

BUENA SENIOR MEN'S GOLF CLUB

Board Meeting Minutes - November 28, 2023

Meeting was called to order by President Mike Truex at 1:30 p.m.

Minutes from previous board meeting (June 20, 2023) were reviewed and approved by email.

Governing Board Members Present: President, Mike Truex; Vice-President & Tournament Director, Don Dickey; Treasurer, Larry Mueller; Secretary, Bob Murtha; Membership Chairman, Al Reagan; Webmaster, Pat Collins; Social & Information Chairman, Joe Dziegielewski; Away Tournament Director, Todd Stork; Historian, Alan Inouye; Alternate Tournament Director & Handicap Chairman, Mike Dovgin; Scholarship Chairman, Chuck Spence

Board Members Not Present: SCGA Representative, Fred Hayes

Member Guest Present: Ted Alan

Financial Report (Larry Mueller)

As of November 28, 2023 the Club has net cash balance of \$7,500 in the treasury.

Vote to Eliminate the Handicap Chairman from the Board of Directors (Mike Truex)

The board voted unanimously to eliminate the Handicap Chairman from the Board of Directors (10-0). This position is no longer needed because of Golf Genius.

Change tournament payment system from cash envelopes to electronic (Pat Collins)

Pat emailed a questionnaire to 106 members who play regularly in our Tuesday tournaments. Sixteen members voted no to switching from cash envelopes to electronic payment. The board will revisit this issue in six months.

Buena Course Update (Mike Truex)

Mike introduced BSMGC Member Ted Alan who spoke about the current status of the flooded Buena Course and efforts to present the club's concern for the restoration/reopening of Buena to the Ventura City officials.

At the 1st Ventura City Council Meeting of each month, citizens are permitted to make a 2-minute request of the City Council before the Mayor. Ted intends to step up to the podium on Monday, December 4th to present concerns for the restoration/reopening of our beloved Buenaventura GC.

To date we have all heard stories, guesses, and speculation as to the City's position on getting this course restored for our city's golfing residents and outside golfers. The official City website says: "Progress is being made. The city has gained initial approval from FEMA. Progress has slowed down as the city tries to stay within the federal agency's many regulations."

As far as some of us have been told directly, the course drainage piping is completely clogged with sediment and debris - it must be completely replaced. Two greens were destroyed by the wall of water that ran over them from the Santa Clara River flood - which was caused by 25 years of debris, dead trees, and who knows what else was left unattended. Obviously, with Oxnard's side of the river perfectly bermed, the water came rushing to the next lowest land - poor little Buena and farm fields.

Ted drafted the following letter for our BSMGC Board to submit to the Ventura City Mayor and City Manager:

To _____

Dear _____

In 1928, the City of Buenaventura was given a gift by the State's most famous and prolific golf course architect, William Bell. He and his team created Buenaventura GC – one of our City's most prized and historic public parks. It has stood the test of time, and has endured devastating weather events during its nearly 100 years of existence.

In January of this year, Buenaventura GC was subjected to one of the most horrific floods any golf course has ever had to experience. Had it not been for the wisdom of the course's management personnel, there's no telling how tragic this event could have been. One might ask, what caused the devastating flood across this sacred golf course – we cite one answer:

20-25 years of neglecting river bed maintenance by multiple government agencies. The accumulation of years of overgrowth, decayed/dying trees & bushes, illegal dumping, massive accumulations of homeless encampment debris, and everything else imaginable all formed a massive dam beneath the Victoria Avenue overpass, and backed the water up until the soil banks collapsed and the flood waters rolled across this defenseless pristine golf course. Everyone who called this special park their home was left speechless by what had occurred.

Since the terrible January flood, this special public park has been lovingly watched over by the course's management and maintenance personnel with exemplary effort and purpose. The Course Superintendent, Brian Kinnare, and his staffing have done a miraculous job of saving our beloved Buenaventura GC.

At this time, we, the Board of Directors of the Buenaventura Seniors Men's Golf Club, as well as dozens of other golf organizations and interested parties, want to know what is the City of Buenaventura doing to reopen this course. It is now nearly one year since the devastating flood, and there is nothing but rumor and speculation across the community as to where this matter stands. We, among many interested parties, want specific information presented to the public by the City of Ventura addressing this matter in detail citing the City's specific plan of action. We want to know when this course is to be reopened.

Yours truly,
Buena Seniors Men's Golf Club
Michael Truex, President

Implementation of Golf Genius - (Pat Collins & Don Dickey)

Pat has been using the free version of Golf Genius for several weeks. It has been working well. It maintains the roster and handicaps and prints reports.

December 5th Texas Scramble Tournament, Lunch, General Meeting & Election (Mike Truex)

On December 5th the club will hold a "Your Team" 4-Man Shotgun (800 a.m. start) Scramble Tournament. Cost equals \$10 (\$5 for tournament prizes and \$5 for lunch) plus an optional \$1 fee for the HIO contest. Pat Collins, Todd Stork, and Mike Dovgin will man the check-in table and collect the \$10 fee and have the envelopes available for the optional \$1 HIO contest. Check-in will open at 6:45 a.m. and close at 7:45 a.m. to allow these board members ample time to reach their assigned tee boxes. Chuck Spence and Don Dickey will man the Raffle Table at the lunch. RR has donated 1/2-hour golf lessons to our raffle prizes. They have also donated a new Cleveland RTX5 60-degree wedge. We will hold a live auction for the wedge.

Previous Check-in Board Member Volunteers:

- July 26, 2022: Dickey, Inouye, Spence, Hayes
- Oct 25, 2022: Dickey, Truex, Skelly
- June 27, 2023: Mueller, Stork, Dovgin

Membership Update (Al Reagan)

There are currently 176 regular members and 41 associate members for a total of 217 members. In 2022 the club received \$1,416 from Associate Member dues. So far in 2023, the club has received \$888 (10 months) from Associate Member dues.

The club has received \$450 from advertisers for the 2024 BSMGC Membership Booklet.

The Champions Tournament and Member Memorial Tournament will continue to be the responsibility of the Membership Chairman.

The club will pay the 2024 dues for the following three 90+ year-old members:

- Ed Saldivar
- George Rose
- Ray Elmore

Away Tournament Update (Todd Stork)

Todd is planning four Away Tournaments and one Travel Away Tournament in 2024. Because of possible bad weather during the winter months (i.e., Jan/Feb/Mar), Todd is considering delaying the 1st 2024 Away Tournament until April. Todd said that Lee Fleischer has volunteered to help with the 2024 Ventura Cup Match Play Tournament. At the recent Spanish Hills Tournament, the players raised \$760 for the Scholarship Fund.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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