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**HIGHLIGHTS**

*Toasty Toes Ottawa*

Amberwood is running a sock drive in support of [ToastyToes Ottawa!](#)

One of our Amberwood Village residents, Rebecca Fitzgerald, is running a campaign to provide new warm socks to local shelters and organizations for people experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness in Ottawa. Please consider donating socks to this worthy organization. You may drop pairs of new socks off at: **65 Bay Hill Ridge OR 14 Heather Glen Court**. The campaign will run until December 7<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to Rebecca for leading this important endeavour!

*Amberwood Gallery – Fall line-up*

Local painter [Charles Spratt](#) continues his show at the Amberwood Gallery until Thursday November 11<sup>th</sup>. Local photo artist [John Edkins](#) returns to the Gallery on Sunday November 14<sup>th</sup>, and his exhibit will continue until Thursday December 30<sup>th</sup> (closed Boxing Day Sunday December 26<sup>th</sup>). We will feature the pottery of [ceramicist Susan Kunstadt](#) on a special weekend from Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. each day. John Edkins and Susan Kunstadt will be on-site for an in-Gallery chat on Sunday Nov. 21st.



Charles Spratt



Susan Kunstadt



John Edkins

Twenty-five percent (25%) of all proceeds will be donated to the AVRA Building Fund.



## ***Carleton Ravens Golf Team Visits Amberwood***

When the Carleton Ravens golf team checked out the conditions at Amberwood, the coach said they had to play from the blue tees and could only use clubs 8 and 9 and wedges! That was no problem for Josh Goheen who recorded a long drive of 345 yards at his home club, Rideau View.



From left to right, this photo of the Ravens includes: Nate Wiersma, Dan Ryan, Josh Goheen, Kyle Warton, Branden Fasken, Owen Vijh, Ben Simmonds, Ty Rouse, Emma Harvey. Missing: Dylan Rouse, Dom Novelli

## ***Fundraising: A new children's book from Amberwood Author Barbara Robson***

*Pre-order one in time for Christmas!*

In this storybook for children and grandchildren, *Alex the Famous Stittsville Fox* explains how Amberwood Village got its green space and how he became a "rock star." Barbara Robson of Bayhill Ridge, an award-winning author, teamed up with illustrator Christina Bugatsch of Red Oaks Trail to give new life to the little fox who became a local hero during the Covid pandemic. The book for children aged three to eight will be available in time for Christmas. The price of the 45-page storybook is \$15, and all profits will be donated to AVRA for family-friendly additions to our facilities. The first print-run is limited, so to reserve a copy please complete this order form by November 15<sup>th</sup>.



[Alex in Amberwood Book Order form](#)

## ***Diego's outdoor lending library***

*Submitted by Elizabeth Stoqua*

Sandra and Phil Prophet from Eagle Rock Trail built this fabulous outdoor lending library in memory of their dog Diego. Located on the bike path at the corner of Eagle Rock Trail and Trailway Circle, this library has something for everyone. The children's books are even strategically placed on the bottom shelf so the wee ones can reach, as Harper O'Connor can be seen doing here.

Bring a book, take a book. What a great concept.

Thank you Sandra and Phil!





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## ALE NEWS

*Submitted by Ben O'Neil*

As our signs say: Ottawa's best dining destination never gets cold feet! Amberwood Lounge and Eatery (ALE) is excited to grow throughout the coming winter months while continuing to draw both new and familiar community members to the beautiful landscape and facilities. ALE plans to host many special community events during this period including wine pairing nights, live music events (Yes! You can dance again!), high teas and much more! ALE will be closed briefly from November 1<sup>st</sup> through the 4<sup>th</sup> for kitchen remodeling and dining room touch-ups. When we relaunch on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, ALE will be introducing brand new food menus and cocktail lists, including a familiar Sunday night special available for both dine-in and take-out: ALE's own two-can-dine, three course "Date Night" special (\$54.99 take-out, \$59.99 dine-in) every night all winter long.

Do you follow ALE on social media? If not, [visit us on Facebook](#) where many of our special promotions will be announced!

Beginning November 7<sup>th</sup>, ALE's updated winter hours of operation will be:

- ✓ Monday & Tuesday: CLOSED
- ✓ Wednesday through Saturday: 11am to 9pm (for lunch & dinner)
- ✓ Sunday: 10am to 8pm (for breakfast, lunch & dinner)

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## BOARD NEWS

### *Balanced Scorecard*

*Submitted by Terry Wright, AVRA Treasurer*

The balanced scorecard was introduced this year to provide members with a snapshot of Amberwood's health. During the second quarter of operations, AVRA achieved an overall score of 104%, which means we are ahead of projections. This is down from 115% in the first quarter and is attributed to operating income. Anything over 100% is a good score. Pool revenues, while rebounding somewhat, are still less than 50% of our original target. This is due to covid restrictions. Both tee time utilization and average rates per round are very healthy.

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

### *Indoor activities*

*Submitted by Christine Adam-Carr, AVRA Secretary*

Starting the week of November 7<sup>th</sup> Amberwood will be offering a variety of indoor activities, including cards, arts and crafts, a writing group, and billiards. Please refer to the [Amberwood Activities Guide](#) for details, and for registration information. Registration will be accepted until November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

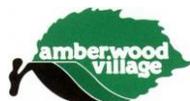
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## CLUB NEWS

*Submitted by Katharine Vollett-Usher, AVGCC's GM*

The golf course will be closing on October 31<sup>st</sup> but the pickleball courts will stay open until the snow flies. Early Bird registration is now open for a 2022 membership, and you can register by phone or by [downloading the membership package](#) and sending it in.

We want to know how we did this year, despite the COVID challenges and renovations. We have sent out surveys to the following groups: golf, junior golf, swim lesson participants, pool members, and tennis and pickleball members. If you received a survey, please take a few minutes to respond.



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## CAPTAINS' UPDATE

### *Golf*

*Submitted by Tom Woodward*

As this great golf season wraps up on October 31<sup>st</sup>, we are already looking forward to 2022. As well as our weekly Men's and Women's League play, we are planning mixed tournaments, including one on Canada Day that will be open to the public. If you're new to Amberwood and want to be part of the Tuesday morning and Thursday morning fun of Amberwood's Women's and Men's Leagues next year, Early Bird 2022 golf memberships are now on sale at by phone, or by [downloading the membership package](#) and sending it in.

### *Pickleball*

*Submitted by John Thomsen*

As noted above, pickleball will continue until the snow flies. The membership drive is going well with over 70 renewals to date with a target of 175-200 members for 2022. The advisory committee is meeting with Katharine Vollett in early November to prepare for next season. Our plans for next year include bringing in instructors, as well as introducing more levels of teaching clinics, league play and sponsored tournaments.

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## AVRA MEMBERS CORNER

### *Special meeting - Reserve Fund and Annual dues*

A special virtual meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Members can expect to receive an information package on November 4<sup>th</sup> and a follow-up call from an AVRA board member to answer any questions and solicit proxies.

[Register now!](#)

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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*.

### *Subscribe to our newsletter!*

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