

Eisenhower Women's Golf Association (EWGA)

MINUTES – 2021 CLOSING LUNCHEON

NOVEMBER 3, 2021

11:15 a.m. **Come to order.**

President's report (Deb Andrew)

Deb thanked the members for attending luncheon and the board for handling the many issues that presented themselves this season.

Deb provides league information and data:

- We have 64 members
 - 13 or 20% are new members (excludes returning members)
- Deb informs all that there is a freeze on memberships that began on 4/1/21 due to a limited number of tee times being allocated to our league.
 - Deb shares the reason for the limit: Currently there is a 2-hour window of tee times with 12-minute intervals (COVID constraints):
 - 120 minutes/120minute intervals equal 10 tee times slots.
 - If there are 10 tee time slots at 4 golfers per slot, that allows for 40 golfers.
 - Deb also shares that prior to the covid constraints, a 2-hours window with 8-minute intervals allowed for 60 golfers.
 - 120 minutes / 8 min intervals = 15 slots
 - When there were 15 tee time slots with 4 golfers per slot, that equaled room for 60 golfers.
- Deb shares that we are averaging mid-30 the number of golfers playing on league days (Wednesday).
 - There was a low of 18 golfers on league day.
 - There was a high of 44 golfers on league day.
- Deb informed the group that 2022 membership dues will be accepted from existing members starting January 1 through February 15, 2022.
 - Deb explained that “dues” are (\$45) and should be sent to Joanne Montgomery, along with a completed membership form (located on our league's website).

- The Board will review our membership numbers after February 15th to determine if/when new members may be added; avoiding “compass Pointe-type” wait lines to play will be a consideration.
- She states that 7 women are currently on the “wait list.”
- Deb informed all present of the changes to the EWGA Constitution related to Membership (Section IV).
 - Changes: removed members being allowed to be in the process of acquiring a USGA 18-hole index/handicap.
 - Woman MUST have a USGA 18-hole index/handicap to be eligible to become a member.
 - This is because people would join without a handicap, and it did not work out and they had to refund them.
 - Also – no other clubs allow members without a handicap.
- Deb shared changes to the EWGA Bylaws related to Membership (Section x).
 - Section X.A: removed members being allowed to be in the process of acquiring a USGA 18-hole index/handicap; women must have a USGA 18-hole index/handicap to be eligible to become a member.
 - Section X.C. added to the phrase: “failure to post score” as grounds for removal from the EWGA.
 - Deb lets us know that the Tournament Chair will be monitoring posting of scores.
- Deb reminds us there was no beginning year or mid-year tournaments due to new course & covid constraints.

11:20 a.m. **EWGA Year End Financial Statement (Joanne Montgomery)**

Joanne reports:

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| ● | Balance in checking accounts as of 1/1/2021 | = \$1506.20 |
| ● | Income | |
| ○ | League Fees | = \$2995.00 |
| ○ | Unpaid prize money | = \$18.00 |
| | TOTAL | =\$4519.20 |
| ● | Expenses | |
| ○ | League refunds | = \$95.00 |

○ Reimbursement to Susan Darnley (bobble heads)	= \$36.82
○ Reimbursement to J. Montgomery (g.c. for Sharon Sellars)	= \$52.00
○ Victory Awards (engraving & Jefferson cup)	= \$60.42
○ Prize money payouts	=\$2205.00
	TOTAL = \$2449.24

Income total minus Expense Total = **\$2069.96**

Joanne recognized Margie as being a big winner and needing a second prize money envelope!

Joanne believes we have a healthy budget.

11:23 a.m., Year End Financial statement adjourns.

11:23 a.m. **New Business (Deb Andrew)**

Deb speaks about winter golf and asked participants to add their name to the Email list. First tee time is not yet set. Susan sent email to Ed and is awaiting a reply. Participants are instructed to sign up by Sunday because Monday morning Ed will be assigning tee times. Deb reminds us that this is casual golf, and we should be charged the same “league fee.”

11:25 a.m. **Sunshine Club (Cheryl Keeter)**

Cheryl encourages one another to share (via email to Cheryl) when a fellow member is in need of some “sunshine” so that the group can reach out and lift them up in some way. Cheryl will then send out a personal note to that person.

Cheryl takes a moment to recognize those we’ve lost this past year:

Katharine Barnes Smith

Joan Coale

Doris Young

(Doris was from Chartwell. She joined in spring but did not get to play. She needed surgery in June, had complications, and passed).

11:30 a.m. **Retirement of awards (Cheryl Keeter)**

- Wonder Woman Certificate: to the member who shows “great strength in times of challenge.” 2021 winner: Linda Orff!
- Princess Peach a most coveted award! Congratulations to Deb Andrew, who happens to be the first recipient of this prestigious award back in 2014.
 - Cheryl exposed the news regarding what happened to Princess Peach under last year’s recipient, June Paul’s care:
 - June’s Elf on the shelf, impregnated Princess Peach, and they had a baby.

11:32 a.m., Suburban Women’s Golf League (SWGA) – Eisenhower Report (Deb Martin)

Deb, on behalf of our SWGA leader, Donna, thanked everyone who participated in SWGA matches. She asked everyone who had played in any of the matches this year to stand and be recognized for a job well done.

Deb indicated that there were there were seven 18-hole ladies league teams participating during 2021. We had 7 competitive matches, with a team of 8 each match, and a did not have a final “Fun Day”.

The final standings, teams, and points were as follows:

- **1st place, Eisenhower (248 points)**
- 2nd place, Enterprise (222.5points)
- 3rd place, Oak Creek (221 points)
- 4th place South River (214 points)
- 5th place, University of Maryland (210 points)
- 6th place Hobbit’s Glen (209 points)
- 7th place, Crofton (187.5 points).

Deb mentioned that the traveling award trophy and a smaller 1st place trophy will be awarded to Eisenhower as soon as the engraving is completed. Donna will be handing out orange golf balls with “Eisenhower Ladies 18 SWGA” imprinted on them to each member who participated in at least one match this year. Deb mentioned that the engraving will be delayed due to a back up at the business hired for job.

11:35 am: She indicated we had 19 people who played in at least 1 match. Deb extended a thank you to all who participated and expressed hopes to include more people next year. Eisenhower we will again need all handicaps, i.e., A, B, C, and D players, to participate in the handicapped match play events.

The 2021 Eisenhower points per flight were:

- A: 63.0
- B: 66.0
- C: 58.0
- D: 61.0
- TOTAL= 248.

Deb congratulated all flights for their equal contribution to the season victory.

11:38am: Deb mentioned that during the 2021 season we experimented with an alternate way to count points, and the results differed slightly from the above placements, but the winning team (us) remained the same. The SWGA representatives will vote on whether to keep the existing method and abandon the alternate method or to adopt the alternate method.

11:40 am: Deb also reminded those present that any Eisenhower 18-hole ladies league member who is in good standing by paying dues, **and** who has played 5 times at Eisenhower, is eligible to play. If you are a member of more than one league, you must declare a team to play under prior to the start of the season. She also reminded the league that we are not to post SWGA play as Tournament scores.

Deb thank you all for participating. We look forward to a good season in 2022 and hope that we have good participation next year.

11:41 am: Deb spoke about how the head of the SWGA (the Chair Club) rotates each year, and in 2022, it will rotate to Eisenhower. We will be the hosting the last match which we hope to play in September next year on a regular Wednesday league day. More information will be sent out in early 2022 regarding the schedule and sign ups. Also, the representatives are

researching recruiting an 8th league to participate, and if we do, we will be able to have a FUN DAY on the Eisenhower hosting day. Deb asked those present if they have any information about another 18-hole league to please let the board know.

Deb thanked everyone, especially SWGA leader Donna, and encouraged any and all who may feel led to volunteer to help with upcoming SWGA 2022.

D. McDowell inquired the board approving new shirts. Other members inquired about a new logo and new color choice.

11:43 a.m. **Notes from the Tournament Chair (Susan Darnley)**

Susan let all know that we had a very successful year.

Average players:

- May = we averaged 41 players”
- June-August = “we averaged 36 players”
- Sept-Early Oct = “we went down due to a number of factors including weather and coinciding Invitational dates.
- Last 2 wks. of Oct. = “we averaged 33 players!”

11:45 a.m. **Awards (Susan Darnley)**

Susan announced most improved player: Cricket lowered handicap from an 8.4 to a 0.6 between Oct. 2020 and Oct. 2021.

11:46 a.m. Susan continued to present play data to the group:

- We had 44 members who played 10 or more times of 62 players.
- We had 44 members who had 20 or more days out of 28 play days!
 - Susan informed the members that: the 44 women with 10 or more plays have already qualified for the handicap Spring Tournament to be held in May.
- Susan reported that there were 9 women who played 5 times or less.

Susan concluded that those who showed up on a regular basis to play were a strong group of women. Sue shared that for November 10th, we presently

have 31 women signed up (winter golf). She also reminded all present that that number may change based on the weather week to week.

Sue gave notice that it is important for all members to get their dues money in during the membership drive.

Susan shared that Members of the Board will be meeting with Ed in November or early December to discuss tee times, etc. However, the Board will maintain a workable number for our league.

Susan reiterated the spirit of our league: “We view our league as an opportunity for women to meet and play competitive golf, as to get to know one another. We do not view ourselves as a pro shop.

11:47 a.m. **League Championship (Susan Darnley)**

D. Flight: Sue presents the tie between Joanne Montgomery and Cheryl Keeter. Congratulations to Cheryl Keeter who won the tie breaker. Joanne is congratulated as runner up.

C. Flight: Sue presents the two-person battle between Valerie Cooksey and Mary Jane Dryer. Runner up is Mary Jane Dryer. Congratulations to winner Valerie Cooksey!

B. Flight: Sue presents another two-person battle which was decided by a tie breaker. Runner up is Dee Pumphrey! Congratulations to Winner Sue Armbruster

A. Flight: Deb Andrew is announced as last year’s winner and presents a Championship speech before announcing the runner up for club champion was Marlies Empey who placed two excellent rounds. Cricket Ordakowski is 2021 Club Champion.

Susan shared that next year she is looking for a group of ladies to help her by serving on the Tournament Chair Committee. Sue explained that this committee will help with collection of cards, reporting results, suggesting different games, and setting up foursomes for regular play. Right now, Sharon Sellars, our webmaster – will help with Signup Genius, as well Cricket. Sue invites anyone who may be interested to see her after the meeting.

Susan also let group know that Deb Andrew and June Paul have volunteered to form a committee for Special Events. This committee will also work with the Tournament Chair. Susan invites ideas for committees.

11:50 a.m. Vote for 2022 Slate of Officers (by Deb Andrew)

Deb presented and the membership approved the following slate of 2022 Officers and Committee Chairs who will begin serving immediately for 2 years.

President	Deb Martin
Vice President	Sharon Sellars
Secretary	Cricket Ordakowski
Treasurer	Joanne Montgomery
Tournament Chair	Susan Darnley
Rules Chair	Marlies Empey
Social/Sunshine Chair	Cheryl Keeter
Special Events Chair	Deb Andrew and June Paul

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:51pm.

Board members Cheryl Keeter, Deb Andrew, Susan Darnley, and Deb Martin presented FUN Year-End Skit.