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## General Manager's Update

As our 2009 season starts to wind down, I would like to address a few misconceptions about Kanon Valley.

First and foremost, Kanon Valley is NOT going PUBLIC. We do have many new members who are not known by our older members, so that looks like we are catering to the Public. In order to keep our Club affordable, we need to bring in a number of outside events. We try to do this at times when we are the slowest. The Pro Shop can accommodate members at our many reciprocals. The Pro Shop also schedules small (20 to 30 person) outings on Saturdays and Sundays, normally after 1:00 p.m. If you have ever come down to play at that time, you know that the course is basically empty.

At the Pro Shop we have a staff that includes Trey, Director of Golf; Mario, Head Pro; and Kevin, Teaching Pro. Trey and Mario are the only two full-time Pros. Kevin fills in at the Pro Shop two nights a week. His pay, as well as Mario's, comes out of the Pro Shop budget.

We have had a great September and hope that October and November will bring on more of the same. Fall golf is the nicest time of the year. When using all of our facilities, please remember to follow all the signage on the course, especially the par 3s that have cart path only signs.

Also, all male members need to be aware that the pine trees on #8 tee are not restrooms. The resident on the other side of the road has called and lodged a complaint and will be calling the Sheriff. Please refrain.

The Annual meeting is Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. We have two openings for the Board of Directors. Walt Matthews, a current member on the Board is up for re-election. If any of you are interested in running for a position on the Board, please call me and I will put you on the list.

Paul Howe

"Golf is a hard game to figure. One day you will go out and slice it and shank it, hit into all the traps and miss every green. The next day you go out and, for no reason at all, you really stink."

Bob Hope



## President's Update

As the 2009 golfing season at Kanon Valley winds down, this is a good time to reflect on the events which occurred throughout the year. Overall, it was another successful golf season at KVCC. We have grown accustomed to excellent member participation in all of our tournaments throughout the year. Our four major events are our traditional member / member tournament in early June, member / guest in mid-July, Club Championship in early August, and our Memorial Cup (formally named Wimmer Cup) in late August. From what I hear from our members, everyone who participates in these major events feel that they are professionally run tournaments and they are a lot of fun to play in each year.

Our Head Golf Professional, Trey Walewski, faced some health issues during the beginning of our golf season. We are extremely grateful that Trey has made a full recovery thanks to the outstanding care that he received from his doctors and their staffs. Although he probably returned to work sooner than he was advised to do so, Trey only missed a few weeks of work. On behalf of the board of directors, I would like to recognize Mario Mason (Assistant Golf Professional) and the rest of Trey's staff for stepping up and doing an excellent job during Trey's absence.

Unfortunately, the weather here in Central New York over the past several months has not been all that great. I think that most of us are fully aware that the weather is totally out of our control. Mark Rowles (Superintendent) and his staff do an outstanding job each and every year to get our golf course in excellent shape regardless of the weather conditions.

As is the case for most country clubs throughout our area, our membership count continues to be a concern. I would like to ask everyone to encourage a friend, family member, co-worker, neighbor, or even a prior KVCC member to consider becoming a member at Kanon Valley in 2010. We will continue to provide you with a \$100 referral incentive if you sponsor in a new member.

We (board of directors) do appreciate receiving feedback, both good and bad, from our members throughout the year. If you have a concern that you would like for us to address, then please bring it to the attention of Paul Howe (General Manager) or to any one of our 9 board members so that we discuss the issue and look for possible solutions.

Thank you once again to Trey, Duncan, Mark, Paul and their respective staffs for all that they do throughout the year to make Kanon Valley such a special place. We are very fortunate to have such a fine group of professionals who care so much about our country club and our golfing experience.

Craig Bailey



## Superintendent's Review

With summer now in the history books and an interesting start to the fall season we are reminded that the season is running out of steam. It has been a great and challenging year and I am left with a great appreciation for my staff. The crew's flexibility around heavy play and heavy downpours led to the many positive comments directed towards the course this year. I realize that there are still many areas to improve on and as always that will be our concentration the rest of the fall and early winter. The irrigation trenches are one ugly scar that still intrude on the course landscape and will be attended to with the help of some of our members. The trenches were topped last spring with native materials and seeded yet rain and heavy clay made for poor growing conditions. As summer progressed I quickly realized that it was fruitless to continue with this effort seeing that the quality of our greens, tees, and fairways was more important at that time. We will top the remaining thin areas with topsoil and seed in the upcoming weeks to insure proper coverage.

The irrigation system itself was utilized in September more than any month but proved to be a huge benefit in many ways throughout the year. The ability to water exactly where and when it is needed by simply writing programs on the desktop computer is exciting and will prove to be a huge asset in the years to come. I used it enough to realize the efficiency of water coverage along with the time saving factors of not having to physically turn heads on or constantly work on repairs. It will definitely help take our club to the next level.

The sand traps were still a source of constant frustration until sand was added in early August. The sand had been purchased last season with my intention to get it delivered and put it out on the course after the rain stopped in the spring. This obviously backfired because it hardly ever stopped raining all summer. The traps improved greatly (easy for me to say) throughout August and September and will continue to see improvements. Drainage must be worked on constantly in our traps and is critical to any consistency throughout the year. Drainage will also be worked on in a few of our fairways as well as the filling and sodding of the many potholes that dot the fairways.

Tree removal and new tree planting will also take place throughout the fall and in to the spring. It is important for aesthetics and safety to remove decaying trees and just as important for aesthetics and character to add trees to the course.

The quality and speed of our greens has been encouraging with the addition of the new roller assisting greatly. We utilize the roller every day as we found that speed was inconsistent otherwise. An intermediate rough was added with regularity this year with the addition of a new mower for this purpose. The mower is also used to mow mounds, green and tee perimeters as well as around the clubhouse and trees. With the wet conditions this past summer I was able to keep carts off paths the majority of the time due to the fact that you do an excellent job of managing your cart traffic. In reality, ninety degrees simply means please use your head and avoid problem areas. It doesn't necessarily mean that you need to head directly back to the path in every situation (at least not to me). Just keep doing what you are doing. Thanks for your many comments and suggestions this year and please remember that I do take them to heart. The quality of our course is of extreme importance to me. Just ask my wife. See you on the course.

Mark Rowles



# BOGEY'S

AT  
KANON VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB

As Fall approaches, my staff and I would like to thank you for your support throughout the 2009 season, and to let you know that we will still be available until the end of the golf year.

If you have a special occasion, i.e., Birthday, Christmas Party, or group gathering, give me a call. We are taking reservations for parties at the Clubhouse and would be happy to arrange one for you.

Bogey's would like to host another New Years Eve party. I would appreciate any feedback from the members as to their interest, as we had a great time at last New Year's party. Please let me know if you are interested so we can plan for an enjoyable evening for all.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members for their support this past season, and, look forward to seeing you all again in the spring.

Best wishes and have a save Holiday season.

Duncan Ironside



*"Our company is giving you 10,000 free golf balls with our company's info on them. Since you'll lose everyone of them, it'll be good advertising for us."*



## Pro's Corner

Another great season at Kanon Valley has come and gone (almost). Though it has been a tough year, personally, the support the members and my staff gave me was incredible. As Always it's time to spend your Pro Shop Credit. After October 1<sup>st</sup>, there will be no more special orders taken and the balance of the credit must be spent by October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Once again, I want to thank all the Kanon Valley members and the Board of Directors for their continued support at the Pro Shop and to me and my family.

Trey

The Fall season is probably the most enjoyable time of the year for outdoor activities. It is not too hot or cold -- nothing to gripe about. You can go to your favorite football stadium and watch your team in comfort. If the sun irritates your eyes, watching it on the stadium's big screen is the next option.... at least you get to enjoy being outdoors.

On the subject of football, many of you do not realize that Yale University was the first college to win 800 football games. The Ivy league deemphasized football many years ago and aimed their curriculum at producing politicians and lawyers. A great weight was placed on the lawyers, who later are to be hired to keep the politicians out of trouble. We would have been far better off if they had kept football higher on their priority list.

Many of my early years in the golf profession were spent at clubs in the north. Most of the clubs, especially the summer resort clubs, would close in the middle or end of October. When that time arrived, I would find myself heading south with the Canadians and the geese.

Mid fall is a wonderful time of year for golf. The golf courses are probably in their best shape and most of the distractions caused by the summer heat are gone. Many of the clubs hold their annual club championships, as well as invitational tournaments, at this time of year. It is also your last chance to try to get your body in shape before you hibernate in front of your television set during winter.

Fred Larsen

Fred Larsen is one of America's most well known Golf Pros, a member of several Golf and Sports Halls of Fame, was voted PGA Professional of the year in the Alabama and Dixie PGA and a celebrated author of stories, anecdotes, and humor.