

Steering Committee Minutes – September 8, 2020

Members Present

Wayne Schwartz-*President*
Jimmy Walsh-*Vice-President*
Hunt Thompson-*Treasurer*
Billy Small-*Tuesday Coordinator*

Dave Marchant-*Statistician*
Dave Brown, *At Large*
George Cummings-*Secretary*

Members Not Present

Steve Leap-*Back-Up Coordinator*
Mike Reed-*Thursday Coordinator*

ITEMS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING:

Fall Challenge 2020 (*Jimmy*)

Jimmy discussed the results of his research for courses we will play. Looking into VSGA VIP Card Courses, he no longer recommends Golden Horseshoe for a variety of reasons including high cost (\$79.00), scheduling difficulty and the availability of single-rider carts. He also looked into Kingsmill and found its cost even more prohibitive (\$140.00). He recommends Hobbs Hole for the first round. Here is the Fall Challenge Schedule:

- **1st ROUND - Thursday October 22nd - HOBBS HOLE - TAPPAHANOCK - 9:28am** (\$30.00)
- **2nd ROUND - Monday October 26th GOLDEN EAGLE - IRVINGTON - 8:30am**
- **3rd ROUND - Monday October 26th GOLDEN EAGLE - IRVINGTON - 1:00pm** (\$45.00 both rds.)
- **4th ROUND - Tuesday October 27th PIANKATANK - HARTFIELD - 9:00am** (TBD)

Due to limited kitchen staff at Golden Eagle, they will have box lunches instead of a served lunch.

EVENT TEAM:	VENUE ORGANIZER:	<i>Jimmy Walsh</i>
	COMPETITION ORGANIZER:	<i>Billy Small</i>
	RESULTS AND AWARDS:	<i>Billy Small, Dave Brown, Dave Marchant</i>
	RESERVATIONS:	<i>Hunt Thompson</i>
	PHOTOGRAPHER:	<i>Dave Marchant</i>
	PLAYER PACKAGE:	<i>George Cummings</i>

Awards Luncheon (*Jimmy*)

Jimmy next discussed his research into possible venues for the Awards Luncheon. Steve Leap's offer/suggestion to have the event at his home has been taken off the table so we will have the event at the Steamboat Restaurant. Jimmy mentioned the menu options he has discussed with Kim as well as the cost of each. The committee decided on the following:

DATE:	TUESDAY NOVEMBER 10TH 2:00pm (After Regular Round)
VENUE:	STEAMBOAT RESTAURANT
EVENT TEAM:	VENUE ORGANIZERS: <i>Jimmy Walsh and Steve Leap</i> MASTER OF CEREMONIES: <i>John McCormack</i> MEMBER RESERVATIONS: <i>Hunt Thompson</i> PROGRAM & AWARDS: <i>George Cummings</i> RAFFLE: <i>Dave Brown & Hunt Thompson</i>
MENU:	BUFFET: SOUP (Crab Bisque) AND SALAD (With Sliced Chicken) AND CASH BAR
COST:	MEMBERS CHARGED \$10.00 (estimated total \$400.00 to cover cost of raffle prizes) STEAMBOAT \$20.00 PER (estimated total \$800.00 - Geezer Guys treasury surplus will cover this)
RAFFLE:	THREE PIANKATANK PRO SHOP GIFT CERTIFICATES (\$200.00, \$125.00, \$75.00) NO OTHER PRIZES ONE FREE RAFFLE TICKET GIVEN TO EACH MEMBER AT THE DOOR
PROGRAM:	AS AT ANNUAL DINNER: ALL TROPHIES & CERTIFICATES AWARDED - SLIDE SHOW

"Gimme" Putts (*Wayne & Billy & George*)

The committee discussed the current policy where players are not required to "hole-out" their putts as long as the position of the ball is "in the leather." There is concern that some players have become lax in following the policy sometimes giving putts that are not "within "the leather."

The committee discussed the following options:

- 1) **NO CHANGE** - *No change to current policy/practice*
- 2) **PUBLISH THE POLICY** - *Formally publish the policy encouraging players to always measure their putts and to not be overly generous in conceding putts.*
- 3) **MEASURE OR INCUR A PENALTY** - *Add a penalty to the policy:*
 - a) *If a player calls their ball "in-the-leather" and picks it up without showing other players it is a "gimme," the player will incur a one-stroke penalty.*
 - b) *If a player concedes another player's putt without measuring the putt, that player will incur a one-stroke penalty (the player's whose ball was picked up will not incur a penalty but will be given the putt).*
- 4) **CHANGE THE "GIMME" LENGTH** - *Shorten the length of "gimme" putts to 12 inches, 6 inches or some other shorter distance.*
- 5) **COMPLETELY CHANGE THE POLICY** - *No "gimme" putts. Hole out all putts*

The Steering Committee discussed a change in policy which could go into effect next season (starting November 1, 2020). The new policy under consideration is the elimination of "gimme" putts and requiring players to hole-out all putts.

- *This change is being considered due to the fact that many players have become overly generous in conceding putts and are not measuring "gimme" putts.*
- *The committee agreed that although it is easy to concede putts without measuring this leads to an inconsistent application of the rule which is not fair to other groups.*
- *We need a policy that is consistent and ensures play is fair for everyone.*
- *Besides ensuring fairness, no longer measuring putts will eliminate the possibility of damaging the cups while measuring for "in-the-leather."*
- *It is debatable whether or not holing out all putts will slow down play so . . .*
- *During the remainder of the season committee members will try the new policy (holing out all putts) to see if it affects the pace of play.*
- *Also, this testing of the new policy during the next 8 weeks will give all players a chance to provide input before a final decision is made.*