

AMBERWOOD INSIDER

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NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Contributed by Ralph Milligan, AVRA board member

Remembrance Day

On October 14, 2020, we lost a decorated air force pilot and community activist, [Lieutenant General William \(Bill\) Carr](#). Bill was a long time resident of Amberwood Village, past resident of Spyglass Ridge Condo Assoc, Past President of Amberwood Village Recreation Association and Amberwood Village Golf & Country Club. Bill was active as a regular golfing member up to 3 years ago. He was 97 years of age.

Jeff Scott leaving for a new opportunity

Contributed by Suzanne Hiron, AVGCC Director of Communications

Our general manager, Jeff Scott, has accepted a new position at Rockland (Outaouais) Golf and Country Club and will be leaving Amberwood on November 15. Jeff, a recognized golf professional and stellar general manager, has been with Amberwood for the past four years. He has been instrumental in improving the course and leading several projects that will come to fruition next year. Amberwood Village Golf and Country Club, its board and members owe Jeff a debt of gratitude and wishes him all the best wherever his career takes him.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 10, 11, 12 — Q&A webinars to discuss new bylaws

The AVRA Vice-President and Governance Committee Chair will be hosting three Q&A webinars to answer any questions that members have with respect to the proposed bylaw changes. Please register for each session individually.

- November 10 – 7:00-9:00 p.m. (Motion 1 & 7): Terminating the lease between AVRA and the Amberwood Village Golf and Country Club and Transition. Please register for this session [here](#).
- November 11 – 7:00 9:00 p.m. (Motion 5): Formally establishing a requirement for a reserve fund. Contributions to the reserve fund shall include, without being limited to, annual fees paid by members. Please register for this session [here](#).
- November 12 – 7:00-9:00 p.m. (Motions 2, 3, 4 & 6): Electronic meetings, Legal Language, Clarifications and Board Rules. Please register for this session [here](#).

Nov 30, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Annual General Meeting

In accordance with the Ontario government temporary order in Council April 24, 2020—which allows all corporations in Ontario to conduct meetings and votes by electronic means—AVRA will use the GoToWebinar video conference application to conduct the AGM. AVRA members will need to register in advance (maximum one registration per household) to attend the meeting.

- Please click [here](#) to register for the AVRA AGM.
- Please click [here](#) if you are not planning to attend.

December 1, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

AVRA will be opening the 'Amberwood Gallery' in the members' lounge at Amberwood Golf and Country Club to feature the work of local photographer John Edkins. The photo exhibition will run three days a week (Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday) from 1:00- 4:00 p.m., through the month of December. COVID-19 physical distancing and mask protocols will be adhered (including a maximum of six visitors at any one time inside the gallery).

John will be selling framed photos of the [Amberwood Golf Course](#) in various sizes, along with calendars and [greeting cards](#). Twenty-five percent (25%) of all sales will be directed to the Clubhouse interior refurbishment fundraising initiative.

ADMINISTRATIVE ("HOUSEKEEPING") ITEMS

Rezoning of the Trailway Circle Lots

For those of you who have not been following along, AVRA conditionally sold five lots on Trailway circle to Inverness homes. Both construction and cash flow into AVRA are pending re-zoning approval by the city of Ottawa. The public consultation was held on October 29th. For a recording of that consultation, please click [here](#).

The application is progressing without any issues. We anticipate that the Zoning By-Law Amendment will be in front of the Planning Committee in January and we are confident that our application will be successful.

2021 AVGCC MEMBERSHIPS

Contributed by Jeff Scott, General Manager AVGCC

General Items of Note

If you purchase a 2021 golf membership at the Amberwood Village Golf and Country Club (AVGCC) before November 15, 2020 you will receive the following:

- One dozen Titleist TruFeel golf balls
- A 2021 Golf Canada Gold Membership (value \$50)
- A chance to win a 2022 Golf membership at AVGCC

If you purchase an 'All Inclusive' Membership, you will receive all the above, plus:

- A \$200 gift card for ALE (onsite topnotch restaurant)
- Four green fees passes (9 holes) for family and friends

Referral program

Existing members (adult golf member) who refer a new member who joins prior to the start of the new season will receive the following:

- Three guest passes (9 holes)
- \$50 credit towards their 2022 golf membership
- \$50 popshop gift card (excluding golf balls)

The great news is that AVGCC is now offering family memberships. A family consists of 2 adults and 3 children. While the golf course is updating their website, we invite you to view the membership pricing by clicking [here](#). Pickleball, tennis, swimming and aquafit prices will be provided later.

Memberships can be purchased by contacting Jeff Scott at jscott@amberwood.ca

PROJECTS

There are currently three projects underway which will be completed for AVRA's 40th anniversary next summer. Full disclosure of the costs of these projects will be presented at the AGM.

Irrigation System

The contract to replace the irrigation system has been awarded to TORO Installer Atkinson Irrigation, with assurance that we will have a priority starting date in the Spring.

Pickleball Courts

Approximately \$20,000 has been earmarked to resurface the courts. The two existing tennis courts closest to the clubhouse will be transformed into six pickleball courts and the far court will be a tennis court. The resurfacing is expected to be completed by the end of May 2021.

Pool Project

The refurbishing contract was awarded to PoolWorks. They have removed the concrete, lowered the new pipes into position and has also created opening for new jets and new LED lights.



(photo contributed by Ted Hill)

Click [here](#) to view more photos of the pool refurbishment which is expected to be completed by late June 2020.

WINTER ACTIVITIES

Indoor Activities

The activities that we had planned for the lounge (book club, balance/cardio/core classes, card making, health talks, card games and writing your family story, etc.) are on hold until the Covid-19 restrictions are loosened.

Outdoor activities

The golf course closed last week and has “put the greens to bed.” If only they had known that this week was going to have double digit temperatures!! Regardless of that, they have had a spectacular season and members will read all about it in the *AVRA Annual Report*, which will be released on November 20th.

We anticipate using the golf course grounds during the winter to enjoy walking, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing. TMSI will mark off the greens areas to clearly identify those areas where we **MUST NOT WALK**. If you are out for a walk, please stay off the greens and remember to ‘scoop’ that ‘poop’ if you are taking your dog on the course.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Contributed by David Pipkins, AVRA Vice-President

Maintenance committee

The maintenance committee has been busy.

Christine Adam-Carr, Andrea Felix, and Hendry Kanters painted our members’ lounge and it’s now ready to showcase John Edkins’ photographs! We won’t ruin the surprise by showing you any pictures of the room just yet. Please refer to the Events section of this newsletter to find out more about the ‘Amberwood Gallery’ opening on December 1st.



Also Marius Felix repaired the exterior stairs going up to ALE’s lovely patio and Bob Davis will be joining him to continue with the replacement of the spindles.



Governance Committee

The Governance committee currently consists of Linda Norton and David Pipkins. They are tasked with creating and documenting a framework for the board to manage risks, make decisions, and measure performance. This includes policies, procedures, and guidelines for consistent decision-making with respect to vision & planning, operations, finance, and community relations. They are in the process of drafting an overall framework, as well as documenting related policies and guidelines for this and future boards to use.

A key aspect of governance are our bylaws. Our current by-laws were last formally updated in 2000; however, much of the language and many of the references are circa 1980 and reflect the language and norms of that time. Recognizing the significant changes happening with AVRA, the Board commissioned an adhoc committee of Bernie Ashe, David Pipkins (chair), and three members of our community—Ted Norton, Yvon Tarte and Marius Felix—to review and propose updates to the by-laws. The proposed changes have been approved by the Board and presented to the community via 'Backgrounder' documents and change documents showing how the wording will be modified. Q&A sessions on these by-law changes will be held November 10th, 11th, and 12th, and the changes will be presented to the community as motions at the AGM. Click [here](#) to view the proposed changes to the by-laws.

MEMBERS CORNER

Outreach update

AVRA would like to welcome the following new members to our Association.

- Adam and Christine Hill
- Joan and Malcolm Dort
- Kirsty Edwards and Timothy Fisk
- Kristen and Tyler Childerhose

Membership is open to any Amberwood Village resident. Click [here](#) to find out more and register.

Subscribe to our newsletter

The launch of our new AVRA website last month has generated 20 new subscribers to our *Amberwood Insider* newsletter. You do not have to be an AVRA member or a resident of Amberwood Village to subscribe. Tell your friends!

NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteering with AVRA

There are two immediate volunteer opportunities available/

First, the brand new and exciting Amberwood Gallery is opening on December 1st. The first artist featured will be John Edkins, whose photography we have all enjoyed over the past year. Volunteers are required for one afternoon each week to act as greeters.

The greeters will be responsible for:

- welcoming visitors
- ensuring that COVID-19 protocols are being followed (masks, maximum numbers, physical distancing)

Gallery hours are from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and volunteers are expected to arrive at 12:30 p.m. There will not be more than five people allowed in the Gallery at one time. Volunteers are not be responsible for any financial transactions.

The second opportunity comes with the newly launched dynamic and informative AVRA [website](#). A volunteer is required to work closely with the Marketing and Communications Committee to maintain and update the website.

This person will be responsible for:

- monitoring, analyzing, and reporting on website traffic
- fixing broken links when necessary
- performing any necessary updates (text, .pdf documents, events, images, etc.)

Experience working with Word Press or an equivalent tool is required. The estimated time commitment is between 2 and 5 hours per month.

If you are interested in volunteering for either of these exciting opportunities, please click [here](#) and complete the attached form.

ALE Restaurant

Contributed by Sarah St. Michael, General Manager and Co-Owner of ALE

The Amberwood Lounge and Eatery (ALE) has launched a brand new, once-a-week lunch delivery service. Perfect for seniors, adults working from home, and children learning at home, these are healthy, light lunches, delivered to you between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. This program is designed to solve the hardest problem of the day once each week: "What's for lunch?" They have three options available in a subscription style service for 8 weeks, 4 weeks, and one-time purchases.

For more information, visit aleottawa.ca/

Indoor dining resumed at ALE on Saturday November 7th with the restriction that no more than four guests are permitted per table. A maximum indoor capacity of 50 people will be allowed, all tables will be at least two metres apart, and all guests will be screened for COVID-19. Mask use when moving around the building is required and intense sanitizing procedures are still in effect. This is per the Ontario Government's newest guidelines.

The following regular winter hours will resume November 11th:

- Wednesday 4-8
- Thursday 4-8
- Friday 4-9
- Saturday 12-9
- Sunday 12-8

ALE will be releasing new winter menu items and holiday promotions within the next two weeks.

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

If you have any specific topics you would like covered, please send us an email at Amberwoodvillage1981@gmail.com and we will include it in the next issue of *Amberwood Insider*.