

Bennett Valley Golf Club
Meeting 01/15/05

Present: Steve Pasadis, Steve Orlick, John Christenson, Ralph Thomas, Gary Davis, Wayne Thompson, Mike Duggan & Bob Andrews

Absent: George Elbert, Vic Shellenberg, Stu Diamond & Jim Gordon

Call to Order: 7:19 AM by Steve P.

Minutes: Were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Club has a new number in the CD: \$3,398.53. Combined with the \$33,214.79 in the checking account, we have a total of \$36,613.32.

Publicity: Steve P. has been monitoring the website and he reports that there have been numerous hits, lately. This is likely due to the members wanting to know their 2005 tournament tee times. It's good to know that the members are relying more on the site for information. Steve will be posting the rules for the various tournaments, along with the scorecard formats soon. Steve O. mentioned that he is still having trouble accessing the site with the Mac that he's using. Steve P. will investigate.

NCGA: The Big News from the NCGA is that they will stop distributing written reports and stickers, starting in April of this year. All reporting will be done electronically. This led, after discussion, to Steve O., who will be without the onerous duty of sticker maintenance and with tutoring by Ralph, printing out the members' monthly handicaps prior to tournaments.

Membership: We have around 600, which is still normal for this time of year.

Tournaments: The next tournament will be the Skins Game. There was some confusion over the dates of both the tournament and the Board meeting, but there shouldn't be any more from February onward. Gary passed the sheet around for Directors to sign up for tournaments. Ralph brought up the possibility of the Pro Shop monitoring the first few hours of the tournaments so that we could have a feel for the slow foursomes at the beginning of the field. This led to further refining of our year's policy for slow play. After the obligatory discussion, it was decided to issue one warning and, should the subject group's play remain out of position per the posted standards, that group would be assigned the last tee time in the following tournament. They would then return to their preferred tee time for the next tournament, but, should their slow play continue, they will inherit the last tee time for the remainder of the season. Bad attitudes will not be tolerated and can lead to disqualification, depending on the presiding Director's judgment.

Old Business: Bob announced that the Board had given a 2 days' stay in a Hyatt Regency suite to John Flachman and his wife.

New Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:15

Respectfully Submitted,
John Christenson, Secretary

Bennett Valley Golf Club
Meeting 02/05/05

Present: Steve Pasadis, Steve Orlick, John Christenson, Ralph Thomas, Gary Davis, Wayne Thompson, George Elbert, Mike Duggan, Jim Gordon & Bob Andrews

Absent: Vic Shellenberg & Stu Diamond

Call to Order: 7:07 AM by Steve P.

Minutes: Were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Club has \$3,398.53 in the CD, which changes semiannually. Combined with the \$31,026.79 in the checking account, we have a total of \$34,425.32. George, Ralph and Steve P will meet to discuss the budget for our remaining yearly expenses, since we can expect little income going forward.

Publicity: Steve P. again requested articles from the Board Chairmen that he can publish on the website. He suggested pace of play and the new no sticker policy by the NCGA as topics.

NCGA: The stickers are in the binder. Steve O. reported that it turns out to be very easy to generate the handicap report from our computer. There was a quick discussion on re-handicapping the course once the 5th green is complete. This is the pro shop's responsibility, not NCGA's

Membership: We have around 680-still normal for this time of year.

Tournaments: The next tournament will be the 4 Man Scramble. Bob and Wayne will work the tournament, using the same scoring procedures. They will also verify the handicaps of the players as they turn in their cards. The leading group in the tournament will monitor the pace of play of the groups ahead to see how they affect our pace of play. There was a suggestion to reinvestigate the possibility of instituting 10 minute tee times with the pro shop during our tournaments. Nobody's holding their breath on this one.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Steve P. brought up the possibility that Stu may not want to continue as President, given the number of absences. He will inquire.

It was also brought up that we perhaps should revisit our electoral process, given the amount of effort having been devoted to the last 2 elections. There was further discussion on both the number of Board members and Tournament Directors. The discussion was tabled for future meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55

Respectfully Submitted,
John Christenson, Secretary

Bennett Valley Golf Club
Meeting 04/02/05

Present: Steve Pasadis, Steve Orlick, John Christenson, Gary Davis, Wayne Thompson, Mike Duggan, Jim Gordon, Bob Andrews & Stu Diamond

Absent: Ralph Thomas, George Elbert & Vic Shellenberg

Call to Order: 7:05 AM by Stu

Minutes: Were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Club has \$3,398.53 in the CD and \$34,320.79 in the checking account for a total of \$37,719.32.

Publicity: Steve P. posted the tee times for the upcoming tournament. He noted that he's still working out the bugs. He also posted a summary of our financials.

NCGA: The stickers and sheets came out for what is the probable last time. It appears that the members are getting notified in a hit-and-miss fashion from the NCGA with e-mails regarding their handicaps. Steve O will research the procedure so that all members can benefit.

Membership: We have around 685, still.

Tournaments: The next tournament will be the NCGA Net Amateur, hosted by Steve O and Bob. It will be a 7:30 start from the white tees. There are 160 members playing, still to a maximum 18 handicap. Steve P will sort out 3 flights, balanced by handicap and the lowest 2 players per flight will move on to the next hurdle. Given the weather, there will probably be preferred lies.

Old Business: Steve O reported that he had revisited the BVGC bag tag issue and that we could provide the membership with the tags for a paltry \$5 per, which, Steve noted, could be folded into the dues. They would be 2-color with an embossed name. There was some, mostly favorable, discussion, along with other suggestions of where to spend our largesse before the issue was tabled for future discussion.

New Business: The Tournament of Champions at Bodega for \$75/head was given its' annual vetting. It, too, was tabled.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50

Respectfully Submitted,
John Christenson, Secretary

Bennett Valley Golf Club

Meeting 05/07/05

Present: Steve Pasadis, Steve Orlick, John Christenson, Gary Davis, Wayne Thompson, Jim Gordon, Bob Andrews, George Elbert & Stu Diamond

Absent: Ralph Thomas, Mike Duggan & Vic Shellenberg

Call to Order: 7:05 AM by Stu

Minutes: Were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Club has \$3,398.53 in the CD and \$37,225.01 in the checking account for a total of \$40,623.54. George also reported that the annual dues to the USGA had been submitted and that we have in turn received the latest edition of Rules of Golf and the volume on the decisions based upon the rules.

Publicity: Steve P. will be posting the information on the web site concerning the upcoming sticker-less future. He also noted that the site was getting more e-mails from the members asking more specific questions, which he will forward on to the appropriate board member. Also, he foresees a day in the future where he would like to contract an internet provider to handle this increase in communication, rather than handling it through his in-house server.

NCGA: The stickers and sheets came out, again for what is certainly the last time. Steve O. said that, once a member directly contacted the NCGA and submitted their e-mail address, it is a simple matter to print out the monthly handicap information.

The Club also received a letter reporting the suspension of one of our members for consistently firing well below his posted handicap in NCGA events. The member has also had his index reduced to a more realistic level.

Steve also checked the postings on the last tournament and found that, from the entire field, 8 failed to post and 32 posted incorrectly. This led to a discussion of delayed internet posting vs. immediate posting on the computer at the course. The old policy was to allow the members until the Sunday evening following a tournament to post via the internet from their home. This is leading to some confusion and in order to avoid that, it was passed unanimously that the players post at the course, immediately after the round. Failure to do so would result in our sliding scale of penalties. This change will also be broadly advertised.

Membership: We have around 685, still.

Tournaments: The next tournament will be the President's Cup on the 21-22. Mike and John will work the first day and Stu and Vic will work the second. Handicaps will be 100% NCGA, the blue tees will be used and we have 123 players to date. This number may increase.

Steve O. marshaled the last tournament and said that only one group was really out of position and, once warned, tried-vainly-to catch up.

Old Business: George, not having the benefit of last month's discussion regarding the bag tags, offered the suggestion that the Club donate an air compressor to the course in order to clean shoes at the end of the round. This led to a discussion of whether or not we wanted to donate something

to the members or to the course at large. Nothing was resolved; it was decided to draw up a list of potential donations and submit it to the Board at next month's meeting.

New Business: Gary suggested that the Club donate \$100 to Bruce Smith's memorial bench fund. This was passed unanimously.

Bob brought up the topic of the barbeque for the upcoming shotgun tournament. After recapping the rather disappointing way that last year's barbeque was managed, it was decided that Bob would again spearhead the organizing, starting with discussion with Bob B and Dan and ironing out any issues beforehand, given recent history. Bob will also go to the City for a permit for the park.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00

Respectfully Submitted,
John Christenson, Secretary

Bennett Valley Golf Club Meeting 06/04/05

Present: John Christenson, Gary Davis, Wayne Thompson, Jim Gordon, Bob Andrews, George Elbert, Stu Diamond, Ralph Thomas, Mike Duggan & Vic Shellenberg

Absent: Steve Pasadis & Steve Orlick

Call to Order: 7:02 AM by Stu

Minutes: Were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Club has \$3,398.53 in the CD and \$28,382.76 in the checking account for a total of \$31,781.29. George stated that we seem to be doing fairly well at this stage of the year, although we will have a large expenditure in August for the barbeque.

Publicity: Steve P., being absent, offered no report.

NCGA: This is the first month without stickers-members will have to look up handicaps on the computer. We also need to send someone to the annual NCGA meeting. The most convenient will be held at Peacock Gap on 07/16. Topics include individual and Club responsibilities, penalties and the like. There were no takers.

Membership: We seem to be leveling off around 685 this year.

Tournaments: Gary reported the good news that we had 174 golfers in the last tournament. Unfortunately, it was held after the cut off date for this year's regional, unbeknownst to us. It was decided officially to send the qualifiers from this last tournament to next year's regional. The Senior qualifiers can go this year.

The Directors' Cup is the next tournament up on the 25th. Stu and Jim will be working the Stableford format.

Old Business: The topic of donations arose again. It was decided to table the discussion until the new clubhouse was built, so that we can get a better idea of what would be appropriate.

New Business: It was decided to move the July meeting to the 9th, avoiding the holiday. There was a lost scorecard from the 2 Man Scramble. It was decided to award both players prize money and Grand Prix points.

Dick Cantor had a concern regarding the condition of the course after our tournaments. It seems that some of our members are less than considerate when it comes to repairing ball marks, divots, etc. It was agreed by the Board to discourage this type of behavior.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40

Respectfully Submitted,
John Christenson, Secretary

Bennett Valley Golf Club
Meeting 07/09/05

Present: John Christenson, Gary Davis, Jim Gordon, Bob Andrews, George Elbert, Stu Diamond, Ralph Thomas, Mike Duggan, Vic Shellenberg, Steve Pasadis & Steve Orlick

Absent: Wayne Thompson

Call to Order: 7:00 AM by Stu

Minutes: Were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Club has \$3,398.53 in the CD and \$28,701.76 in the checking account for a total of \$32,100.29. The slight increase is due to several ½ year memberships joining the Club.

Publicity: It was noted that Gary posted a letter on the website, thanking the grounds' crew for their care of the course.

Steve reported that the server crashed, but is now up and running. He asked that the board members re-e-mail him their e-mail addresses to steve@pasadis.com

NCGA: It turns out that we are exempt from attending the regional meeting-we will have to go eventually.

There is new software on the computer that recognizes members' names throughout the NCGA jurisdiction. We can even do tournament pairings on-line, once we figure it out.

Membership: We are up to 697.

Tournaments: There will be 2 directors needed to run the next tournament on Sunday. Tee times for both Saturday and Sunday run from 7:00 to 12:30.

The issue of the conflicting schedules between the Club and the NCGA for their tournaments and the awkward position that we find ourselves vis-à-vis this year's NCGA 2-Man was revisited. After much discussion, rehashing, motions made and remade, it was decided to inform this year's qualifiers that they were basically SOL because the NCGA changed the date for admissions. They will not be able to go this year, but will be compensated from the pro shop. We will, going forward, schedule NCGA events as early in the year as possible, so as not to encounter this problem again. The NCGA Zone remains a moving target.

The blind draw on the Seniors' Qualifier needs to be redone because one of the blind draws had already qualified.

Bob announced that Bob B doesn't want to provide food for the August Shotgun Tournament. Bob A proposed that we hire Jeff Bodwin to cater and have a raffle with prizes totaling \$1,000 held to keep the members' interest. This proposal was motioned, seconded and passed. George will rent the necessary tables, chairs and umbrellas.

Old Business: None

New Business: Steve P mentioned elections.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05

Respectfully Submitted,
John Christenson, Secretary

Bennett Valley Golf Club
Meeting 08/06/05

Present: John Christenson, Gary Davis, Jim Gordon, Bob Andrews, George Elbert, Ralph Thomas, Mike Duggan, Vic Shellenberg, Steve Pasadis & Wayne Thompson

Absent: Stu Diamond & Steve Orlick

Call to Order: 7:07 AM by Steve

Minutes: Were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Club has \$3,398.53 in the CD and \$25,964.76 in the checking account for a total of \$29,363.29. We expect to pay down this amount substantially in the next few months.

Publicity: None to speak of-tee times posted for the next tournament are all at 7:00 AM.

NCGA: No report available.

Membership: We are at around 750, which is typical for this time of year.

Tournaments: There will be 32 foursomes playing in the Shotgun Tournament. The format will be the same as last year-a 4 Man Scramble. It will be handicapped with foursomes adding their handicaps up, dividing by 4 and taking half (or taking the total and dividing by 8 or dividing by 16 and multiplying by 2...).

We have contracted for 150 lunches, which will consist of tri tip, chicken, beans, 2 types of salad, roll and cookie. We decided to buy enough sodas so that the members can get a drink in line without having to chase one down inside. We will make out the scorecards and staple 4 tickets per card-one part for the lunch and one for the raffle. It was decided to offer 20, \$50 dollar gift certificates at the end of the lunch with the winners needing to be present. The cost of the lunch, aside from the raffle, will be \$1,920-\$1,800 to Jeff Bodwin and \$120 for the sodas.

Ralph and Gary will do the pairings for the Club Championship. It was noted that the format may be tweaked in future years.

Once again we have been late for entry into an NCGA tournament-this one being the Senior 2 Man Better Ball. While Gary felt that he had mailed the forms into the PO Box in San Francisco in plenty of time, by the time snail mail took them to Monterrey, where they were opened, it was too late. No latitude was given by the NCGA. After discussion, it was decided to in the future, register all entries with a return reply requested so that the NCGA can't weasel out again. Gary also noted that it is sometimes difficult to track down qualifiers' birth dates and phone numbers. We will include this request for information in the next year's mailer.

Old Business: It was moved and passed that we hold an on line election in November, but since nobody knew who was running, we couldn't appoint a nominating committee. That issue was tabled until next month's meeting

New Business: None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55

Respectfully Submitted,

John Christenson, Secretary

Bennett Valley Golf Club
Meeting 09/03/05

Present: John Christenson, Gary Davis, Jim Gordon, Bob Andrews, George Elbert, Ralph Thomas, Mike Duggan, Steve Orlick, Steve Pasadis & Wayne Thompson

Absent: Stu Diamond & Vic Shellenberg

Call to Order: 7:01 AM by Steve

New Business: Wayne Hoffer petitioned the Board to allow the short term member that he had signed up to play with to play in the next partner's tournament. The mitigating factor was that his friend had been a member in the past. The petition was approved by the Board.

Steve P announced that Stu wanted to relinquish his office of President, effective immediately, and to step down from the Board, effective at the beginning of the year. Steve was appointed to continue in the office until the end of the year.

Minutes: Were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Club has \$3,398.53 in the CD and \$15,139.36 in the checking account for a total of \$18,537.89. George gave a breakdown of the expenses incurred at the Shotgun tournament. After determining that we were going to be solvent for the remainder of the year, it was proposed and passed unanimously to donate \$500.00 to the Red Cross for hurricane relief.

Publicity: No report given.

NCGA: No report given.

Membership: We are at around 765 and invoices will go out in 2 weeks.

Tournaments: The Club Championship is up next with 77 players signed up. Ralph noted that there is a large handicap spread in both the first and last flights and his suggestion is to play those flights at ½ handicap. There was general discussion about this. Since the popularity of this particular tournament has been trending downward over the past several years due to various reason, it was decided to form a subcommittee to investigate whatever changes we may need to make in the future in order to attract more participants (particularly low handicappers) while keeping the match play format. Gary, Steve O and Ralph agreed to man the subcommittee and report back at a not-too-much-later date, since we would like to introduce the changes, whatever they may be, next year. For this year, Ralph's idea was adopted.

Old Business: The decision to hold on line elections was reiterated; we just need to know who's running. Steve P will review. We also will need to fill Stu's impending vacancy.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55
Respectfully Submitted,
John Christenson, Secretary

Bennett Valley Golf Club
Meeting 10/01/05

Present: John Christenson, Gary Davis, Jim Gordon, George Elbert, Vic Shellenberg, Steve Orlick, Steve Pasadis & Wayne Thompson

Absent: Mike Duggan, Bob Andrews, Stu Diamond & Ralph Thomas

Call to Order: 7:01 AM by Steve

Minutes: Were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Club has \$3,398.53 in the CD and \$14,456.36 in the checking account for a total of \$17,854.89. George noted that the CD matures in November. It was decided by the Board to rollit over once again. George also gave a breakdown of the expenses from the past year. They are (to the nearest tenth of a percent): tournament payouts, 51.8%, NCGA dues, 29.2%, misc., 13.5%, food, 2.7%, other dues, 1.6% and other other, 1.2% for a total of \$65,649.85.

Publicity: Steve P would like the results of the Club Championship so that he can publish the Grand Prix results.

NCGA: Nothing new to report

Membership: No report available.

Tournaments: There will be 167 players in the next tournament, the NCGA 4 Man, 2 Better Ball. We will start with 4 foursomes going out the back and weaving them back into the field when they make the turn. Because of the popularity of the tournament, we may switch the date in the future with the Club Championship. There was also some discussion again about limiting the field to 144, even for the major events.

Steve P would like the committee that is studying the Club Championship to come up with 3 or so options so that they can be published on the website.

Old Business: Stu, Gary, Wayne, Bob and Steve O. are up for reelection. Vic volunteered to head up the election committee. We will also ask for volunteers for Board membership on the website.

New Business: Bob Borowitz visited to bring the Board up to speed on the progress of the new club house. There has been some adverse publicity in the media concerning the funding of the project and Bob wanted to discuss it with the Board. He noted that the City had insisted on several issues which have driven up the cost and that hasn't been widely publicized. He also noted that the additional funding went from a grant to a loan in the blink of an eye. The Board had some discussion on the subject and decided to wait and see what Bruce Meadows would have to say about the situation in his column.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55

Respectfully Submitted,

John Christenson, Secretary

Bennett Valley Golf Club Meeting 11/12/05

Present: John Christenson, Gary Davis, Jim Gordon, George Elbert, Vic Shellenberg, Steve Orlick, Steve Pasadis, Mike Duggan, Bob Andrews, Ralph Thomas & Wayne Thompson

Absent: Stu Diamond

Call to Order: 7:01 AM by Steve

Minutes: Were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Club has \$3,398.53 in the CD and \$24,733.73 in the checking account for a total of \$28,132.26. This was not announced at the meeting, due to the overriding need for discussion on next year's tournaments, but is published here for informational purposes relevant to the tournament discussion.

Publicity: No report

NCGA: No report

Membership: No report

Tournaments: No report

Old Business: Due to the impending need to publish next year's tournament calendar, Steve O. asked the Board to devote the meeting to hashing out the details for next year's tournaments and, in particular, the format for next year's Club Championship. After distributing the results of the online survey, the table was opened to discussion of how we could make the CC more attractive, both to the membership at large and to the low handicappers who have been less and less involved in recent years. After some discussion, the Board agreed that the process to achieve both goals would probably take 4-5 years and that the best way to start would be to respond to the obvious need to sweeten the pot a bit by having an accelerating payout for the 1st weekend qualifiers and to minimize the need for a perceived commitment by the players of 2 weekends by spreading the semi finals and finals over the 2 following weekends with time of play to be determined by the respective competitors with each succeeding Saturday to be the deadline for play to be completed. This concept was voted on and approved, albeit with some dissent, by the Board. It was decided to retroactively payout some money to the 1st and 2nd place finishers in this year's CC. There was also talk of, once a new clubhouse is built, to have a more formal recognition of the over Club Champion in some way-trophy, plaque, etc. There was a shorter discussion of the Grand Prix, again based on research that Steve O presented. It appears that there is a wide enough dispersion of moneys amongst the membership during the preceding 6 years to warrant the continuation of the GP. This was voted on and passed, also with some dissent.

New Business: The annual stuffing party will be held at Steve O's on Wednesday, 12/14.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15
Respectfully Submitted,
John Christenson, Secretary

Bennett Valley Golf Club
Meeting 12/03/05

Present: John Christenson, Gary Davis, Jim Gordon, Vic Shellenberg, Bob Andrews, Ralph Thomas & Wayne Thompson

Absent: Stu Diamond, George Elbert, Steve Orlick, Steve Pasadis & Mike Duggan

Call to Order: 7:14 AM by Vic

Minutes: Were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Since George was absent and no report was given, it was assumed that the finances were in fairly good shape, given that we are receiving 2006 dues and don't have much outlay this time of year.

Publicity: The stuffing party will be moved to Ralph's house, due to Steve's unfortunate accident. Everyone on the Board wishes him well and a speedy rehab.

NCGA: Steve O tendered his resignation from the Board in a letter, which, unfortunately, was not present at the meeting. This turn was met with some opposition. Bob A will meet with Steve after he reads the letter.

Gary will stay on top of the deadline dates for the NCGA events this year; he doesn't have the deadlines, as yet.

Membership: We are back up to around 475

Tournaments: The Ham Shoot is up for next Saturday. The certificates are already in hand. There will be tee times from 7:30-9:30. Next tournament up is the Skins, with about 22-23 sign ups.

Old Business: The election is proceeding, according to Vic. The Club Championship payouts for this year only were voted in retroactively. They are \$100 for the overall winner and \$75 and \$50 for the first 2 finishers in each flight.

New Business: Bob Borowitz gave a report on the progress of the renovations. The utility lines are installed. Next up, the forms for the Pro Shop and the Range Shop will be completed. He expects the temporary facilities to be delivered around the 1st of the year. Dave Marquez attended the meeting and volunteered to serve on the Board. This was met with unanimous approval. Welcome aboard, Dave!

Meeting adjourned at 8:15
Respectfully Submitted,
John Christenson, Secretary