

OPENING DAY LUNCHEON AND MEETING

“Hats Off to Spring”

April 3, 2018

The Opening Day Luncheon was held at the Yacht Club following a 9-hole Scramble at Tanasi Golf Course. Jeff Harrington announced the winners of the Scramble which are posted on the website.

At approximately 12 noon, President, Meri Coles, welcomed everyone and introduced the guests: Foot Joy Rep, Katherine Berrier; League Sponsors, Sherry Palpant for Bruce Martin of State Farm and Donnie Iverson of Merrill Lynch; Director of Golf, Jim West; and PGA Professional, Jeff Harrington, who also manages the 18-hole ladies league.

Anne Parkhill gave the invocation and was followed by a lunch of strawberry and chicken spinach salad/rolls/coffee/tea and water. Cupcakes for dessert were made and donated by league member, Michelle Spicer.

After each of the guests offered a few words, they were free to leave (or stay) when the meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by President, Meri Coles.

Each of the Executive Board members were introduced:

Carol Gouty: Vice President

Lorene Branz: Secretary (Minutes of all meetings will be on the website)

Michelle Spicer: Treasurer - Balance as of 11/15/17 for the beginning of 2018 was \$5,2223.43. Estimated balance at year end 2018 is \$2,368.43.

Sue Bowman: Membership - Sue reported 98 members with 3 new this year: Dawn Bray, Patti Furrier, and Pat Snyder

Carol Padgett: Member at Large/Publicity, maintains league website: TVLGA18.com
She is assisted by Sarah Havens.

Sharon Vaughan: Past President

Recognition was given to all the ladies who have been Past Presidents in the league and each received a “goody bag”.

Sue Bowman also recognized several ladies who are currently still playing in the league and have participated for over 20 years and/or since it's inception. Some of those mentioned were Ruth Reynolds and Dee Prickett, approx. 26 years; Carol Padgett, 28 years; Janet Kinkade and Reba Richmond, approx. 29-30 years since the league was started.

Chairpersons and Co-chairs of the different committees were introduced.

Welcome Person (instead of Big Sister/Little Sister as in the past) - Cindy Chalfant (2nd year) - Cindy mails a “Welcome Letter” to new members along with a 2-page document written by President, Meri Coles, containing helpful information on league procedures such as what happens on Tuesdays regarding Chip-ins, 50/50 drawing, Birdie Pins, Skins, Website and weekly emails. New members are also invited for coffee or lunch. This year a brunch was held at Meri's home to welcome these new members along with board members and committee chairpersons.

Sunshine - Margaret Sonntag (2nd year) - contact person to let know of illnesses or condolences relative to league members/families

Knox Area Women's Golf Association (KAWGA) - Joan Taylor reported receiving information of the 1st event at Beaver Brook on April 18 and explained process of joining and how to sign up for Kawga events.

Interclub - Sue Miller

Birdies - Kim Flaig

Chip-Ins - Alice Williams, Chm. (Toqua); Kay Patterson (Tanasi); June Lund (Kahite)

Web Master - Carol Padgett & Sarah Havens

There will be 3 Special Events this year.

Member-Member - Pam Skinner (Chm), Barb Lindner and Bonnie Porcello. The ladies reported the theme for the day will be "Second Time Around" and sort of an eclectic 2-day Best Ball Tournament. For each hole, you may use the better score of the 2 days for that hole. It will be held May 7 & 8 at Toqua. First day will be tee times beginning at 11:00 a.m. and second day will be shotgun at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$35 per person. Sign-ups can be on league day or at any of the 3 golf courses.

Bring-A-Man Day - Anne Parkhill (Chm), Vicki Whitmore and Lorene Branz - date is September 25 at Kahite

League Championship - Sept. 11 & 12 at Tanasi and Toqua

Carol Gouty is going to send out weekly "etiquette reminders" that may help in adding to the fun and enjoyment of the game to all members. It can be simply a reminder for some members and/or new information for others. She has a reference book, Decisions on Rules of Golf, which is a great reference for a number of things such as not talking or moving while someone is hitting, cart parking, not standing in the line of someone's putt, not dropping flagstick, and just to be courteous and respectful of the course and fellow players. These weekly reminders will also be on the website. Anyone with a question or an idea they'd like to see sent out, please feel free to contact Carol.

The 2018 League Schedule of dates, starting times and courses was distributed to members. As soon as the Directories are completed, they will also be distributed. Sign-up for regular league play can be done via Chelsea Event Request up to a month at a time.

On the 1st Tuesday of each month, 6 "Fun Days" will be held along with the regular weekly scheduled game: Flower Power, Color Blind, Paint the Town Red, Out of this World, Sock it to Me, and Animal House. These will be explained again as each date gets closer and all have to do with different attire.

As President, Meri also talked about league participation, be respectful of the league and how others may perceive us, to think about volunteering for an office or committee in 2019, and also to be sure and post your score each time you play whether in league or playing otherwise to insure a true handicap.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Lorene Branz, Secretary

Minutes approved via email by Meri Coles, Carol Gouty, Michelle Spicer, Sharon Vaughan, Carol Padgett, Sue Bowman, Lorene Branz