

## SWGA 18s MEETING

JULY 15, 2024 20 signed up, 17 in attendance plus 2 Shadows

All Board Members present

**PURPOSE: Share information by flushing out issues, acknowledge what is going well, uncover what could go better, and present ideas/suggestions for improvement**

**General Announcement:** The Board made a decision to return to Byron Cook the \$500 check he gave SWGA following the Mid Season Event. Despite the poor showing from the restaurant staff at the event, we felt that everyone enjoyed the day and it was a successful event and the check was an unnecessary gesture.

**PURPOSE OF SWGA** with comments from attendees – to promote golf and stimulate interest, to make us accountable as golfers, non-threatening way to play golf, organized for me, people to play with, fellowship and friendships.

**SWGA OPERATIONS** – The membership indicated they are pleased with number (emails, Bulletin Board, Website) of places used for communication.

- Financials: Member Question concerning if we are spending too much money on decorations, especially the cost of balloons. Response: Other members favorably supported the decorations and fun activities. Of note, the balloons and decorations for the Purple Ribbon cutting were provided by the golf club. Board will review spending here.

- The membership was asked for feedback on Board availability and the response was that the Board is both accessible and approachable.

**PLAYDAY GENERAL** – Members were asked about entry fees and payouts. Everyone responded positive to current entry fees and payouts. They are enough to create some competition.

- Issue of 2 to a Cart – Member Question was asked if it will be possible to go back to one per cart in the winter months. Response: It is unlikely, but we will ask Byron.

- Group feels that the Course Marshall does help keep up the pace of play and hopes that will continue.

- Each person was asked to evaluate themselves for ways to improve pace of play. Byron has okayed playing as threesomes to help with pace of play for now.

- Reminder that there is a three minute time for looking for a lost ball and not everyone in the foursome needs to be looking. Some can continue hitting to move play along.

- Sally Hartman shared that the Niners now have a group timekeeper on Playday to promote and monitor pace of play.

**WEDNESDAY PLAYDAYS** – It was announced that we will have a Purple tee trial. The Purple tees will be incorporated into the 9 hole division Playday events for the next several weeks.

- The membership was reminded to read the Golf Genius sign up for information on the upcoming game. The rules will also be posted on your scorecard. Questions concerning the game rules

will not be addressed at the 8:45 meeting, but should be asked of the Playday Rep of the day prior to the meeting time.

- Member Question regarding the possibility of making erasers available. Response: We will see that a box of erasers will be available on the table with the score cards.

- The membership was asked about the like/dislike of the games being used on Playday. The member response was that some of the games seemed too complicated and maybe we should be more aware of the complication of scoring the games. Response: We will take this under consideration.

- Member Question raised about the possibility of just doing a couple low net games each month instead of the current games offered. Response: The variety in the games allows for more different people winning each week rather than the same winners each time from the low net games.

- Member Question asked about the possibility of sending out an email sample card for the game that week. Response: This has been done in the past and did not prove effective, but we will post a sample card on the pro shop door with the tee sheet and hopefully it will be helpful. Sending a sample card by email generated no confidence that it would solve the problem.

**FRIDAY PLAYDAYS** – Members responded favorably to format and play on Fridays without additional discussion.

**TOURNAMENTS & EVENTS** – It was announced that we will try to only have one tournament a month next year. The program this year was impacted by the aeration schedule, but we will try to do a better job with that next season.

- Member response said they particularly like to play scrambles. They were happy with the fees charged and the payouts given. They would like to continue to have an organized meal for events.

**SWG A PROGRAMS** – Members were asked about the programs offered by SWGA (Chip ins, Ringers, Personal Achievements, Split the Pot, Pictures, Fivers, and Clinics) and the response was positive to all of them. No additional suggestions were offered.

**PAR 3 FOR PINK** – Members were asked to find items for the raffle part of the event. Most members plan to play and offered no suggestions for changes. They were also asked to volunteer to help if possible.

**OPEN DISCUSSION** – Member Question about the possibility of an away golfing trip with an overnight stay. Sally Hartman offered to assist with planning. The response from the membership was very positive about the possibility. Response: The Board will take this under consideration at the next Board meeting.

- Member Question was asked about the current breakdown in membership between the 18s and Niners. Response: We have 51 Niners and 41 18s. The remaining 10 are Fivers.

- Member Question was asked regarding the age tally that was done with the Opening Day attendees. Response: Seventy members were present that day with 69 responding to the survey. In the 60-69 category, we had 12 members (17% of our membership), 70-79 category were 39 members (56% of our membership), 80+ category were 18 members (26% of our membership).

- Marty Anderson offered to create a Meal Train for any SWGA member in need of one.

