

**Constitution & Bylaws  
of the  
SaddleBrooke Ranch Men's Golf Association  
December 7, 2017  
And  
Record of Board Decisions**

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**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS**  
**of the**  
**SaddleBrooke Ranch Men's Golf Association**  
**December 9, 2015**

***ARTICLE I Name***

*The name of this organization shall be the SaddleBrooke Ranch Men's Golf Association (SBR MGA), known hereafter as the Association, a non-profit organization.*

***ARTICLE II Purposes***

*The purposes of this Association are to stimulate and maintain interest in golf at the SaddleBrooke Ranch Golf Club; to promote good fellowship among the members; and to enhance the social and recreational lives of SaddleBrooke Ranch Property Owners.*

***ARTICLE III Authority and Limitations***

*The Association will operate as an instrumentality of the SaddleBrooke Ranch HOA, hereinafter referred to as the SBR HOA, in compliance with its bylaws and regulations, but will not conduct business or obligate funds in the name of the SBR HOA.*

## ***ARTICLE IV Membership***

### **Section 1. Resident Membership shall be open to:**

- 1. Any male person who is a homeowner or a renter in SaddleBrooke Ranch;*
- 2. Any male person who is a SaddleBrooke Ranch lot owner who has completed the Design Center phase of his home.*

### **An Adjunct Membership shall be open to:**

- 1. Any male person who is a homeowner or renter in SaddleBrooke HOA#1 or SaddleBrooke HOA#2;*
- 2. Any male person who is a previous resident member in SaddleBrooke Ranch Men's Golf Association;*
- 3. Any male person who purchases an annual membership for any of the three courses (i.e., SaddleBrooke Ranch, Mountainview or The Preserve) and at the discretion of the Robson head golf professional.*

*No eligible person shall be denied membership because of race, color, religion, national origin, or marital status. Adjunct Members are not eligible to vote on Association matters. All members shall be eligible for participation in all Association activities and tournaments. Members are required to adhere to these Bylaws and to any rules that may be properly enacted by the Board of Directors, known hereafter as the Board. All votes may be conducted by the members present at any duly convened meeting, or by the members who opt to vote using email. A vote shall be taken one way or the other, but NOT by a combination of the votes from a meeting and votes made using email.*

*Any member may be dropped from membership by a two-thirds vote of the members present at or voting by email prior to a duly convened meeting of the Association, being so recommended by the Board, for any violation of the Constitution and Bylaws or for any conduct unbecoming of a member and contrary to the best interests of the Association. The Board shall have the authority to suspend a member. Within thirty days after notice to the member of his being dropped or suspended from membership, such member may file a written appeal to the Board of Directors in the event he believes that unknown or extenuating circumstances were not brought out at the time when such member was dropped or suspended. In the event the member does not appeal to the Board, his membership shall be terminated for the remainder of that year. In the event the member does appeal to the Board, the Board shall deliberate and agree on a course of action. No member shall be in good standing if under an order of suspension or if delinquent in payment of dues unless the Board of Directors has extended a grace period. The membership of such member shall be forfeited and all rights and privileges thereof terminated.*

**Section 2. Annual Dues** *Annual dues for membership shall be established by the Board no later than October 1st.*

*Annual dues shall be due to the Treasurer by December 1st of each year and shall be considered to be delinquent after December 31st. Delinquent members are not eligible to participate in any Association event beginning on January 1st of the following year and shall not be a member in good standing until such dues are fully paid. A monetary penalty may be charged for reinstatement.*

*If a member requests a refund of his annual dues in writing, the Association will refund the non-AGA portion of the dues on a prorated basis at the discretion of the Membership Committee Chairman.*

**Section 3. Arizona Golf Association** *Resident and Adjunct memberships provide access to the Arizona Golf Association (AGA). All members agree to maintain, in good faith, an AGA handicap for fair play in SBR MGA weekly golf activities and events.*

**Section 4. Voting** *Any Resident Member shall be entitled to vote at any regular or special meeting of the Association. Association business shall be decided by a majority vote of those present and voting. Unless specified otherwise, votes may be cast either secretly or openly at the option of the members present. At the discretion of the Board for each vote, electronic voting may be permitted.*

#### ***ARTICLE V Officers***

**Section 1. Four Officers** *Officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer) shall be Resident Members. They will be elected at the December annual Association meeting with, each officer serving a one-year term. Any officer can be removed from his position on the Board by majority vote of the members at a meeting called for that purpose or by a majority vote of the members who vote for that purpose using email.*

#### ***ARTICLE VI Duties of Officers***

**Section 1. President** *The President shall be the chief administrator of the Association and shall preside over all regular and Board meetings; shall be ex-officio a member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee, but without the right to vote at a committee meeting; shall appoint special committees with Board approval. In addition, the President shall schedule facilities usage*

*with Robson Communities, negotiate for the Association contracts, such as equipment and instruction, and sign for contracts in addition to the SaddleBrooke Ranch HOA representative. He shall perform such other duties as may be later prescribed.*

**Section 2. Vice-President** *The Vice-President shall assist the president and shall, in his absence, perform the duties of that office. He shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the President.*

**Section 3. Secretary** *The Secretary shall act as secretary of and keep the minutes of all meetings of the Association and of the Board. He shall notify the membership of all meetings of the Association, have custody of all records of the Association in connection with his duties as Secretary and shall perform such other duties as may later be prescribed. The secretary shall make available any reports required by the SaddleBrooke Ranch HOA.*

**Section 4. Treasurer** *The Treasurer shall collect all dues for membership and all monies from other sources. He shall have custody of all Association funds, meet all Association financial obligations subject to such regulations as may be prescribed by the Board and/or the membership, account to the Association and to the Board for all receipts and disbursements, and perform such other duties as may later be prescribed. He shall present the Association financial report to the Board and the SaddleBrooke Ranch HOA at the end of the fiscal year (December 31) by January 15th. In the absence of a Vice-President, the Treasurer shall also fulfill the duties described in Section 2.*

## ***ARTICLE VII Committees***

*The Weekly Events Committee, the Special Events Committee, the Rules & Handicap Committee, the Membership Committee, and the Communications Committee shall be established.*

**Section 1. Committee Chairmen** *Committee chairmen shall be Resident Members. They will be elected at the December annual Association meeting, each to serve a one-year term. Any chairman can be removed from his position on the Board by majority vote of the members at a meeting called for that purpose or by a majority vote of the members who vote for that purpose using email.*

*The elected committee chairmen and their duties are:*

*Weekly Events Chairman:* *The Weekly Events Chairman shall prepare the weekly golf events. The Chairman shall perform such other duties as may later be prescribed.*

*Special Events Chairman:* *The Special Events Chairman shall prepare selected special golf events and tournaments throughout the year. He will prepare scorecards and other materials for each tournament. The Chairman shall perform such other duties as may later be prescribed.*

*Rules & Handicap Chairman:* *The Rules & Handicap Chairman shall be cognizant of the rules of golf and will review and provide resolutions of all rule questions and/or violations occurring during SBR MGA play. He will publish and distribute any local rules for play at SaddleBrooke Ranch. He will prepare articles on the rules of golf to be published and distributed as appropriate. The Chairman shall also monitor the handicaps of all members. The Chairman shall perform such other duties as may later be prescribed.*

Membership Chairman: The Membership Chairman shall regularly invite male residents to join the Association, keep a record of the members of the Association, establish and present an orientation program for new members, and prepare and update the SBR MGA Members Handbook. The Chairman shall perform such other duties as may later be prescribed.

Communications Chairman: The Communications Chairman shall prepare articles about SBR MGA activities for periodic publication in local newspapers and websites. He shall publish periodic communications to members via an email newsletter or SBR MGA website. The Chairman shall perform such other duties as may later be prescribed.

Sponsorship Chairman: The Sponsorship Chairman shall design and implement a strategy for raising funds from outside sources (e.g., local businesses and organizations) strictly to support Association events and charitable activities. The Chairman shall perform such other duties as may later be prescribed.

**Section 2. Members of Committees** Unless otherwise provided for in these Bylaws, members of each committee shall be appointed by the chairman in whatever number he desires.

**Section 3. Maintenance of Reference Books** Each committee shall maintain an up-to-date procedure reference book to encourage smooth transitions to future committee members.

## ***ARTICLE VIII Nominations and Elections***

**Section 1. Nominating Committee** No later than October 1st, the Board shall appoint a Nominating Committee Chairman and two other members. The committee shall prepare a slate of officers and

*committee chairmen for review and approval by the Board prior to the December Association meeting. No member's name shall be placed on the ballot without his consent.*

**Section 2. Posting of Slate** *The slate of officers and committee chairmen proposed by the Nominating Committee shall be emailed to all members and posted in the SaddleBrooke Ranch Pro Shop not later than seven days before the election.*

**Section 3. Nominations From the Floor** *Nominations will also be accepted from the floor with the consent of the person being nominated.*

**Section 4. Election of Officers** *A majority of those members voting shall elect officers at the annual December Association meeting. Each member shall be entitled to one vote at all meetings of the Association. Unless specified otherwise, votes may be cast either secretly or openly at the option of the members present. Additionally, electronic voting may be permitted at the discretion of the Board per Article IV. Those elected shall take office on January 1st.*

## ***ARTICLE IX Governing Body***

**Section 1. The Board** *The governing body of the Association is the Board of Directors, hereafter referred to as the Board. The Board shall consist of elected officers (Article V) and elected Committee Chairmen (Article VII).*

**Section 2. The Board's Power and Authority** *The Board shall have full power to manage, govern and control the affairs of the Association and to authorize the disbursement of funds subject to the*

*mandates of the membership at any meeting called for the purpose of acting upon the affairs of the Association.*

**Section 3. Board Meetings** *The Board shall have quarterly meetings (as a minimum) that are set either by the President or a majority of the Board. Board members shall be allowed to participate by virtual means (e.g., conference call, webcam) if feasible. After the annual election of officers and committee chairmen, a joint meeting of the new and retiring officers shall be conducted at the January meeting.*

**Section 4. Quorum** *Quorum: A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum.*

**Section 5. Vacancies** *Vacancies: Should the President resign and there be a Vice-President, the Vice-President will automatically assume the office of President. Vacancies otherwise occurring in any office shall be filled for the current term by a majority vote of the remaining officers.*

**Section 6. Records** *Records: All Board members, upon retiring from office, shall deliver all records and other property belonging to the Association to their successor.*

## ***ARTICLE X Fiscal and Finance***

**Section 1. Fiscal Year** *The fiscal year shall be January 1 through December 31.*

**Section 2. Budget** *The Board shall prepare and approve a budget at the start of the new fiscal year for that year. The budget may be revised as needed during the year with the approval of the Board.*

## ***ARTICLE XI General Meetings***

**Section 1. Postings for Meetings** *The Secretary or the Board shall post the date, time and location of all meetings of the Association on the SaddleBrooke Ranch website, if possible, and in the Pro Shop not later than seven days before the meeting. If feasible, it shall also be done by email messages.*

**Section 2. Annual Meeting** *There shall be an annual meeting of the Association in December of each year to elect the Association officers and committee chairmen as well as to conduct other necessary business. Beginning in 2016, the Association officers and committee chairman shall be required to receive a simple majority of the votes from the resident members of those who vote via email prior to the annual meeting plus those who vote at the annual meeting. In 2015, the Association officers and committee chairmen shall be required to receive a simple majority of the votes from the resident members who attend the annual meeting.*

**Section 3. Other Meetings** *Special meetings may be called at any time by the President, or by a majority of the Board provided notice of such meeting has been given by telephone or email messages, at least five days prior to the day of such meeting. All members of the Association are encouraged to attend the meetings of the Board. Only members of the Board may be in attendance during any executive session. Executive sessions can only be called for legal or personnel matters. Committees shall hold meetings at any time upon the call of the chairman or a majority of the members of the committee.*

**Section 4. Locations of Meetings** *All meetings, unless otherwise designated, shall be held at facilities and locations in SaddleBrooke Ranch or SaddleBrooke.*

## ***ARTICLE XII Parliamentary Authority***

*Roberts Rules of Order shall be the authority on all questions of parliamentary law unless in conflict with these bylaws, SaddleBrooke Ranch HOA, or with the laws of the state of Arizona.*

## ***ARTICLE XIII Amendments***

**Section 1. Amending Bylaws** *These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at a regular or annual meeting of the Association, provided written notice of each proposed amendment, or proposed new ByLaws, have been posted or sent to members one week prior to the meeting. These ByLaws may also be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members who vote using email provided written notice of each proposed amendment, or proposed new ByLaws, have been sent via email to the members one week prior to the vote.*

**Section 2. Approval by SBR HOA** *All proposed amendments of these Bylaws are subject to final approval by SaddleBrooke Ranch HOA.*

## ***ARTICLE XIV Dissolution***

*In the event of dissolution of this Association, all assets will be distributed to a 501(c)3 under the Internal Revenue Service Tax Exempt Laws. Dissolution shall not be construed to include changes in the name of the Association, as for instance, if membership were to increase to justify separate Men's Associations at separate SaddleBrooke Ranch courses.*

*Dissolution will not be initiated until all outstanding debts are satisfied. The President may direct the use of any and all assets to satisfy outstanding debts, provided a majority of the Association membership has authorized the President to do so.*

*All members must be advised that they are liable for any debts incurred by the Association and must satisfy them in full prior to dissolution.*

*If dissolution is contemplated, the membership and SaddleBrooke Ranch HOA must be notified at least two weeks in advance of the meeting date and time.*

#### ***ARTICLE XV Guests***

*Non-members are not eligible for rights extended to members, including but not limited to special rates. Non-member guests may participate in Association events on an occasional basis and only as approved by the Weekly Events Chairman or other Board member.*

#### ***Adoption and Amendments***

*Adopted by Membership:*

*(Date) April 5, 2010*

*Amended by Membership:*

*(Date) December 9, 2010*

*Amended by Membership:*

(Date) December 9, 2011

*Amended by Membership:*

(Date) December 14, 2012

*Amended by Membership:*

(Date) December 9, 2015

## **RECORD OF BOARD DECISIONS**

The following are Board decisions recorded in the published minutes since creation of the SBRMGA and its Bylaws in April, 2010. The text is “copy and paste” from the minutes with slight clarification when necessary; full context is available in the minutes themselves, all of which are on the SBRMGA website ( [www.sbrmga.org](http://www.sbrmga.org) ). Actionees are included at the end of each item. Decisions regarding Bylaw changes and nominations are not included for brevity. Finally, decisions made as a result of email voting are not included.

### **April 6, 2010**

#### **Establishing SBRMGA**

Vote on establishing SBR MGA

Vote on initial Bylaws

Vote on officers

Vote on membership fees for 2010

### **February 1, 2011**

None

### **October 14, 2011**

#### **Establishment of annual dues for 2012**

**Action: Membership Chairman**

### **January 3, 2012**

None

### **March 30, 2012**

#### **Contribution to SBRWGA**

The Board discussed the suggestion to make a contribution to the SBR Women’s Golf Association treasury. The contribution would be in recognition of their

smaller size and reduced economies of scale, in recognition of their cooperation with us on community and couples golf events, in order to help them grow, and in thanks for their support of our Ryder Cup event. A contribution of \$100 was proposed and approved. The donation will be made after the April 15 Community Golf Event.

**Action: Treasurer**

### **Donations from Play at The Preserve**

Doug Streuber reported that Mike Jahaske has again offered us complimentary rounds of golf at The Preserve on Thursday, April 19 because he has committed the SaddleBrooke Ranch golf course for another event. The Board proposed and approved a recommendation that SBRMGA participants donate \$20 to our treasury to be used for a good cause.

**Action: Treasurer**

### **Thursday Play in the Summer**

The Board agreed that we want to continue Thursday play in the summer. Doug Streuber will inform Mike Jahaske and Mike Dench.

**One-Time Action: Doug Streuber**

### **Expenditures for New Website**

George Kramer asked the Board for approval to rent domain names and positional email addresses related to the new website. He estimated an annual charge of under \$200. The Board approved the expenditure. He also asked about using either PayPal or ETS for electronic payment, but will make the decision in coordination with Bill Leach.

**Action: Webmaster, Treasurer**

## **June 27, 2012**

### **Gift Card for Naming Newsletter**

Jim Carstens reported that 18 names had been submitted as candidates for the newsletter. He made a motion that a \$25 gift card for the Pro Shop be awarded to the submitter of the winning name; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously. The three finalist names were The Score Card, The Follow Through, and The Tee Shot. The Score Card received four votes and The Tee Shot received one vote. Jim will look up the submitter and notify him.

**One-Time Action: Jim Carstens (Communications Chairman)**

**October 12, 2012**

**Establishment of annual dues for 2013**

**Action: Membership Chairman**

**November 16, 2012**

None

**February 5, 2013**

**Tax Advice**

As consideration for his telephone and in-person advice, Doug and Steve recommend that we give Bill Hooks a round of golf for four at SBR. The Board agreed and Doug will make the arrangements.

**One-Time Action: Doug Streuber (Communications Chairman)**

**April 2, 2013**

**Limited Admin Privileges for Adopt-a-Hole Captain**

George Kramer and Mike Wilson have added a link to our website with Adopt-a-Hole Program information under the "Club Information" tab. Mick Borm, Adopt-a-Hole Captain, has talked with George about maintaining Adopt-a-Hole Program information on our website. Since Mick is not a member of SBRMGA, George proposed that we grant him limited admin privileges on the site. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Action: Webmaster**

**New Member Handicaps for Thursday Play**

There has been concern among the membership about new or longer term members without handicaps participating in Thursday competitions. It takes five posted rounds to establish a handicap with the AGA. After some discussion, the following policy was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously. A new member will be given 30 days to establish an AGA handicap. During that time, he will be able to participate in Thursday competition but he will be reported as a winner (thereby returning his \$4 via a winnings card) each time. For social

reasons, a Board member will try to ride with the new member during that period. A longer term member will not be able to play in Thursday competitions without a handicap, per our Bylaws.

**Action: Weekly Events Chairman**

### **Five Posted Rounds for Play in “Trophy Events”**

A second concern has been new members participating in “trophy events” (e.g., Ryder Cup, President’s Cup, Founders Cup). The reasoning is that their handicaps may not have stabilized on this course without enough rounds in competition. The following policy was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously. A new member must have posted five rounds in Thursday MGA play before being eligible to participate in a “trophy event.”

**Action: Special Events Chairman**

**June 25, 2013**

### **Local Rule on Provisional Ball with Lateral Hazards**

A list of local rules is being submitted for adoption and Mike J’s approval. One of these rules provided for hitting a “provisional ball on holes with lateral hazards”. The board discussed this rule and the ramifications on play. Tony Seales made a motion to remove this rule from the proposed local rules, Chuck Baker made the second, and the vote carried unanimously.

**Action: Rules & Handicap Chairman**

### **“T” Tournament Scores for Thursday Play**

Hank Eidenmuller brought up for discussion the posting of our Thursday golf rounds as “T” tournament scores. According to the USGA, this is possible as long as each member plays his own ball throughout the round counting all strokes. The USGA will automatically revise a person’s index downward if he posts two “T” scores with a differential of more than 3 lower than their handicap. (The two posted “T” scores would have to be part of the 20 scores the USGA uses to calculate a person’s index.) The thought behind doing this is to keep members’ index more correct for those who may not post all their scores or may post then incorrectly. The board decided to not implement the procedure at this time.

**Action: Rules & Handicap Chairman, Weekly Events Chairman**

### **AGA Tournament**

The board discussed the AGA Tournament coming up in the fall. Local qualifying is around November 1<sup>st</sup> and the finals are in early December. Should the

SBRMGA take part in this tournament, with how many teams, and should the SBRMGA pay entry fees? Brian Svedberg made a motion to send three teams with entry fees funded by the SBRMGA, Steve McLaughlin seconded the motion, and the vote carried unanimously. Brian will set up qualifying round(s) later this year during our normal Thursday play.

**One-Time Action: Brian Svedberg (Weekly Events Chairman)**

### **August 19, 2013**

#### **Mixed Tee Boxes for Thursday Play**

Brian Svedberg did a spread sheet of the responses which showed that 9 out of 31 respondents wanted mixed tee boxes, 11 of the 31 wanted blended tee boxes and 11 would be happy with either option. The board agreed that we should keep the blended tee boxes but that on occasion we could have flighted games using mixed tee boxes.

**Action: Weekly Events Chairman**

### **October 29, 2013**

#### **Shotgun Starts**

Mike Jahaske, our Golf Pro, told us that we could begin reverse shotgun starts for Thursday play in November. He explained what a reverse shotgun is: we would all begin at the same time (8 a.m.) on holes #1, #18, #17, etc. with two foursomes per hole. If everyone plays at the same pace, all participants should reach The Shack within minutes of each other. We would use reverse shotgun starts at 8 a.m. from November through April. From May through October, we will stagger our starts as we do now, beginning around 7 a.m. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved that we adopt the reverse shotgun format.

#### **Addition of Secretary Position**

Our Bylaws allow for filling a Secretary position on the Board when we're ready. After a brief discussion of duties, it was moved, seconded and unanimously approved that the position be filled for the first time with this December's election.

## **January 7, 2014**

### **Return to Staggered Tee Times**

After determining that all members present had the opportunity to speak up, Paul asked that the board consider a motion to return to the staggered tee times with a later start time. Before a motion could be made, Mike Jahaske pointed out that the shotgun start would most likely end this April anyway, and regardless of any recommendation made, the start times would be adjusted using a formula previously developed. The essential point is that a 9AM start time would change to an 8AM start time at some point, and then a 7AM start time later. Eventually a motion was made and seconded to return to the staggered tee times with a later start. As a practical matter, this motion would overturn the decision for the shotgun format, and return to what was previously in place. Paul asked who was in favor of this motion and a majority in favor prevailed. Mike Jahaske said he would check for any previous commitments made and let us know when we could institute this preference.

**Action: Weekly Events Chairman**

### **Utilization of Golf Fusion**

The AGA decided to discontinue its utilizing Golf Fusion, which means that SBRMGA must pay to continue using it. George Kramer, our Webmaster strongly recommended that we do so. The cost is \$250 per year. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to pay for this service.

**Action: Webmaster**

## **March 5, 2014**

### **“T” Tournament Scores for Thursday Play**

Frank Scianella, Weekly Events Chairman initiated discussion regarding the posting of Thursday League Play scores. Frank’s recommendation is that the scores be posted as “T”(Tournament scores). The purpose of doing so would be to increase the impact Thursday play scores have on a player’s handicap index, and thus diminish the impact of other posted scores. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and moved to maintain the current practice of recording weekly play scores.

**Action: Rules & Handicap Chairman, Weekly Events Chairman**

### **Thursday Cancellation Policy**

Frank Sciannella articulated the challenges that are created by members' late cancellation for Thursday play. In particular, last minute cancellations complicate the games that have been set and create additional time, effort, and energy to readjust pairings. Suggestion to address the issue included creating awareness on the subject, changing 48-hour notification, and enforcing the late cancellation penalty, perhaps even increasing the amount from the current \$5 to an amount of \$10. A motion was made, seconded, and moved that Frank would submit a Cancellation Policy proposal for the Board to act upon.

**Action: Weekly Events Chairman**

### **President's Cup**

Frank Sciannella shared feedback he received from members subsequent to the February competition. There is a sentiment among some members that their paying an entry fee for a competition that they cannot win is a discouragement to participation. The club champion award is based on the low gross score of those flighted in the "A" group. All others who participate in the competition play from the blended tees, can win their flight, but are excluded from the club champion award that their entry fee is funding. A proposal was made to have a separate sign up for any member who wishes to compete for the club championship award. This would be with the understanding that low gross score will determine who wins, and that competitors would all play from the same tee box. A motion was made, seconded, and moved to accept this proposal starting next year.

**Action: Special Events Chairman**

### **Slow Pace of Play**

Once again, this subject was discussed and debated. Multiple viewpoints were presented and motion was made to impose a 4-¼ hour time limit per group or finish within twenty minutes of the preceding them. A two-stroke penalty will be assessed on the group score of those not meeting this expectation. A motion was made, seconded, and moved to institute this policy. Frank will draft the new policy and present it to the board for review.

**Action: Weekly Events Chairman**

### **Donation to The First Tee**

Previous Board President Paul Lapotosky asked that we consider making a donation on behalf of SBRMGA. Doug Streuber, Communications Chairman clarified the request, and asked that the Board approve a \$100 donation. Subsequent discussion raised the question as to whether the Board should make such a donation on behalf of the membership, some of whom might not support such an organization. The larger issue was then debated as to whether the

SBRMGA Bylaws actually authorized any such donations. Agreement was reached that the Bylaws should be reviewed and then possibly amended to authorize donations to nonprofit organizations on behalf of SBRMGA. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to make a \$100 donation to First Tee, subject to Bylaw authorization and possible amendment.

**Action: Treasurer**

### **Winter Start Times**

Mike Jahaske clarified and reviewed the dates and starting times for SBRMGA'S current staggered start arrangements. Effective March 1<sup>st</sup> the first tee time is 8am. On May 15<sup>th</sup> we move to a 7am start. On September 1<sup>st</sup> it moves back to 8am. On November 15<sup>th</sup>, 9am. Mike went on to say that Robson would consider a Board approved request for a cold weather months' starting time of 10am. The only condition would be that Mike would need three to six month advance notification SBRMGA would be doing so. As a practical matter, then, should the Board decide to initiate the later start time on November 15<sup>th</sup>, the proposal would need to be submitted by June 30<sup>th</sup>. If such a change were to start January 1<sup>st</sup>, then the request should be submitted by September 30<sup>th</sup>. We were reminded that once Thursday play reaches sixty players, then a shotgun start would be required. After discussing, a decision was made to formally solicit membership opinion and input as whether there is interest making such a change. After doing so, the Board would once again take up the issue.

**Action: Secretary, President, Communications Chairman**

### **May 9, 2014**

### **Winter Start Times**

Doug Streuber reviewed the results of the member survey regarding start time preference during the winter months. He had previously sent all Board Members a summary of the survey. Doug went on to say that in light of the survey results and discussion with Jack, his recommendation is that we request approval from Mke Jahaske to move to a 10AM start time during the winter months. Discussion ensued as to why or why not we should do so. We were reminded that doing so would not affect any of the other seasonal start times, and that starting later would impact the pace of play. Ultimately, a motion was made, seconded, and approved that we formally request approval to move to a 10AM staggered start time during the winter months.

**Action: President**

### **Slow Pace of Play**

Frank Scianella, Weekly Events Chairman reviewed the tracking report document that he previously submitted to the Board. This document tracked the starting and ending times for each group that participated in Thursday play for the last three weeks. This represented a trial implementation of the policy that was approved by the Board at the March meeting. That policy is to assess a “2 stroke penalty if a group fails to play in 4 hours and 15 minutes OR finishes more than 20 minutes behind the group in front of them. The recent experience as captured in Frank’s document suggests the policy is not onerous: everyone finished in 4¼ hours or less and the largest gap between foursomes was fourteen minutes. After a full discussion of this subject with multiple viewpoints presented as to its merits and challenges, a motion was made, seconded, and improved to implement this policy effective May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Action: Weekly Events Chairman**

### **Thursday Cancellation Policy**

At the March Board Meeting, Frank Scianella addressed the challenges that are created by members’ late cancellation for Thursday play. Subsequently, he submitted a recommendation to the Board to change the current cancellation policy requiring 24-hour notice and a \$5 penalty if notification is not made. Frank’s proposal would require at least 48-hour notice and a \$10 penalty if notification were not within that time frame. The proposal was debated, and the prevailing sentiment was that the current policy adequately discouraged last minute cancellations. A motion was made to maintain the current cancellation policy, was seconded, and approved.

**Action: Weekly Events Chairman**

### **Adopt-A-Hole**

Mick Borm had recently asked if the SBRMGA would consider adopting all the par 4 holes. This proposal would entail cleaning the tee boxes, filling in fairway divots, and repairing ball marks on the greens. His April 30, 2014 proposal to the Board provided detail as to how this suggestion would be implemented. Although Mick was unable to attend the Board meeting, we reviewed the proposal and deliberated its implementation. The Board was uncomfortable asking the membership and Thursday play participants to take on this responsibility. The proposal was not accepted, and Jack said he would communicate the decision and rationale to Mick.

**Action: President**

### **Complimentary Round of Golf for New Members**

Brian Svedberg inquired as to the possibility of allowing new members a free round of golf the first time they play. This suggestion would serve as an encouragement for new members to more readily participate in Thursday League play. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to allow new members playing the first time a free round of golf. Brian will work with Mike Jahaske and treasurer Chuck Meier regarding the logistics of moving this motion forward.

**Action: Membership Chairman, Treasurer**

### **September 17, 2014**

### **Appointment of Vice-President**

The Board also approved the appointment of Mark Klicker as Vice President of SBRMGA. This position had been vacant subsequent to Jack Gressingh assuming the role of President in February.

**Action: Vice-President**

### **Changing Blended Pine/Rust Tee on Hole 12**

The objective of this change would be to make the course more “playable” for those members hitting from the blended pine and rust tees. Handicap and Rules Chairman, Bill Moore, researched the impact on the course rating and slope. He also contacted our course professional, Mike Jahaske, to solicit his view of making this change. Finding the course rating impact negligible, and having the complete support of Mike Jahaske, Bill formally presented the proposal to the Board. After a full discussion between Board members and guests present, the Board voted upon and approved making this change. It will be effective upon the reopening of course in October subsequent to the reseeding closure.

**Action: Rules & Handicap Chairman**

### **Complimentary Round of Golf for New Members**

Brian Svedberg also updated us on the participation in the complimentary round of golf that we are providing new members as an encouragement to participation in Thursday play. There have been four rounds provided and three members have returned to play on subsequent Thursday's. Brian also requested that we fund the program with another two hundred dollar infusion. The request was approved.

**Action: Membership Chairman**

### **SBRMGA Brochure**

Brian's final order of business was to request one hundred dollars to print another two hundred fifty copies of the SBRMGA brochure that is provided to prospective homebuyers. The request was approved.

**Action: Membership Chairman**

### **November 12, 2014**

#### **Golf Employee Appreciation**

Jack has recently been in conversation with Colleen Carey and Paul Lapotosky about a SBRMGA holiday gift to the SBR golf course maintenance crew. After deliberation and discussion, it was decided to make a SBRMGA contribution to course superintendent Jeff Mitchell and his crew. The amount would be determined after talking with Colleen and Paul to confirm the amount member's contributed last year. After doing so it was agreed that the Board would be consulted and asked for approval.

**Action: President, Treasurer**

#### **Change Play Day from Thursday to Tuesday**

After a spirited discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and passed that the Board should consider making a change from Thursday to Tuesday play. A motion was then made, seconded, and not approved that the Board should make the decision. A subsequent motion was made to ask the full membership to vote "yes" or "no" on implementing a change of play from Thursday to Tuesday. That motion was seconded and so approved.

**Action: President, Communications Chairman**

### **January 21, 2015**

#### **Revisit the Complimentary Round of Golf for New Members**

The free round of golf for new association members has become a budget concern. Tim McCauley indicated that it doesn't take a monetary incentive to encourage participation in the association. Frank Sciannella made the motion (which was seconded) to eliminate this free round of golf incentive. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Action: Membership Chairman, Treasurer**

#### **Pima Cup Support**

Pima Cup support was discussed and a motion was made (and seconded) to

eliminate this proposal from the budget. The board voted unanimously to eliminate this proposed expenditure.

**Action: Treasurer**

### **Supplementing Prize Money for Special Events**

Supplement the prize funds for special golf events. For the time being these three line items were left in the 2015 budget. Mark Klicker made a motion (which was seconded) to discontinue supplementing the prize funds for these Special events. The motion was defeated 6 to 3.

**Action: None**

### **March 4, 2015**

#### **Hole in One Club Insurance**

Mark Klicker and Sam Rossi passed out a draft hole-in-one document. This form of insurance would only apply to SBRMGA sponsored events. The total cost would be \$5 per person. The payout would be equal to the number of member in the club times the entry fee. The motion, which was seconded, was passed with 6 votes "for" and 1 vote "against".

**Action: Vice President and Sam Rossi**

#### **Supplementing Prize Money for Special Events (2)**

Upon further board discussion, the general feeling was that the SBRMGA should not be using monies collected from sponsors to enhance the cash payouts associated with our special golf events. However, a motion was made by Frank Sciannella to continue to supplement these special events at \$8 per participant. The motion was not seconded, therefore, supplementing the prize pool for special events will not be continued.

**Action: None**

#### **Handicap Validation**

Bill Moore raised the handicap validation issue and suggested that a potential solution to this issue would be to designate one Thursday event each month as a postable "tournament" event. This would help improve the accuracy of the members handicaps. After, further discussion, Bill made a motion, which was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Action: Weekly Events & Special Events Chairmans to facilitate**

## **June 3, 2015**

### **When to End the 9:30am Winter Tee Time**

Of the five board members present at the meeting, 4 voted in favor of ending the winter tee time as of April 1<sup>st</sup> and one member voted in favor of May 1<sup>st</sup> (no one voted for the March 1<sup>st</sup> option). Of the four board members who voted via email, all four voted in favor of ending the winter tee time as of April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Action: President**

### **SBRMGA Member Issue**

Throughout 2015, one of our members has either been a “no-show” or has “late cancelled” on numerous occasions. His attendance record has resulted in significant disruptions to the weekly team events. A recommendation/motion was made to return this individual’s SBRMGA membership fee and terminate his SBRMGA membership. All five members present at the board meeting voted to approve this action and all four members who voted via email likewise approved this action.

**Action: President**

## **July 15, 2015**

### **SBRMGA Member Issue (Part 2)**

Since the June 3<sup>rd</sup> Board meeting numerous communications have take place between certain board members and the individual member and this member ultimately submitted a written appeal to the board requesting that his membership be reinstated.

Significant discussion took place at the July 15<sup>th</sup> Board meeting resulting in the following agreed upon course of action:

- 1) the member would be fully reinstated but in a probationary status;
- 2) the probationary period would cover the next 10 events in which the member chooses to participate through the remainder of the 2015 calendar year;
- 3) and if the member violates his probation (ie, signs up for an event, cannot participate in the event **and** fails to appropriately notify the Weekly Events Chairman of his impending absence) then his membership will be terminated immediately and he will not be eligible to rejoin the SBRMGA until calendar year 2017.

Bill Moore made a motion (which was seconded) to vote on this proposal, which was passed unanimously by the board.

**Action: Vice President & President**

## **August 21, 2015**

### **Official SBRMGA Event Cancellation Policy**

George Kramer created a step-by-step (“how-to”) event cancellation policy document that was reviewed, this week, by all Board members with one modification requiring that the cancellation notification take place at least 36 hours prior to the Thursday morning tee-off. It is the intention of the Board to post this document on the SBRMGA website and to notify all members of this cancellation policy. Via email, 8 of the Board members approved the policy and 2 board members abstained from voting.

**Action: Webmaster George Kramer**

## **September 16, 2015**

### **SBRMGA Membership Fee for Calendar Year 2016**

The 2016 AGA annual membership fee is \$30 (if paid by December 31, 2015) and \$35 (if paid after December 31, 2015). Some discussion took place regarding the possibility of raising the SBRMGA annual membership fee (of \$60) due to the fact that little of the SBRMGA fee is left (after paying the AGA fee) to cover the expense of the annual December membership luncheon and prizes for the various special golf events held throughout the year. However, given our “healthy” checking account balance, a motion was made, seconded and was passed to defer further discussion on this subject until this time next year.

**Action: None at the present time**

### **PIMA Cup Participation**

Paul Lapotosky will coordinate the SBRMGA participation in this event for the next golf season. The PIMA Cup event has lost two of its prior club participants and has obtained one new participant. The issue confronting our club is whether we desire to remain a participant in the PIMA Cup. After further discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed for the SBRMGA to remain a participant in the upcoming PIMA Cup competition.

**Action: Paul Lapotosky to facilitate**

### **Review and Approval of the Changes to the By-laws**

Jack led this discussion by providing an overview of the numerous changes and why they are required. After board discussion, two additional modifications were made to the proposed by-laws. Jack will incorporate these changes and send the revised document out to the board members for their final review and approval

(email approval will be utilized). The “approved” document will then be sent to the general membership about a month before the December membership meeting. Members will be asked to review the by-law changes (prior to the December meeting) and vote on them in the December meeting.

**Action: President**

### **Formation of a Course Improvement Subcommittee**

Mark Klicker led this discussion. Following some discussion on this matter, Mark suggested that we form a subcommittee made up of 2 or 3 members of the SBRMGA and 2 or 3 members of the SBRWGA to identify improvements that could be funded by the two associations. Mark volunteered to chair this subcommittee and will solicit volunteers from the membership ranks. A motion was made, seconded and passed to form this subcommittee.

**Action: Vice President**

### **November 4, 2015**

#### **Holiday Donation to the Golf Course Staff**

Jack Gressingh recommended that we again donate \$500 from our treasury to show our appreciation to the golf course staff. The board unanimously approved this recommendation.

**Action: President & Treasurer**

#### **Change to Weekly Play Day**

Jack Gressingh presented (on Harley’s behalf) the results of Harley’s canvassing of various other clubs that could be impacted by a change in our play day from Thursday to Tuesday. Although several organizations would not be negatively impacted, the tennis club (which plays on Tuesdays) would be impacted as five or more members of the tennis club routinely play on Thursdays in the SBRMGA. Given this conflict, a motion was made and passed unanimously to not pursue this play day change.

**Action: No further action required**

### **January 20, 2016**

#### **Modified Rust Tees for “D” Players**

Mike Koen raised this topic. Mike’s suggestion was to have the “D” players use the plum tees on holes 9 & 18 (allowing the D players to reach these greens in regulation) and the pine/green tees on holes 5, 6 & 14. Harley has already determined via the AGA that these changes would have no impact on the slope

or index rating. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to adopt this proposal.

**Action: No further action required**

### **Handicap Specific to SBRMGA Thursday Play -- Pilot Program**

Sam Rossi raised this issue. It has been determined that various members have established handicaps/indexes that are based on a significant amount of "outside" play. Due to the inconsistencies in golf course ratings, these outside rounds tend to increase these members' handicaps. To eliminate this issue, Bill Moore has agreed to review every member's posted scores and only use SBR Thursday scores for SBRMGA events. This process will not impact our members' handicaps for any other events (eg., the PIMA Cup, etc). A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to adopt this pilot program asap.

**Action: Handicap chairman to oversee process**

### **May 11, 2016**

#### **Thursday (Only) Handicap Pilot Program**

After some board discussion, Sam Rossi made the following motion:

"To terminate the current pilot program for Thursday handicapping. Instead, the handicap chairman will review and, when necessary, change individual handicaps for members that have left SBR for over two months and have a change of handicap of 2 strokes or more. The handicap index will revert back to their handicap index prior to leaving SBR. This handicap index will only be for the Men's Golf League dates and will remain in effect for 3 USGA handicap revisions." This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Action: Handicap chairman to oversee process**

### **July 13, 2016**

#### **Add Another 'Special Event' to Meet an Obligation to a Platinum Sponsor**

Ted Wierman proposed adding a new special event which would involve a four man team format with A, B, C, & D players on each team. The team captain would be the A player and he would choose his teammates from the group of members signed up for the event. It was agreed to hold this event on January 19, 2017 and call it the Tucker Team Event. As part of this discussion, Sam Rossi made a motion to allow any SBRMGA member to play in any of our 'Special Events' as long as they had a valid AGA handicap (dropping the requirement to have played in five regular MGA events). The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Finally, as part of this same discussion, Mike White proposed that

we use \$200 of the associated sponsorship fee to supplement the prize fund of the Tucker Team Event. This funding would be in lieu of charging the members any extra fees to play in this event. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve this funding.

**Action: Weekly/Special Events chairman to facilitate**

### **9:00am Shotgun Start During December, January & February**

Robson has approved our request to go to a 9:00am shotgun start for the winter months. They will add several buffers (empty tee times) before and after the MGA group of golfers (to allow late entrants to participate in the event). Sam made a motion to adopt the 9:00am winter month shotgun start, it was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Action: No further action required**

### **September 14, 2016**

#### **Approve an Additional Weekly Events Board Position**

Sam suggested that given the work involved in organizing both our weekly events and special events that an additional board position should be considered. In effect, we would have two board positions specifically related to our weekly/special events. After some discussion, Sam made a motion to add this additional board position, it was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Action: No further action required**

#### **SBRMGA Annual Dues**

Currently our members pay \$65 (or \$60 if paid early) in annual membership dues. Since these dues barely cover the AGA dues and our annual luncheon, it was felt by the board that our membership dues need to more fully fund all our association expenses. After significant discussion, the board decided to raise the annual membership dues to \$75 (or \$70 if paid early). A motion was made to this effect, seconded and passed unanimously.

**Action: Membership Chairman to notify members and adjusted website**

### **November 9, 2016**

#### **Electronic Voting for 2017 Board Positions**

The use of electronic voting was discussed (via the SBRMGA website) to facilitate the voting process. Doug Streuber will test the website to make sure the

incoming votes are automatically forwarded to both Tim McCauley & Bruce Deverman. Tim and Bruce will be responsible for sending out the blast email instructing the members as to how to vote electronically and when to vote and will also tally the electronic votes prior to the January 19<sup>th</sup> annual membership meeting. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to utilize this electronic voting process.

**Action: Secretary and Membership Chairman to facilitate voting process**

### **SBRMGA Donation to the Golf Course Grounds Crew**

The board discussed the issue of once again providing the grounds crew with a 'holiday' donation to show our appreciation for the work they have done on the golf course. Typically, the MGA has contributed \$500 in the past. The physical distribution of these monies to the 13 members of the grounds crew will be left up to the course superintendant. A motion was made for the MGA to donate \$500, the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Action: President & Treasurer**

### **Annual Membership Meeting and Luncheon**

January 19, 2017 has been established as the official date of this meeting. The 'Tucker' golf event will also be played this day and all members will be invited to the luncheon held at Bubb's Grub at 2:00pm. The meal will cost the MGA \$14.00 per person of which each attending member will be expected to pay \$5.00. A motion was made to approve this meeting date, the luncheon location and the \$5.00 member contribution, the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Action: President & Vice President**

### **January 25, 2017**

#### **Community Golf Event (CGE)**

Mark indicated that Robson has reserved April 23<sup>rd</sup> as the date for the CGE. Sam Rossi indicated that no one has been willing to step up and take on the obligation of obtaining raffle prizes and organizing this major fundraising and golf event. Typically, in the past, all the profits realized from the CGE (along with donations made by both the MGA & WGA) have benefited the Saddlebrooke Community Outreach Program. After much discussion, the Board decided that at least for calendar year 2017 the Board/MGA would not be the main supporter/organizer of the CGE due to the lack of other community volunteers needed to both run the golf event and support the raffle/fundraising process. Sam made a motion to this

effect, it was seconded and passed unanimously. Mark will notify Robson that the April 23<sup>rd</sup> date should no longer to be reserved for this event.

**Action: President to notify Robson**

### **Annual most improved golfers awards**

The Board became aware (after our January 2017 membership luncheon) that some of the winners of these awards, presented at this luncheon, had not played in any Thursday events during the calendar year 2016. After a short discussion, it was suggested that a MGA member must play in at least **five** Thursday events throughout the calculation's twelve month timeframe (November to November) in order to be eligible to receive a "most improved" award. A motion was made to support this suggestion, it was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Action: No further action required**

### **March 22, 2017**

#### **Gimmie Putts**

The subject of gimmie putts once again was discussed by the Board. In the past, pace of play was the driver behind allowing gimmie putts. However, after a brief discussion, Sam made a motion to abandon the use of gimmie putts in all MGA events (with the exception of match play events where putts or entire holes can be conceded). The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Action: No further action required**

### **July 19, 2017**

#### **Change in the handicap ranking between holes 17 & 18**

Rob Nemecek initiated the discussion on this topic. Back in May of this year, based upon input from Board members and MGA members, the Board conducted an email vote to change the handicap ranking from 7 to 9 on hole 17 and change the handicap ranking from 9 to 7 on hole 18. On May 19<sup>th</sup>, via an email vote, the Board voted to approve this handicap change. Eight Board members voted in favor of the change and two Board members failed to vote.

**Action: Rules and Handicap Chairman**

#### **Results of the membership survey**

Harley sent out a survey to the MGA membership requesting feedback on what changes the members would desire to our current portfolio of weekly events. Harley received 38 responses to the survey (out of approximately 130 members). Generally, the findings were as follows:

a) a vast majority of the respondents wanted more two man team events;  
b) a number of members wanted more “postable” score events;  
c) several members wanted everyone to hit off the same tees. This issue was fully discussed by the Board with some Board members agreeing with this concept (mainly due to a pace of play concern) and others feeling strongly about having different tees for different flights. **Ultimately, the Board agreed to use the blended tees for all players for non-flighted four man team events (eg., scrambles, etc.) and continue to use separate tees for our flighted events;**  
d) the responses to the other survey questions were evenly split down the middle, therefore, except as indicated above, the current portfolio of games seems to be acceptable to the membership.

As a result of this survey, Jack Gressingh will add more two man team events to the play schedule and will limit the number of non-postable events to approximately ten per year.

**Action: Weekly & Special Events Chairmans**

### **Implement 2019 USGA rules dealing with pace of play**

Rob Nemecek provided a handout describing the 2019 USGA rules related to pace of play. In summary, the following rule changes are being proposed:

a) each player should play ready golf (execute a shot within 40 seconds);  
b) 3 minute limit to search for a lost ball;  
c) no penalty for accidentally moving your ball during a lost ball search;  
d) no penalty for hitting an unattended flagstick; and  
e) the maximum score on a hole would be a triple bogey (with some exceptions depending on the particular game being played).

Rob made a motion to put these rules into effect immediately, the motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Rob will send out an email to all the members more fully describing these rule changes.

**Action: Rules and Handicap Chairman to notify members**

### **September 26, 2017**

#### **Honoring Our Golden Age Members**

Rob Nemecek raised this issue and believes that some of our older players may want to play from a shorter set of tees. Where possible, Harley and Jack already accomodate this desire. However, it was suggested that we adopt the “**Rule of 90**” for our members. This would allow any members whose age and handicap combined add up to 90, to pick the set of tees from which they play. A motion was made to adopt the Rule of 90, it was seconded and passed unanimously. Rob will communicate this change to the membership.

**Action: Rules and Handicap Chairman to notify members**

### **Recalculating the Handicaps for Holes 15 and 17**

Rob Nemecek requested that we consider either changing the tees on hole 15 such that the blended tee becomes the rust tee box (which would require a revision to the slope and index for the blended set of tees) or swap the handicaps assigned to these holes so that hole 15 becomes the lower handicap hole (ie, is considered a more difficult hole than 17). The Board decided that it made more sense to just swap the handicaps assigned to these holes. A motion was made to this effect, was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Action: Rules and Handicap Chairman to make sure future score cards are corrected.**

### **Annual Membership Dues for 2018**

As part of the Membership Chairman's report, the Board also discussed the membership dues issue. The Board agreed to keep our membership dues at the same level as last year (ie, \$75 or \$70 if paid early). A motion was made to this effect, was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Action: Membership Chairman to notify members and adjust website**

### **November 17, 2017**

#### **2017 Year-end Financial Report**

Given the balance in the checking account, Bob Christianson suggested that the MGA add some cash to the Founders Cup prize fund. This issue has been discussed several times in the past by the Board. After significant discussion the Board suggested that we add \$200 to the prize fund for this specific event (as it was deemed to be an event that is "fair" to all participants), with the understanding that prize money would be distributed to the top **50%** of the members participating. Given these requirements, a motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to provide this additional cash funding of \$200.

**Action: Treasurer to provide cash to Special Events Chairman**

#### **Purchase of a Plaque Identifying our MGA Founders**

Rob Nemecek believes that we should recognize the original founders of the MGA. Rob identified the following three individuals as the very first MGA Board members:

Doug Streuber - President

Steve McLaughlin - Handicap & Rules Chairman

Tony Seales - Events Chairman

After some discussion it was agreed that a new plaque reflecting the above original Board members was a worthwhile endeavor and the plaque would be hung at the pro shop (along with our other MGA plaques) in the future. A motion was made supporting this proposal, was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Action: Rules and Handicap Chairman to pursue**