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HIGHLIGHTS

ALE

Submitted by Sarah St. Michael, owner of ALE

ALE will reopen for indoor dining under Orange Zone restrictions on Wednesday, February 17 and will also continue to offer take-out. ALE's adjusted hours are:

- Wednesday 3-8
- Thursday 3-8
- Friday 3-9
- Saturday 3-9
- Sunday 3-8

The *\$50 Dinner for Two Special* is still available using items from the regular menu every day ALE is open. ALE has also extended their gift card specials, which are being sold at a discount of 20% until Thursday, February 17. The gift cards can be held in your name and used throughout the year. Imagine yourself lounging by the Amberwood pool and ordering a drink without having to reach into your wallet!

For more information, visit aleottawa.ca/order, or call 613-831-2442 during hours of operation.

Gallery Update

The AVRA board has decided to postpone the re-opening of the gallery until Spring. When it re-opens it will feature the paintings of Amberwood artist Charles Spratt and photographer John Edkins.

Family Day – Scavenger Hunt/Bingo

Mother Nature helped us out for a successful fun event on Family Day. Over 56 bingo cards were given out and more than 150 were on the course enjoying a beautiful day. Winners of the day pass (to be used for pool, pickleball and/or tennis) are Melanie couturier, Ryan Goodwin, Debbie Watt, Erin Seller, and Leo Kerklaan.

OUTDOOR FUN

Submitted by Christina Adam-Carr, AVRA Secretary



So much beautiful snow! The course has become a neighbourhood favorite, with many residents taking advantage of the beautiful snowy conditions. Walkers are very enthusiastic with Mark Hynes' (Golf Course Superintendent) plowing work, creating several looped pathways. Skiers and snowshoers are very happy to see how well the greens have been marked off with additional stakes and ropes to make it even easier to avoid passing over the delicate greens under the snow.

Children are enjoying the gentle slopes for sledding, especially at a small hill located at the back side of hole #2.



Our local snow resident could use some help. Perhaps even a few more snow friends, if we have anyone interested in building more, once we get the right packing snow conditions?

While the presence of wildlife is usually a welcome sight, a few coyotes are less welcome as they wander the golf course and our neighbourhoods. February and March are their mating season, which increases their activity and results in more sightings.

The City of Ottawa has shared the following links to help guide us: [Living with Wildlife](#), [Encountering Coyotes](#), and [Living with Coyotes](#)

One of the points mentioned is that it is extremely rare for coyotes to injure humans or to kill domestic animals, but that there are always extenuating circumstances. These cases are exceptions to the rule for all coyotes. However, rumours abound so be aware, be ready, and keep your pets close by and on leash.

Last but not least, please remember to scoop the poop if you take your dog out on the course.

BOARD NEWS

Here is an update from the AVRA Board.

Strategic Plan	The Board is in the process of gathering individual feedback from the board members to align our strategic approach. The goal is to establish a unified philosophy as we plan the next steps in AVRA's future
Reserve Fund	The AVRA members voted in favor of establishing a reserve fund. A Request for Proposals (RFP) for experts to conduct the reserve fund study was issued to five companies on February 8 th . The implementation of annual dues to support the reserve fund will be presented to members at a special meeting this fall. Prior to the meeting, the AVRA members will be provided with results from the reserve fund study and will be invited to discuss the subject during focus groups. Please click here to read the Q&As on the reserve fund and annual dues.
Re-branding	The Board has unanimously agreed to look at the rebranding of Amberwood Village Golf and Country Club and Amberwood Village. Our brand is a critical component to our business and our overall identity in the community and in the prospective market. We will engage with our stakeholders, including Amberwood Village Recreation members, Amberwood Village Golf & Country Club members, customers, and partners (TMSI, ALE, etc.). The goal is to develop the optimal brand to attract new customers, increase revenues, and exceed our stakeholder's expectations. If you are interested in learning more about our rebranding process or getting involved, please contact info@amberwoodvillage.ca for more details.
AVRA/AVGCC Board	The Amberwood Village Golf and Country Club (AVGCC) Board held their last meeting on January 29, 2021. The AVRA Board will take over as the sole governing body on March 1, 2021.

PROJECTS

Irrigation system

Submitted by Ralph Milligan and Steve Lockett

The new pump and control panel were installed on February 2nd and 3rd by Pumps Plus. They also replaced the 20-foot section of vertical pipe that supplies the pump from the reservoir directly below. The old system was successfully removed through the existing doorway, so it was not necessary to remove it through the access panel in the roof. Mark Hyne, the course superintendent, had previously insulated and covered the walls etc. with plywood after the concrete floor had been leveled and refinished by Advanced Cutting & Coring. We are receiving quotes for the electrical work and that so far, the quotes are within the budgeted amount. The anticipated date for completion is the end of February.

Once the irrigation system is installed by Peter Atkinson's crew and ready to be tested, Steve Wilkinson from Pumps Plus will be on hand to make sure all is functioning properly, and that Mark Hyne is familiar with the operation of the system.

Re-zoning

Submitted by Bernie Ashe

The City of Ottawa Planning Committee approved the re-zoning of the lots on Trailway Circle on January 14th, and City Council subsequently ratified that approval on February 10th. We can now proceed with Provincial registrations and closing of the deal with Inverness homes, which we expect to happen by April 30th.

Construction will not commence until the Board has approved the construction drawings and building elevations for each model/type of residential dwelling. We must complete this review before we close on April 30th.

Pool

Submitted by Bernie Ashe

Last month we shared our schedule showing that deck designs would be sent to AVRA members in February. That is delayed one month until the end of March. The pool committee is working through some scenarios on increasing the dimension of the concrete deck and need more time. As mentioned previously, we are targeting the pool opening for June 20, 2021. Our priority in 2021 is to maximize the useable area of the pool deck to give us more options in the future. We will also install a new fence, some shade structures and new pool-side furniture. We will add additional shade structures and furniture, as well as improved landscaping, in future years.

CLUB NEWS

Submitted by Katharine Usher-Vollett, General Manager of Amberwood Golf and Country Club

We had a successful early bird membership drive for golf and we look forward to the spring and the club reopening. You can purchase a membership at the pro shop (winter hours of operation are Monday-Thursday from 10am-2pm) or by contacting me directly at 613-836-2581 or by email at kvollett@tmsiottawa.com.

Click [here](#) to view the 2021 membership pricing. Remember, you don't have to be a member to play at Amberwood. We offer drop-in rates for all of our activities (tennis, pickleball, swimming and golf).

Program calendar

Our program calendar will be published on our website at the end of February.

Summer camps

We look forward to hosting all the young campers in 2021. The camps are geared for children ages 4-13 and will run from June 28th to August 27th. Activities will include swimming, archery, soccer, basketball, ball hockey, volleyball, dodgeball, water games, pickleball and more. Click [here](#) to register.

Junior Program

Amberwood will be launching a junior program this year. More information to follow in the coming months.

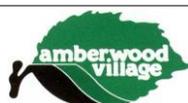
Pool schedule

The schedule has been released and the membership prices will be announced in March. The schedule is subject to change throughout the year depending on Covid restrictions.

Time	Activity
7:00 – 9:00 a.m.	Adult swim
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Aquafit (Mond-Wed-Friday)
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Swim lessons
11:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Family Swim
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Campers (June 27 – August 27)
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Family swim
3:30 – 5:30 p.m.	Adult swim
5:30 – 8:00 p.m.	Family swim
8:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Adult swim

Pickleball

Members will have access to six newly resurfaced courts this summer. The 'junior campers' will be introduced to the game in the afternoon when member usage is at its lowest. This was determined through the results of the recent pickleball 2020-member survey.



MEMBERS' CORNER

We would like to welcome the following new members to the AVRA:

- Beth and Robert van Wyngaarden
- William Robinson and Susan Goddard

Last month, we asked the Community to guess how many homeowners joined AVRA in 1985. The answer is 138 from the Trails and 170 from the Condos. The winner to January's quiz is Ted Norton.

Next up, guess how many of the original 308 AVRA members are still living in the Amberwood Village (Condos & Trails). Click [here](#) to submit your guess.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

If you have any specific topics you would like covered, please send us an email at info@amberwoodvillage.ca and we will include it in the next issue of *Amberwood Insider*.

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