

PWGA General Meeting December 6th, 2019

Welcome – Leslie Rangel

The PWGA General meeting was called to order at 1:00pm. Leslie Rangel, the PWGA President welcomed the new PWGA members to our association.

Papago Announcements - Daryl Crawford

Daryl thanked our association members for continuing to support and say positive things about the Papago Golf Course. He also thanked us for being honest and letting his staff and him know when things are not going well, i.e., not handing out pin sheets when available. The other main points he brought up include:

- The pin flag colors are now maroon (front), gold (middle), and black (back) to align with ASU's school colors
- Papago is looking for volunteer support for the April 3rd to 5th Arizona Junior Golf Association tournament
- They will do the best they can for check ins for shot gun events. Arriving early is a good thing to do when there are shot gun starts
- PWGA members currently get 20% off golf shop clothing
- After the first of the year the golf cash application will be in full swing. PWGA members scrip money will be added to it. The application can be downloaded now from the Papago Golf Course application. Doris will be sending out instructions after the first of the year.

Partner's Tournament – Phyllis Morton

We had a great turn out for the first day of the Partner's tournament. Next Friday, December 13th, the second and final day of the tournament will have a modified shamble format.

Modified Shamble - Both players tee off. Take best drive and each player plays their own ball until holed out. Drop your ball no more than one club length from drive chosen, staying in the rough if your drive lands there. A minimum of 7 drives to be used per player. Choose lowest gross score. Handicap used for the second day is 50% of the team total to be deducted from the total gross score.

Tee Time Helper Processes – Sally Coffin

- Each week a tee time helper (TTH) sign up will be sent out via email
- There will be 52 player slots open each week for the upcoming play date
- The TTH sign up email will be sent out a week before the play date. For the most part the TTH sign up email will be sent out in the afternoon

- A reminder to sign up for the play date will be sent out three days before the weekly play date
- The TTH will be closed/locked in the morning two days before the weekly play date. Foursome groupings will be sent to the Papago staff after the TTH has been locked/two days before the play date.
- If you need to cancel after the TTH event has been locked, call the pro shop to let them know you are cancelling. Do not call/contact Sally or Doris. ***It is very important that you call and inform the pro shop if you are not going to be playing. If you do not cancel and do not show up at the course, it causes confusion with the foursome groupings and lost revenue for Papago.*** The PWGA used to fine members for being no shows. Our rules still allow for this fining process and it could be reinstated if no shows continue to be an issue.
- If you would like to play on a play date after the TTH event has been locked and you did not originally sign up, call the pro shop to see if there are openings for you to play.
- The Chat feature on the TTH system is not monitored. Questions on the TTH or play date should be addressed to Sally or Doris.

Membership/World Handicap System - Betsy Owen

Membership - We are currently at 108 members which includes 32 new members and one associate member.

World Handicap System – The World Handicap System will be introduced into the US in January of 2020. Listed below are some of the main things to understand about the new system:

- The handicap index calculation is changing. Your handicap number will now be based off your eight best scores out of the past 20 and will be a straight average of the differentials.
- Your course handicap will change. Slope rating and now course rating and Par will be used to determine your course handicap.
- Net double bogey will replace the equitable stroke. The maximum hole score will be limited to net double bogey (par plus 2), plus any strokes you receive.
- Your handicap index will update the day after you post a score. Note that you will not go up more than 5 index points from your low index of the year. You cannot go up 5 index points in one day. The most you can move in one day is 3 index points. After that it can move upward of 50% of 1 index point in a day to a maximum of 5 index points. Also note there are no rules in lowering your index.
- Safeguards have been added to protect your handicap index from abnormal playing conditions, i.e. weather, awkward pin placement, etc., that will limit extreme upward movement of a Handicap Index and reduce a Handicap Index when an exceptional score is posted

For more information on the World Handicap System you can look at usga.org/whs

Also, for the World Handicap System to work you need to make sure you, the golf player, have a unique email address in place.

Finance report - Teri Schwab

Overall, we are good on our budget. Individual expense line items of the budget are over and under the budgeted amount to get us under our budget by \$381.

Wild Safari Tournament – Teri Schwab/Jane Hill

Our Wild Safari Tournament is scheduled to be played on April 10th. We are looking for similar support and volunteers as we have had in previous years. Last year we raised over \$15,000 for the ASU women's golf program. Part of these proceeds enable team members to take summer courses which eases their course loads during fall and spring competition seasons. Please see Jane Hill if you would like to volunteer for the event or have any auction items.

Documents/Web – Paula Page

All association documents are on our web site at <https://www.papagowga.com/>

Handicap reports are posted on the web site and updated two times per month. Team results are posted and soon there will be information on the history of the Papago Golf course on the site. Please see Paula Page if you have something you think should be posted to our web site.

Valley Team/East Valley Team – Pier Flemming/Lauren DeBonis

The Valley Team (lower handicap players) has had two matches and is currently in 2nd place. Upcoming matches are on the our papagowga website.

The East Valley Team is for the medium/higher handicap players.

Uniforms for both teams are ready to be picked up.

Rules – Karen Pultz

If your ball lies in a desert area, sand and loose soil are not considered loose impediments. As such you cannot brush them away to improve your lie. If there are rocks in the area you can carefully pick them up with your fingers so as not to move your ball. Note that it is now OK to remove loose impediments from sand traps and penalty areas. Sand and loose soil may ONLY be removed from the putting green.

AJGA Tournaments – Adeline Show

The Arizona Junior Golf Association (AJGA) tournaments showcases young golf talent. The AJGA is looking for volunteers for the AJGA Golf Tournament at the Papago Golf Course from April 3rd to the 5th and the Ken Askelson & Heather Farr Tournament at Longbow from April 8th to the 12th.

For the Askelson & Farr Tournament volunteer types needed are Scoring (assigned per hole and utilization of Golf Genius), Pace of Play, Shuttle Drivers, Spotters, Rover positions (deliver water and lunch, volunteer breaks), Score Card Runners and Player Registration (78 to 80 players with a cut of players after two rounds).

Volunteers at Longbow get a flight card for 2020. Volunteers can get enough points on their flight cards for five to six rounds of free golf.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm