



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

Board Meeting Minutes

ROLL CALL/SIGN-IN			
BOARD MEMBER	TITLE	ATTENDANCE	
		YES	NO
Evelyn Falk	President	X	
Joyce Cox	Vice-President	X	
Cassie Roche	Secretary	X	
Julie Martinez	Treasurer	X	
Lore Weimer	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
SADDLEBROOKE RANCH GOLF PROFESSIONALS STAFF			
Mike Jahaske	Director of Golf	X	
GUESTS			
Patti Cipro	Assistant League/Tournament Day	X	
Susan Engebretson	Sunshine Member Support	X	

CALL TO ORDER:

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Date: 3/10/26

Location: La Hacienda – La Montana Room

BOARD MINUTES APPROVAL:

Date of Minutes: 2/10/26

Motion to Approve: Lore Weimer

Second Motion to Approve: Leslie Hopkins

BOARD REPORTS:

COMMITTEE	MEMBER	REPORT
General Discussion	Evelyn Falk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New business cards (Handouts) • Leslie and Valaria used them at club expo. • Cards will be available at the pro shop for those interested beside the niners box. • Cards include our website and email address. • The application to join the niners was sent to Ann for the website.
Membership	Leslie Hopkins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 83 current members • 12 new members from the first of the year • The majority of new members are new residents to SaddleBrooke Ranch community.



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<p>Treasurer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current financials 	<p>Julie Martinez (Handout)</p> <p>Evelyn Falk</p>	<p><u>Financial Update:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Checks cleared. Ending Balance of bank statement is 10,456.12. Register ending balance is 10,216.12. \$240. Cancer society donation check never cleared. Bank indicated the payment was nullified after 6 months if not cleared. Decision can be made as to whether we will send them another check if it isn't cleared. Potential that donation could be made online. Julie will wait to make sure it doesn't clear by 6-7 months and determine what to do at that time. The check stays on the books as a reminder that it has not cleared. It was sent to an address given but evidently was lost in the mail. In the future, we will channel our charitable donations to Family First. <p><u>Clothing Orders:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two checks for jackets have not yet been deposited. There is still one large sized jacket available. Still waiting on hats to be delivered. Evie will check with Pam Engelhardt about new clothing orders due to so many new members. Timing is tricky as snowbirds are gone for the summer. Checking with Pam to see if orders can be placed at the end of March to receive items by May. It may be that we will not order until Fall. <p><u>Taxes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evelyn, Julie and Ann met about taxes regarding information on our non-profit status last week. Ann has submitted information again on our non-profit status. There are no concerns related to our tax status. The 501-C must be completed prior to filing taxes and on track for this tax season.
<p>League Day</p>	<p>Amy Donaldson (Absent) (Report submitted in advance)</p>	<p><u>As reminder, and please help to reiterate with the members.:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All correspondence to the League Day Chair/Committee for cancellations or queries should be sent to sbirladyniners@yahoo.com. League Day Chair is working to hardwire this process as we transition league day chair responsibilities. It is very important as new members join that they are made aware of this email address and the process. <p><u>Mentors:</u></p>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amy is unsure where we are in this process. • Amy would like to have this reviewed by the Board and re-establish the process of assigning a mentor. • Currently, as new members are brought on League Day new members will be placed on their first play with a board member to help answer questions and to assist with onboarding. • Evelyn verified there is a process for mentors. There is a list of mentors, and they are noted on "Team Reach." If there are those who want to be mentors, the list needs to be resurrected and updated. • New members will be called the night before and informed what their tee time is, as it is not the one on Chelsea. <p><u>Team Reach:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This continues to be used for direct messaging and for announcing if anyone would like to play due to opening spots on Tee Sheet. • Filling those positions makes the games more fun and equal. League Day Committee members (Amy, Patti, and Ruth) will continue to push/copy messages or email into the yahoo account so that information is shared among the committee regarding cancellations, requesting to play, or league day questions. <p><u>Web Site:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sending an email will go directly to the yahoo account. If there is an email that is not League Day related, this will be forwarded to appropriate person(s). <p><u>Changing the process:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amy would like to request approval that it is not necessary for a person who is cancelling to notify their 4 some. • Evelyn reviewed this request and found nothing in policy that requires notification to 4 some if cancelling. It is considered a practice. • This can be handled day of or through League Day Chair/Committee when new tee sheet is made or in relaying changes at the beginning of play by the League Day check in person. • Lady 18 Holes have discontinued this practice. It is difficult for new members to find emails or phone numbers. Does not add value to being a member. • Agreement that Amy's request is approved.



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Tournament Day	Amy Donaldson (Absent) (Report submitted in advance)	<p><u>Roster for OVCC Lady Niners Invitational March 18.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trish Minard • Patti Cipro • Valeria Zupancic • Anna Miller • Susan Engebretson • Sandy Buonarigo • Joyce Cox • Pam Dailey • Alternates were approved to play as well. 8 members. Registration Accepted. <p><u>Roster for SB Lady Niners Invitational March 31st:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julie Martinez • Leslie Hopkings • Carolyn Cuddy • Crystal Collette • Donna Wells • Loren Weimer <p><u>Alternates:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amy Donaldson • Joyce Cox. • Registration dropped off to SB Golf Course Lady Niners Box.
Rules & Handicap	<p>Lore Weimer (Handout)</p> <p>Mike Jahaske (Director of Golf) The big change was related to men</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sent out first quiz to membership. There are 80 members and 50 responded. Only three people did not get the quiz response correct. Lori has received good feedback from respondents. A new quiz will be sent out next weekend. • Local rules updates have been sent out, and Lori recommends everyone read them. • Mike discussed some rewording in the rules related "out of bounds" and details regarding provisionals. • The big change was related to men golfers liberally applying the definition of the golf course landscape. Maintenance has spread rock around irrigation tees, etc. This is not meant to be decorative gravel. They are currently working to remove extra gravel around tee boxes, etc. that are meant to be desert and not garden areas. • # 8 in the rules about landscape areas have had language added to define areas to the degree long lists have been made to describe what is desert and what is landscape. • The Rules Chair in 2019 wanted to simplify the rules. Unfortunately, some of the rules were vague as a



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		<p>result of simplifying language . It is not surprising that 5 years later new language is being added that is going overboard. Long lists will probably eventually go away as gravel areas are getting cleaned up. It is felt less people will read the rules if they are too long. Mike stated they are trying to find a balance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At this point if someone wants to revise or add information in the rules, it will go to the "Greens Committee" for review. If approved, it will then go the 'Rules Chairs'. Reminded that if it is not defined in the rules, a handicap is not valid. • Men's Group and Lady 18r's approved the local rules. The Niners have not yet approved. • Evie requested a motion to approve the local rules as written. All approved. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1st motion to approve: Lori Wiemer ○ 2nd Motion to approve: Julie Martinez • Mike stated the rules would be on the Chelsea page • Lori mentions that Diana Walton (Ladies 18-hole league rules/handicap chair) has given approval to forward information from their group to the Niners group. <p><u>Rules Clinic:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed a clinic on strategies for hitting over an arroyo. • Discussed which club to use that will get the ball over the arroyo versus how far the ball will go over the arroyo. • Mike felt the strategies training would be best taught on the golf course. To mentally capture the group, the class should be about 2 hours. • Suggest 17-21 spots on the driving range. This would require training when range is not busy. Tuesday morning before niner's league play or Thursdays when men group are playing. • Decision to schedule a Thursday morning at 7:00 a.m. one hour before men start than go out to the range. Mike will plan the training with Ken. • Evie suggested a one month notice for the calendar planning when scheduling the training (middle to late April). Suggest a cap of 20 in the class. A wait list could be used to determine the level of interest. If there is enough interest, another class could possibly be scheduled. • Mike suggested training in the summer months as it is warm enough and light enough outside to start at 7:00 a.m.



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Social Chair:	Valaria Zupancic (Absent)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report
Sponsorship: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renewing sponsors New Sponsors 	Patti Griffin (Handout)	<p><u>2026 SBR Lady Niners Sponsors:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ These sponsors have already paid and checks were received. ➤ These sponsors are repeat sponsors from last year with the exception of Arizona Bin Cleaners. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wealth Building Strategies Oracle Land & Homes Brett Harrison Jewelers Arizona Bin Cleaners Fork & Fire <p><u>Sponsors from last year with payments pending:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Patty has met with all of them. They have all responded positively. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oracle Patio Café Absolutely Art Gallery Desert Dermatology Desert Zen Massage Dr. Jess Haymore, DDS State Farm Insurance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patty will follow up with pending sponsors again and make some more cold calls. Patty did not contact prior sponsor "Simply Sandwiches". They had a difficult year, and she did not feel comfortable contacting them. It was mentioned that there should be a limit of 10 checks. Sponsorship contributions should be limited to 30% - 35% of total revenue coming from membership. Evelyn recommended that we stop sponsorship checks to ten and re-evaluate. Discussion occurred as to whether or not to continue sponsorship with Dr. Haymore as he is not taking any new patients.
Communications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bulletin Board Refresh 	Constance Garrison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report
Web/Technology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Web Overview for Board members 	Ann Hulett	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loadin information on the web site. Let Ann know if you have any questions or send her things to put on the website (i.e., final local rules). Requested JPEG format to update sponsors. Julie Martinez and Patti Griffin will coordinate this with Ann. Ann will forego a roster of members on the website since this would require complete password protection for the use of emails. Currently, the roster can be accessed on "Team Reach.



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evelyn wants to remind everyone how to use direct messaging on Team Reach. • Any information on the website will need to consider the maintenance of updates. We need to be careful not to duplicate too much. • Suggestions for the website include updated application, waiver document, resources (i.e. "Fore Caddy", etc. • Another suggestion was posting the information on "soft cap and hard cap" that Lore Weimer recently sent out. • Game descriptions and "pace of play" sheet are all good for new people.
<p>Update on Possible Drop Zones</p>	<p>Mike Jahaske Director of Golf</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background given on drop zone for particular players and particular situations. • Reviewed Mountain View Preserve Golf Club wash on hole # 5. There was a 25% drop of players when golf league was scheduled for this golf course. 50 players would drop to 35 players. • There were 2-3 holes on the course where they had a simple system of placing a stake with a pink cap. Players could drop their ball 2 club lengths from the stake. Only 9-hole women were allowed to use the drop area. They could use the area any day of the week – not just league day. • This was completed through the local rules approved through the chairs and ruling bodies. • Approved through Arizona and the National USGA. • Specific language was approved by the AGA rules for the promotion of golf. • At this stage, it is for this group to say "yes" we want to do it . It would be something that goes into the local rules that will be announced and go out to everybody. • It will be important to pick the locations for the drop area. Stats can be looked at, but also the "Local buzz", what are people talking about and what is being seen and experienced. • Once the hole(s) are decided, Mike would work with Aaron to set up the stakes, etc. On occasion the areas may be moved due to wear and tear. • The drop area will not affect the handicap. • Because you are playing according to the local rules. You are doing it proper, so it is not cheating. • It is important to remember that to use the drop area, the person must first attempt to get over the "wash". The ball must go into the wash on the first shot prior to using the drop area.



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike does have documentation of the language used for the drop area rules. He will send this to Lore for distribution. • Amy probably has the scores in golf genius to use as stats for deciding which holes might be best utilized for a drop area. One could determine that holes 11 and 13 would be best used for a drop area. Hole 10 is considered more forgiving. • A maximum of three holes should be used. Hole 10 would require consideration if the 1st or 2nd wash would be used. <p><u>Green Committee:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a Green Committee that currently has two openings. • The Green Committee is an advisory committee and is being held at the Club House on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 8:00 a.m. John Whitehead chairs the committee. • If interested in serving on the committee, contact John and ask to be considered. There is no automatic board position that requires representation from a specific group/league. • It is appropriate to contact John if there is a question or concern that you would like the committee to address.

OLD BUSINESS:

(None)

NEW BUSINESS:

- Next month the Board will need to discuss holes for drop zones in order to move decisions forward.
- Evelyn has recommended that Patti Cipro, Lore Weimer, Joyce Cox join her in meeting to get information together prior to discussion at the Board meeting.
- New list of social events to be discussed at the next board meeting with list of dates and times.
- Discussion at next meeting for date to hold Rules Outing.



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ADJOURN:

Time: 11:50 a.m.
Motion to Close: Joyce Cox
Second Motion to Close: Lore Weimer

NEXT MEETING:

Date: 4/14/26
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Location: La Hacienda – La Montana Room

Respectfully Submitted:

Cassie Rocke, Secretary

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