



## **OHGC Golf Club Board Meeting – November 9, 2024**

**Executive Board Members Present:** Mike Guillory, Mary LaForte, Natalie Sentz, Jerry Moskowitz, Darlene Fahey

**Directors Present:** Debbie Machnick, Bob Fisher, Alan Colson, Tom Vaccaro

**Chairpersons:** Debbie Machnick, Annette Guillory, Lary McBride, Jim Kaminsky, Bob Fisher, Natalie Sentz, Alan Colson, Tom Vaccaro, Mike Bell, Jerry Moskowitz, also in attendance was Todd Albiston, 2025 Men's chairperson.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** Jerry Moskowitz moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting, Natalie Sentz seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

**Treasurers Report:** Mary provided a copy of the updated OHGC Budget for 2025 to attendees. Our current bank balance is \$10,534. Membership dues for 2025 are coming in already. She stated we are starting to pay for AutoBooks prior to the New Year. Items of note include deposits have been made on three of the Touring Am golf courses for 2025 and some deposits have been made for the upcoming Holiday party. We have 21 tables already committed for the party.

**President's Report:** Mike Guillory – Gift cards for O'Connel have been budgeted for this year's holiday. We are working on getting the patio cover for the Casa permitted. Photos have been found and submitted verifying that this project is a replacement and not a new cover. This simplifies permitting. Mike states that we have had discussions regarding outside tournaments utilizing our golf course. The HOA and the Golf Committee have given a negative response to this request. We are not ADA compliant but are grandfathered in and having outsiders use our course is an issue of liability. Also, such use would possibly require us to become ADA approved. Those who have inquired have been this response.

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The Doo Wop Club is sponsoring Santa on December 7<sup>th</sup> in the Lanai. We have been asked to help support this event. It was agreed we would provide drinks for the event or money.

### **Old Business**

**Lake Update:** Bob Fisher – Plans were resubmitted to the City last week for the lake. The City put us on their 20-day calendar. We are hoping for a response by the end of the month. The HOA has hired a construction management firm that will secure our bids. They have prepared an RFP. It was reviewed yesterday. They are trying to get multiple bids. Next week there is a job site walk. The goal is to have a contractor on board the day we get the permit and begin work. O’Connel has started their part with the turf reduction above the 4<sup>th</sup> hole where we will dispose of the excavation work. More information to come.

### **New Business**

**Electronic Membership Process/Membership:** Tom Vaccaro – First our membership is 557 members in the database; 246 women, 311 men and 9 new members since October 1. Total paid is 119 of the 557. Credit card payments are 87 and checks are 32. Overall, it is going smoothly. There are a few people who are having trouble both with electronic membership and tournaments. Those are limited. There are several points of data entry in our electronic membership process. Mary sends a list to Tom and Don Russell provides data and that information is handed off from Tom to Alan Colson for Golf Genius input. The only downside to how our process is working now is that Don Russell is processing this information on his own server. It is a single point of failure process at this point. Long-term this method is not a sustainable process.

**AutoBooks** : Alan Colson – Provided a worksheet with the AutoBooks costs now vs if we look at adopting Premium or other processing system. There is an offer to use Premium and cancel in 30 days if Premium does not meet our needs. It was suggested that 30 days would not give us enough time to adequately test Premium. A long discussion occurred regarding the pros and cons of going to Premium and if it would benefit our membership. The Wix system can probably do what our club needs and there is a local person we could ask for consultation. It was agreed that we need to have a consultant look at meeting our needs with the Wix system. Jim Kaminsky will begin this process and hand off to Alan when he is gone in December. This process should be moving along in the early part of 2025.

**The Bar at our Tournaments:** Mike Guillory - The legal opinion has come back from the HOA legal counsel, and we have been informed that we can no longer have alcohol at our OHGC

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tournaments. However, if we are not charging people for an event i.e. our meetings, we can serve liquor. Everyone is allowed to come to our meetings and there is no charge, therefore we can legally serve alcohol. A discussion regarding how alcohol could be included for Special Tournament took place. It was stated that we could always do BYOB or that we eliminate alcohol altogether. Consensus of the Board agreed with elimination. Natalie Sentz moved that we no longer offer alcohol at golf club events and that we offer members to BYOB whenever possible. That motion includes Special Tournaments. Annette Guillory seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Guys and Dolls and Special Tournaments:** Mike Guillory – We have had no volunteers come forward to run Special Tournaments. Mike has some sponsors already lined up and has been talking with Teresa and Mark Deutman about the possibility of converting some of the G&D Tournaments into Special Tournaments. It was proposed to have the tournaments during daylight savings time and run the tournaments on a Friday, if possible. On Saturdays, we would have everyone come back for the luncheon and prizes. The follow-up would be held in the Lanai where the monies would be distributed. This arrangement would benefit the sponsors and allow the membership to make up their own teams as we do now. Coming back the second day would be fun and we would all congregate at the same time for food, prizes and socialization. This change requires going to the HOA for approval to allow us to use Fridays for these Special Tournaments. Mark and Teresa will decide which of their tournaments will be used as Special Tournaments and those dates will then be proposed to the HOA as Tournament days. If the HOA agrees to Friday use, we will try this arrangement for next year and get feedback from our members to determine the success.

**Food Trucks at Golf Course:** Mike Guillory – Some of the food vendors have gone to Chris Bessy to ask about increasing their visibility and parking at the golf course on tournament days to serve a larger number of people. A discussion occurred and the Board agreed that it could be a good idea and worth a trial period. Business will dictate whether it succeeds in that location or not. Mike will let Chris know our opinion.

### **Committee Reports**

**Hole-in-One:** Larry McBride – There have been four HIOs since last meeting. The men's HIO pool money was returned to the men in the HIO pool. The women's HIO money was utilized as a raffle at the Spooktacular. The new system is working with the \$3 tournament fee. It is now a \$25 award for a HIO. If you golf on a non-tournament day and get a HIO, be

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sure to sign the card and have it witnessed so that you can receive a certificate and recognition. Put it in the HIO box.

**Women's Golf:** Debbie Machnick – The Halloween Spooktacular was a great success with some fun and imaginative holes and games provided by our volunteer men. We had 92 golfers, and we served 106 burritos. We had lots of treats on the course as well. There were costumes, team names and the whole event is growing each year. Our next event is Queen of the Green on December 11<sup>th</sup>. We will have a field of 12 Aces of the Month. A leaderboard is being prepared for us by Bob James. The leaderboard will be a permanent feature for this event. We can track results at the Casa. The Women's Club will work with Ohana Restaurant who will provide the Teriyaki chicken luncheon. If the lake starts before December 11<sup>th</sup>, the event will be moved to January or February.

**Men's Golf:** Bob Fisher – Welcome to Todd Albiston. The key to a successful start for Todd will be getting our yearly schedule set up. That activity is in process. Ted Mitchell will be taking over managing the starters for Men's Golf. He'll prepare their schedule and will work with Todd. Jerry Moskovitz stated that there has been concern mentioned that on Mondays there is a maximum handicap set for men and women that is different. Women are capped at 25 and men at 21. Our rules state that men's handicap is 21 and women 25. After discussion, it was determined that to be fair the maximum handicap on Mondays should be set at the same number. The rules need to be formalized and changed. Natalie Sentz moved that we allow tournament chairpersons to set the maximum handicaps for their respective tournaments and that we change the rules to reflect that. Motion was seconded by Tom Vaccaro. The motion was approved.

**Touring Amateurs:** Mike and Annette Guillory – The schedule is ready to go for 2025. We have some courses identified, Oceanside, and El Camino Country Club are two of them. The next tournament will be next week at Welk.

**Guys and Dolls:** Teresa and Mark Deutman – see previous discussion regarding G&D. Mark asked about the Reed and Stark Match Play Tournaments. Those will be discussed at a future meeting. We may do a survey to see if people are interested in continuing those tournaments. The fees for next year's G&D tournaments will be raised to \$6/person. That will allow for HIO and higher payouts. We only had 4 HIOs last year during G&D so there is money left over. Teresa suggested it would be good to recognize low gross across the field. Consideration is being given to how those persons can be recognized in future events.

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**Special Tournaments:** Discussed previously

**Golf Course Committee:** Jerry Moskovitz – The flagsticks are not all straight on the greens. Adam Scott has ordered new cups to make certain our flagsticks are straight. There have been some complaints that after the course maintenance was done not all the greens are coming back as soon as they should, but the greens recovery is improving and are expected to return to good condition. The trees to the left of hole 12 tee box are going to come out eventually. They are getting overwatered due to sprinkler issues. There is no good way to deflect the water off the tree trunks without disruption to the homes that are near those trees.

**Tournament Rules:** Natalie Sentz – we had 60 people sign up for the recent Rules Seminar. Approximately 45 attended. There were good questions and a lot of interaction from the participants. Natalie states she would be happy to provide another seminar if requested. The tree well question was discussed. Does the player get relief if the player must take his/her stance inside the tree well? The way the rule is written there is no relief for stance in the tree well, just for the ball in the tree well. Natalie suggests that we leave the rule as it is. The four options for taking relief if the ball goes in the lake were stated by Natalie.

**Handicaps:** Jerry Moskovitz – In the past, there have been players who do not have a qualified handicap playing in club tournaments. Jerry is not policing this. It is up to the tour chairs to see who is eligible via current handicaps. The tournament chairs need to look at who is on the restricted list and determine who is eligible to play in their tournaments. The exception is the Niner's exception. The rule was made because the tournaments were oversubscribed. The exceptions that are being made now for G&D are for people who are working full-time. The chairpersons will decide this issue for their tournaments.

**Niners:** Mike Bell - Things are running smoothly for the Niners with turnout around 30 players. If enough men show up for the tournaments, Mike splits the tournaments into men's and women's flights. Handicaps are capped at 11 for men and 13 for women.

**Computer Operations:** Alan Colson – Provided a handout that deals with the Golf Genius database fields he works with currently. The goal is to clean up some of the fields. The list of managers was included. Alan asked for feedback to ascertain what managers could be eliminated and what fields were unnecessary under the various tournament headings. Managers are to get back to him after they have an opportunity to review the handout.

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**Website:** Jim Kaminsky – About 90 photos were uploaded from the Spooktacular. Jim wanted to know if anyone was having problems with the website and viewing the webcam or if the webcam goes black? It was agreed that it was probably happening for those who use the Safari Browser. It is not a major issue.

**Social:** Sue Bourland –Sue provided a written report in her absence. Two cards were recently sent to members: a Get-Well card to Carolee Ziegman on 10/27 and a Sympathy card to the Alan Ballard on 11/2 after the passing of his wife Nancy.

### **Action Items:**

- The Deutmans will provide the number of G&D events that they wish to convert to Special Tournaments. They will also identify dates and provide those to Mike G.
- The next event will be our Christmas Party.
- There are no further meetings of the BOD in 2024.

**Meeting adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:01.