- The Village Links of Glen Ellyn | Spring 2024 -

## Welcome to the 2024 Golf Season!

"Committed to Excellence in Golf since 1967", the entire staff at the Village Links of Glen Ellyn and Reserve 22 are eagerly preparing for the return of ALL our wonderful members and guests. Whether you come to enjoy the challenging layout and amazing conditions of our 27 holes of golf, participate in any of our great instructional programs or fun golf leagues, dine with us inside or on the best outdoor patio around, or attend one of the many spectacular banquets we host, we promise to provide you with superior service and create remarkably memorable experiences.

### Facility Improvements

Our Halfway House bathrooms and exterior improvements were completed mid last season, and we are currently underway with another major Clubhouse renovation. The pro shop, south restrooms and entrance way are now under construction and set to be completed by the end of March. Please pardon our dust during these exciting enhancements.



# GOLF SHOP RENOVATION NOW COMPLETE!

Come sign up for your Resident or V.I.P. card, or just stop by to see the exciting improvements to our golf shop!

Open Tuesday - Sunday, 10-4pm (until course opens).



## Mark Your Calendar

- March 6 -2024 Weekend Perm Time Lottery

- March 24 -Spring Scramble

- April 27-28 -VL Amateur Qualifying

> - June 7-8 -Have One On Us (register May 22)

- June 23 -Parent/Junior **Tournament** 

- Iulv 8-9 -Junior Championship

- July 28 -Couples Championship

> - August 18 -Glen Ellyn Open

- September 8 -Senior Glen Ellyn Open

> - September 29 -Fall Scramble

- October 5-6 -Links Cup

- November 10 -Iron Man Open

## - 2024 Course Information, Lessons, and Events -

## - Superintendent's Corner -

### When Will the Courses Open?

When will the golf courses open in 2024? We wait until the frost is out of the greens and the threat of multiple deep freezes has subsided, typically around March 15th. We have opened as early as February 15th (1977) and as late as April 12 (1983). In 2023 we opened on March 9th. Please watch the website for updated opening information, *villagelinksgolf.com*.

### Village Links Celebrates 30 Years of Environmental Excellence

Village Links celebrated a milestone anniversary of 30 years as an Audubon Certified Sanctuary for Golf. We stand as the first ever Municipal Golf Course in the world to become certified, and this is an honor and privilege that we do not take lightly. Part of our commitment to the environment is showcased throughout the property with the multitude of birdhouses in out of play areas, the buffer strips established around the ponds on property, and with the removal of invasive species such as buckthorn and Canada thistle throughout the property. 2023 also saw the return of vegetables and herbs from the on-site green house as well as the return of the bees. We had 25 bee hives on site last year all managed and cared for by "For You Honey" who happen to be Glen Ellyn residents!

### Planned Bunker Work

This year we are planning to add sand to a large amount of bunkers on the golf course. We plan to purchase a large material handler to help with this process and will begin with our greenside bunkers in greatest need of sand. This is not a quick or easy process but is one that must be done. To note, once topped with new sand the bunkers will play a little "fluffy" as is common with new sands being added, rainfall, traffic, and irrigation will help these settle in time.

### - Hit Range Balls Year Round -



## Driving Range Offers Great Turf or Mats

The driving range is open year round, even in the snow! Our grass tee has 30 spaces, with hitting stations with artificial turf mats for when the weather is wet and sloppy. It's the best of both worlds—firm level mats in wet or wintry weather, and nice natural grass during the rest of the golf season. Purchase a Village Links 15 Bucket Smart Card for \$150 and save over 30% on driving range balls. The 15 large buckets are credited to your Links ID Card and never expire.



### 2024 Half-Day & All-Day Junior Golf Camps

Juniors can choose from 32 All-Day Junior Golf Camps in 2024. The morning instruction segment of each camp includes a visit to multiple learning stations to cover every aspect of the game. After a supervised lunch, the juniors play the 9-hole course. Instruction is tailored to the progress of each individual, allowing juniors to sign up for multiple camps. The \$89 camp fee includes instruction, lunch, and a supervised 9-holes of golf.

44 Half-Day Junior Golf Camps are geared towards boys and girls with little or no golf experience. The \$59 fee includes concentrated instruction, fun activities that complement and nurture fundamental skills, and a certificate for free nine holes of golf (restrictions apply). Morning and afternoon sessions are available.

Registration online for 2024 camps available now at *villagelinksgolf.com*.

## Village Links Junior Golf League

The Village Links will again host the very popular 13 & under Village Links Junior Golf League. Juniors of all abilities will compete each week in a little league baseball type format. Space is limited. Details at villagelinksgolf.com.

## 2024 Tournament Series Expanded and Enhanced

The 2024 Tournament Series will now include a NEW Senior Glen Ellyn Open hosted on Sunday, September 8. Also, exciting changes are coming to the Amateur and Couples Championship including a Champions Dinner after the round for each event. More details and sign up information are available at *villagelinksgolf.com*.



### Pre-Season Discount Deadline—March 15

### Who qualifies for a Resident Card?

Applicants must reside within the corporate limits of the Village of Glen Ellyn. Apply in person at the Golf Shop to have your photo taken. Proof of residency is required. Resident Cards must be renewed annually and expire on December 31.

#### What are the benefits of a Resident Card?

Resident Card holders receive discounts on their green fees, and receive preferred access to tee time reservations. You can use your "Village Links Card" immediately.

### Why should I apply for my Resident Card now?

Adult Resident Cards are \$10 before March 15 and \$20 thereafter. Junior Cards are \$5 and \$10 after March 15. Cards must be renewed annually and expire on December 31.

2024 GOLF FEES		RESIDENT CARD	REGULAR (NON-RESIDENT)	V.I.P. CARD
WEEKEND	18-Holes	\$56.00	\$74.00	\$59.20
	18-Holes Twilight after 3:30 p.m.	\$28.00	\$37.00	\$29.60
	9-Holes	\$25.00	\$33.00	\$26.40
	9-Holes Twilight after 6:30 p.m.	\$12.50	\$16.50	\$13.20
WEEKDAY	18-Holes	\$44.00	\$64.00	\$51.20
	18-Holes Twilight after 3:30 p.m.	\$22.00	\$32.00	\$25.60
	9-Holes	\$20.50	\$26.00	\$20.80
	9-Holes Twilight after 6:30 p.m.	\$10.25	\$13.00	\$10.40
	Senior 18-Holes 62 & older	\$34.00	\$43.00	\$34.40
	Senior 9-Holes 62 & older	\$16.50	\$21.00	\$16.80
	Junior 18-Holes 21 & under	\$34.00	\$43.00	\$34.40
	Junior 9-Holes 21 & under	\$16.50	\$21.00	\$16.80



The World Handicap System in association with the USGA is available through membership in the Chicago District Golf Association for an annual fee of \$45. Handicaps are used in most Village Links competitions and enable golfers of varied abilities to compete on an equitable basis. Village Links handicaps may only be purchased or renewed online through cdga.org.

## - 2024 Multi-Play & V.I.P. Cardholder -

### Multi-Play Resident Discount Rounds

Multi-Play Resident Discount Rounds—Resident card holders can pre-purchase 20 or more 18-hole green fees at a discounted multi-play rate. These multi-play rounds may be bought in any combination of weekend or weekday 18-hole rounds and must be used by the end of the 2024 season. As an additional benefit, multi-play purchasers can bring up to three accompanied guests to play at the resident rate. Some restrictions apply. Multi-play purchasers may play free with a family member as a walkup only (no reservation) after 5:30 p.m. on the 18-hole course or 7:30 p.m. on the 9-hole course.

**Redeeming Pre-Paid Rounds**—Pre-paid rounds are credited to your "Village Links Card" for immediate use.

### 2024 V.I.P. Cardholders

27-Hole V.I.P. Card—\$50, 9-Hole Course Only—\$30 Jr. 27-Hole V.I.P. Card—\$25, Jr. 9-Hole Course Only—\$15

NEW LOW PRICE

The popular V.I.P. Card is \$50 per year; \$30 if you only play the 9-hole course. V.I.P. card holders save 20% on every green fee, plus save 10% on all golf shop merchandise.

The **V.I.P. Premium Card** is \$100 per year; \$60 if you only play the 9-hole course. Premium members may extend their discounts to up to three accompanied guests every time they play, all year long. The special guest rate is not valid for league play or permanent tee times.

V.I.P. Card & Multi-Play Card Holders Receive an Added 10% Discount on All Regularly Priced Golf Shop Merchandise Purchased in 2024.



## Monday Men's League

The **Monday Men's 18-Hole Golf League** plays Monday mornings at 7:30 a.m. This is an individual full handicap league, open to golfers of all abilities, playing a variety of formats throughout the season. Runs 4/8 to 9/30.

### Swingin' Set Ladies League

The **Swingin' Set Ladies Golf League** is comprised of separate 9-hole and 18-hole leagues that play Tuesday mornings May through September. New members need at least 54 holes of scores (both 9- or 18-hole rounds) to compute a handicap and are expected to play 10 rounds during the 20-week season. Email *cesces@aol.com* for more information.

### Wednesday Senior Men's Golf League

The **Wednesday Senior Men's Golf League** will hold its permanent time drawing on Wednesday, March 20 at 3:00 p.m. The 9-hole league plays each Wednesday morning with a variety of competitive formats, April through September. For more information, please contact the Golf Shop at 630-469-8180.



## Evening Adult Beginning Group Lessons

Three one-hour weekly sessions cover the basics of the game. Classes start at 6:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m., with a maximum of six students per class. 32 classes will be offered May through early August. Cost is only \$89 per golfer.

For details and class schedules, or to register, visit villagelinksgolf.com or call 630-469-8180.



## Starting Times Are Available Now

Permanent Reserved Weekend Starting Times are available on the 18-hole course beginning at 5:30 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, April 6 through August 25.

Starting Times will be distributed by a **weighted lottery drawing** at the Village Links, 7:30 p.m. **Wednesday, March 6**. Preference is given to Village of Glen Ellyn residents.

A complete foursome is required to enter the drawing and obtain a permanent time. **By 5:00 p.m., Sunday, March 3,** each individual entering the drawing must pre-pay a \$25 permanent time reservation fee and \$500 of pre-paid green fees to be used by that individual.

Permanent time applications and payments can be made at the Village Links Golf Shop, Tuesday–Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If a satisfactory time is not drawn, notify us by March 8 to receive a full refund on all pre-payments.

Complete rules are available at the Golf Shop or **villagelinksgolf.com.** 

