

**GGA Board and General Meeting
October 31, 2024**

Meeting was held at Norbeck Country Club along with the GGA Annual Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 9:30am.

In attendance: Bob Diamond, Rich Frisch, Don Hunston, Joe Ober, Mike Pecora, Ed Luber, Steve Moss, Jerry Martin, Pete Heckel and Other GGA Members

Quorum present.

Approval of Minutes
September 30, 2024 minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report for the month of October was approved.

Discussion

Bob reviewed the GGA 2024 season (see his separate document)
Bob discussed ideas for changes in 2025

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Diamond

GGA in 2025

Move Opening Day back a week

Start the happy hour on time, not early.

Rename ABCD to Spring Stroke Play tournament.

Augment virtually all prize pools.

Buy down the expensive home events.

Add some nine hole events

Continue our relationship with Jeff St. John

Gentlemen.

Our 2024 GGA Golf Season is about to come to a close. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your participation this year, and, especially thank those of you who donated your time and efforts to put on this year's program. This year went very well.

Our opening day scramble had more than twice the participants than the previous year, and, nearly half of all the members registered at the time. This was followed by our spring "Happy Hour", which was also attended by more than half our membership. Both events were opportunities for returning and new members to renew old friendships and meet new people.

As the season went on, our membership continued to grow. At our peak, we reached 61 members. This allowed us to significantly increase prize pools – thus providing larger prizes to a greater number of players. In total, we gave out more than \$1200 in prize money this year, *in addition* to the prize pool money collected for each event, and we were able to buy down the cost of to our home mixer and home Ryder Cup event against Kenwood with cash rebates by \$20 and \$10, respectively.

I won't go into each event, but here are some more highlights of the year:

- We saw good participation in our newly established Golf Clinics with Jeff St. John, and, I understand many of you took advantage of his discount on lessons.
- Our home mixer was attended by fifty five (nine from Norbeck), with players from Lakewood, Bretton Woods, Montgomery and Kenwood joining us. We sent players to each of the other clubs as well, with numbers consistent with past years, and a dozen players taking advantage of the Bretton Woods mixer during our aeration week.
- Match Play Tournaments continued to be very popular this year, with 46 players participating. Most astonishing, all matches were held on, or ahead, of schedule!
- Our Camp Sunrise event continues to be a great success, with nearly sixty players, and raising more than \$7000 for the camp this year.
- The Father/Child-Member/Guest Tournament saw a field of 42, more than twice the size of last year's event, allowing for the top prizes to be forty percent higher than last year.
- Our Ryder Cup events, both internal and against Kenwood, continued to be popular and draw solid turnouts.
- Our Belmont Outing was a success. I hope you consider playing in our event next year.
- Our stroke play events, both in the spring and the President's Cup continued to highlight our best Gross and Net players.

Once again, I'd like to thank all of you who helped make this year so successful – from those who volunteered to develop and support this year's program, to those of you who came out to participate in one or more events.

Bob Diamond

10/10/24