

REPORT OF THE STRAWBERRY VALLEY GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Abington:

We herewith submit our annual report for the year ending December 31, 2007.

Our lessor, Johnson's Golf Management, Inc. of Weston, Massachusetts has completed the fourth year of a five-year lease agreement with the Town of Abington. The current lease expires December 31, 2008.

Some developments of the past year;

The annual Town Appreciation Day, hosted by the SVGC Committee and Johnson's Golf Management, was held on Sunday, September 16th. Town Appreciation Day is a free day of golf for Abington residents. Over 200 golfers enjoyed an outstanding day of great weather. Free T-shirts and free raffles prizes, donated by local businesses, were given out. This year we had more kids and parents play on this day than we have ever had before. The future of golf looks bright. The SVGC Committee would like to thank everyone who helped in making this a great annual event.

In November 2006, special town meeting approved the first year of a six-year capital plan at Strawberry Valley Golf Course. This years projects include the installation of new cart paths around the course and residing and trim work on the barn. The Committee is pleased to inform you that the barn with a fresh coat of barn red stain looks fantastic.

Over 3,100 linear feet of new golf cart paths have been installed on the course. These paths should be a great help during the wet periods of the early spring season. Golfers will still be able to use a cart during wet conditions when in the past they were prohibited for fear of damaging the course.

This past November, funding was approved to finish the cart paths, add additional safety netting along the second fairway and funding to have a complete water assessment of the course. This water assessment is the beginning process of updating the course's antiquated irrigation system.

The Strawberry Valley Golf Course Committee would like to thank Mr. Warren, Town Manager, and the residents of Abington for all support in the course's capital plan projects.

Other course improvements include new tee markers, new distance markers and a new rules sign at the first tee. A new recyclable plastic bench was installed at the first tee. This bench is the viewing bench for the "Adopt a Bench" program.

An email address has been setup for the any feedback regarding Strawberry Valley Golf Course. That address is svgc@abingtonmass.com.

The Strawberry Valley Golf Course Committee is very committed in making Strawberry Valley one of nicest and enjoyable course on the South Shore.

The Strawberry Valley Golf Committee wishes to thank the people of Abington and golfers who contributed to the success of Strawberry Valley.

Respectfully submitted,

The Strawberry Valley Golf Course Committee

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Joseph Cavanaugh, *Vice Chairman*

Steven J. Wakelin

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Pat LeBrecque, *Secretary*