Ryder Cup

### October

10/8: Chic Sacco Fall Classic  
10/14 to 10/15: Member-Member



### **Bobby's Libations**

#### **Strawberry Lime Spritzer**

- One can Sparkling Lime La Croix water
- 2oz. Strawberry vodka
- As many freshly sliced strawberries and limes as you can fit in a glass

Slosh, stir and serve over ice



#### **Sugarloaf on Tap**

- Nimble Hill Flinke Hugel (Helles)
- New Belgium Fat Tire (Amber)
- Victory Hop Ranch (Imp. IPA)
- New Belgium Accumulation (IPA)

#### **Sugarloaf on Deck**

- Yards Brawler (English Dark Ale)
- Ithaca Apricot (Wheat Ale)
- Nimble Hill Midnight Flinke
- Starr Hill Grapefruit (Pale Ale)

## **Chef's Corner: *Georgia Mud Pie***

There are a couple of items here at the Valley Country Club that have been on our menu for decades. One of those goodies was introduced to our membership by none other than an old friend and mentor, Chic Sacco. Legend has it that on a leisurely drive to sunny Florida back in the late 50's, Chic stopped for a bite to eat. When it came time for dessert he hesitated until he watched another waitress saunter by with what he described to me years ago as pure decadence, "Georgia Mud Pie". After he took one bite he couldn't get back to the club without this simple borrowed recipe. There isn't a day that goes by during the busy summer season that I am not asked, at least six times, if we have any in the back. We will strive this year to have it on hand every day. If you can't get over to the club, you can make it yourself with this simple basic recipe. One thing is for sure, it always tastes better down at the club on a hot summer afternoon.

#### **GEORGIA MUD PIE**

- Oreo crumb crust
- Coffee ice cream
- Fudge topping
- Toasted slivered almonds
- Whipped cream

Method: Slack out ice cream and simply spade into crust and smooth over. Put back in freezer to firm up. When firm, warm fudge topping to a spreadable consistency. Freeze back up again and when ready to serve top it with whipped cream and toasted almonds. Enjoy!

- James



## Valley History 101:

Recognize anyone in this photo?? We recently dug this Chic Sacco Pro Am photo out of the archives. Classic!!



Administrative Professionals Day  
April 26, 2017

11:30-2:00 p.m.  
\$17.00++ per person (plus tax and gratuity)

### Buffet Menu

Tomato Florentine Soup  
Roasted Garlic Hummus  
with Pita Chips  
Victory Garden Salad  
Chicken with  
Spring Vegetables  
Potato Encrusted Cod  
Spinach Florentine  
Pork Milanese  
Rice Pilaf with Almonds  
Vegetable Medley  
Hearth Baked Breads  
and Rolls  
Strawberries Kimberly



### New Kitchen Staff

Please welcome Brian Hall & Jenna O'Donnell, our new Kitchen Supervisors. Brian & Jenna will be working under the direction of James Cox, sharing the responsibilities of Executive Chef.

## The Valley Country Club

*The Valley Country Club, nestled in the pristine Conyngham Valley, boasts a beautiful view of the neighboring Sugarloaf Mountain. Our A.W. Tillinghast designed championship golf course, clubhouse, tennis courts, swimming pool and outstanding dining facilities are second to none. We have long been recognized as one of the finest true country clubs in Northeastern Pennsylvania.*

# Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday— May 14 2017

(Seating times: 11am, 12:30, 1:30 & 2:30pm)

\$25.95++ per adult, \$12.95++ per child (4-12)

(Children 3 & under compliments of VCC)

### Salad Station

Caesar Salad, Mixed Greens & Creamy Tomato Basil Soup

### Carving Station

Prime Rib & Spinach Apple Walnut Infused Pork Loin

### Buffet

Broiled Cod, Chicken Mediterranean, Cheese Tortellini, Red Mashed Potatoes, Basmati Rice, Sauteed Green Beans, Macaroni & Cheese, Chicken Fingers and French Fries

**Please call to make your reservations**



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