

**Palm Desert Greens Men's Golf Club**  
Member Meeting Minutes  
12/19/2023

**Call to Order:** 9:00

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Clark Shara

**Roll Call by Secretary Floyd:**

*Elected Officials:*

President - Dan Cameron:	Absent
Vice President- Jack Allen:	Present
Secretary - Eric Floyd:	Present
Treasurer - John McClain:	Present
Club Liaison - Steve Warren:	Present
USA Member At Large - Clark Shara:	Present
Canadian Member At Large - Rich Davidson:	Absent

*Committee Chairmen:*

Handicap - Richard Warburton:	Present
Membership - Doug Hodson:	Present
Tournaments –	
Scott Slagle:	Present
Larry Reynolds:	Absent
Mark Sanders:	Present
Publicity - Gary Bennett:	Present
Care and Compassion – Dave Levandowski:	Present
Hole in One - Doug Hodson:	Present
SCGA Delegate - Bob Shakespeare:	Present
Rules - Byron Harvie:	Present
AM Sweeps - Ken Gordon:	Absent
Past President - John Coyle:	Absent
Parliamentarian - Dale Erickson:	Present
Web Master - Jim Pollard:	Absent

**Minutes:**

Minutes for the November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 General Meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

**Guest Speaker: Andy Diaz – Golf Course Supervisor**

Mr. Diaz presented a thorough overview of procedures that PDMGGC members (and all PDG golfers) should use to preserve the excellent condition of our golf course.

The damaged grass areas around various bunkers were caused by weed killer added to the bunkers. These areas are to be played as “Ground Under Repair”. However, improperly filled divots and unrepaired ball marks on greens continue to be the biggest problems.

Divots should be filled to the top of the removed soil – not to the top of the grass. If a large divot is taken, do not replace it. In fact, Andy requests that the divot be picked up and placed in a trash can at the next tee box.

Ball marks are best repaired by inserting the repair tool on four sides of the mark and pulling in towards the center. Ball marks that have been unrepaired and turned brown should be slightly raised with a repair tool and the patted flat with your putter.

Grass on the greens is currently a mixture of Rye and Poa Annua (Poa). Poa offers a number of advantages for putting green surfaces (especially on heavily used courses), and Andy is currently increasing the percentage of Poa on our greens. Greens are currently cut to a length of 0.01 inch and may be cut shorter in the future.

Mr. Diaz has received a number of comments regarding raised soil around the hole cups. He has instructed his staff to tamp these edges down when a hole is relocated, and he inspects them on a regular basis. However, it is important that golfers also do their part by not removing holed balls with a club, the flagpole, or any action that could potentially raise the cup and/or the surrounding soil.

All golfers should follow the traffic control ropes and signs that are used on our golf course.

**President's Report:**

Bob Larsen and Bob Barrie were introduced as our Nominating Committee for the 2024 - 2025 season election of officers. If anyone is interested in running for the elected positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Liaison, At Large USA, At Large Canada, please let them know.

The Nominating Committee will identify at least one person for each elected position at the January PDGMGC meeting. The Nominating Committee will again identify the slate of candidates and call for nominations from the floor at the February PDGMGC meeting. Candidates that are nominated and accept must do so at that time. Their acceptance can be in person or by letter.

When the nominations are closed, the President will call for a vote to elect candidates to uncontested positions. Candidates must be elected by a membership majority. Positions with two or more nominees will be elected by ballot.

**Vice President's Report:**

Nothing to report.

**Treasurer's Report:**

October 2023 closed with a balance of \$16,603.80. During the month of November 2023, the PDGMGC had an income of \$10,370.00, and expenses of \$2,202.77, closing the month with a balance of \$24,771.03.

**Secretary's Report:**

Nothing to report.

**Club Liaison's Report:**

There will be a Divot Party Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 a.m.

There are less ball marks on our greens, in large part due to the efforts of the many "Greens Keeper" volunteers. The PDGMGC thanks you for your efforts.

**At Large USA Report:**

Nothing to report.

**At Large Canada Report:**

Nothing to report.

**Handicap:**

There has been a noticeable improvement in membership promptly posting their golf scores. However, golfers should not post their score on occasions (e.g., Sweeps), when Golf Genius is used. These scores will be posted automatically.

The World Handicap System will implement new procedures for scoring a partial round on January 16, 2024. This will require that a golfer play at least 9 rated holes and post his score using the "hole by hole" format. Un-played holes will then be scored by an algorithm that uses factors such as the golfer's handicap and his scores on the round before play was interrupted.

**Membership:**

There are currently 291 paid members, including 25 new members. More renewals expected as additional residents return. Our membership goal is 300 paid members.

**Tournaments:**

The Eclectic Tournament produced an income of \$6,665.00 (including a \$15.00 overpayment), and a net income of \$1,051.48.

The next tournament is the Member/Member, scheduled for January 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$55.00 per member, and includes lunch on Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. The deadline for entry is December 30<sup>th</sup>. Note that all tournament entry deadlines are final, but you can get on a wait list.

**Publicity:**

Nothing to report.

**New Business:**

New adjustable tees are now available for the driving range mats.

**Hole in One:**

Last season, there were 9 hole-in-ones. The payout was \$176 for each hole-in-one. Doug Hodson reported that one person still has not picked up his hole-in-one winnings.

David Levandowski received a bag tag for his December 4<sup>th</sup> hole-in-one on No. 14. He used a 6 iron from 163 yards.

**Rules:**

Byron Harvie provided a rules “Pop Quiz” update for attending members that was both instructive and entertaining. The quiz employed a “group answer” format that facilitated discussion and (in a few instances) debate.

**Care and Compassion:**

Nothing to report.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

**10:29**

**Next PDGMGC Board Meeting:**

**1/2/24 at 9:00 a.m. in the Palm Room**