

MINUTES FROM POLE CREEK LADIES LEAGUE LUNCHEON/Meeting – May 24, 2016

Jeanne Anne MacDonald, President, called the meeting to order & introduced the officers for 2016. Unfortunately, Mary Moynahan, PC Golf Course Manager, could not attend. It was commented what great shape the course is in at such an early date.

The meeting began at 11:45 am, continued until food was delivered, & then continued again once most had finished eating.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Madelyne Stevens

There was no formal, written report to hand out. Instead, Madelyne made the following comments.

- 1) Our yearly dues of \$80 breaks down as follows/person: \$33-weekly prizes, \$7 Club Championship lunch in Aug, \$30 to CO GHIN, \$5 Misc, \$5 towards a golf course improvement (usually donated at the END of our golf season)
- 2) There is a \$5400 amount held over from several years ago when a Pauline raised it from a tournament. It was her expectation that this amount would NOT be used in any yearly budget, but rather used for very special projects. One such was during 9/11. This large amount in the bank also keeps the bank from charging our group fees because we keep a minimum balance. We were \$200+ in the black for 2015. We receive no interest from the bank.
- 3) **Question: Is our group willing to contribute towards the already made purchase of a new GHIN computer that is in the Pro Shop?**

Discussion: Mary was going to ask both the Men's & Women's League groups to contribute towards this newly purchased computer. The old GHIN computer no longer had the software to support the entering of our weekly scores.

MOTION: It was moved by Julie Sawyer & seconded by Lindy Kennedy that we donate \$250 towards this new GHIN computer that is housed in the Pro Shop for our entering of scores.

DISCUSSION: It was asked if this could be our yearly project donation & that it be given now, if the vote passed, rather than in September.

VOTE: The motion passed. Madelyne will see that a check for \$250 will be given to Mary on behalf of our Women's League in the near future.

NEW MEMBERS – Betty Williams

New Members (5) are Sally Leclair, Susie Masterson, Katherine Mowrey, Linda Smith, & Pat Venzke.

Returning Member (1) is Linda Seale.

PUBLICITY – Maggy Helm (not in attendance-Jeanne Anne spoke on her behalf)

Maggy has requested that all articles be past by her for submission to the Sky-Hi News. She has a great relationship with people at the newspaper & would prefer that articles are NOT submitted independently of her.

SCRAPBOOK & PICTURES – Cathy Malone & Maggy Helm (Cathy spoke)

- 1) How important is the scrapbook? There was discussion. Nice to look at hardcopy information & pictures. However, usually only viewed at Club Championship. Suggestion was made to create a website.

MOTION: Should the Scrapbook be kept up? Darlene Klancke moved & Kate Labelle seconded.

VOTE: The majority present voted NOT to keep the Scrapbook up-to-date.

WEBSITE: this idea was received well. Helen Brown & Susan Odneal will head up this committee to look into the feasibility of creating one for our group. No time frame was set.

It was suggested that historical information, pictures, current information such as Roster, Responsibility Doc, Rules, etc would be of interest. The Website Volunteer category along with Helen & Susan's names will be added to the Responsibility doc by the Secretary, Pam Brown. Pam will post a new copy on the league's bulletin board in the Ladies locker room.

- 2) **PICTURES ON A CD:** Cathy Malone & Maggy Helm have many pictures. Some date back several years. Would the league like to have them on a CD to give to each of our gals? Discussion followed. It was brought up that the league does not have the cost for purchasing CD's, they would rapidly become out-of-date, CDs do deteriorate, & computer operating systems change over time & may not allow for them to be used. It was suggested that the better place for pictures would be on a future website.

MATCH PLAY – Linda Moore

16 gals have signed up . Each gal paid an extra \$5. Monies collected will be used for prizes to be given out at the Club Championship. There will be 2 flights, 8 gals in each flight based on handicaps. The Match Play chart will be posted in the Women's Locker Room by May 26. The 1st match must be played by July 8. If a person cannot play her opponent by this date, she forfeits.

GUEST DAY – Helen Brown

Helen's committee consists of Lori Myers, Deb Kohlwey, and Darlene Klancke. This year's Guest Day will be on Thursday, June 16. Another group email will be sent out shortly with the flyer attached encouraging our league members to bring a guest. This is a great way for a gal to see if she wants to join. A Chapman 2-man format will be used that day. Guests will be paired with the person inviting them or a member they choose. Prizes will be awarded for certain "on course" events as well as the Chip-in pot will occur. Everyone is encouraged to stay for lunch to greet the guests. Lunch will consist of a \$10 limited set limited menu OR gals may order off the regular menu. Sign-up must be by June 13 (Monday before Guest Day). There is a sign-up sheet posted on the locker room bulletin board. Please include your email or your guest's email as there will be an email sent out by the Secretary, Pam, just prior to June 16 with the specifics of the Chapman 2-man format.

RALLY FOR RURAL HEALTH – Gigi Dominguez

This year this fund raising event for Rural Health will be held on Thursday, July 7. Anyone can Play: league gals, husbands, significant others, men, young adults playing at our level. There will be a silent auction. A donation or \$25/person is suggested. Often people give more. There will be a meeting on June 2 after golf for Gigi's committee which consists of herself, Madelyne Stevens, Darlene Klancke, Jan Waldron, & Beth Daniel.

RINGERS – Cindy Moynahan

The new system that was put in place last year will continue this year. Cindy had the Ringers Black binder with her. Gals may begin entering their scores on Thursday, May 26. Scores may be entered for ANY day of play. Create a "baseline" for each of the 3 nines: Meadow, Ranch, & Ridge by entering all hole scores the FIRST time you play that nine.

Then, in the future, you only enter a number for the appropriate hole when IT IS LOWER than the baseline or a previous entry.

The Black Binder should be out after play each Thursday. It is kept on a shelf in the Ladies' Locker Room for entry of scores at other times.

BIRDIES: A question was asked about whether birdies should be circled in the Ringer book. The answer is "no". Birdies, eagles, or hole-in-ones are ONLY CIRCLED on our THURSDAY OFFICIAL SCORECARD. Prizes for birdies ON LEAGUE DAY are given at the Club Championship.

CELL PHONE POLICY – Jeanne Anne MacDonald, President

It was announced that there is a policy in place this year. **NO cell phones on the course.**

Leave it in your car or at home.

EXCEPTIONS:

- a) You use your phone for yardage
- b) To record a score on each hole.
- c) You are expecting the **OCCASIONAL** important phone call.

IN ALL CASES PUT ON VIBRATE.

If you must answer a call, do so discreetly & away from your group.

KEEP THE CONVERSATION SHORT.

Complaints have been received. It is very intrusive to your group's play.

You should not be answering phone calls each week! If your business requires you be "on call", set up a recording that states you are unavailable until a certain time to receive a phone call.

RULES – Susie Noel

- 1) WINTER RULES ARE IN EFFECT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. This means you may pick up your ball, clean it, & replace it with no penalty. **YOU MAY ONLY DO THIS IN THE FAIRWAY OR ON THE 1ST CUT AROUND THE GREEN.** Use a tee to mark your ball, then pick it up to clean.
- 2) RULES CLINIC - Will be held on Thursday, June 9, after golf.
- 3) CASUAL WATER: Means that water must be over the sole of your shoe. You get closest point of relief, no closer to the hole to place your ball.

MEADOW COURSE

Hole #5 (par 4) – The drop zone area is under water. LOCAL rule REQUIRES that you TEE off a 2nd time from the tee box if your 1st shot goes into the hazard. After 2 times, one would 'normally' then tee off from the drop zone located on the side BEFORE the bridge. However, it is currently under water. So, one is allowed, **until further notice** to drop the 3rd ball (hitting shot #5) on the FAR side of the bridge, nearest point of relief (no hazard, casual water, cart path). This has been agreed to by JT Thompson, Golf Pro, & Susie.

Hole #7 (par 5) – Area on far right of pond is under water. Should be a bridge by May 26 to get around the pond.

--- If you LOSE a ball in casual water in this area (not in pond), relief is taken from where you last crossed water (backwards or sideways, no closer to the hole; you may NOT drop in a hazard (water or red staked area). NO PENALTY

---If you land in the culvert with the big rocks, you get FREE relief, NO PENALTY. Again, go backwards or sideways, no closer to the hole, to nearest point of relief.

RANCH COURSE

Hole #5 (par 4) –If in casual water, FREE drop. NO PENALTY. Drop ball, nearest point of relief, no closer to the hole. Remember, the tee box is BEHIND a bridge so know the difference between where the hazard & creek is staked & true casual water.

Hole #6 (par 4) – If in casual water, FREE drop. NO PENALTY. Be aware of the hazard to the left of the tee box & cart path.

Hole #7 (par 3) – Across the bridge, there is a 'land' area between 2 "USUALLY" marked red staked hazard areas. Because that land area is UNDER WATER, the ENTIRE area is considered HAZARD at this point in time. If your ball goes into any part of this area, go to the drop zone which is BEFORE the bridge. ONE STROKE PENALTY. One can try to hit to the FAR LEFT of the left size hazard area to avoid a possible penalty.

TOURNAMENT CHAIRS – Kate Labelle & Norma Colosimo

Kate speaking:

- a) Deadline for Thursday play is the end of Monday of the SAME week.
- b) There will be a “Beat the Pro’ league day where JT will go from hole to hole while we are playing & each gal in the group, with their handicap, gets a better score than JT.
- c) Once a month, June through September, there will be 1 league day where we play the **Meadow/RIDGE**, rather than our usual Meadow/Ranch. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT GALS ARRIVE AT LEAST 30 MINUTES AHEAD OF SCHEDULED TEE OFF. It was asked if the shotgun could begin on the Ridge rather than the Meadow for easier getting to holes. This will be looked into & discussed with the Pro Shop.
- d) **CANCELLING:** call Pro Shop PRIOR TO THURSDAY play.
If you must cancel MORNING of play, do **NOT** call the Pro Shop.

Call or text the Tournament Chairs’ CELLS:

Kate at 520-490-0370 or Norma at 614-226-6699

ADD THESE 2 NAMES WITH THEIR CELL #s TO YOUR CELL PHONE FOR EASY REFERENCE!

- e) **ARRIVING AT THE COURSE AT LEAST 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO TEE TIME:**

PLEASE ARRIVE AT LEAST 1/2 HR BEFORE SCHEDULED MASS TEE-OFF TEE TIME!

It is rude to be late; affects the Tournament Chairs scheduling; is a hassle!

If you know you will be arriving LESS THAN 30 minutes before tee time, call or text Kate Labelle or Norma Colosimo (Tel. #s ABOVE)

The importance of this can NOT be emphasized enough.

- f) **FLIGHTING** – this will occur for some days of play. There is enough money in our treasury to try this out.
- g) **POSTING** – Be sure to post to the ACTUAL courses you played.
- h) **NEW THIS YEAR:** Kate & Norma will go into JT’s office to determine winners. Scorecards from each group are to be dropped off there. Please do not linger chatting. List of winners will be given to Pam Brown, Secretary, or Susan Odneal, Asst. Secretary, to send out in the Winners’ email.
- i) **Question from the floor:** Would it be possible to play with a greater variety of gals? Would like to play with better as well as poorer players. It was explained that the pairings are generated by computer. JT Thompson, Golf Pro, does this for our league each week on Tuesday morning. It was also commented that the same goes for which holes a gal begins on each week. Often, that is not as varied as one would like.

Norma speaking:

- a) **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT: SHOULD THERE BE A CHANGE? CONTINUE WITH MASS TEE OFF or HAVE STAGGERED (INDIVIDUAL) TEE TIMES?**
- b) On each table was a sheet with a proposal to go to individual tee times. Pros & cons were listed. (***1 PAGE doc included with these minutes***-Page #6) Discussion ensued. Highlights included such things as (mostly negative): We are a social club. Lunch would have to be on a different day. Gals would not attend the lunch that participated in the tournament. Difficulty for committee to set up day prior to lunch because of later finishing times. How to count scores if rained or snowed out or lightning ends play. A few Pro comments were pace of play would improve, score cards could be checked with less pressure, all gals play the holes in the same order.
- c) One member proposed having only WED with individual tee times & keep Thursday as a mass tee off.
- d) **MOTION:** Change 2 day format? Susie Noel made the motion.
VOTE: The group overwhelmingly voted to keep the format the same.

No further motions were made based on this outcome.
Pam Brown, Secretary, commented that when the weekly Winners' email goes out, the subject line usually includes the start time for the next week. Reason: gals that are NOT winners usually do NOT read the email in depth.

Jeanne Anne thanked Linda Moore & Cindy Moynahan for volunteering their restaurant, Fontenot's, for our lunch.

A member, Susan Odneal, spoke about the upcoming Lions' Club Golf Tournament being held on June 28 at Pole Creek. It will have a 9 am start. Cost is \$125/person. This tournament is a big fundraiser for Lions' Club. All monies raised, with the exception of fees paid to Pole Creek Golf Course, go toward Lions' Club designated programs in our community. Should one have any questions feel free to ask Susan or Julie Richards or Joanne Foster who are also Lions' Club members.

With no further business, Jeanne Anne closed the meeting at 1:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Brown, Secretary
May 27, 2016 –finalized

NEXT PAGE – PRO/CON DOCUMENT FOR GOING TO INDIVIDUAL TEE TIMES
FOR AUGUST CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
(Referenced on page 4)

PROS/CONS of Having Individual Tee Times rather than Mass Tee-Off **(As discussed on Page 4 of Minutes)**

Question: Historically we have used the shot gun start for our two tournament days in August. Some in the league think this is unfair as we are not playing the course as it was designed. Thus below are some of the pros and cons of changing to individual tee times vs the shot gun start. **(For Tournament Only)**

PROS (For Tee Times)

- Everyone would start on #1 tee and play the course as designed. Meadow 1 is a short par 4 (the 4th easiest hole) compared to those that start on Ranch 7 (16), a difficult par 3 surrounded by water hazards. This year with more members in our league it is likely we will have 1 or 2 groups starting on Ranch 6 (15) which is the #1 handicap hole. Is that a fair start for the annual tournament?
- With the shotgun start there are two groups on each hole to start (A&B groups). This is a “squeeze” and exacerbates slow play by causing back ups when players reach the more difficult holes. With tee times, the pace of play should theoretically improve making it more enjoyable and less stressful for all.
- Currently all players come in at the end of play over a short period of time. This year, hopefully there will be more participants and more score cards to check and post. There is a lot of pressure to get the scoring done quickly & accurately. With tee times there will be ample time for scoring and posting in between each group.
- Mary agrees that the pace of play should improve. JT (our pro) agrees that it will make the tournament more fair.

CONS (For Changing to Tee Times)

- Tee times will require moving the luncheon to a later time or possibly a different date. It will be very difficult for VP and her committee to set up the host’s house and to organize for the party on Thursday as the committee members will be finishing at different times.
- Weather is always a factor at Pole Creek. The wind for sure and possibly rain or snow or lightening. If we all start at the same time we are all playing in the same weather. With tee times, the ones starting later face a strong possibility of windier and more difficult conditions.

- If rain, snow or lightening is a factor and the tournament would need to be postponed or cancelled it will be more difficult to figure out a fair and timely completion.

For those who work, it may not be as convenient doing tee times. (but we do have some discretion in scheduling tee times which could solve this problem)