



*“The Scramble”, your golden
Fun at Golden*

GVGCC is a private country club, approaching its 100th Anniversary. The course originally opened in 1914 as a nine hole facility, then was redesigned and expanded to an 18 hole, par 73 course by A. W. Tillinghast in 1925-26.

Tillinghast has designed some of the best courses in the world. His designs include Bethpage Black, Winged Foot, Somerset Hills, Baltusrol and San Francisco Golf Club. Our property is unique because we have Basset Creek,



en ticket to n Valley Golf and Country Club

By Jeff Ische, Executive Director, Property and Sports Operations

The course has had quite a bit of restoration work and improvements done in the last 15 years. The bunkers were completely rebuilt by Hartman Companies in 1997 and 1998. By using aerial photos taken in the 1930's, they were able to dig down, find the original sand buried when the bunkers were filled in during the 1950's and follow that sand layer right to the old bunker edge. Because of this almost archaeological process, they were able to rebuild the bunkers to their original Tillinghast design specifications.

Ten years later, in 2007 and 2008, Hartman Companies installed a completely new Toro irrigation system and also rebuilt all of the tee complexes, shortening the course for developing players and lengthening it for more accomplished players during the process.

The green complexes are what people remember after playing

a set of active railroad tracks and a road all running through the course. The course is pretty standard fare off the tee, the difficulty lies from 100 yards and in, putting a premium on your short game!

GVGCC. I know it is easier said than done, but the key is to position yourself in the fairway off the tee in order to give your team the best chance of hitting the small greens and staying out of the deep green side bunkers. Check out the back bunkers on 12 and 16 for examples of how punishing some of them can be! Nearly every green slopes back to front, some more severe than others, so it is always a good idea to stay a little short of the flag.

With six par fives, there are plenty of chances to make birdie or better, but beware of the five par

threes. They are no walk in the park! The toughest hole on the course is #7, a long par four with its green guarded by Bassett Creek. The easiest hole is #13, a 485 yard par five. Can you say eagle!

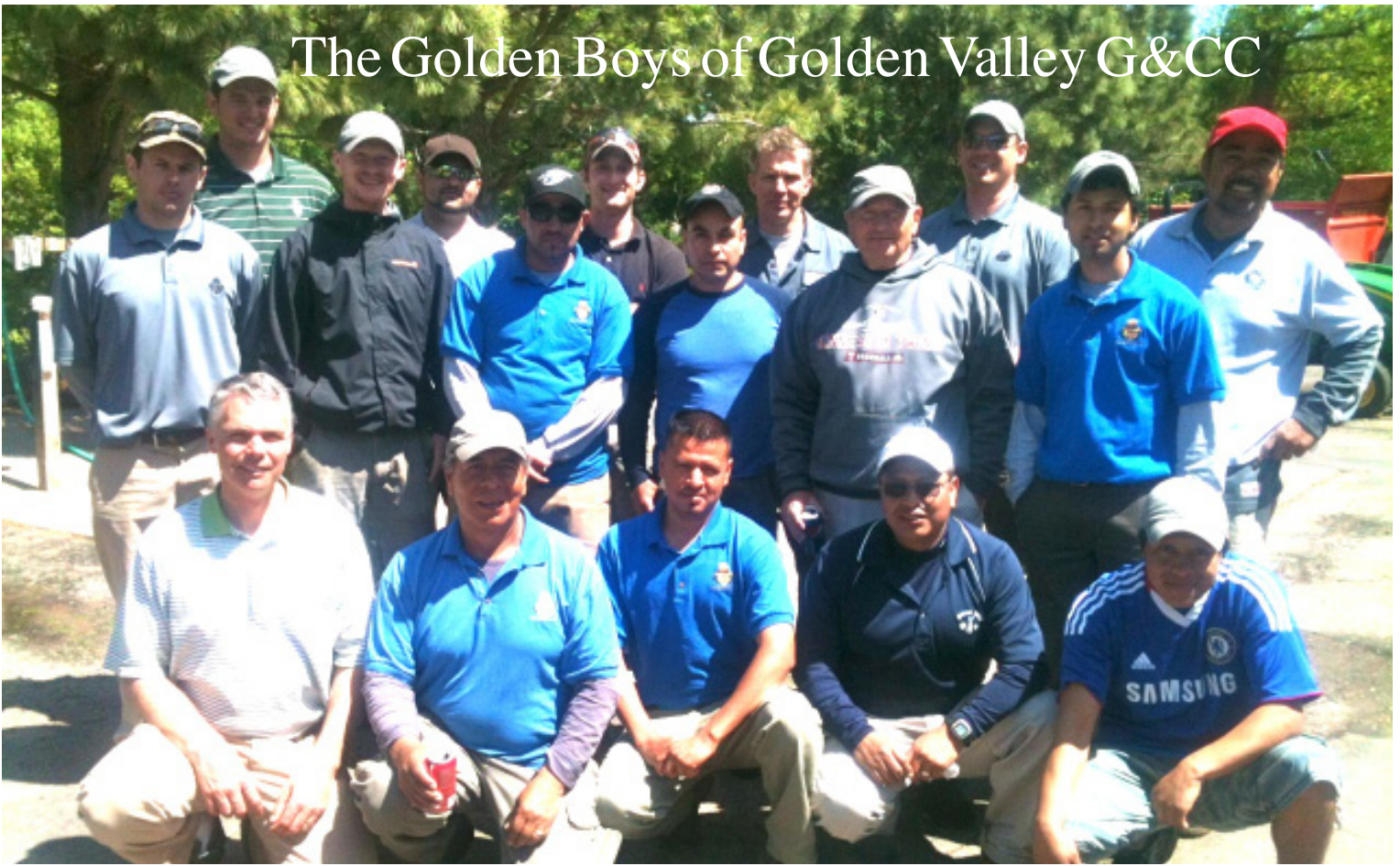
It has been quite some time since GVGCC has had an association golf event. I felt that we were long overdue, recognized that we owe this opportunity to the MGCSA and I am excited to be hosting a group of superintendents, assistants and our vendors.

It is hard to believe that I am half way into my ninth year here



Hole 16 at Golden Valley Golf and Country Club by P. Wong.

The Golden Boys of Golden Valley G&CC



already. Time does fly by! I have a great full-time, year round staff. Matt Olsonoski, my assistant, was the first intern I hired at GVGCC. He is an avid golfer and youth hockey referee during the winter months. David Phillips, my second assistant, is a native of New Zealand. During his spare time, he enjoys training for and participating in triathlons. Alex Dowdle, my golf course technician, just started here this spring and is busy planning his July wedding. Brian Buerman, my equipment technician, rides his bike to work for exercise and does a lot of

kayaking in his spare time.

I want to thank Henry Orme, our head golf professional, for running the golf event, to Francisco Gonzalez and his staff for the fine food we are sure to enjoy and to Tom Rubenstein and his staff, for planning and organizing the entire day with Jack MacKenzie. But most importantly, I need to thank our club president, Tom Shannon, and the entire Board of Directors for supporting my efforts in getting the MGCSA back out to GVGCC. See you in June!