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FGA SPRING MEETING

Saturday April 18, 2009

10:00 am

Elks Lodge • 1003 Pioneer Road

Door Prizes: Play It Again Sports
Donated by: Fairbanks Golf Course
North Star Golf Club
Chena Bend Golf Course
Fairbanks Golf Association

Agenda: Membership Enrollment
Presentations by Local Courses
Junior Golf Plans and Goals
Proposed By Laws Amendments
2009 Tournament Information

Coffee, Juice and Donuts

President's Corner - from Bob Howard

First, I want to report that your current Board of Directors is a great group of people to work with. They have passion for the game and a willingness to work hard for the benefit of our Association. It is a special pleasure to work with such talented and dedicated golfers!

An important part of this year's Spring meeting will be to consider and (hopefully) adopt several **changes to our Bylaws**. While most of the proposed changes (on page 6) are "housekeeping" in nature, the major proposed change moves election of Officers and Directors to the spring meeting. The rationale for doing this is to **improve our succession plan for leadership** of the Association. Elections in April will allow time for the incoming Officers and Directors to "learn the ropes" by helping with tournaments and by working with the seated Board prior to the time they will take office. I can say from

personal experience that this approach will be a BIG help for the newly elected board members. Between now and April 18, please go to the FGA web site www.fairbankgolfassociation.org and review the current Bylaws against the proposed changes. I hope you will support these changes!

As noted in the fall meeting last year, we do plan to **review the course ratings** for both North Star and Fairbanks golf courses. We'll try to do this as early in the season as possible, before league play and sunny days provide too much distraction. The goal of the review will be to evaluate the rating values assigned to both courses in 2007. If this is something you would be interested in helping with, please let me know!

I look forward to seeing you on April 18. Until then, take care and wear your break-up boots!

Treasurer's Report – from Martha Hanlon

We are still transitioning between treasurers although I believe I have tracked down or paid outstanding bills left from 2008. I am in the process of bringing our State of Alaska reporting up to date. We are still waiting on Duane Risse's accounting summary for 2008 but, as of 3/1/09, our account balances are as follows:

Checking: \$15,842.41

Savings: \$1,961.49

We appear to be in good financial shape moving into the 2009 season.

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Fairbanks Golf Association Membership

Membership applications are available on page 7, at all courses and Indoor Golf, and at: www.fairbanksgolfassociation.org.

Forms can be dropped off at any of the Fairbanks local courses or mailed to:

Fairbanks Golf Association
P.O. Box 75009
Fairbanks, Alaska 99707

Please submit your renewal prior to May 31st to avoid having your name removed from the system in mid-June. Enter your GHIN handicap number and your name as it appears on your driver's license.

Rules and Handicaps – from Bob Howard

Rules of Golf 3-3: Playing a second ball

Have you ever wanted to do this, but weren't quite sure just how it works? It's a useful option in stroke play, but you have to be careful to follow the right steps or it could cost you!

If you are doubtful about your rights or the correct procedure, you may, without penalty, complete the hole with two balls. However, **before taking that option you must announce to your competitors** that you intend to play two balls from this point forward **and which ball you intend to count for your score** if the Rules permit. Upon completion of the round you must report this situation to the tournament committee for a ruling before returning your score card. **Failure to announce** your intention before taking the option forfeits your right to play the second ball, without penalty. **Failure to report** the situation to the tournament committee results in disqualification!

Rules of Golf 6-7: Slow Play

Here is **one of the biggest frustrations** in tournament play – being held up by a group in front of you that is just taking playing too slowly! The Rules allow the tournament committee to establish the boundaries for pace of play, and there are no “hard and

fast” rules. One guideline I found in USGA material suggests a maximum time for taking a shot. The suggestion makes sense and is very simple: *When it becomes your turn to play you should be in position at your ball. From that point, you have 40 seconds to set up, address your ball and make the shot.* Such a guideline would be quite easy to monitor, should it become necessary in order to deal with slow play in a tournament. For now, I appeal to each of you to consider what you can do to avoid the trap of slow play. Golf should be fun for all of us..... but slow play is just a bummer!

Congratulations to Most Improved Handicap Winners!

This new award, started last year, recognizes the players who achieve the most improvement in their GHIN handicap index over the length of the entire season. This result is calculated automatically every two weeks, based on your entry of scores. FGA awarded \$50 gift certificates to the winners. **Maria Johnstone** won the women's award by improving her handicap from 34.7 to 27.9. Veronica Swaim scored a close second with an improvement from 33.1 to 29.2, and Martha Hanlon came in third with an improvement from 24.6 to 21.6. **Nathaniel Peck** won the men's award by improving his handicap from 14.2 to 7.7. Richard Neff came in second moving from 29.5 to 21.3, and David Thompson was third with an improvement from 33.1 to 27.2. The FGA Board of Directors applauds these “golfers with a mission.”

Information from FGC, Chena Bend and Indoor Golf was not available at press time.

North Star Golf Club – from Melinda Evans

North Star Golf Club congratulates our 2008 Club Champions: Lorraine Burch and Bruce Cunningham and the 2008 league winners: Match Play – Lee Williams; Men's Scramble – John Story and Women's Scramble – Roxy Port.

Several major improvements were made in 2008. On the driving range, there's a "new" ball barn, where you can take your tokens and range keys to get practice balls, and if you are on a roll you can quickly get another bucket and groove that move before it goes away. A new putting green was constructed and grown in last season, just below the sundeck. We expect to open the new practice green in June. It will be our biggest green.

A lot of holes got filled this summer, and of course, that always means new holes appeared or old ones got bigger. Look out for new and expanded ponds, after all this snow melts, on holes #1, 8, 13, 14, 16, and 18. Don't worry none of them are located where you "should" be hitting

If you'd like to loosen up and have some great moves "**Kick Start Your Golf Season with Yoga**". Gretchen Nolan, Infinite Yoga, Artisan's Courtyard is offering this program, specifically designed to improve your golf game by targeting your shoulders, back and abdominals. Space is limited in the 5 class series Saturdays April 11th to May 9th from 3:00 – 4:15 PM. Cost is \$65 for the series or \$15 drop in fee. Contact Gretchen for more information: 460-6610 or akgretel@yahoo.com

Adult Golf Boot Camp by Wendy Wisbon, PGA/LPGA Professional, promises to take a few strokes off your game and a few inches off your waist. This series places equal emphasis on Golf Mechanics, Golf Psychology and Flexibility & Strength Training for golfers. Participants, who must have played a minimum of one season, will receive practice balls,

drills that make a difference and answers to all questions. Sign up early by May 2nd for a \$20 savings on the \$195 fee for Session One: June 2 thru July 2, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:30 – 9:00 AM. Session Two (sign up early by June 7th to save \$20) will be July 7 thru August 7 and has the same format, times and prerequisite of 1 season of golfing OR have completed Get Golf Ready in 5 Days (see below).

Free 10 minute lessons Saturday 5/23rd from 2 – 5 PM and Memorial Monday 5/25 from 2 – 5 PM. Sponsored by PGA Professional Wendy Wisbon. Signup begins May 11.

Get Golf Ready in 5 Days, a World Golf Foundation PlayGolfAmerica Program, is for adult beginners. The five lesson group instruction package by Wendy Wisbon, LPGA, PGA, for \$99 per person will cover: Set up: Grip, Stance, Aim; Putting; Chipping & Pitching; Full Swing – Irons; Full Swing – Woods; Fairway/Rough; Bunkers – Greenside/Fairway; Fitness/Warm-up and additionally, students will receive instruction in the history, rules and etiquette of the game. We provide all equipment, balls and supplies and ongoing opportunities to play throughout the summer. Specific dates and times will be posted on our website in May. Please refer your friends, coworkers and family who might enjoy golf.

Junior Golf Camps: Nine weekly clinics (except week of 6/29 - 7/3) starting 6/02 thru 8/04. For ages 7 - 15. Small group instruction to learn the basics of golf. Focus will be on full swing (irons and woods), pitching, chipping, putting, etiquette, rules, and FUN. Equipment is provided. Tuesday through Friday 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM. \$125 per child. There are a limited number of \$25 golf scholarships for girls to use toward the fee, courtesy of Puttin on the Ritz ladies.

Monday Night Match Play League: Play a different opponent each week, learn the rules, strategies, and differences. Full handicap is applied. \$25 league fee. Organizational/Signup meeting Monday May 18th 6 PM. Session I (7 nights) starts Monday June 1st thru July 6th. Session II (6 nights) starts July 13 thru August 17th. Awards dinner and tournament for both Sessions is August 24th.

Tuesday Night Men's Scramble League: Organizational/Signup meeting Tuesday May 19th at 6 PM. Play starts Tuesday May 26th with 14 league nights. End of the season one shot shoot-out for hole in one pot (if unclaimed) and Awards dinner will be Tuesday September 1st. \$25 league fee.

Wednesday Night Ladies Scramble League: Organizational/Signup meeting Wednesday May 20th at 6 PM. League play starts Wednesday May 27th for 12 league nights and Awards dinner and tournament Wednesday August 19th. \$25 league fee.

Friday Night Nine and Dine programs with prizes and theme dinners will be scheduled throughout the summer. Dates TBD

Other activities being planned include: **June - Women's Golf Month:** we will have exciting golf programs for Women of Faith, Women of Business, Women of Education, and Professional Women. A free trial night is offered in the popular Wednesday Night Ladies League Scramble.

July - Family Golf Month: programs for families to learn and play golf together.

Take Your Daughter to the Course Week July 6 – 12th: Girls 22 and under play for a waived greens fee with a parent's paid greens fee once during this week. Tee times are required.

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Interior Alaska Golf Hall of Fame – Tom Mulka, Chair

- 1997** Earl Weaver
LaVerne Richard
Frank McGuigan
- 1998** Jim Hendrie
Karen Jones
Jack Stallings
- 1999** Bob Baker
Lynn Immel
Mick Rizk
- 2000** Betty Thies
Santina Meath
Bill Renfrew
- 2001** Bernie Saupe
Joyce Anderson
Al Vacura
- 2002** Fred Wagner
- 2004** Dody Sexton
Hawley Evans
- 2008** Ginger Ahern
Randy Blanchard

Junior Golf – from Mike Littlefield

2008 was a great year for Junior Golf, even with all the rain. We had nearly 30 golfers last year and hoping 2009 is even better. We are planning another 9-week season. Our schedule should run early June through end of July. At press time we do not have confirmation on dates.

FGA would like to sponsor a Golf Extravaganza this year. This is a time for new junior golfers to learn several aspects of the game, including etiquette, full swing, putting, and chipping. The venue is not set but—weather depending—we would like to introduce juniors to the game sometime late May or early June. We will have more information as it becomes available.

Junior Golf teaches not only golf, but life values. While teaching the game, we

want children to have fun. We can't allow drinking, foul language or gestures, or poor manners during these events. We are looking for volunteers to help not only teaching but walking with the kids and helping them along the way.

We have been approached about a High School level program. So, needless to say, we are looking for more participation not only from volunteers and coaches but more golfers.

With special thanks going out to Michelle Daml and Taylor Daml (Taylor is one of our former juniors). They were very instrumental in keeping last year's program together. I would also like to thank my wife, Wilma and all the other volunteers from last year.

2009 Golden Days Championship – from Lee Williams

Get ready for Golden Days!

Our crown jewel, the Golden Days Interior Golf Championship, is set for July 22-23 and 25-26, 2009. Please start getting ready now if you plan to play! Entry forms will be available at the Spring Meeting and also at all the courses.

To qualify to play, you must have a GHIN handicap issued by Alaska Golf Association by July 10, 2009, the last GHIN Revision before the start of tour-

namment play. The handicap must reflect a minimum of seven 18-hole scores posted since the end of the 2008 Golden Days Championship.

Entry fee will again be \$60 with the deadline for entering being Friday July 17th. We strive to make the individual flights as competitive as possible so please play often and post often. Accurate handicaps make for more closely contested flights.

Playing really well? Any men entering with a current handicap of 8.0 or lower can opt to play in the championship flight from the blue tees and challenge for the title of Golden Days Champion! Sign up as soon as possible as the field will be limited to the first 120 qualified players. As in the past, for the first two days of the competition you have the option of choosing your playing partners and approximate tee times. So put together a foursome and let's put on a great tournament!

North Star Golf Club continued from page 3

April is our membership discount month. Be sure and get those new and renewed memberships in by April 30th for the \$50 discount on a full season of great golfing. Membership, lesson and event information and more is available on our website at <http://www.northstargolf.com>

FGA 2009 Tournament Schedule

Seniors

Saturday June 27th at
Fairbanks Golf Course
Sunday June 28th at
Chena Bend Golf Course

Mixed Scotch

Sunday July 12th at
Fairbanks Golf Course

Golden Days

Wednesday/Thursday July 22nd & 23rd at
Fairbanks Golf Course &
North Star Golf Club
Saturday & Sunday July 25th & 26th at
Chena Bend Golf Course

Check the FGA web site at
www.fairbanksgolfassociation.org
for tournament schedule updates

2008 FGA Tournament Results

2008 FGA Seniors Championship

Women's Championship Flight

Low Gross: Linda Gustafson (164)

Low Net: Lorraine Burch (146)

1st Flight:

Low Gross: Santina Meath (183)

Low Net: Connie Johnson (147)

2nd Flight:

Low Gross: Jana Walters (204)

Low Net: Jean Kalish (156)

3rd Flight:

Low Gross: Bonnie Gordon (198)

Low Net: Becky Duhr (138)

Super Senior Low Gross: Bev Birkliid (194)

Super Senior Low Net: Joyce Anderson (167)

Women's Longest Drive:

North Star – Ann Spannagel

Fairbanks – Linda Gustafson

Super Senior Long Drive: Fairbanks – Sherry Fisler

Women's Closest to Pin:

North Star – Jean Kalish

Fairbanks – Jean Kalish

Men's Championship Flight

Low Gross: Rick Boyles (149)

Low Net: Jeff Hammermeister (141)

1st Flight:

Low Gross: Steve Kunz (166)

Low Net: Paul Dube (150)

2nd Flight:

Low Gross: Craig Salsbury (179)

Low Net: Terry Schmidt (148)

3rd Flight:

Low Gross: Jim Ballam (180)

Low Net: Marion Mew (138)

4th Flight:

Low Gross: Mike Sullivan (187)

Low Net: Chet Brown (149)

Super Senior Low Gross: James Schene (170)

Super Senior Low Net: Paul Ostbloom (148)

Men's Longest Drive:

North Star – Tom Chadwick

Fairbanks – Rick Boyles

Super Senior Long Drive: Fairbanks – Don Hartbauer

Men's Closest to Pin:

North Star – Jeff Hammermeister

Fairbanks – Terry Schmidt

Super Senior Closest: Fairbanks – Gerry Hovda

2008 Golden Days City Championship

Women's Championship Flight

Linda Gustafson – City Champion (348)

Lorraine Burch (350)

Cathy Shuttleworth (355)

1st Flight: Santina Meath (368)

Penny Graham (378)

Fran Westervelt (382)

2nd Flight: Sonja Mazurek (390)

Jean Kalish (416)

Becky Duhr (428)

Women's Longest Drive: Lorraine Burch &
Cathy Shuttleworth (tie)

Women's Closest to Pin: Lynn Immel

Men's Championship Flight

Rick Boyles – City Champion (301)

Adam Baxter (307)

Jeff Hammermeister (313)

1st Flight: Tom Chadwick (328) - tiebreaker

Mike Shultz (328)

Scotty Sikorski (332)

2nd Flight: Bruce Cunningham (324)

Don Hartbauer (337)

Bart Grahek (338)

3rd Flight: Mike Moore (341)

Rick Lonn (342)

Paul Dube (349)

4th Flight: Steve Zanazzo (351)

Terry Schmidt (358)

Rick Alford (359)

5th Flight: Aaron Pletnikoff (351)

Gary Copus (371)

Judd Irwin (376)

6th Flight: Togi Letuligasenoa (363)

John (Allen) Palmer (381)

Chuck Alkire (394)

Men's Longest Drive: Ryan Kuss

Men's Closest to Pin: Jay Titus

2008 FGA Mixed Scotch Doubles

Low Net Score:

Mike Moore & Bev Moore (59.95)

Mike Sullivan & Cheryl Sullivan (65.80)

Ken Assyd & Lana Assyd (69.50)

Hans Sobanja & Debe Reischke (69.95)

Low Gross Score:

Mike Moore & Bev Moore (81)

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Fairbanks Golf Association

(Proposed new language is in **bold italics, underlined**)

1. The first amendment shall change the title to read:
BYLAWS OF THE FAIRBANKS GOLF ASSOCIATION
2. The second amendment shall change Article III, Section 3, Membership Privileges (b) to read:
b. Members in good standing are eligible to enter all FGA sponsored tournaments.
3. The third amendment shall change Article III, Section 3, Membership Privileges by adding item (d) to read:
d. All members over the age of eighteen shall be eligible to vote.
4. The fourth amendment shall change Article V, Section 2 to specify the spring meeting as the Annual Meeting for elections, to read, in part:
The spring meeting shall be the Annual Meeting when election of officers will be held.
5. The fifth amendment shall change the last line of Article VI, Section 3 to read:
Upon resignation of the President, the Vice President shall become President and hold office until the end of the vacated term.
6. The sixth amendment shall expand Article VI, Section 6 by adding new language to the end of the section as follows (new language in bold font, underlined):
The Directors shall be members of the Board of Governors and attend meetings of the Board of Governors and annual Association meetings, **and carry out their duties as assigned by the President, including but not limited to helping with and planning Fairbanks Golf Association sponsored golf tournaments.**
7. The seventh amendment shall change Article VI by adding two new sections, Section 7 and Section 8, as follows:
Section 7. A quorum of the Board of Governors shall consist of a majority of the seated members when business for FGA is to be conducted.
Section 8. Action Without Meeting: Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Board of Governors, or any committee thereof, may be taken without a meeting if a written consent (including electronic) setting forth the action so taken is signed by a majority of seated directors that would have been entitled to vote on the action had a meeting been held. A written electronic message (e-mail) shall be considered a signature for this purpose. Any such action shall be ratified at the next regular meeting.
8. The eighth amendment shall change Article VII, Section 1 to specify March 1st as the date for appointment of a nomination committee, to read, in part:
The President, with the approval of the Board of Governors, shall appoint a nominating committee no later than March 1st.
9. The ninth amendment shall change Article VII, Section 2 to read:
The election of officers shall be held at the Annual Meeting in the spring. The majority of votes cast shall constitute an election. The terms of office shall be for two years. Officers may be re-elected. The President and the Treasurer shall be voted on in odd years. The Vice President and the Secretary shall be voted on in the even years. The newly elected officers shall begin their official duties at the commencement of the fall meeting after their election.
10. The tenth amendment shall change Article VII, Section 4 to read:
The President shall fill, by appointment, all vacancies in elected positions. The appointee shall serve until the end of the vacated term.
11. The eleventh amendment shall change Article VII, by adding a new Section 5 to read:
Section 5. A board member absent for three consecutive meetings without an excused absence may be removed by the chair at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Governors.
12. The twelfth amendment shall change the last sentence of Article IX to read:
Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, shall be the parliamentary authority of the Association, and shall apply in the absence of a directive set forth in these By Laws.
13. The thirteenth amendment shall replace the name "Board of Governors" with "**Board of Directors**" throughout the entire document.

End of proposed Bylaws amendments

For full bylaws and proposed changes,
visit www.fairbanksgolfassociation.org



Fairbanks Golf Association

2009 Membership Application

Male
 Female

Full Name (as it appears on your driver's license) _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Fax _____

E-mail Address _____

USGA GHIN Number _____ If Junior, Birthdate _____

Please complete all sections of this form. If you haven't been in the FGA Handicap System within the last 2 years, write "NEW" in the GHIN # space.

If you have a handicap from another system, please provide that number so that we can enter your scores into this system.

When complete, please mail (with payment) to FGA, PO Box 75009, Fairbanks, AK 99707-5009. Please make checks out to FGA.

If your handicap is with a club other than FGA, list Club # _____

Home Course:
 Chena Bend FGC North Star

Family Membership

Dependents must be under 19 on date of payment, no exceptions.

Name	Birth date (required)	Gender	GHIN #	Club # if not FGA	Handicap needed?
Spouse	<i>(not required)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Dependent		<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Dependent		<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Dependent		<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Dependent		<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Membership Rates

(choose one)

- Single: \$30
- Family: \$50
- Junior: \$5

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

FGA Use Only:

Amount Received _____

Received By _____

Date Received _____

Cash _____

Check # _____



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