

SGC Board Meeting Minutes (HLT)

When: 1pm, 7 March 2023 **Where:** Rusty's on Grant (2075 W Grant Rd)

Attendees: Butch Hughes, Steve Wellman, Mike Palmer, Lee Task, Jim Ballam, Marc Miller

Absent: George Franklin

Meeting was called to order at 1pm.

1. Election - The election time-line for this year's SGC Board of Directors was presented by Butch Hughes. Once again the election will be held online in the Oct-Nov time period. Butch will provide a form online for members to submit nominations for the board. Mike Palmer suggested that election info could be printed on play day scorecards at the bottom so that members can stay informed regarding the election process. The board approved Butch's timeline and Mike's suggestion regarding using the scorecards to further inform members.

2. Major Tournaments – The Club Championship will continue to be a 2-flight format (A and B) with payouts from the SGC treasury (no entry fees). It was agreed that there would no longer be double-payouts (NET and GROSS) for the same player. If a player is “in the money” for both the Gross and the Net payouts for his/her flight that person would be paid for whichever placement has the higher payout. If the two payout placements are the same then the player would be paid the Gross payout and the Net payout would go to the next player down the line for the Net.

It was also decided that the Member-Member tournament will return to a 2-round event and that the Fall Classic would become a single round event.

There was discussion of raising the Midsummer Monsoon Madness event to a level of a major tournament. It would be a 1 round event and the entry fee would be raised to \$20. There was also discussion of having another tournament type event during the earlier summer months. Since these would be one round events they can be scheduled by the Tournament Director with relatively short notice (a few weeks) unlike the currently scheduled major tournaments, which are scheduled a year in advance.

3. Moneyman /Tournament Chairman entry fees – The suggestion was made that perhaps the SGC treasury could cover the cost of entry fees for the “moneymen” (currently Steve Wellman for Saturdays and Mike Palmer for Wednesdays) as a “thank you “ for their service. Since both moneymen were present at the meeting their input weighed heavily in the discussion. It was noted that several other people contribute a significant amount of their time to the operation of the club. The board consensus was to continue operations as they are now and not have the SGC cover the cost of entry fees of anyone.

4. 2023-2024 Major Tournaments schedule (Over seeding closures problem) – Currently Lee manages the submission of courses and tee times requests to the TCG, which includes the schedule for the Major Tournaments. In the fall of each year there is always a potential for the courses requested being closed due to overseeing. Since the TCG does not have a fixed schedule for which courses are closed when, it is impossible to completely avoid the problem of

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scheduling a course that winds up being closed. In order to minimize this risk and to provide a bit more space between major tournaments the board decided to make the Fall Classic a few weeks earlier than what was previously requested.

5. Medical adjustments to handicaps (policy) – There was considerable discussion about the policy to adjust a player's handicap index if the player encounters a significant serious medical event. Discussion on this issue was motivated by a specific event that impacted one of our members. Butch Hughes researched the USGA approved method for adjusting the player's index and applied the appropriate procedures. This resulted in an index that was perceived by some that was too high. The board discussed the specifics of this case and it was determined that the procedures implemented were appropriate and that Butch would post on the website the specific procedures that will be followed if this situation arises in the future. This would be posted under our SGC Policies section of the website.

6. Qualifications for moving to the forward tees for men – There was considerable discussion on this topic. The current qualification for moving to the forward tees for men is that the player needs to be age 70 or older. The concern is that men who move to the forward tees may have an unfair advantage when it comes to the Skins or CTP categories of winnings. Subjective/intuitive arguments were made regarding this perceived advantage. It was decided that there was no solid actual analyzed data to make a determination on this topic. It was therefore decided that Butch, having all of the data regarding winnings, forward tee players, and HC indices, would analyze the data to see if there is any statistically significant impact due to changing to the forward tees. This will be a tough analysis and will take time so this topic was tabled until such analysis is completed and reviewed by the board.

7. Financial Report – Butch Hughes (treasurer) presented the status of the club finances. The biggest single cost for the club is the year-end event. Currently, the club cash flow is about neutral (income and expenses are reasonably balanced). The board consensus was that there was no need to consider an increase in dues for next year. A related discussion regarding the year-end event meal cost/satisfaction could result in a much higher cost for the year-end meal, which could create the need for a dues increase for next year. Feedback from some members indicated the buffet provided at last year's event wasn't all that great. However, the convenience of having the year-end round of golf and the celebratory meal and general meeting all at the same location is significant. Decision was made for Butch Hughes and Lee Task to talk with Janet (Randolph golf complex food service manager) about significantly improving the buffet quality for this year (December 2023). This will definitely increase the cost of the event.

8. Dell Ulrich #17 Drop area – The board had previously decided to make our own SGC drop area for Dell Ulrich #17 since the course refuses to make a consistent drop area for this location (sometimes a drop area is marked but most of the time there is no drop area marked). It was decided that the SGC would get a metal CTP marker from the pro shop each play day and put our own Drop Area sign on this marker. The first group out would put this marker near the

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sprinkler head relatively close to the green. This would provide a consistent location for the drop area. See picture below.



9. SGC Website – It was noted that the SGC website could use some updating. All board members were asked to review the SGC website and provide Butch (SGC webmaster) with specific sections that could be deleted or that need adjusting.

The meeting was adjourned at about 3pm.

APPENDIX – Future Major Tournament Schedule

2023-24 Major Tournament Schedule

Wed			Sat	
20-Sep-23	Dell Urich	TC Fall Classic	23-Sep-23	Dell Urich
1-Nov-23	Silverbell	President's Cup	4-Nov-23	Silverbell
			2-Dec-23	Dell Urich
				EOY Shamble
24-Jan-24	Silverbell	Club Championship	27-Jan-24	Silverbell
31-Jan-24	Randolph	Club Championship	3-Feb-24	Randolph
28-Feb-24	Dell Urich	Member/Member	2-Mar-24	Dell Urich
6-Mar-24	Fred Enke	Member/Member	9-Mar-24	Fred Enke
18-Sep-24	Dell Urich	TC Fall Classic	21-Sep-24	Dell Urich
30-Oct-24	Silverbell	President's Cup	2-Nov-24	Silverbell
			30-Nov-24	Dell Urich
				EOY Shamble