

Message from the SGC President – Dec 31, 2020 – General Meeting Substitute

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Our traditional annual General Meeting after the December 7, 2020 End of Year shamle got “Covinated” this year so this message will serve as a poor substitute for our General Meeting.

First, I’d like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Silverbell Golf Club members that have served the club by actively participating in the operation of the SGC. Many thanks to the following:

Rick Finch – Tournament Director, one of the SGC founders, SGC Board member and author of the utility software that has made the website-based operation of the SGC possible

Butch Hughes – Treasurer, SGC Secretary, AGA rep, webmaster, play days TD, Moneyman, play day groupings, scorecard printer, scorecard data entry, trophy wall curator, SGC Board member, etc.

Jim Ballam – Moneyman, play day groupings, scorecard printer, CTP bag keeper, scorecard data entry, Vice President, SGC Board member

Marc Miller – SGC Board member, Handicap Chairman

Mike Palmer – Moneyman, scorecard printer, Rules Committee Chairman

Ron Bodwell – Moneyman, scorecard printer

Jerry Bodwell – Assistant Moneyman

Terry Johnson – Assistant Moneyman

Rules Committee members: **Mike Palmer** (Chair), **Terry Schmidt**, **Cyril Shettleroe**, **Vernie Dar**, **Dave Anderson**

SGC Status and Club Information

Election of Board of Directors: This is done once every two years and, luckily, we did not have to run an election at the end of 2020. At the end of 2021 (Oct-Nov) there will be an election of SGC Board Members so consider running for the board as the current board is getting to be older!

Volunteers: A request for volunteers to help with running the operation of the SGC has been posted to the website and we have had a few volunteers. The easiest current job that volunteers can help with is Assistant Moneyman to aid in the collection of entry fees, especially for Wednesday play.

SGC Operation Changes Coming in 2021: Due to Rick’s declining health and the fact that he is the key guy in solving any glitches that occur in using his software “utility” to set up groupings, print scorecards, determine winners, etc. the SGC will be slowly transitioning to a commercially available software package and SGC custom Excel templates to try to approximately duplicate the capability and procedures we have enjoyed for many years. This will take some time and patience. Some things will be eliminated from the website such as the Money List and the Last 20 Rounds data. Things like the Last 20 Rounds for each individual can be accessed on their AGA webpage or by using the GHIN app on a smartphone, but it will no longer be on the SGC website. Also, we will be shifting from using our own SGC handicap index, based on ONLY SGC rounds played, to the AGA/USGA handicap indexes maintained by the AGA. Keep an eye on the website for updates on procedures as we transition to the new system.

Treasurer Report: We are still solvent and do not expect dues increase anytime soon.

Membership Chairman Report: The Club continues to grow with over 100 members; we MAY have to limit membership if we get to a point where we regularly have to turn away “sign-ups” for play-days due to our maximum 12 tee times requested.

Handicap Chairman Report: Under the new software system the Handicap Chairman will still be entering SGC-played scores so that members do not have to do this. This MAY change.

Tournament Director Report: Maybe try some new “team” games for the future like the 3M tournament, non-HC games. Need to coordinate tee times requested (courses) with Major Tournaments.

With that, the “general meeting substitute” is concluded and I wish you all a very **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**