

To All GACC members

In a flash, three years have come and gone.

I remember it like it was yesterday: Three years ago, our new Board sat down with a blank sheet of paper and outlined our vision for the coming year and beyond. We had no idea if our thinking was in line with our members, but it was our vision and it provided us with a path forward. To help confirm our direction, we formally surveyed our members to share our ideas and give them an opportunity to share their own. And that ladies and gentlemen is how this party started.

Throughout this journey, our team let nothing stand in the way of success. Their dedication, combined with the support of our members, led to major accomplishments, and I could not be happier for all concerned. We hosted an average of 10 tournaments per year. Following each tournament, a full post-mortem was performed designed to capture the good and bad and incorporate that feedback into future events. We are especially proud to share our membership increased from 146 in 2021 to 222 in 2024.

But, like all things in life, there's a beginning and an end. The time has come for several of us to step down and make way for a new leadership team. In preparation for the transition, we've spent a good deal of time documenting our thoughts, ideas and suggested initiatives for the coming year and sharing them with the new Board. To ensure a smooth hand-off, the incoming Board members have been attending our bi-weekly meetings since mid-October. I'm confident the new Board is ready to hit the ground running and provide an even more compelling calendar of events for years to come.

For those of us leaving, we look forward to joining our fellow members in supporting the new Board, just as they did for us.

For me personally, it's been a privilege to be a part of the GACC Board and share in its accomplishments. Our success was only achieved through teamwork. That said, my term would not be complete without a few notes of thanks to:

- Dick Leach and all previous Board leaders and their teams for laying a solid foundation for us to build on.
- The Board members I've worked with over the last three years for their commitment to our mission, including Ann Schnieder, Georger York, Alan Kundtz, Donnie and Linda LeBlanc, Art Schuenemann, Don Roettger, Kim Matthews, Lee Nightingale, Buck Blum and Greg Pasco.
- Our members for supporting us, our tournaments and our course improvement initiatives.
- Our tournament and workday volunteers are too numerous to list, but I'd like to recognize a few who always answered the call: Connie Ramierz, Laurel Oates, Judy York, June Roettger, Judy Nightingale, Beth Blum and Regina Hackett.
- Mike D and his staff for their partnership.

- Gary Frazier and staff, for providing us with a course that is challenging, and one we can be proud of.
- To Jamie and Chef Darby, for the delicious lunch buffets.
- Dave King for getting our website redesigned as well as getting our results posted to the site following each event
- Our Sponsors, some of whom are also members: Without their support, much of our success could not have been realized

Last but certainly not least, I'd like to wish Barry Cox and his team the same success we enjoyed and remind them we are here if they need us for anything.

Happy and Healthy New Year to you and your families. It's been a great ride!! See everyone on the links.

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