



Ladies Golf Association

Annual January 2024 General Meeting

MINUTES

January 30 , 2024

CALL TO ORDER: President Jeanie Blazey called the LGA Opening Luncheon and General Meeting to order.

PRESIDENT'S INTRODUCTION: Jeanie welcomed everyone and convened the Annual LGA Meeting and asked for approval of the minutes from the 2023-2024 Opening Day Meeting October 24 2023 – Kathy CuvIELLO offered the motion which was seconded by Jane Stoneman and approved by membership.

Jeanie noted that 91 LGA members participated today in the “Make your own Foursome” event. Jeanie noted that there are currently 155 members of the LGA which is an outstanding record of participation. Jeanie introduced Barbara Somma, Community Outreach and “Sunshine” Chair to introduce the special invited speakers to “kick-off” the LGA’s charity outreach program with Palmetto Elementary School.

LGA Community Outreach – Barbara Somma introduced Susan Nickerson, an award winning 4th Grade teacher at Palmetto Elementary School and lead Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) teacher. In 2023, through Susan’s leadership the UPCC LGA partnered with Palmetto Elementary School to help serve the curriculum needs of 4th and 5th grade students. Susan noted that Palmetto Elementary is a Title I school where the majority of children live at or below the federal poverty line and are eligible for free school breakfast and lunch. In 2023, through the generosity of our LGA, a total of \$8000 was donated to Palmetto Elementary. Susan offered a video presentation of how funds were utilized to enrich student learning including featuring a number of slides highlighting last year’s field trip to UPCC when students experienced restaurant dining (and etiquette) and learned about the science of golf course maintenance and play. Susan noted that students have recognized this field trip as their “most favorite” and plans are underway to organize another UPCC restaurant and field trip experience for Palmetto 4th graders this year (April 15th).

Barbara also introduced the Palmetto Elementary principal, Billie Jo Fintel. In her message to the LGA Principal Fintel thanked all LGA members for their generous donations in 2023 and explained how these funds have been so successful in expanding the learning goals of Palmetto students. Principal Fintel also invited LGA members to participate in several volunteer opportunities at Palmetto including participating as a volunteer judge for an upcoming Speech Contest and volunteering as chaperones for field trips.

Following the presentations by Palmetto staff, Barbara announced the “kick-off” of our LGA’s 2024 Community Outreach to Palmetto to help turn the “Wishes and Dreams” of 4th graders into “Plans and Goals” All funds will be used to support learning field trip events for students as well as add resources and supplies (i.e. white boards) to support classroom learning. Barbara explained the process for LGA members to use to donate and noted that all forms and materials for LGA members to submit their check or cash donations would be featured in the golf pro shop. The donation period will begin today and extend until the end of March 2024. A special luncheon and field trip visit will be hosted by the UPCC and the LGA on April 15th to celebrate the success of this special fundraising event.

Tournament Reports:

Jeanie introduced Kathy Cuveillo to announce the winners of the Sue Collins Eclectic. Before awarding the tournament prizes, Jeanie and Kathy featured a presentation profiling the history of this special LGA tournament and introduced Cindy Collins, Sue Collins’ daughter to thank her and her family for their monetary support for this event for the past many years. Cindy Collins spoke about her mother’s passion for golf and love for silver jewelry. The Collins family has committed to monetarily supporting the Sue Collins Eclectic for the next several years with silver jewelry prizes being featured to the winners of each flight.

Winners of the 2024 Sue Collins Eclectic were:

1st Flight – Tammy Yarnell

2nd Flight – Gail Schaeffer

3rd Flight – Maureen Ryan

4th Flight – Karen Wilson

Hole in One: Jeanie celebrated Brenda Ottaway’s Hole in One on hole #5. LGA member Nancy Chernicki was also honored for her Hole in One at a golf course in Orlando.

Today’s Tournament – “Make your own Foursome” – Ashley announced the winners of today’s tournament and shared with LGA members information about recent changes to the Golf Handicap Index Network (GHIN).

Ashley profiled changes in the Golf Handicap System:

- a. If you play < 9 holes – Do not post a score
- b. If you play 9 holes – Post a score and the GHIN system will calculate and create a complete 18 hole score for you based upon your handicap index for the course you played.
- c. If you played 10+ up to 17 holes – you should post your scores hole by hole and the GHIN will calculate your total 18 score for the course based upon your handicap index

Annual Meeting:

President’s Report: Jeanie reported on the issue of slow play and highlighted the handout distributed at all luncheon tables featuring helpful hints to avoid slow play. Jeanie encouraged all LGA members to be mindful of the need to complete their 18 hole round of golf within an expected time period of approximately 4 hours and to be aware if their foursome is falling behind. Going forward all LGA players are being asked to record the time that they end their 18 hole game when they submit their score sheets to Ashley at the end of their Tuesday LGA games. The LGA will review this information and report back to all members.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Case reported that the LGA has a positive bank balance of \$8586 and noted that the current budget for this year's LGA activities has been built and funded to spend down this balance with the goal of achieving an end of year balance of approx. \$3500. Kathy noted that the LGA has used funds this year to feature a membership appreciation event with complimentary appetizers and glass of wine and has added additional funds to many LGA tournament events to improve LGA member enjoyment. Kathy has encouraged all LGA event Committee Chairs to spend all budgeted funds allotted.

Membership: Candice Miller reported that the LGA has added two new members and that membership is now at 151.

Sunshine: Barbara Soma asked all LGA members to please notify her if any LGA member has experienced a loss or illness/surgery so that the LGA might send a note of support.

Rules Committee: Gail Schaeffer offered new Rules Bagtags for members which features instructions for players' reference during play. These laminated bagtags can be easily attached to your golf bag.

Games and Tournaments:

The LGA 9 Holer's group has invited the LGA 18 Holer's to participate in a golf tournament fundraiser to help raise funds in support of the purchase of heart equipment for the Sarasota Memorial Hospital system. This tournament is scheduled for Feb 15th and players can sign up in the UPCC golf pro shop.

President's Cup: All members are encouraged to sign up for this net/stroke play event which will be flighted. Dates are Feb 6 and 13.

LGA Four Member: This fun tournament will begin Thursday evening at the Doe Night Selection party. This unique tournament, designed by one of the LGA's long time members, Linda Hughes, features teams with players in each handicap category (A, B, C, and D players). On Doe Night, Feb 29 (leap year) all "C" flighted players will have the opportunity to select one member of their team...either an A, B or D handicapped player. Following this first selection process, all remaining players will be randomly assigned to a team. Each team will have a ranked A B C and D player This two day tournament will be played on Friday morning March 1st and Saturday morning March 2nd. There will be no rain date for this tournament. Multiple prize categories are available and all participants will be encouraged to participate in the "Parimutuel Betting" opportunity as teams are formed. Saturday night March 2nd will feature the awards presentation to winning teams and all LGA participants are encouraged to bring guests to this fun dinner event.

LGA Member/Guest: This tournament is scheduled for March 26. The theme this year is "Around the World in 18 Holes." All LGA members are encouraged to invite a guest and create a four person team with another LGA member and their guest. A team score will be recorded for this event with 2 scores recorded for the par fours and one score recorded for the par fives and par threes. A "take-out" breakfast will be offered along with a sit-down lunch following play. Multiple prizes will be awarded for this fun event.

Jeanie asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting – J. Stoneman moved and G. Murphy seconded and membership approved.

Respectfully submitted: Jan Wyatt – LGA Secretary