

**REPORT OF THE
STRAWBERRY VALLEY GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE**

2008

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Inhabitants of the Town of Abington:

We herewith submit our annual report for the year ending December 31, 2008

Our lessor, Johnson Golf Management, Inc. of Weston, Massachusetts has completed the last year of their 5 year lease agreement with the Town of Abington.

The Strawberry Valley Golf Course Committee has spent many months reviewing the past golf management lease and other municipal golf management leases. The Strawberry Valley Golf Course Committee has completed drafting a new lease proposal, that will go out to bid in January 2009. The Strawberry Valley Golf Course Committee would like to thank Mr. Phillip L. Warren, Jr. for all his assistance in preparing the new golf management lease agreement

For the first time in a number of years, Town Appreciation Day which is hosted by the Strawberry Valley Golf Course Committee, ran into some rainy weather. 38 golfers braved the rainy weather to play a free round of golf at Strawberry Valley.

In November 2007, the fall special town meeting approved the funding of a 90 foot long and 50 foot high safety netting along the second fairway and a complete water assessment of the Golf Course. The Strawberry Valley Golf Course Committee is pleased to inform the residents that both capital projects have been completed.

This past November, funding was approved to design a new irrigation system for Strawberry Valley and upgrade the landscaping around the clubhouse as well as around the course.

The Strawberry Valley Golf Course Committee would like to thank Mr. Phillip L. Warren, Jr., Town Manger, and the residents for all their support in Strawberry Valley's capital plan projects.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,
The Strawberry Valley Golf Course Committee

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Steven J. Wakelin
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Patricia LeBrecque, *Secretary*