

**MINUTES
GOLF COMMITTEE
PINEHURST COUNTRY CLUB
March 2, 2009**

Committee Members Present: Bob Alperi, John Bennett, Beth Bennington, Dick Biegger, John Bitting, Trish Christina, Bill Huber, Betsey McCann, Mat Marder, Julie Polk, Cathy Renner, Curtis Richardson, Bob Sandler, Peggy Schirmer, Murray Stern, Tricia Williamson,

Pinehurst staff: Chad Campbell, Chris Crouch, Justin Myers

Bette Rycroft called the meeting to order at 3:30. The February minutes were approved as submitted.

Golf: (Bette Rycroft) – Bette reported that there were three changes in special events chairs. John Roe had asked to be relieved of his responsibilities as chair of the Parent Child event. The Club had run this event prior to 2008 and has agreed to do so again this year. Betsey Mitchell, chair of the Women's Member Member, is moving. Betsey McCann has taken over as chair of this event. Maureen Reeves, chair of the Women's One Day Member Guest, is stepping down and Shirley Kronbach will take over as chair.

Organized Golf

Chippers: (Peggy Schirmer for Pat Tomasetti) - Chippers membership is 30. The Kick-off Breakfast is scheduled for March 11.

Birdies: (Beth Bennington) – Membership is at 180 which is 14 more than last year at this time. Todd Camplin is scheduled to speak at the March 23rd Spring Luncheon.

WGA (Julie Polk) – Membership is at 295 versus 315 last year at this time. The Opening Breakfast is scheduled for this Thursday; there is more than a full field.

Scramblers (Mat Marder) – Because of weather issues, the breakfast scheduled for today was rescheduled to March 30th. At the breakfast, Nate Olivo will provide a demo of the GolfNet sign up system. Scramblers had expected to start using GolfNet for weekly sign up around April 1 but will put it off for a few weeks since the demo has been pushed off until the March 30th breakfast.

Scramblers plan on establishing a membership with no membership fees at this time. The Golf Registration desk will give new male members a Scramblers info sheet when they register for a handicap posting number.

MGA (Bill Huber) – Membership is 517 versus 611 at this time last year. There may be a need to cut payouts due to less income from dues.

The newsletter has been posted on the web site and copies are in the men's locker room for those who don't have internet access. The 2009 Green Book has been published.

The Spring Breakfasts are scheduled for March 10th & 11th. There is less than a full field for each day; this is normal.

The MGA has asked that we consider allocating the MGA (and the WGA) four holes on an additional golf course during shotgun season starting the fall of 2009. This would take care of the alternate list and help alleviate the slow play due to doubling up on all holes on the scheduled course.

To date, about \$3,800 worth of chits have been converted to the Credit Book leaving about \$10,000 in chits outstanding.

Sunday Couples: (Tricia Williamson) – Everything is going well.

Special Events

Holiday Tournaments (Curtis Richardson) –Sign up for the Memorial Day event will begin in GolfNet on April 1. The only paper application available will be in the *MEMBERabilia*. This will be the last Holiday event that will accept a paper application. The sign up for the next two events will be only through GolfNet. Nate Olivo has posted instructions around the Club and on the Members' Web Site for using GolfNet. Only full teams of four can sign up using GolfNet. Partial teams must contact the chair, who will put teams together and enter them into GolfNet.

Legends (John Bennett) – No activity at this time.

Men's Member-Member (Duff Meyer) – No report

Women's Member-Member (Betsey McCann) – To date, seven applications have been received for the April 25th and 26th event. This event is being coordinated with the Men's Member Member scheduled for the same dates.

Member/Guest Events

Men's One Day (Bob Alperi) –Applications have been received for 58 teams; 14 more teams are needed for a full field. The final date to apply will be extended to April 15. Bob will have reminder notices put in the Member Minute.

Men's Three Day (Murray Stern) – The first notice will go in the April *MEMBERabilia* and the application will be in the May issue. Chairmen are in place for all committees.

Women's One Day (Shirley Kronbach) - No report

Women's Two Day (Cathy Renner) – The application for the June event will be in the April issue of the *MEMBERabilia*. Cathy will contact photoshoot@nc.rr.com to line up a photographer and will follow up with the Club on printing booklets and invitations.

Couple's Member Guest (Dick Biegger) – 25 applications have been received for the April 17th – 19th event. A full field is 30 teams of four. The March *MEMBERabilia* has a front page article on the event. It is hoped this will create more interest. Dick will ask Gina Brooker to put a reminder in the Member Minute.

Club Championships

Men's (Peter Richards) – No report

Women's (Trish Christina) – A meeting was held to work out the format for 2009; the flighting will be across the entire field. Trish will attend the upcoming WGA breakfast and Birdies luncheon to encourage participation in the event.

Couples Club Championship: (Bob Sandler) – A save the date article is in the March *MEMBERabilia* and the application will be in the April issue for this July event. There is concern that the mid-summer date may deter some from participating.

Rules (Ellen Shulby) – No report

Handicap (Jackie Meyer) – No report

Club Calendar (Paul Alexander) – No report

Club Management (Chad Campbell) – Just under \$20,000 of chits has been converted to the Credit Book. Additional chit conversion dates are March 16th and 17th.

For events where the applications will be sent to the Club, the address to be used is:

“Title of Event”
Pinehurst Tournament Office
P.O. Box 4000
Village of Pinehurst, NC 28374

Chris Crouch reported that there is a 25% off special for ProV1 golf balls in the Golf Shop.

Old Business

On-Line Tee Time Booking System: Although no development work will occur this year, we will continue to develop an approach and specifications so work can begin once funds are available.

GolfNet Sign Up: Scramblers definitely want to use this for weekly sign up. Because of the lack of the early, mid, late preferences, Birdies will not use it at this time. John Bitting mentioned that other organized golf groups may want to use this for their special events.

Membership Status on GolfNet Data Base: The organized golf chairs were reminded to provide their current membership list and ongoing additions and deletions to Nate Olivo for update in the GolfNet data base.

New Business

The following standardization proposal for eligibility for Organized Golf and Club events was approved by the Golf Committee by majority vote:

Participants in Organized Golf groups and all sponsored golf tournaments and events must have a verifiable active USGA handicap established. This includes members and guest who are amateurs, non-amateurs and retired professionals. If a Golf Professional is playing, he/she must use the lower handicap between his/her USGA handicap and scratch. Retired professionals may use their current active handicap index.

Member events are open to all categories of Membership and they may participate in club events for which they are eligible. Please note, due to limited availability in some events, priority will be given to Members at the full and recreational level. This will be noted on event applications.

Couples' Events: Teams are to consist of a man and a woman. Please note tee prizes and awards are given to the team, not individuals.

Other: Murray Stern asked that the Club record the names of people picking up lost equipment.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40pm.

Next meeting – April 6, 2009 in the Activities Room