

EWGA Opening Meeting

Broadneck Library

3/30/22

10:37am Meeting opens. Deb martin greets everyone!

- Talking about changes at Eisenhower:
 - New superintendent – Bryan Deerstine.
 - Lost Head Pro – Mike Harvey (difficult to replace that vacancy at this time of year – so many are looking for new hires). They are short-handed.
 - Ed Ruiz – Director – is very busy – let's make things easier on him.
 - Meeting with Ed over winter:
 - Pin placement? When is it going to happen?
 - Safety issue about driving range balls going to hit ladies on 10th tee.
 - Since these are addressed by the SUPER – it will take time because he is new. Ed is aware and he will get back to us.
 - New rates – not yet in concrete:
 - League rates 18 holers:
 - \$42 with cart
 - \$27 Walkers
 - \$47 for seniors with cart **week days** AAco. residents
 - Weekend - \$72 with cart (AAco. resident)
 - Weekend \$85 nonAAco.
 - Small bucket - \$5 (was \$4)
 - Advantage card offered years ago – NOT being offered (no financial incentive)
 - New Club house:
 - Spoke with Stuart Pittman, etc.
 - Money IS in budget for design phase.
 - Hope to award it by the end of June (pick contractor) (may take 18 months)
 - No money in budget for actual construction (maybe by 2024).
 - NEW Port-a-potty's: Men will use outside. Women can use inside.
- EWGA Website:
- Sharon: thank you for all your work on our website!!!
 - Susan Darnley: updates the changes to the calendar and they work together to post online! It's up to date!
- ICE: Course will provide FREE ice if you provide your own cup.
 - TRUNE is the corporation who runs our course & they monitor every penny.

- Supply line problem has caused trouble getting cups, &, they are costly overall.
- If any EWGA member has a problem with the course, or procedurally, etc.:
- PLEASE come to Deb Martin or Board members first.

(Instead of going to Ed or starter because it's better to **filter** through board as it will ensure a continued healthy relationship with Ed and course staff.

1048am: Motion to approve last year's minutes – 1st, 2nd, all those in favor - approved!

Treasurer report: **Joann Montgomery**:

- Expenses for our year: \$50 _____; Jefferson \$70; Prize money \$2300
- Will need a deposit for invitational – not in budget yet because it's not yet in place and it will be a wash anyway.

Sharon Sellars (I.T. specialist & members guru)

Member's info: Were at 64.

- Capped membership this year due to availability of tee times.
- Losing 2 minutes a tee time doesn't give us room for more?
 - a. "No": still only allows for 48 persons out in the 2 hours allotted.
- We now have 6 persons on the waiting list.
- Anyone who wants to join our wait list: **We need name, number, ghin number and where they keep their handicap. And** their handicap has to be below 40.
- Have we asked for more tee times?
 - a. **Susan D.** "No" – we want to avoid being big and spread out. The bigger our group gets, the more we disassociate from one another relationally, and become a pro shop. We also need the flexibility, and we don't want a weekly waiting list of who can play.

Cheryl Keeter – sunshine club:

- Haven't had any bad news since last meeting!! Hurrah!
- If you hear anything about anyone – please let Cheryl know. And she will send sunshine out for the group!

1055 am: Marlies Empey:

- Argyle had rules seminar. (They dropped their women's league)
- next rules seminar is on the 27th (it's not too late to sign up) – their class has an outside segment for extra learning!
- An hour-long zoom class is available (for beginners) on 12th 5-6pm (email Sharon Sellars – she signed up to see what's it's like).
- **Hummocks**: Stay out of them in the first place!
 - POSTER: #14 – long par four.

- you hit your second ball into the hummocks on the right. YOU HAVE FOUR options!

-**Play it** if you dare (I mean “if you can”).

-Deem the ball **Unplayable**: Only the player can decide if it’s unplayable.

19.2 rule (good explanation)

- 1. Go back to last shot played from (always one of those options “stroke and distance”)
 - 2. From flag – go ‘Back on the line’ relief (a. place tee where ball was) as far as you want on line from flag– pick a good spot. Then- it’s one club length.
 - 3. “lateral relief” two club lengths from ball (tee) problem – it may not get you out of it.
- Probably Can’t find your tee shot? (Might be in hummocks, might not be)
 - **PLAY A PROVISIONAL!** & Say out loud: “I’m playing a provisional”
 - Keep playing the provisional until the spot where you estimate where ball might be. (**Then**, it will be the actual ball you’ll count as in play).
 - You can tell other’s not to find your ball if your provisional ball is awesome.
 - If you find your ball – you must then abandon your provisional.
 - Bees – will get relief for dangerous situation. Poison ivy is not a dangerous situation.

Any questions – email Marlies!

11:07am – Deb Martin (President) introduces Invitational chairs: June and Deb Andrew are co-chairs

June: Deb is still in Florida Keys.

Oct 3rd – Monday (Had to do a lot of negotiating).

We get whole course to ourselves until 2pm.

We could have games and contests

Mission BBQ to cater!

Trying to come up with a THEME.

We are doing Baskets again this year! **Please start thinking about COLLECTING items for baskets**

Kristie Kerr- She has started a new foundation – Birdies for Breast Cancer – started in NJ.

- They make diagnostic and treatment affordable for those who can’t afford it.
- We are donating to that.

We can have 144 golfers!

Will start setting up committees in June/July – and will ask for volunteers!

11:12am- Rachita Johnson wants to remind everyone of the University of MD invitational June 14th!

Susan Darnley & Sharon Sellars have included the lists of all invitationals, and etc., ON our WEBSITE.

11:13am- SWGA

- Need c & d players
- Celebrating Navy who worked to joined our list of teams!
 - To be eligible to play for a team: you only need to have played 5 games at our home course (Eisenhower 😊) (doesn't have to be league days) (and they can roll over from last year).
 - Encourage one another to stay for lunch – sit with folks you played with as opposed to those in your league – MINGLE people!
 - NO PRESSURE: think of Matchplay like playing 18 little games because it's ok to mess up really bad on a hole 😊, it's behind you and you just move forward.
 - Nice cheap way to play new courses.
 - Look at website for info.
 - LOOK FOR EMAILS for info.

11:21am – Tournament Chair. Her excellency Susan Darnley:

- Changes – Ed was impressed without 18-hole league. (We get out so fast & had no complaints from public who start just behind us, while we have the lovely 9 holers in front of us.
- We can't do shot guns (our starting time would be 9:30am). Not able to work in our system.
- Putts: Carol HALL (**welcome to the league Carol!**) (Plays at Bay Hills)
 - Continuous putts – once on green, everywhere until in a hole is a putt.
- Handicaps:
 - If you see NH – you were scrubbed and are gone. **Or**- you paid but are not activated. Or – Get on it – because you didn't pay yet. ****Call the course and check.****
- Start **POSTING** your **SCORES NOW!!!**
- We do everything by **EMAIL**
 - Fridays: Susan sends out lists for people who tentatively signed up for the following wed.
 - (This reminds folks to sign up or un-sign from Signup Genius).
 - Sundays: Susan sends out pairings, and that date will fall off the Signup Genius (so no one else signs up).
 - **If you have to CANCEL – “I need to drop” – Susan will adjust.****
 - It's easier to drop than to **ADD** you.
 - If we have a cancellation – then Sue will email you.
 - Monday afternoons: Susan will send **FINAL** Parings and that's what gets sent to Eisenhower – with which they will fill out their tee sheet on Monday or Tuesday.
 - Any needed changes at this point: you now have to call Eisenhower yourself to make them.
- Our '**subject line**' will always say – **EWGA**.

****If you are replying to Sue** Do not hit – “REPLY ALL”**

- Calendar: CHECK it out 😊 it's always being updated.
- Games not on there yet – they can change according to outside invitationals, and temperature.
 - Strike 3 – always our first game.
 - You can strike out any 3 holes (and pick up on).
 - We will use 15 best scores.
 - No counting putts.
 - Birdies, chip ins yes!
- NEW players:
 - You'll be assigned to play with an officer, about course – mini-mentors – for about 3 weeks.
 - The only questions not permitted is: “what club was used to get on the green.”
- Spring tournament (did not play last year, or year before). June
 - Handicapped.
 - Flighted, best 2 out of 3.
- League Championship
 - August per usual
- Solheim: we are going to attempt to play this.
 - Prizes are already obtained.
- End of PLAY each week:
 - Since we have no clubhouse, we have no office to place our scoring & communication THINGS.
Therefore: Melissa (curly hair in Snack Bar).
 - Allows to store stuff in her office.
 - Put score card in the box.
 - Clip board: Record your name, gross, handicap, net (to help out late hostess)
 - Melissa will take it back into her office when we are all done.
- Money given out'
 - League prizes:
 - Low gross, low net, second low net, low putts
 - Skill prizes:
 - Birdies and chip-ins
 - Closest to the pin – RARE.

- Pace of play
 - GREAT JOB!
- APRIL – cart path only
 - LIFT CLEAN & PLACE in OWN fairway!
 - Possibly allow us to be in rough if warm – but DON'T plan on it.
 - Bay hills and Oak Creek are rough-only right now.
 - ALL TIRES on path! DO NOT PULL half cart OFF.
 - POST score on the day that you PLAY
 - *The new handicap system includes information to affect the score.
- LUNCH after play:
 - RAMS HEAD
- PLAY READY GOLF → ALWAYS unless Matchplay or dangerous.
- Cart path signs: please drive your cart OFF fairway BEFORE these signs.
- Pin placements
 - Ed: he doesn't like the pin placement-papers because he needs flexibility for wear and tear of greens. And instead – he will use COLORED FLAGS.
- IS GPS fixed yet? (For watch, devices?)
 - Have to call Bushnell or the device company to update GPS.
- Are Penalty areas marked?
 - The lines need to be renewed every few weeks (so it's \$\$\$ an difficult to get them marked regularly).
 - If you see one stake and another down the way – follow contour of the hazard.
- Are we going to MOVE 9's tee box back to where it's handicapped for women's
 - Marlies and Sue are willing to sit down and talk with Ed.
 - Deb: the old one up front – is not used by 18holers.
 - Everyone is dropping they ball at the front of the GOLD tee box.
 - **Score care shows 139yds for white.**
 - **Sue: Rating can be CHANGED – not a big deal.**
 - Should be rated from where tee is **USUALLY MARKED**
 - Deb Andrew did have this conversation prior.
- Would we like to every play COMBOS for Fun?
 - Most “no”. some yes.
 - This will likely screw up pace of play something terrible – NO!

1153am Susan Darnley (Tournament Chair) completed her segment.

11:54am Any other questions:

Sharon Sellars: she is able to help anyone acquire a link for the Preserve icon, the GHIN icon, and/or the SIGNUP GENIUS icon onto their laptops, computers and iPhone. She may need time to help you if you have an ANDROID. Email her for inquires.

12pm – meeting adjourned! 😊

Luncheon at Loughlin's!