

# To Maintain A Life-Style: How Far Will They Go?

The “Good Ol’ Boys & Girls” (aka, the “Country Club Set”) are a group of HVLA members, mostly golfers, who have controlled HVLA since its beginning. They are a very small (less than 5% of all members) but highly influential group and very entrenched in Assn. governance/management. HVLA was initially developed as a “retirement”, “vacation” resort. These folks want to keep it that way. It is primarily their long entrenchment (40+ years), their well organized core-cadre and their willingness to do **ANYTHING** to maintain control.

Most Association members have no idea just how far these folks will go to keep control and to maintain their beloved “Country Club” life-style. Lest you dismiss the power of this group, here’s how far they have already gone to keep their life-style in HVLA:

- Steadfastly resisting comprehensive FIRE/FLOOD Prevention Planning
- Supporting Golf Ops. Losses so that no funds are left for other needs
- Contributing directly to allowing Community Ctr. deterioration
- Threatening suits & sending attorney letters threatening suit
- Rigging elections
- Controlling most Boards (by majority or harassment)
- Censuring and recalling Directors
- Harassing Directors until they resign
- Harassing one GM until they needed a State Victim-Protection Program
- Threats of physical harm
- Some physical attacks; charging one member with a golf cart
- Verbal attacks – online, face-to-face
- Using Assn. resources to keep members ignorant of their agenda/activities
- Getting friends/relatives into Assn. positions to support their agenda/activities
- Using management staff to do their bidding
- Doing online fund-raising to sue the Assn.
- Demanding the Assn. rehire previously discharged staff
- Demanding the Assn. revert to ineffective, questionable mgmt. practices
- Using local news-media to support their aims
- Taking out-spoken members to Federal Court
- Harassing out-spoken members until they move-away
- Controlling the CSD (water district)
- Using Mis- & Dis-information to confuse and mislead members

Whenever member resistance has increased, so has this groups’ hostile behavior. So, can anyone honestly say what they might do next...? By **HVL Owner Advocate**