



**SaddleBrooke Ranch  
Lady Niner's Golf League**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

<b>ROLL CALL/SIGN-IN</b>			
<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	
		<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Evelyn Falk	President	X	
Joyce Cox	Vice-President	X	
Cassie Rocke	Secretary	X	
Julie Martinez	Treasurer	X	
Lori Wiemer	Rules & Handicap Chair	X	
Amy Donaldson	League Day Chair Tournament Day Chair	X	
Valaria Zupancic	Social Chair	X	
Leslie Hopkins	Membership Chair	X	
Patti Griffin	Sponsorship Chair	X	
Ann Hulett	Webmaster		X
Constance Garrison	Communications Chair		X
<b>SADDLEBROOKE RANCH GOLF PROFESSIONALS STAFF</b>			
Mike Jahaske	Director of Golf	X	
<b>GUESTS</b>			

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**Time:** 10:32 a.m.  
**Date:** 2-10-26  
**Location:** La Hacienda – La Montana Room

**BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:**

**Date of Minutes:** 1/13/26 – Minutes approved with correction of the spelling of Lynn Mulhall's last name under Rules & Handicap section.  
**Motion to Approve:** Joyce Cox  
**Second Motion to Approve:** Leslie Hopkins

**BOARD REPORTS:**

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>REPORT</b>
<b>General Discussion</b> <b>Club Expo</b>	Evelyn Falk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Club Expo</u> is coming up on Saturday (2/21/26). If we want to participate, we need to let Tyler Rose know by Friday (2/13/26). The "Niners" participated last year, and a couple of flyers were handed out. The Expo only runs for 2 hours.</li> <li>• Typically, Connie typically handles this, but Evelyn will drop a note to her that we want to participate.</li> <li>• Leslie Hopkins and Valaria Zupancic are willing to volunteer as representatives of the Niners at the Expo.</li> <li>• Several clubs last year had business cards with their websites and emails. These can be ordered for a reasonable price. Leslie Hopkins will follow-up.</li> <li>• Evelyn will confirm with Tyler that we are interested. There will only be one table provided and room for two representatives at the event. She will also provide a plastic tablecloth that was used last year and still in good shape.</li> <li>• The "Niners" were the only golf group represented last year.</li> </ul>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The expo is really an internal opportunity, especially for newcomers to the SaddleBrooke Ranch and those interested in obtaining club information.</li> </ul>
<b>General Discussion</b>  <b>Awards Social</b>	Evelyn Falk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Good responses from people that liked it.</li> <li>The social event worked well as opposed to lunch. It was considered not too long and not too short.</li> <li>We have a social event coming up in May (5/7/26) and another in October if we want to think about making any changes.</li> <li>Attendee responses indicated all came across as positive.</li> <li>Evelyn suggested that we might want to think about an opportunity for attendees to be up and about at the social event in May versus just coming in, sitting at a table and only interacting with others sitting at the same table.</li> <li>A past social event included putting and chipping with plastic balls in the ballroom, which allowed good interaction.</li> <li>Valaria Zupancic will check to find out what could be used for a similar event.</li> <li>Since the next social event is at the beginning of May, Evelyn suggested evaluating whether to move the event outside on the patio versus in the ballroom.</li> </ul>
<b>General Discussion</b>  <b>Member Survey (Handout Provided)</b>	Evelyn Falk Amy Donaldson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evelyn expressed being very pleased with the survey results.</li> <li>Results were very positive and responses also expressed being pleased with the "Niners" Group.</li> <li>We have come a long way from when people were "grumpy" about us. We may not have even been a club at the time.</li> <li>New members that Evelyn has talked to have been very pleased about how we treat them and the process of introducing them to the club. Others expressed how the "Niners" were not so serious. They play by the rules, but are a fun, social group.</li> <li>Evelyn would like to send out a short message to our members to thank them for participating in the survey.</li> <li>Amy suggested spending a little money on the survey monkey to include comments.</li> </ul> <p><u>Ann shared some of the comments from the social event and she will provide them to Evelyn to include in her message to members.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some "Niners" are a little too rigid.</li> <li>Golf "Pros" on "Niners" are not always patient with new golfers. "Eighteeners" have a reputation for being rude and we don't want to be like that.</li> <li>Great group but could you "burn" the back nine.</li> <li>The back nine should always be a scramble.</li> <li>The back nine is intimidating to newer players.</li> <li>The food was great at this event. The golf balls were appreciated. Great event.</li> </ul>
<b>General Discussion</b>  <b>Golf Course Back Nine</b>	Mike Jahaske Amy Donaldson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amy responded to the survey comments that we are not going to "burn" the back nine and we are not going to always have a scramble on the back nine.</li> <li>Board members expressed the need to continue to have the challenge of more difficult holes found on the back nine and also felt the change might set a bad precedent.</li> <li>Mike Jahaske stated that clubs playing the back nine were not forced. The rotation of the front and back nine was set up so the Club would have the opportunity to play both.</li> </ul>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ultimately, the set-up for playing both was on purpose. If the club had an issue with playing the back nine, the Board was aware at the time and made a motion to keep it this way.</li> <li>• Mike reviewed the two courses at SaddleBrooke where similar discussions occurred regarding the deep washes at the Preserve on 5 and 7 holes. For the "niners", several would hit their balls 3 times into the wash, pick up and take a score of 10. It became an automatic "drive-by" 10. A rule was developed to have a drop area on the green side of the wash. However, an attempt had to be made to first try to hit to the other side of the wash. The AGA had to be approached regarding changes because it is against the rules. A pink cap placed on stakes was used to identify the drop area and was for lady "niners" club only. It was a local rule used by them only as a female "Niners" league player or they went out and played that nine. The rules were setup to be strict related to why the drop areas were used and who could use them, but it did really help. These are things to keep in mind going forward.</li> <li>• Mike stated that they are aware of the holes that are more difficult but nothing as severe as it was noted at the Preserve. It is important to have the knowledge that there is some flexibility as the club grows and as you are trying to promote the club.</li> <li>• Changes can be made if it is determined there is some big issue that play goes down like by 90% because players do not want to play the back nine.</li> <li>• Board members discussed not playing the back nine. It was felt the back nine should be kept as a challenge. There was also uncertainty about which holes would be picked for a drop area.</li> <li>• Evelyn mentioned there were only a handful of players that didn't play the back nine.</li> <li>• We will keep adding this topic to the agenda and continue to discuss.</li> <li>• Amy felt that any decision should be based on stats and not feelings.</li> <li>• Mike discussed the use of clinics to have successful outcomes getting over the arroyo. Clinic could include strategy on how to hit the shot, what club to use etc. The Board members were all in favor of adding this instruction to our rule's clinics.</li> <li>• Evelyn thought it would be nice to have a clinic before the "snowbirds" leave.</li> </ul>
<b>Membership</b>	Leslie Hopkins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total of 79 members (including 1 new member).</li> <li>• Amy Donaldson identified a discrepancy in Golf Genius which indicated there was a total of 81 members (82 with the new member).</li> <li>• Amy and Leslie will compare both listings and reconcile the membership number with Golf Nation and Golf Genius.</li> </ul>
<b>Treasurer</b>  <b>Handouts:</b>  <b>1) January 2026 Reconciliation Summary</b>	Julie Martinez	<p><u>Reconciliation – Reference Handout</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Previous balance was \$10,916.99.</li> <li>• Ending bank statement balance was \$12,747.70.</li> <li>• Outstanding checks remain for the Cancer Society and the Ranch House. When these are clear, the balance will be \$11,374.78.</li> <li>• Evelyn suggested waiting another 30 days. After this timeframe, Julie will talk to the bank about the cheapest options to stop the payment.</li> </ul>



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<b>2) Proposed Budget 2026</b>		<p><u>Budget – 2026 – Reference Handout</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion occurred per line items.</li> <li>• Started out with \$10,627 when budget was created. Includes 2026 dues (\$3,750).</li> <li>• Amy pointed out that the prizes for Member/Member were actually more than the \$500.00 spent on prizes. Julie will adjust this figure to \$700.00. The amount was also a cash prize versus a prize.</li> <li>• Evelyn requested the Christmas Party (budgeted at \$1500.00) be a place holder to determine if we have the dollars to spend and a space to hold the event.</li> <li>• Julie will make corrections to the budget and re-send for the minutes. Adjustments can be made to the budget with changing information. Evelyn mentioned the last year's budget was based on an anticipation of 50 members and ended up with 90 members. Not all renewed for a variety of reasons, but we are starting out with strong membership for 2026.</li> <li>• Amy raised concerns about the differentiation between prizes being awarded or monetary awards. She recommended making changes for next year. The Evelyn stated the Board would take changes in the budget under advisement going forward.</li> </ul> <p><u>Motion to Approve the budget: Cassie Rocke</u>  <u>Second Motion to Approve the Budget – Valaria Zupancic</u>  <u>Board Approved</u></p>
<b>League Day</b>	Amy Donaldson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amy discussed flights for playing league golf.</li> <li>• She set up flights to be used for league golf on this date. She is testing to see how it works and to make it fair for everybody.</li> <li>• When she looked at the winners, she wanted to work on elevating those with higher handicaps.</li> <li>• It was brought up that some players show up just for the prize money making it unfair to other players. Playing for the money is different this year. You will be required to play a certain amount to participate.</li> <li>• Questioned whether or not this has changed in policy and procedure. It was felt this was noted last year and discussed several times at the beginning of last year.</li> <li>• Recommended that the verbiage in policy and procedure be reviewed to ensure it includes participation in play. Evelyn will follow up. If it is not in policy and procedure, it will be amended.</li> <li>• In using flights, we want to make sure the number of individuals on each flight is even. We want to be sure not to lose the desired social interactions by playing with different people every week when making pairings, while at the same time understanding the purpose of the desired outcome for using flights.</li> <li>• Amy brought up the use of bingo cards for the league play on this date. Discussion included the fact that if you are past the red stakes, you are in the arroyo. However, you can still choose to play your drive from the dirt areas if you choose. The game for the bingo card is capped for 4 score on each hole.</li> </ul>
<b>Tournament Day</b>	Amy Donaldson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amy sent out a message about signing up for the tournaments. She is finishing up sign-up for the 3/18/2026 Oro Valley Country Club tournament this week. Sign-up is currently full with 4</li> </ul>



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		<p>alternates. Those who signed up will be reviewed to ensure they qualify to play (i.e., played 6 times, past tournament participation, etc.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next week (Tuesday) she will check to make sure participants meet the qualifications to play at SaddleBrooke on March 31, 2026 (i.e., have they played 6 times, did they play in the tournament last year, etc.).</li> <li>• Participants can only play in one tournament per year.</li> <li>• There is a total of 12 participant openings available – six per each tournament.</li> <li>• A signup sheet is available at the pro shop. Participants must fill out the registration form and submit a check. The only exception is if a participant is out of town. They can notify Amy to sign them up.</li> </ul>
<b>Rules &amp; Handicap</b>	Lori Weimer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We clarified rules for "Eighteeners" for how they play out of the arroyo. Information about this discussion will be sent out at another time.</li> <li>• Lori reviewed multiple choice questions for survey monkey Answers applied to a specific rule.</li> <li>• She thought about sending out the survey monkey related to rules and handicap every couple of weeks. If the respondent answers the question correctly, their name goes into a drawing at the end of the month or the end of the year.</li> <li>• Evelyn will send Lori some links for survey question examples related to rules.</li> <li>• Amy mentioned there was a survey in Golf Genius, but it doesn't allow for asking multiple questions.</li> <li>• Team Reach also has a survey that Evelyn has used a couple of times. Evelyn also suggested asking questions at the bottom of the scorecard. It was felt that this might be difficult to collect the data.</li> <li>• Discussed the process for using Direct Message in Team Reach.</li> <li>• Evelyn handed out laminated cards with golf rules for Board members. Suggestion made to provide the card to new members, but it was felt that it should just be used by the Board members for now. They are \$15.00 each.</li> <li>• Lori suggested it might be helpful to add laminated cards with local golf rules.</li> </ul>
<b>Social Chair:</b>	Valaria Zupancic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed a review of budget items for events and the concern that a room has not been reserved for a Christmas party.</li> <li>• Evelyn wanted the Christmas party to be tabled as a place holder until further evaluation. She felt it would be better to get closer to July before starting to add events.</li> <li>• Rooms for monthly meetings and social events have room reservations. The Christmas party is the only one that does not have a room reservation.</li> <li>• Negotiations with National Parks Club on a room for Member-Member scheduled for March 10, 2026, are in process. They have the room reserved from 1:00pm – 5:00 pm. We are asking to start the member-member event at 4:00 p.m.</li> </ul>
<b>Sponsorship:</b>	Patti Griffin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sponsorship payment received from Marvin Soskil of Brett Jewelers. Three sponsors confirmed.</li> <li>• New sign completed for Oracle Land and Homes as requested due to changes in leadership. Jill Rouse has assumed the lead role this year.</li> </ul>



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<b>Communications:</b>	Connie Garrison (Absent) Report by Evie Falk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Connie did the bulletin board.</li> <li>• Everyone agreed it looked nice.</li> <li>• The Board will want to offer any help they can.</li> <li>• Connie will have an article in the next Round-Up. The deadline is today She is very good at meeting the deadline for articles. It will showcase the social we had in January.</li> <li>• Connie will not have anything for March. The deadline for submitting is March 10<sup>th</sup>. We all need to think about whether we have anything for the Round Up Newsletter like a photo (only 2 photos can be used) and an article highlighting our new members, etc.</li> <li>• As a reminder there is a format that must be used to put anything in the Round-Up Newsletter. We need to make sure we have something to give to Connie for the March Round-Up.</li> <li>• This will need to get done over the next few weeks.</li> </ul>
<b>Web/Technology</b>	Ann Hulett	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ann is on vacation.</li> <li>• No report available.</li> </ul>
<b>Old Business</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No old business to report.</li> </ul>
<b>New Business</b>	Evelyn Falk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We tabled member – guest this year because we have SaddleBrooke coming over.</li> </ul>

**ADJOURN:**

**Time:** 11:45 am.  
**Motion to Close:** Valaria Zupancic  
**Second Motion to Close:** Amy Donaldson

**NEXT MEETING:**

**Date:** 3-10-2026  
**Time:** 10:30 a.m.  
**Location:** La Hacienda – La Montana Room

**Respectfully Submitted:** Cassie Rocke, Secretary