

SWGA @ SCP

2024 Opening Day Member Meeting

BEE KIND/BEE FUN!

The Opening Day Member Meeting for 2024 took place Wednesday, March 06 at the SCP Golf Club. At 10:00 a.m., the invocation was given by Patti Gard followed by a buffet brunch.

President Peggy Gardner welcomed everyone and introduced the Board. Fran Cook is Vice President, Jan McElroy is Treasurer, Judy Matton is Playday Chair, and Barbara Kennedy is Secretary.

Office Reports followed.

Peggy shared Board values of applying SWGA purpose to the SCP Community taking into account age, lifestyle and all golf skill levels, the importance of conduct to maintain unity and harmony, and the importance of enjoyment and fun.

This year's theme is Bee Kind/Bee Fun.

Peggy introduced Stephanie Barrell (not in attendance) and Jackie Reed from the Fivers program. And Jessie Knighton who is learning the website. Ringers will continue and she then announced the six Season sponsors - Pace Physical Therapy, Blasingame Pest Management, Snow Flow Heating & Cooling, MM&B Dentistry, Mr. Gutter Cleaning, and Peach State Golf.

Fran Cook followed with an introduction of her social team – Marge Whitney, Donna Hain, Janet Angi, Carol Payne, and Barbara Kennedy. They are responsible for the decorations for all events this season. She announced the Chip-in Pot will continue this season. Fran also mentioned the importance of replying to the PB invitations to our planning.

Jan McElroy reported we have a carryover from 2023 of \$965. We have 106 members to date. Jan Mokri and Jan Craddock are our photo team for this year. Complying with our bylaws, Jan reported that Cheryl Weagraff had reviewed the financial records for 2023 and found no discrepancies. Split the Pot will continue.

Barbara Kennedy spoke on our Bulletin Board and introduced Laura Shaw who will be the creative person behind the Bulletin Board. A New Member Policy is in place that will help with introducing any new member to SWGA. Included will be free half hour golf lesson with golf pro, Dale Seaton who has also offered to do some clinics for SWGA. Special thanks to Karen Winter for her continued support in creating cards for the Sunshine Program.

Judy Matton then gave a Playday Report and introduced her playday team – Barb Keehbauch, Sally Hartman, Linda Brayton, Terry Catlett, Denise Poole, Sue McDonald, and Lynn Bruton. Judy spoke on the changes to Wednesday playdays and then the changes to Friday playdays.

Members should refer to the web site www.scp.weebly.com for further information on these changes. Buddy Days will be played on Wednesdays. The changes to the Handicap system were discussed and booklets passed out to those interested.

In Unfinished Business, the addition of motion lights to the course bathrooms was announced. A special thanks to Debbie Brian for getting that started. Jackie Reed and Sue McDonald have posted information on their Stretching and Flex class on the website. A special thanks to Sally Hartman for organizing a breakfast social during the winter when the weather was so bad and play was impossible.

Next Peggy introduced new business. Jackie Reed reported on a survey done with the Fivers Helpers and she shared their positive comments about the program and the enjoyment and rewards they get from helping. She indicated there is a signup sheet for anyone interested in helping this season. The eligibility for the Club Championship has been re-examined and a member must play eight rounds on Wednesdays to qualify. The Shadow Program was introduced. It will be an opportunity for a member to attend a Board meeting, learn what the members do, and possibly want to join the Board in the future. Jan McElroy is the contact and a sign-up sheet is available.

Judy raised some questions and thoughts the Board is considering. An age group poll was taken of the membership when they registered and will be reviewed for future programs. The membership was polled as to the possibility of adding a Super Senior Division to the Club Championship. The show of hands response was favorable. A short discussion followed on going back to cart sharing as was done pre-Covid. There will also be a closer monitoring of handicaps this year, so a reminder to always post your scores and it is recommended to post them hole-by-hole. The signup sheets for Fiver Helpers, the Shadow Program, Handicap Booklets, and interest in a Handicap workshop were available following the meeting.

The floor was opened for questions. Mainly, the concern was if we could have an earlier start time (8 or 8:30) on Wednesdays during the summer or season. After discussion, a show of hands indicated that an 8:30 start time would work.

Fun followed with a "Were you paying attention" game and then Jan McElroy conducted the Split the Pot. There were three winners here with a total payout of \$240.

Peggy thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Kennedy

SWGA Secretary