

2021 Feb 18 SGC Board meeting Minutes

(Submitted by HLT)

DATE: 18 Feb 2021, THURSDAY, 11am.

LOCATION: Randolph golf course COPPER Room

Attendees: Board Members: Lee Task, Butch Hughes, Marc Miller, Jim Ballam (via Zoom); Provisional Board Members: Mike Palmer, George Franklin

Major Tournaments

The board discussed the schedule for Major Tournaments for future years and whether or not Major Tournaments should be totally separated into a Wednesday tournament group and a Saturday tournament group with separate pots of money based on entry fees for the separate play days. At issue was the problem with totally different weather/course conditions between Saturday play and Wednesday play and the fact that some members select which day they will play based on the weather forecast for those days. Case in point is the most recent Member-Member first round for which Saturday was a much better weather day than Wednesday.

It was decided that the SGC membership would be surveyed with respect to separation of Major Tournaments into a Saturday Tournament and a Wednesday Tournament.

DECISION: Do survey, action POC for survey: Butch Hughes

The Board also discussed whether or not Major Tournaments should begin with Saturday play, Wednesday play, or let it vary. This is independent of whether or not Major Tournaments will be separated into two separate tournaments; a Saturday-only tournament and a Wednesday-only tournament.

DECISION: The board decided to ALWAYS have the Wednesday play day (for both major tournaments and regular play days) be the first day of the tournament or format and the following Saturday will be for the same tournament or play day format. Note that the one-day-only, End of Year Shamble will continue to be on Saturday ONLY.

The tournament schedule for the rest of calendar year 2021 was discussed and adjusted to the following schedule, which will be posted to the website:

DECISION:

2021 Tom Cleary Fall Classic

Round 1 - Oct. 6 & 9, 2021 (Wed & Sat at Silverbell)

Round 2 - Oct. 13 & 16, 2021 (Wed & Sat at El Rio)

2021 President's Cup

Only 1 Round - Nov. 3 & 6, 2021 (Wed & Sat at Silverbell)

2021 Year End Event

One Day only - Dec. 4, 2021 (Saturday at Dell Urich)

NOTE: The year-end event is scheduled for Dell Urich instead of Silverbell due to the success of the year-end event held at Dell Urich in December, 2020.

Blind draw teams format

Two play day formats depend very heavily on pure luck as opposed to how well one plays. These are 2-person best ball, blind draw (after the round) and 2-person aggregate, blind draw. It was proposed that these two formats be eliminated from the play-day collection of formats.

DECISION: After much discussion it was decided to keep these two formats in the play-day collection but reduce the frequency with which they are used.

Summer “fun” tournaments

The Board discussed possible summer “fun” (non-handicap type) tournaments for the summer and each member was asked to submit their suggestion for a “fun” tournament. We had one such tournament during 2020 (The Midsummer Monsoon Madness or 3M tournament) that was well received and the Board felt that we should have a few such tournaments during the summer, when Major Tournaments are NOT scheduled.

DECISION: Each board member will submit at least one suggested tournament format for consideration.

Election year schedule

It was noted that this year is an election year for election of SGC Board members. The normal election cycle is to solicit for nominees in early October and have the membership vote in November. Details will be posted sometime in October. Also, during this election cycle (Board members are elected for 2-year terms) the membership will be asked to vote on amendments to the Bylaws to change the number of members that are permitted to be on the board. To aid in the continuation of the operation of the Silverbell Golf Club the position of “provisional board members” was created. Mike Palmer and George Franklin have agreed to be provisional board members and will participate in board discussions as well as put their names in the hat for the Oct/Nov election of board members. Thank you Mike and George and welcome aboard!

Financial status

Our SGC Treasurer, Butch Hughes, reported that we remain solvent and do not expect to have to raise membership dues for 2022.

Payouts Excel workbook training/discussion

Because of Rick Finch’s failing health the SGC Board has pursued a “plan B” commercial software product that does some of what Rick’s software product that we have used over the past many years. Butch Hughes has been the lead on this (see next item). Unfortunately, there is no commercially available product that does all of the functions that Rick’s software does and one of the places that the commercial product needs to be supplemented is in the area of determining payouts for play-days and tournaments for all categories. Lee Task has devised an Excel workbook that can be used to determine payouts that fairly closely replicates Rick’s integrated product results. This was presented to the Board and will most likely be updated/modified to put the results in a suitable format for Butch Hughes (our one and only webmaster) to be able to post to the SGC website. More details need to be worked.

DECISION: Butch Hughes and Lee Task need to coordinate to make the Excel payout workbook produce a product suitable for posting from the “plan B” commercial software tournament results output.

Plan B training session/discussion

Butch Hughes spent about an hour going over the details of how the “plan B” software works from both a computer and from smart phones. Specific details of exactly how much the membership will be interfacing with the “plan B” software have not yet been established. The SGC website will continue to be the main way for members to access results and may continue to be the main way to sign up for tournaments and play days, although the web-based “plan B” may be available to members as a way to sign up to play.



Butch Hughes provides a detailed presentation of “plan B” features and web-based operation to the SGC Board of Directors.

Examples of some screen shots of “plan B” web pages. The “plan B” website login will contain links back to the basic SGC website, as noted below.

The screenshot shows the top portion of a website. On the left is the SGC Silverbell Golf Club logo. To its right are navigation links for Home, About Us, and a blue Sign in button. Below the navigation is a white notification box with a megaphone icon and the text: "SGC - TMS. This website contains all of the information involving SGC play days and major tournaments. From here members are able to view schedules, sign up to play, track results and connect to other SGC and AGA features and services." Below the notification box is a link: "Return to the main SGC website at silverbellgolfclub.com". To the right of this link is a blue "Documents" dropdown menu containing "SGC Play Schedule" and "Schedule".

The screenshot shows a tournament page with a green header. The header has "Home" on the left and "Tournament" in the center. Below the header, the text reads: "Wednesday 2/24/21 - Randolph North GC (Round #1) 02/20/2021" with a "More" button. The page is divided into two main sections: "Pre tournament" and "Live tournament". Under "Pre tournament", there are three items: "Sign up" (Closed 02/04/2021 09:00 AM), "Player list" (List of participants with contact information), and "Pairings" (Pairings, teetimes, start holes, etc.). Under "Live tournament", there is one item: "Leaderboard" (View the live leaderboard).