

Santa Barbara Men's Golf Club
MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

April 10, 2012
6:00 PM

Present: Matt Free, LeRoy Villa, Biff Copeland, Tom Mitchell, Greg Bristol, Rick Padilla, Dominic Namnath
Guests: Rodney Utt, Bud Stuart

Interviews

- Rodney Utt and Bud Stuart were interviewed by the Board about their qualifications and desire to serve for the remainder of 2012 as Member-At-Large on the Board. One member, Mike Woodard, was interviewed on Monday. Two more interested members will be interviewed at the Tournament on Sunday, April 15 and then the Board will make its selection.

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

MOTION: Approval of minutes of 3/13/12 Board Meeting as amended
(Copeland, Padilla; passed unanimously)

Old Business

- Handicap Committee: Creation, Purpose, Authority and Responsibility
ISSUE: The new VP for Handicapping has requested that the Board consider establishing a "Handicap Committee" to work with him on issues related to Club handicap policy and enforcement.
MOTION: An *ad hoc* committee of 3 to 5 Club members, appointed by the Board, will be directed to work with the VP for Handicapping to draft a "Charge" for a Handicap Committee. This *ad hoc* committee will present its recommendation to the Board at the June meeting. (Mitchell, Namnath; passed unanimously)
- Tournament Posting Policy Regarding SBMGC Events
ISSUE: Should there be a change in the Club's policy regarding the posting of scores for our tournaments into the GHIN system as "tournament" scores? Our current policy is to post all scores as "tournament" scores. The USGA recommends that only a limited number of tournaments through the year be considered appropriate for posting of "tournament" scores.
MOTION TO REMOVE FROM THE TABLE: The Board should now reconsider the motion, made at the last meeting, reading, "All tournament scores should be posted as regular rounds except 1) the Club Championship, and 2) the Turkey Shoot, which should be posted as Tournament scores." (Copeland, Villa; passed unanimously)
MOTION TO AMMEND: The words "except 1) the Club Championship, and 2) the Turkey Shoot." be deleted and the words "with the following exceptions: Scores made in 1) the two rounds of the Club Championship, 2) the 2-

Man/Best-Ball tournament, 3) the City Championship Warm-Up and 4) all rounds of the President's Cup are to be posted as "Tournament" scores." be added in their place. (Padilla, Namnath, passed unanimously)

MAIN MOTION: The Club's policy for members posting Club tournament scores into the GHIN System is as follows: All tournament scores should be posted as non-tournament scores with the following exceptions: Scores made in 1) the two rounds of the Club Championship, 2) the 2-Man/Best-Ball tournament, 3) the City Championship Warm-Up and 4) all rounds of the President's Cup which should be posted as Tournament scores." (Padilla, Namnath; passed unanimously)

Regular Reports

- Secretary – Biff Copeland
 - The number of members who open the Club's all-member e-mails and who access the Club's new website continues to increase but the rate of increase has slowed and too many members are still not benefitting from the information presented in these media. Our "Information Campaign" continues its efforts to increase readership.
 - This month we introduced a new procedure for members to register for Club tournaments on the Club's Website. The advantages to members registering in this way include:
 1. Member receives automatically generated e-mail confirmation.
 2. Member can make special request, e.g., earlier or later tee time, name their partners, etc.
 3. All members can see all other members who have registered.
- NOTE: Members may still register in the old ways, including calling or stopping into the Pro Shop or e-mailing Rich Barker.
- Treasurer's Report – Tom Mitchell
 - Current membership is 302 members
 - Current bank balance is \$16,683.38
- Handicap – Dominic Namnath
 - It was noted that a Member recently posted a score as being from the white tees after actually playing from blue tees.
The VP for Handicapping will change that score to a "blue" score and remind the member of the rules.
 - It was reported that a Member altered his scorecard after the card was signed and attested.
The VP for Handicapping will investigate the incident.
- Golf Shop – Rich Barker
 - no report
- Golf Advisory Council – Dominic Namnath
 - [coming]

- Tournaments – LeRoy Villa
 - The Course Superintendent is considering altering some of the existing bunkers (e.g., in front of #10 and #18) next winter by shaving down the large lips that have built up over the years as a result of sand being blasted out of the bunker. This will be a welcome improvement to our course.
 - Because of late-comers and no-shows, the flights in our tournaments often get unbalanced from their pre-tournament set-up. The Board feels that, on occasion, it might be appropriate for the flights to be adjusted. However, such adjustment must be agreed upon by all Board members working the tournament and it must be done before the flights are posted on the Results Board.
 - The “2012 Presidents Cup Format and Rules” should be formalized by the Board. A DRAFT was discussed and changes suggested. A revised version of these “rules” will be distributed to the Board for further consideration and possible adoption at the Board’s next meeting.

- Team Play – Greg Bristol
 - Some Team members are concerned with the requirement that all Team members must play in four of the Club’s events. The Board discussed this issue but decided to take no action.

New Business

- ISSUE: One Board member expressed a desire to adopt a rule prohibiting use of cell phones and other electronic devices at Board meetings, saying that he found such use distracting. The Board decided to take no action other than to encourage members who find such use distracting to point out the distraction as it occurs.

- ISSUE: Is it appropriate for the Club President to redeem, for cash, credit held on the books from tournament play by Board members in order to purchase prizes for Club events? Does accessing credit for cash in this manner violate USGA rules governing amateur status?
The President will make inquiries at SCGA or USGA concerning this issue.

- ISSUE: Is it appropriate for the Board, on occasion, to contribute Club funds to a charitable cause?
The Board decided to consider this on a case-by-case basis.

Set Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting (May 8th, 6:00 at Mulligan’s Cafe)

Meeting Adjourned: 9:15pm

Respectfully submitted

Biff Copeland