

MGA
General Membership Meeting
Jan 12 2016

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by President Richard Stamm.
Minutes for Dec 8, 2015 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

As of Dec 31, 2015 we have 113 paid members. We started December with a balance of 1,718.93, added 2 new members for an ending balance of 1,778.93.

News From the Course

New owners / management for the CC grille should open on or about March 1, 2016.

Lesson From Kenny – “Chipping from a tight lie”

- Ball near the green
 - Resting on a tight lie
 - No trouble between your ball and the intended target
- Try using your 8 iron – backswing to the inside, hit easy with a full release.

For a shot not requiring a “lofty” trajectory, try using a hybrid or fairway wood. It puts over-spin on the ball and will roll up to the target similar to a putt.

If your shot requires a “lofty” trajectory, use your sand-wedge. Swing easy with a full release.

Practice these kinds of shots and see what works for you.

Old Business

Gordon Lakes Tournament results have been posted on the website. Winners were paid.

Security issues at Fort Gordon were discussed. Procedures tend to change (on purpose) without notice. Best advice is to arrive as early as possible giving plenty of time to gain access.

New Business

Par 3 tournament coming up Jan 12th.
3 flights and we still have room for more players.

February tournament is at Aiken Golf Club. It is a modified Stableford scoring with optional skin pool.

Par Fore Parkinsons tournament is June 6 with an optimum field of 120 players expected.

General Discussion

None

Meeting was adjourned at 5:20pm.

Minutes prepared and posted by Dean Spiro, Secretary - MGA

MGA
General Membership Meeting
Feb 09 2016

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by President Richard Stamm.
Minutes for Jan 12 2016 meeting were approved.

Kenny E. was not available to give a golf tip, but the new owner / operators of the Grille, Michael & Andrea Del Signore, stopped by for a meet & greet. They outlined their vision for the operation of the Grille (Hours of operation, food style, etc.) and were very interested in the ideas and opinions of the MGA membership

Treasurer's Report

We now have 114 paid members
Beginning Balance \$1,778.93
 Minus \$20 for 2 members who paid twice
 Minus \$17.75 for Par 3
Ending balance of \$1,741.18

News From the Course

The back nine renovation will start sometime after the Cedar Creek living outing Which will be held on May 14, 2016. Preparations for the renovations have already begun.

Some folks continue to ignore course protocol: Driving off the cart-paths, not fixing divots and ball marks, etc. It is our home course and incumbent upon us to 'patrol' misuse: Call the Pro-Shop if you observe flagrant violations, remind fellow golfers of the expected conduct, help repair divots and ball marks. Make one, fix two: If you make a divot and/or ball mark, fix it and another that is nearby

Rules of the Game (if you want to play this game, you've got to know the rules)

Bill Robinson conducted a quiz and lesson about scoring a hole when crazy things happen

Old Business

Results from the Par 3 tournament were announced.

New Business

The next tournament is Wednesday, Feb 17, 2016 @ Aiken Golf Club.
Modified Stableford scoring with optional Gross Skins game

The next tournament after AGC will be at Mount Vintage, Thursday March 24.
Tournament director is Ray Naramore

General Discussion

None.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:46pm.

Minutes prepared and posted by Dean Spiro, Secretary - MGA

MGA
General Membership Meeting
Mar 8, 2016

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by President Richard Stamm.
Minutes for Feb 9, 2016 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Starting Balance: \$1,761.18 | \$70 in dues | Ending balance: \$1,831.18
1 new member, we now have 121 paid members

News From the Course

Frank sees improvement in the condition of the front nine and people are doing a better job as far as keeping on the cart paths, etc.

When there are puddles on the cart paths, do not navigate around them – drive slowly through them.

The back nine renovation is on schedule.

Tip From the Pro (Kenny E.)

For a 20 or 30 yard shot from the fairway to the green, use your wedge, but make sure to release the club – don't try to hold the face open, just let your arms and wrists roll over.

Dick Leach (Club design & terminology)

A less lofted driver doesn't necessarily mean more distance. A higher ball flight allows the ball to stay in the air longer and may result in a longer drive. Where you hit the ball on the driver clubface determines the actual loft of the shot (due to 'bulge' and 'roll'). Use impact labels or Dr. Scholl powder to determine where on the clubface you are hitting the ball.

Old Business

The results from the February Aiken Golf Course tournament were posted and prize money was awarded. Results are on the MGA website.

New Business

Next MGA tournament is Mount Vintage Thursday March 24th
The Cedar Creek tournament is Friday April 22

Upcoming Outings:

Art Sotak's benefiting local veterans – April 16th - \$65

Par Fore Parkinsons – June 6th

Wreaths Across America – June 6th

Meeting was adjourned at 5:46pm.

Minutes prepared and posted by Dean Spiro, Secretary - MGA

MGA
General Membership Meeting
Apr 12, 2016

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by President Richard Stamm.
Minutes for Mar 8, 2016 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance: \$1,831.18 + 2 new members (\$20.00) + 2 new members (\$20)
Ending balance: \$1,851.18
We now have 123 paid members

Tip From The Pro (Kenny E.)

Chipping on to the green from inside 20 – 30 yds.
Take a lofted club (52 – 60 degree wedge),
Backswing should be no more than shoulder high
Accelerate through the ball
Low follow-through (clubhead at 3 o'clock)

Rules of golf

Hole #5. Relief from where the Ball lies, not where the obstruction lies.

Old Business

Reviewed Cedar Creek tournament results.

New Business

Team Tournament @ Cedar Creek Friday April 22 – signup by Apr 19.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm.

Minutes prepared and posted by Dean Spiro, Secretary - MGA

MGA
General Membership Meeting
May 10 2016

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by President Richard Stamm.
Minutes for Apr 12 2016 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

We have 123 paid members – no new members since last month.
Beginning balance: \$1,851.18 – ending balance: \$1,851.18

News From the Course

On schedule for back 9 demolition and reconstruction.
The Front is maturing – Frank is working on pulling weeds, filling in low areas with topsoil, etc.

General Discussion

Dave Beveridge presented a discussion and explanation of handicaps: How they are computed, managed and used to make the game fair and enjoyable for players at all skill levels. Dave recommended the MGA assign a Handicap Coordinator to manage score information for MGA events.

Old Business

Ray Naramore reviewed the results from the Cedar Creek tournament held in March. Ray presented his analysis of results based on handicap (low, mid & high)

New Business

Ben Peppard discussed the new security measures at Fort Gordon. He recapped the upcoming two course tournament (Fort Gordon & Mount Vintage)

May 24th @ 4pm the Silver Bluff High School Golf Team will come to Cedar Creek for a 9 hole scramble. After the competition we will have a hamburger style dinner. The MGA will pay for the team's food.

There will be a tournament to help Hugh Ray's son. Please participate if you can.

The MGA will donate:

\$100 to Art Sotak for his work through the K of C for local Vets.

\$100 to Par Fore Parkinsons (Hole Sponsor)

Sponsor a team for Wreaths Across America.

Meeting was adjourned at 6pm.

Minutes prepared and posted by Dean Spiro, Secretary - MGA

MGA
General Membership Meeting
Jun 14, 2016

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by President Richard Stamm.
Minutes for May 10, 2016 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Don Kasper is out of town – Richard Stamm presented the financial report.

Beginning Balance: \$1,851.18

1 new member: \$10.00

Donations:

Silver Bluff Golf Team: \$250.00

Silver Bluff Outing: \$145.00

Par Fore Parkinsons: \$100.00

K of C (Art Sotak): \$100.00

Wreaths Across Am. \$300.00

Ending Balance: \$966.18

Tips From Our Pro (Kenny)

There are three rotations in a golf swing: Hips, shoulders and clubface. Through *rhythm* you can maximize distance by effectively using these three rotations. It is important that you not 'hang back' on your right side for a weak follow through – instead, make sure your weight shifts to your left side as you extend and rotate during your swing and follow through.

News From the Course

The back nine renovation is ahead of schedule. Greens have been reshaped, fairways prepared for new grass. Sprigging of greens and fairways will begin at the end of June. Dean Wood will coordinate volunteers for sprigging.

Front Nine: People are doing a better job of repairing Divots and Ballmarks – Keep it up!

Rules of Golf.

Andrew Wilson reviewed and explained our booklet of 'Local Rules'.

Local Rules cannot waive or conflict with any existing rule of Golf.

They are intended to address and clarify conditions and situations that exist at our golf course. For example: Out of Bounds markers, water hazards, etc.

Old Business

Results from the Mount Vintage tournament were reviewed.

New Business

Dean Wood reviewed the format and options for the Lexington tournament to be held Wednesday June 29.

The Midland Valley tournament will be held July 21. More details will be Forthcoming.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm.

Minutes prepared and posted by Dean Spiro, Secretary - MGA

MGA
General Membership Meeting
Jul 12 2016

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by Vice President John Moynihan – President Richard Stamm was out of town.
Minutes for Jun 14 2016 meeting were approved.

Tip from the Pro (Kenny Everson)

As the weather heats up the greens dry out and become 'crusty'. Approach shots to the green become a little more 'touchy'. A rule of thumb: If you are trying to reach:

- Front of the green – use a 60o wedge
- Middle – use a sand wedge
- Back – use a wedge

Accelerate through the shot with 'soft hands' – dead right hand – allow the club to release. The trajectory will be lofted and the ball will land softly.

Treasurer's Report

We now have 126 paid members.

Starting balance: \$966.18, 2 new members, Ending balance:\$986.18

News From the Course (Dean Wood)

We're done sprigging, the new greens are growing in.

Gary and crew are concentrating on the back nine reconstruction, as such, the front nine will get more attention when they are more along with the back (Irrigation fixes, etc.)

Old Business

Clarification of Lift, Clean and place (Local Rule, Item #3). As front nine improves, the blanket Lift Clean and Place through each green (closely mown areas) will be amended to conform with improving conditions.

Dean Wood reviewed results from Lexington Tournament. There was an incident where a player did not play by the Rules of Golf (did not Putt out). This was a tournament and was announced as such. It was too late for Dean to do anything about it, but he reiterated the need to follow the rules as described by each tournament's director.

New Business

Next Tournament is Midland Valley – Ken Sabol reviewed the format and details.

Following Midland Valley tournament is The Reserve at Woodside – Director Ray Naramore. It will be a team score event.

Bill Todd suggested the MGA consider purchasing an ice maker and ice chests for the carts. After some discussion a next step was proposed: Contact Gary to see if there is interest – if so, we will determine cost and ways to raise the funds.

Mike Lupfer suggested the MGA solicit donations from the membership to give to all the guys that helped with the Golf Course reconstruction. An email will be sent asking for donations to be received NLT Aug 8.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Minutes prepared and posted by Dean Spiro, Secretary - MGA

MGA
General Membership Meeting
August 9, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Vice President John Moynihan at 5:00 pm. John explained that President Rich Stamm and Secretary Dean Spiro could not attend the meeting due to other commitments.

The July minutes were approved.

The treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Don Kasper.

Beginning of month balance:	\$986.18
One new member dues:	10.00
Expenses:	.00
Current balance:	\$996.18
Membership:	127

News from the course:

Frank Beaty was not at the meeting. There were some general questions and discussions from the membership.

Rules Update: George Montgomery

George covered rules pertaining to "searching for a ball"

Results of previous tournaments:

Midland Valley (Ken Sabol).

The Reserve (Ray Naramore). An explanation was given as to how teams were put together. Also, some statistics were given regarding general play.

Upcoming event: Bill Ely

Bill Ely will be the tournament director at the next MGA tournament being held at the River Club on Thursday, Sept 8th at 9:00 am.

MGA Officer Nominations:

Nominations for officers for the 2016/2017 year are being accepted thru August 31st. You may submit your nominations to any board member.

Donations:

Donations collected for the course workers totaled \$1300.00. This was divided among the six "grounds keepers" giving each \$216.00. Thanks to everyone who donated as a way of saying thank you to Jim and his crew for improving the golf course for everyone's enjoyment.

Upcoming tournaments:

Cedar Creek & Aiken Golf Club 4 ball tournament
August 20th

Aiken City Amateur
September 9th

Crystal Cup (red and blue)
September, 16th

50/50 Drawing:

This was the first 50/50 drawing for the MGA. A total of \$86.00 was collected, half going to the drawing winner and half going to the treasury for future projects. Don Kasper was our first winner collecting \$43.00.

Ken Brace suggested that we have the annual Memorial Ceremony behind the club house vs near the 7th green. John Moynihan said we would take up the suggestion at the next board meeting.

The next meeting is September 13th.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Temporary Secretary,
Ray Naramore

MGA General Membership Meeting
September 13, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Vice President John Moynihan at 5:00 pm.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the August 9th meeting minutes.

Treasurer's report:

The balance as of today is \$1034.18 including \$43.00 from the 50-50 from last meeting.

There are currently 127 members.

Tip of the Day:

Kenny Evenson demonstrated Lag and The Plane of the golf swing. He said that you should start with easy swings to practice Lag and keeping on plane. It would become easier with a little practice.

News from the Course:

Frank Beaty reported that they are having trouble with the fairway grass on hole #15. Bunkers and tee boxes are completed and the greens are ready for play.

An idea was suggested by Dean Wood that until fairway grass is ready for play on #15, the hole should be played as a par 3. That idea is under consideration by Jim McNair.

Hole #9 will have a pipe installed in the run off area which should be completed in the next few weeks.

Flyover Videos:

The videos that were taken in mid August of the back 9 show the greens looking good but the fairways not as far along. New videos will be up on the web in 3 weeks or so.

Rules:

Bill Robinson covered the various match play types and the rules associated with each. This was appropriate since we are approaching the Crystal Cup Tournament, now postponed until late in October.

Bill also brought to our attention that at The Aiken Golf Course hitting a ball across any road is considered out of bounds even if the ball comes to rest on another part of the course other than on the hole you are playing.

Results of the River Club Tournament:

The results are posted on the Web Site. Bill Ely noted that play was fairly quick and everyone seemed to enjoy the day.

Election of Officers:

There were no nominations from the floor or previously submitted to the board. Current President Richard Stamm requested not to serve another year as president but would be willing to serve as Vice President. Dean Spiro and Don Kasper volunteered to stay in their current positions as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Current Vice President John Moynihan volunteered to take over as President.

The 2016 / 2017 officers became:

John Moynihan	President
Richard Stamm	Vice President
Dean Spiro	Secretary
Don Kasper	Treasurer

The results were voted on and accepted.

Upcoming tournaments:

All upcoming tournaments were reviewed (see the web site). Even though some tournaments are not sponsored by the MGA, they were reviewed and the most notable change is that the Crystal Cup has been postponed to a future date.

Ken Brace announced The MGA Match Play Tournament on November 11th and 12th will have a change of format which will guarantee that all participants will play at least two eighteen hole matches. Details will be posted on the web site in the near future.

50 / 50:

This month's 50 / 50 was won by Dick Leach. Total collections were \$65 with Dick receiving \$33 and the MGA treasury receiving \$32.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Naramore
Temporary Secretary

MGA
General Membership Meeting
Oct 11, 2016

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by President John Moynihan.
Minutes for Sep 12, 2016 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Bal: \$1,034.00
3 member dues collected. We now have 127 paid members
Ending Balance: \$1,056.56

Running total of 50/50 raffle proceeds: \$75.00

News From the Course

Back Nine will open Oct 22. Overall condition is great - One exception: Number 15 fairway will need to be re-sprigged in the Spring of 2017. Until then, it will be set-up and played as a Par 3.

Work has begun to repair / remediate the run-off erosion on #9.

Rules of Golf

Bill Robinson reviewed our Local Rules with special attention to how they apply during our renovations.

Old Business

Annual Tournament drawing winners: Dean Wood & Ray Narramore.

New Business

Crystal Cup: Thursday Oct 27 – Pairing Party, Friday Oct 28 – Tournament

Dec 7th MGA Event @ Cedar Creek

General Discussion

50 / 50 raffle winner was Dick Leach

Meeting was adjourned at 6pm.

Minutes prepared and posted by Dean Spiro, Secretary - MGA

MGA
General Membership Meeting
Nov 8, 2016

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by President John Moynihan.
Minutes for Oct 11, 2016 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Bal:	\$1,056.56
Dues collected:	\$ 690.00
50/50:	\$ 32.00
Memorial flowers:	(86.40)
Memorial Piper:	(75.00)
Ending Balance:	\$1,617.16

Running total of 50/50 raffle proceeds: \$107.00

News from the Course

Number 15 fairway is showing signs of new growth.
Work to repair / remediate the run-off erosion on #9 is almost done.

Someone is using #5 as a practice area – if you notice anything, let the Pro Shop know.

Rules of Golf

Bill Robinson could not be present – tabled until next meeting.

Old Business

None.

New Business

John Moynihan thanked the woodworkers & volunteers for all the new accoutrements installed on the course.

Dec 7th MGA Event @ Cedar Creek

Upcoming Tournaments (2017):

Jan 14 - Par 3 @ Cedar Creek (Ken Sabol)
Feb 7 Aiken GC Stableford Scoring
Mar 6 Westlake
Apr ?? Forest Hills
Still working on the rest of the year

50 / 50 Raffle Winner

Ken Brace

General Discussion

Ken Brace and other 'Creekers' are taking over coordinating CSRA events.

Please support their efforts and have patience as they become more familiar with the process.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Minutes prepared and posted by Dean Spiro, Secretary - MGA