

# Steering Committee Minutes – January 28, 2020

(Present: Wayne Schwartz, Jimmy Walsh, Dave Marchant, George Cummings, Billy Small, Hunt Thompson)

## ITEMS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING:

### The New World Handicap System

Dave Marchant discussed his research into the new handicapping system and pointed out some of the changes being made on how handicapping under the new system will work. He has yet to locate any software that is currently available which incorporates these changes. The committee agreed to stay with our current system for the next six months while Dave continues to monitor the implementation of the new system and research new software as it become available.

### Procedure for Filling Empty Steering Committee Seats

The committee discussed how we are going to go about replacing Dave Moorman and Bruce Cargill who have resigned their seats on the committee. The committee agreed on the following procedure to be implemented immediately:

*Whenever one of the nine seats on the Steering Committee becomes vacant, the following will take place (via email where appropriate):*

- *The committee will nominate a candidate to fill the vacancy.*
- *The committee will obtain the candidate's approval to have their name placed in nomination.*
- *The active membership (Emeritus and Active members only) will be contacted announcing the committee's nomination.*
- *The active membership will then be asked to make nominations (each member allowed to make one nomination).*
- *All nominations will require the candidate's approval to have his name placed in the running.*
- *After all nominations have been made, the committee will publish the list of candidates.*
- *All active members will then be asked to vote for one of the candidate from the list of nominees.*
- *The candidate receiving the most votes will fill the seat on the committee.*
- *In the event of a tie, the committee will vote to select the winner.*
- *The name of the new member of the committee will be published to the full membership.*

### Mountain Mayhem 2020

Jimmy Walsh discussed the preparation he has done for this year's Mountain Mayhem event noting that this year we will be working with the golf courses directly to establish tee times and paying greens fees. Jimmy noted this will allow us to take advantage of the VSGA discounts at all three courses significantly reducing our costs this year by about \$80.00. Additionally, dealing directly with the courses will avoid the mix-ups we have had in recent years with scheduling. Here are the specifics (details and signup will be published on the website per usual):

- The scheduled dates are June 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Rooms and meals at Shenvalee Resort: \$125.00
- Greens fees using VSGA discounts: \$107.00
- Monday play: Heritage Oaks in Harrisonburg - 11am
- Tuesday play: Shenvalee Resort in New Market – two rounds
- Wednesday play: Ironwoods in Staunton - 9am
- Players need to send Hunt Thompson \$50 deposit to be signed-up
- Deadline for signups is March 15, 2020 since deposit must be made by March 20<sup>th</sup>

### VSGA Card Discounts

Jimmy Walsh opened discussion on a chart he has developed (below) and which has been posted on the website (<https://www.tankgeezers.com/441100212>) outlining in detail the VSGA discounts available to us in the area, mostly the courses we play on Thursdays. Jimmy pointed out the benefit of taking advantage of these discounts (in excess of \$400 over the course of the year) which can easily pay for the card. The committee discussed the possibility of utilizing these discounts on days other than Thursday especially when we have inclement weather. The committee agreed this is a good idea but that we should not play other tracks on Tuesdays so that we maintain our strong relationship with Piankatank as our home course. An email will be sent out to the membership notifying them of the chart posted on the website and the advantages of the VSGA card. Members will be encouraged to obtain the card if they have not done so already, especially those planning on participating in this year's Mountain Mayhem trip.

## 2020 VSGA VIP GOLF CARD

COURSE	PAGE #	TOTAL PLAYS	VALID MONTHS	REGULAR RATE	VSGA RATE	SAVINGS	VALID DAYS	TIME RESTRICTION	NOTES	PLAYS
<b>YEAR ROUND</b>										
FORDS COLONY	12	6	Jan-Dec	\$55	\$30	\$25	Monday-Thursday	none	two plays per course	0 0 0 0 0
GOLDEN HORSESHOE	12	2	Jan-Dec	\$69 (high) \$45 (low)	\$38	\$31 (high) \$7 (low)	Monday-Thursday	none	Green Course	0 0
HOBBS HOLE	3	5	Jan-Dec	\$35	\$27	\$8	Monday-Thursday	none	no holidays	0 0 0 0 0
KILN CREEK	6	1	Jan-Dec	\$39	\$27	\$12	any day	before 11am	golf shop discount	0
PINES FORT EUSTIS	6	1	Jan-Dec	\$25	\$20	\$5	Monday-Thursday	none	military access	0
QUINTON OAKS	3	2	Jan-Dec	\$28	\$20	\$8	Monday-Friday	none	no holidays	0 0
SLEEPY HOLE	7	6	Jan-Dec	\$35	\$27	\$8	Monday-Thursday	none	special offer in booklet	0 0 0 0 0
<b>WINTER</b>										
NEWPORT NEWS DEER RUN-CARDINAL	6	unlimited	Jan-Mar	\$28	\$24	\$4	Monday-Friday	after 11am	one play per week	0 0 0 0 0 +
BIDE-A-WEE	7	unlimited	Jan-Mar & Dec	\$28	\$21	\$7	Monday-Friday	none	no holidays	0 0 0 0 0 +
CYPRESS CREEK	7	2	Jan-Mar & Dec	\$29	\$27	\$2	Monday-Thursday	none	no holidays	0 0
RIVERFRONT	7	4	Jan-Mar & Dec	\$33	\$25	\$8	Monday-Thursday	none	special offer in booklet	0 0 0 0
BRICKSHIRE	12	5	Jan-Mar & Nov-Dec	\$35	\$26	\$9	Monday-Friday	none	no holidays	0 0 0 0 0
COLONIAL HERITAGE	12	2	Jan-Mar & Nov-Dec	\$35	\$26	\$9	Monday-Thursday	after 12pm	no holidays	0 0
GOLDEN EAGLE	6	2	Jan-Mar & Nov-Dec	TBD	TBD	TBD	Monday-Thursday	none	cart discount after 11am	0 0
KISKIACK	12	5	Jan-Mar & Nov-Dec	\$39	\$26	\$13	Monday-Friday	none	no holidays	0 0 0 0 0
PIANKATANK	6	2	Jan-Mar & Nov-Dec	\$35	\$27	\$8	any day	none		0 0
QUEENFIELD	8	2	Jan-Mar & Nov-Dec	\$28	\$25	\$3	Monday-Thursday	before 12pm	no holidays	0 0
ROYAL NEW KENT	12	1	Jan-Mar & Nov-Dec	\$49	\$26	\$23	Monday-Thursday	none	new course	0
VINITERRA	13	5	Jan-Mar & Nov-Dec	\$37	\$26	\$11	Monday-Thursday	none	no holidays	0 0 0 0 0
WILLIAMSBURG NATIONAL	13	1	Jan-Mar & Nov-Dec	\$44	\$26	\$8	Monday-Thursday	after 11am	Jamestown Course (closed during)	0
BROOKWOODS	13	unlimited	Mar & Nov-Dec	\$30	\$25	\$5	Monday-Friday	none		0 0 0 0 0 +
<b>SUMMER</b>										
BROOKWOODS	13	4	Jul-Aug	\$30	\$25	\$5	Monday-Friday	none	after 1pm	0 0 0 0
BRICKSHIRE	12	unlimited	Jul-Aug	\$37	\$31	\$6	Monday-Friday	none	no holidays	0 0 0 0 0 +
KISKIACK	12	unlimited	Jul-Aug	\$49	\$40 \$30	\$9 \$19	Monday-Friday	before 10am after 10am	no holidays	0 0 0 0 0 +
COLONIAL HERITAGE	12	2	Apr-Oct	\$40	\$35	\$5	Monday-Thursday	after 12pm	no holidays	0 0
CYPRESS CREEK	7	2	Apr-Oct	\$38	\$36	\$2	Monday-Thursday	none	no holidays	0 0
FORDS COLONY	12	3	Apr-Oct	\$85	\$30	\$55	Monday-Thursday	after 11am	one play per course	0 0 0
NEWPORT NEWS DEER RUN-CARDINAL	6	2	Apr-Dec	\$30	\$24	\$6	Monday-Friday	after 11am	one play per course	0 0
QUEENFIELD	8	2	Apr-Oct	\$35	\$25	\$10	Monday-Thursday	before 12pm	no holidays	0 0
SLEEPY HOLE	7	1	Apr-Oct	\$35	\$27	\$8	any day	none	special offer in booklet	0

THIS CHART IS OUR BEST EFFORT TO GIVE MEMBERS WHAT SAVINGS THEY CAN EXPECT WHEN USING THE VSGA VIP CARD. PLEASE NOTE:

- The rates posted here are generally senior rates.
- Some courses have complex rate schedules not reflected on this chart
- Many courses change rates frequently and have specific dates for rate changes.

THE VSGA PRICE GUIDELINES STATE THE MAXIMUM FEES:

1. WINTER (Jan-Mar & Nov-Dec) Monday-Friday is \$26
2. SUMMER (Apr-Oct) Monday-Friday is \$30 (or 30%)

## Thursday Tee Assignments

Next the committee discussed the confusion we had at Viniterra last Thursday regarding what tees players should have been playing from. The confusion was due to the fact that the forward most tees at Viniterra are on the card as a combination of the PINK (family) and the BURGUNDY (women) tees. However, lineups and handicaps for the day did not include the handicaps for these combo tees. Everyone played from the BURGUNDY including the high handicappers (25 and up) who lost the advantage of playing from the forward tees (PINK/BURGUNDY). Dave Marchant pointed out that it is oftentimes problematic to establish men's handicaps for many of the forward tees on courses we play since these are usually tees for women and men ratings are not available.

The committee agreed that Dave should publish handicaps for the forward tees on all the courses we play even if he has to estimate them without the help of the USGA handicap system. The committee discussed the importance of players policing themselves when selecting the tee box they are playing from. The committee affirmed that only allowing the high handicap players (25 and up) to play from the forward tees is designed to give these players a better chance of hitting greens in regulation and thereby making the round more fun and more competitive for them.

## Membership Dues and Cash on Hand

Hunt Thompson reported the treasury has over \$1200.00 and only three active members have yet to pay their 2020 dues. Two of the three have indicated payment is forthcoming. George Cummings will follow up with the one player we have not heard from.