



## **YAMPA VALLEY GOLF ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

# **NEWSLETTER**

### **Yampa Valley Bar & Grill**

**As Yampa Valley Golf Association Members, we should be proud of the Yampa Valley Bar & Grill restaurant. After all, it belongs to us. The Board of Directors, representing the Association, formed a Limited Liability Corporation (LLC) to operate the restaurant. The Association, being the single member of the LLC, leases the facility to the LLC and has the ability to set the lease amount to whatever level it determines feasible. Because the LLC is a for-profit business, and therefore responsible for taxes on net income, there is every reason to keep the amount of the lease high, while not to the point of the restaurant operating at a loss. The result will be that the lease \$\$\$ will go back into the Association. And, the Association is in charge of everything—the facility is ours, the liquor license belongs to the LLC, and the staff is hired by the Association-owned LLC. We are no longer dependent on third parties to deliver the services we want.**

**Therefore, we have two major duties. Each of us should: 1) pledge to have lunch/drinks at least once a month, if not once a week, at the Yampa Valley Bar & Grill, and 2) promote the restaurant to others as a great place for lunch/drinks in a venue that is unparalleled in our area. Cherissee Smith and her staff have revived a rather disappointing place into a thriving Bar & Grill. People from town are already coming out. The food and service are great! And, please realize, the profits basically go back into the Association.**

### **New Pro**

**Scott Ballif has been hired by the Board of Directors to replace Pro Jeff Harnasch. Scott comes to us from the St. George, Utah / Mesquite, Nevada area. Scott was Head Golf Professional at Conestoga Golf Club in Mesquite from 2009-2018 and at the Oasis Golf club in Mesquite for five years prior to that. Scott will come aboard on June 5<sup>th</sup> and assist Jeff while the transition is in progress.**

**Scott is experienced in conducting tournaments, teaching lessons, coordinating leagues, and running junior golf programs. He will assume Jeff's responsibilities in golf operations and running the Pro Shop. Scott's advantage is that he will be taking over a very organized, very detailed operation that Jeff put in place over the last year-and-a-half.**

### **Course Conditions**

**We appreciate your patience as we have experienced horrendous course conditions due to the winter snowfall and less than spectacular spring weather. Former maintenance supervisor, Jason Rivera, decided to take another position near Denver in March, and the Board chose Lance Van Dyke, who joined the maintenance staff late last season, to take over. Lance has shouldered the responsibility of addressing the challenging conditions of the course. If you have talked to Lance, you know he does not rely on excuses; he has**

**tremendous knowledge of the irrigation system; and his work ethic is exceptional. All he needs is SUNLIGHT! Yes, some damn SUNLIGHT!**

**We are convinced that, in Lance, we have the right person in the right seat, on the right bus! Thanks to him and his hard-working staff.**

## **Grow Play**

**Fact: WE NEED TO GROW PLAY!**

**The Board has charged Scott with jump-starting junior golf, while Jeff is still in house. Essentially, we will have two Pros for about 5-6 weeks. During this time, we want to partner with the Boys & Girls Club, the School District, and Parks & Rec to integrate golf into student activities.**

**We are looking for more suggestions to expand our player base. Perhaps, mini lessons for those a year or two from retirement? Ideas from those we've interviewed over the last few years have ranged from half-hour lessons followed by playing 7-8-9 to practice those lessons to breakfast-half-hour lesson-practice green coaching to lunch-mini clinic-martinis. (we anticipate 4-handicappers sneaking in on the last option) But, you see the point...people need to be introduced to golf, an amazingly healthy activity whether you are young or you are ready to retire. You can play it forever (ask Lou Hahn).**

**Talk golf. Encourage golf.**

**And, then there's always to lighter side:**



**Golfer: I think I'm going to drown myself in the lake.**

**Caddy: You think you can keep your head down that long?**

**Golfer: You've got to be the worst caddy in the world.**

**Caddy: I don't think so, sir. That would be too much of a coincidence.**

**Golfer: Please stop checking your watch all the time. It's too much of a distraction.**

**Caddy: It's not a watch - it's a compass.**