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## HIGHLIGHTS

### *Stittsville Foodbank Fundraiser*

*Submitted by John Thomsen, AVRA Board Director*

Amberwood Golf & Country Club held a successful fundraiser despite the heavy rains on Sunday. In addition to all the non-perishable food items, we raised \$2,000 which included a generous \$500. donation from Darin McCorriston, President, TMSI Sports Management. Congratulations to Percy Fisher for winning the putting contest. Percy won a 20-game golf pass for Amberwood Golf & Country Club.

### *Glen Gower Visit*

*Submitted by Marius Felix, AVRA Board Vice-President*

On Monday, August 15, Councillor Glen Gower met with Bernie Ash and Marius Felix to see the improvements AVRA has completed and received an update on the progress being made on the construction project now underway on the lots AVRA sold last year. Glen was both impressed and delighted with the pool and courts updates (he has since visited the pool) as well as the greening of the course due to the new irrigation system. Bernie updated Glen on the construction project and the steps Inverness Homes is making to meet all of the expectations expected before construction of the homes begins. Marius invited Glen to the fundraiser golf event scheduled for August 27, 28 and 29 and offered an open invitation to record one of his videos on the golf course. It was a pleasure meeting with him and we look forward to his future visits.

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## ALE NEWS

*Submitted by Ben O'Neil, GM ALE*

This past month, ALE was a recipient of three 2021 Community Votes Ottawa Awards, recognizing outstanding businesses and services. ALE won the platinum (1st place) award for Events & Party Planning, the Silver (2nd place) award for Caterers and a Top Pick (special recognition) for Vegetarian Restaurants. ALE continues to look forward to Fall & Winter restaurant operations and will be actively promoting the facility as a year-round destination. During this time of year, ALE often begins to plan community holiday parties for the surrounding

streets and encourages street captains and community members to get in touch with ALE's General Manager, Ben O'Neil (ben@aleottawa.ca) to discuss Covid-friendly party options while dates are still available.

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## BOARD NEWS

### Reserve Fund

*Submitted by Bernie Ashe, AVRA Board Director*

A draft reserve fund study will be presented to the Reserve Fund Committee of the Board on August 31st. This study, prepared by the engineering firm IRC, will provide what AVRA is looking for - lifespan estimates for various Amberwood infrastructure items, along with suggested maintenance and repair priorities. Further information will be shared with the AVRA membership prior to the special meeting in November.

### Fall/Winter Activities

*Submitted by Christine Adam-Carr, AVRA Board Secretary*

Thank you to everyone that has submitted additional suggestions for fall and winter activities! You will be pleased to hear that there are plans in the works to offer a variety of indoor activities, based on these requests. Some would be offered in partnership with our amazing on-site restaurant, ALE. Other activities will be in small groups, with a captain leading, such as bridge or craft clubs. Current and future renovation plans will include your requests. Of course, Covid continues to affect this planning - stay tuned, and please feel free to continue to send along any special requests or suggestions.

### Balanced scorecard

*Submitted by Terry Wright, AVRA Treasurer*

You wanted to know more about Amberwood Village Recreation Association's business side and we promised you more details. The balanced scorecard was introduced this year to provide a snapshot for you. During the first quarter of operations Amberwood achieved an overall score of 115%, which means we are well ahead of projections.

In the scorecard 3 core components of the business were measured - financial, operations and customer - to arrive at an overall indicator of the health of the business. This is broken down as financials for golf, pool, courts, tenants (ALE/JF Sabourin) and overall operating income. The operational measures include utilization factors and average rate per golf round, and we measure customer satisfaction.

Here's a snapshot of how Amberwood has fared to date:

| Financial                   |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Golf Revenue                | ● |
| Pool Revenue                | ● |
| Courts Revenue              | ● |
| Rental Revenue              | ● |
| Operating Income            | ● |
| Operational                 |   |
| Utilization factor          | ● |
| Average rate per golf round | ● |
| Customer                    |   |
| Customer satisfaction       | ● |



This scorecard will be enhanced as we move forward and commit to keeping you informed on Amberwood's progress. Your questions, comments and feedback are most welcome!

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## PROJECTS

### *Trailway Circle Construction*

The building permit for the homes will be issued after the flood plain work is completed and MVCA signs off. This is scheduled for late October. Site servicing will occur in November. House construction will begin in November and end in August 2022.

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## CLUB NEWS

*Submitted by Katharine Vollet-Usher*

New pool hours effective immediately. Please note that there are no longer any lifeguards on duty.

| Weekdays              |             | Weekends               |             |
|-----------------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------|
| 7:30 -9:00            | Adult swim  | 7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. | Adult swim  |
| 9:00-10:00            | Aquafit     |                        |             |
| 10:00 a.m. -3:30 p.m. | Family swim | 10:00 – 4:00 p.m.      | Family swim |
| 3:30 p.m. -5:30 p.m.  | Adult swim  | 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.  | Adult swim  |
| 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | Family swim | 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  | Family swim |
| 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. | Adult swim  | 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  | Adult swim  |



### *Turf Update*

*Submitted by Mark Hyne, Golf course Superintendent*

With the help of our new irrigation system, the course weathered the month of August very well. With the hot and dry conditions, crews were out daily watering hot spots on greens and fairways. Greens were aerated on the 22nd and are recovering very well. Tees were aerated on the 25th and are also showing signs of promising recovery. As we switch into the fall season, work will continue on turf repair from the irrigation install, removal of dead trees, and aeration of high traffic areas. Irrigation blowout is tentatively scheduled for the first week of November with assistance from Atkinson Irrigation.

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## CAPTAINS UPDATE

### *Tennis/Pickleball*

*Submitted by John Thomsen*

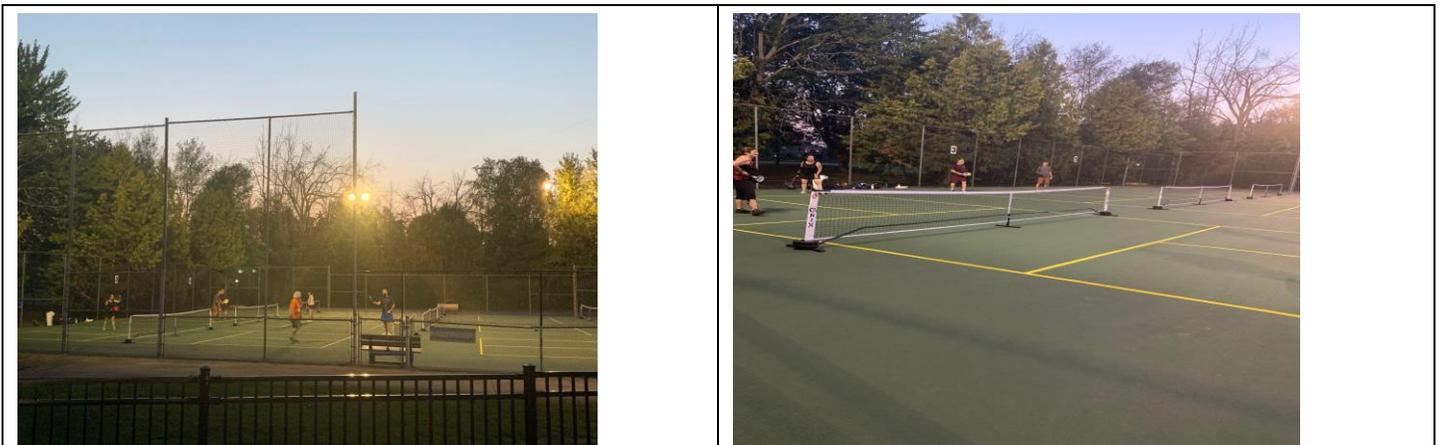
#### Junior Pickleball comes to Amberwood

Elizabeth Stoqua recently led a junior pickleball clinic, with 15 eager youngsters coming out. This clinic was provided free, with equipment provided by TMSI. The juniors moved through warm up, practice with the ball and racket, to learning to serve. The enthusiasm and energy levels were high!



#### Pickleball Clinic

On Monday, August 23, John Badger and Peter Rohe led a beginner pickleball clinic. There were 8 keen adults, ready to learn and play. John and Peter provided excellent instruction, along with modelling, allowing all players to become familiar with the rules, controlling the ball, hitting, serving, and returning serves. A second session took place in the evening, on Thursday, August 26. Demand was very strong so two more clinics are scheduled for early September.



## *Golf - Women's League*

*Submitted by Suzanne Hiron*

The Club Championship was held in mid-August, under a scorching sun and unusual heat. Despite these trying conditions, a brave foursome of women competed for the title of Amberwood Club Champion. Joanne Milligan won the title for 2021 edging out her colleagues, Roberta Tarte, Marian Sleeman and Audrey Norgang. Let's hope that next year's championship can gather more women to compete, in either 18 holes or 9 holes. The more, the merrier.



*Left to right (Roberta Tarte, Joanne Milligan, Marian Sleeman and Audry Norgang)*

The Ladies' League also had its first shotgun start and social gathering on the deck at ALE. Within safety guidelines, numbers were limited, but it was still a lot of fun to see everyone after such a long COVID-caused hiatus.

The course is looking great and the ladies are pleased with how nicely the irrigation system is helping with the conditions. After so many years of hard ground and dried grass during the high heat of July and August, it is particularly nice to walk on what seems to be a lush carpet of green. Stay tuned for more information about this season's closing event, if COVID restrictions allow.

## Golf - Men's League

*Submitted by Tom Woodward*

August was a busy month. The Club Championship was held August 10 and 12th. Congratulations to Sparky Gilbeau, Amberwood's 2021 Champion! Match Play started in early August. By the end of September, we'll have winners in three categories - Open, Senior & Team. After tryouts in July, the Men's league put together a team of 12 that will represent Amberwood at the OVGA Senior Men's Intersectionals September 7 at Pineview. Planning is well underway for a celebratory Men's League Closing Day & Dinner on September 30. It'll be a shotgun start at 1pm followed by dinner at ALE. And a big welcome to Brian Kelly - new to Amberwood Village and the Men's League!



*AVGCC General Manager Katharine Usher-Vollett and Sparky Gilbeau*

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## AVRA MEMBERS' CORNER

### FOCUS GROUP INVITATION

AVRA members are invited to discuss and take part in a focus group discussion regarding the proposed annual dues. A reminder that at our last AGM, the members voted in favor of establishing a reserve fund to pay for new improvements to property and building, major repairs and replacement of aging equipment and that the reserve fund will be primarily funded through annual dues. Please read the [Qs & As](#) for more information.

You are invited to apply to join one of the two focus groups to be held virtually on September 13th and 14th at 7:00 p.m. Please fill in the [application form](#) here before Friday, September 3rd.

### *Special Meeting - November 18*

A special 'virtual' meeting will be held on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. to vote on the annual dues. The annual dues must be approved by majority vote of the AVRA membership so please mark your calendars. A formal invitation will follow.

### *Welcome new members*

We would like to welcome Melissa and James Tripp to AVRA. A reminder that membership applications are temporarily suspended and will resume after the special meeting to be held on November 18th.

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### **WANT TO KNOW MORE?**

If you have a specific topic you would like covered, please send us an email at [info@amberwoodvillage.ca](mailto:info@amberwoodvillage.ca) and we will include it in the next issue of *Amberwood Insider*.

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