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HIGHLIGHTS

Announcing an upcoming Amberwood Information Session: Get Ready for Summer 2021 at Amberwood!

Mark your calendar for April 20th from 7:00-8:00 p.m. AVRA and TMSI will be hosting a virtual information session to communicate what has happened and will be happening at Amberwood this summer. Open to the Broader Community.

Click [here](#) to register.

St. Patrick's Day – Pot of Gold Scavenger Hunt and Easter Egg Hunt

Unfortunately, due to the early spring-like weather conditions we had this past week, the course was not safe and dry enough to hold the St. Patrick's Day scavenger hunt that had been planned for March 13th. The April Easter Egg Hunt will need to be cancelled for the same reason.

ALE

Submitted by Sarah St. Michael, owner of ALE

ALE continues to navigate the obstacles of Covid19 and will continue to closely monitor provincial guidelines and restrictions.

The "Easter Bunny's High Tea" will be available for takeout on Sunday, March 28th. The cost is \$27 per person, and pre-orders are required. At this time, it is unknown whether or when dine-in service will be an option (talk of red zoning threatens any immediate dine-in plan). More details will be announced soon. ALE will also have an Easter Takeout Dinner available on Saturday, April 3rd and Sunday, April 4th. The cost is \$35 per person and pre-orders are required. The Easter Meals are packed chilled and come with instructions for re-heating at home.

The ALE Team is looking forward to hopefully an early patio opening this spring. We are actively planning our spring/summer operations. One exciting new change is that once the golf course re-opens, ALE will open at 9 a.m., seven days per week). A limited breakfast menu will be offered Monday through Saturday, and ALE's Sunday Brunch menu will return once the warmer weather is here.

ALE's current hours of operation are Wednesday, Thursday & Sunday from 3-8pm; Friday & Saturday 3-9pm.

As always, please visit aleottawa.ca for more information and follow ALE's official Facebook page @ALE - Amberwood Lounge & Eatery. ALE's phone number is 613-831-2442.

OUTDOOR FUN

If this warm weather keeps up, the pickleball courts could be open in a few weeks. The courts will be temporarily closed for 10-14 days for resurfacing but that won't be until late in May or early June, when it warms up enough to do the work.

Submitted by Mark Hyne, golf course Superintendent.

The golf course is now closed for walking, skiing, sledding, and snowshoeing due to the spring melt. The current conditions on some areas of the course are either too wet or too icy to walk on. We hope that everyone enjoyed the use of the course over the winter.

BOARD NEWS

Here is an update from the AVRA Board.

Business Plan	The final draft of AVRA's Business Plan is being reviewed by the Board. The financial outlook for the next three years looks very promising, and the investment to upgrade our facilities is underway. Our community volunteers are increasingly becoming the cornerstone to our continued success.
Doors Open	The Board has voted in favor of postponing their participation in the virtual Doors Open until 2022, when Covid has (hopefully) passed and we can offer an in-person experience.

PROJECTS

Irrigation system -

Submitted by Ralph Milligan, AVRA Board Director

The installation of the electrical panel, lighting and heater is now completed. Fraser Electric came in on March 10th to hook it up. The installation of the irrigation system by Atkinson Irrigation will proceed in the spring as planned, with the timing dependent on weather conditions. Board Directors are working with Atkinson to ensure minimal interference to the players as they make their way around the course. Discounted green fee rates are expected while construction is underway.

Pool

Work related to the pool refurbishment continues inside the clubhouse this month. Pool Works will be installing the new saltwater pump system in the equipment room.



CLUBHOUSE

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

The main clubhouse has several rooms that we reference in our newsletter. For those of you who have never been to the club, we thought we would take the opportunity to describe the rooms to you.

The Gallery

The Gallery, formerly known as the Member's Lounge, is located on the main floor immediately to the right of the main entrance. It is used to showcase works of art but also to host quiet activities such as card games, art classes, book clubs, etc. ALE also uses this room for bridal parties when they are hosting weddings. The Gallery is open to all AVRA and club members and can be rented out for a nominal fee for private functions. The Art exhibits that were scheduled to reopen on April 1st have been postponed to the fall.

The Event Room

Formerly known as The Library, the Event room is in the lower level of the clubhouse at the far end of the hall. The books that were in the room were donated to the re-Read bookstore on Main Street, in Stittsville. The room will be updated with a fresh coat of green paint, carpet cleaning, new/refinished furniture, and bulletin boards.

The Event room is open to all members of the club to view the upcoming tournaments and club activities. Activities Captains will host their meetings there, and if some generous soul is willing to part with a gently used computer or laptop, the golfers could use it to enter their scores into Golf Canada following their rounds. Please contact Info@amberwoodvillage.ca if you have a computer/laptop to donate.

The Activity Room

Once a racquetball court and more recently a storage room, the Activity room will be used (as the name suggests) for activities. Located in the lower level of the clubhouse, the Activity room is on your right-hand side after you turn left at the Event room. It currently houses a pool table and a dart board, but the club is looking to either acquire more games or remove the existing pool table and use this room for yoga and Pilates. Community input through past and future surveys will be key in deciding the types of activities that will be offered. The Activity room is available to all AVRA and Club members when not in use by youth campers on rainy days in the summer.

Storage Room

The Storage room is located in the lower level, just past the Activity room on the right-hand side. Excess items from the Activity room and the Storage Room are being sold on Facebook's MarketPlace over the coming weeks, and include indoor and outdoor chairs, tables, shelving, electric fireplaces, dishes, and glassware.

VOLUNTEERS

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!!!! Cleaning out the clubhouse rooms has been a labour of love. A special thanks to Board Director Ralph Milligan and his wife Joanne for overhauling the old Library and taking the books to re-Read it. Thanks also to Board Secretary Christine Adam-Carr and ALE owners/operators Sarah St. Michael and Ben O'Neil for cleaning out the Activity and Storage Room. And thank you in advance to Andrea Felix, Hendry Kanter and Christine Adam-Carr for painting the new room, to Jan Lockett for making the signs for the bulletin board, and to Tom Woodward and Audrey Norgang for shampooing the carpets and rehangng the plaques after the paint dries. Also, thank you to Linda Norton for refinishing the tabletops.



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[Program Calendar](#)

The *Public Events Calendar* for non club members is attached for your reference. Stay tuned for more information on each event as the dates draw near.

[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 golf program this year, and we invite the juniors and their parents out to an information session to be held in the Gallery on April 24 at 11:00am.

[Pool](#)

In addition to the family and adult swim times, we will be offering swim lessons and aquafit classes. This year we will be offering two different aqua-fit sessions, one on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and another on Tuesday and Thursday. Online registration will be available as of April 1st for all aquafit and swimming lessons. Please note that the schedule and pricing may be subject to change depending on Covid restrictions.

[Pickleball /Tennis](#)

Members will have access to resurfaced courts this summer and the ability to reserve courts online up to seven days in advance.

[Club Memberships](#)

You can purchase a club membership at the pro shop (winter hours are Monday-Thursday from 10am-2pm), or by contacting Katherine Vollett directly by phone (613-836-2581) or email (kvollett@tmsiottawa.com). New this year is the all-inclusive family membership and a swim and paddle membership.

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 our activities (tennis, pickleball, swimming, and golf).

MEMBERS' CORNER

We would like to welcome Joanne Hansell as the newest AVRA member.

Last month, we asked the Community to guess how many of the original 308 AVRA members are still living in Amberwood. The answer is 22 (7 from the Condos and 15 from the Trails with more than half living on Deer Moss Trail!). Congratulations to Paul Ross winning last month's quiz. **This month's quiz:** Red Oaks Trail used to be called something else. What was it? Bonus if you know why they changed the name. Click [here](#) to submit your answer.

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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