

## **ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of the association is the **Bridges Men's Golf Association (BMGA)**

## **ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES**

The Association is formed and exists to:

- a) Stimulate friendship and sportsmanship among its members while promoting an incentive toward improved golf;
- b) Promote fellowship and friendly golf competition among members of BMGA;
- c) Promote friendly golf competition with members of other golf clubs in the area of the Colorado Western Slope;
- d) Encourage conformance to the United States Golf Association (USGA) Rules of Golf and to promote and conserve the best interests and "TRUE" spirit of the game of golf as embodied in its ancient and honorable traditions; and
- e) Promote and maintain a uniform system of handicapping.

## **ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP**

- a) Membership in BMGA is available to any male at least 18 years of age and is no longer in High School.
- b) All BMGA Members must pay annual dues and carry a current USGA GHIN Handicap at The Bridges.

## **ARTICLE IV - COMMITTEE**

- a) The Committee shall be composed of all elected members serving. Positions will be appointed by current Chairman. This includes: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary/ Treasurer, and members appointed to special positions.
- b) The most recent Past Chairman shall also be a member of the Board for one year;
- c) To conduct any business of the BMGA, the Board shall assemble a quorum of its members. A quorum is a majority of the members of the Committee;
- d) The Committee shall meet by direction of the Chairman or at the request of at least three members of the Committee;
- e) The Committee will deal with membership issues, scheduling conflicts, additional tee times and other matters requiring negotiations with The Bridges management, in addition to disputed issues requiring a Committee ruling or presentation to the active membership; and Only members who are BMGA Members may be elected to the Committee.

## **ARTICLE V - ELECTION OF COMMITTEE**

- a) The elected Committee Members of the BMGA shall serve 2 years, effective on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Each year, there will be an election for the 5 rotating members, 3 new members in the odd years and 2 new members in even years.
- b) The election of Committee Members shall be by ballot at the annual meeting of the BMGA. The Chairman shall appoint a Nominating Committee at least four weeks prior to this meeting. The Nominating Committee shall consist of a Committee Member and three active members not currently serving on the Committee;

- c) After appointment, the Nominating Committee shall submit to the BMGA Committee a list of candidates for the new Committee positions required to be filled. This list shall be posted on the BMGA bulletin board at least three weeks prior to the annual meeting;
- d) Other members may submit their names to the posted list of candidates no later than ten days before the annual meeting; and
- e) Upon tabulation of the ballots, the Committee shall post the results on the BMGA bulletin board and notify all candidates of the results

## **ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS DUTIES**

- a) **The Chairman** shall:
  - Schedule and preside at all meetings of the BMGA membership and the Committee;
  - Coordinate the duties of all other officers;
  - Determine the requirements for chairman positions and make necessary appointments;
  - Arrange appropriate transition to the incoming Chairman and other elected officers;
  - Break ties resulting from votes of the Board;
  - Be primary liaison between the BMGA and the Bridges management; and
  - Appoint the Rules Chairman, Handicap Chairman, Special Events Chairman, and Interclub/ Travel Chairman. Filling or combining these positions as necessary.
- b) **The Vice Chairman** shall:
  - Fill in for the Chairman when Chairman is unavailable.
  - Assist the other Committee members when necessary or requested to by those Committee officers.
- c) **The Secretary/ Treasurer** shall:
  - Record and maintain the minutes of all meetings as well as maintain any important BMGA historical documents;
  - Handle all written communications for the BMGA;
  - Determine if a quorum is present for every BMGA meeting where a vote is taken;
  - Maintain a current list of all members, active and associate, including addresses and telephone numbers; and
  - Maintain a list of associate members in their order of application.
  - Work with the board to develop an annual budget;
  - Be responsible for receiving, maintaining, and disbursing all monies of the BMGA; and maintain a monthly accounting of BMGA finances and render a financial report at the President's request.

c) **The Past Chairman** shall:

- Provide assistance to the Board. The Past Chairman will not have committee voting privileges.

d) **The Rules/ Handicap Chairman** shall:

- Document and make available to each member the playing rules of BMGA. These include local rules necessitated by course conditions; and
- Be responsible, along with club management, for defining and settling any disagreement that might arise over local or USGA playing rules.
- Ensure that all members have a valid USGA handicap issued no longer than 60 days prior to a BMGA sponsored event. Members using a handicap established at a club other than the Bridges shall show their updated handicap card to the Handicap Chairman for posting to the roster.

e) **The Interclub/Travel Coordinator** shall:

- Be the primary liaison of the Interclub matches.

## **ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS AND GENERAL PROCEDURES**

- a) The BMGA annual meeting shall be held on a date designated by the Chairman between October 15 and November 15 each year. Notification to the membership of the actual meeting date shall be made at least 15 days prior to the meeting;
- b) The Chairman shall call a special meeting for any purpose deemed appropriate or when petitioned in writing by ten or more members requesting such a meeting; and
- c) A quorum at any meeting shall consist of 33.3 percent of the total active membership in BMGA. Proxy votes shall be allowed upon presentation of a ballot marked, signed and dated from a member.

## **ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS**

- a) These bylaws were established to provide an efficient administration of BMGA. They serve as the basis for understanding the duties of each officer and for establishing as smooth transition during changes of leadership. The original bylaws were adopted by the membership at a meeting called for that purpose on the
- b) The bylaws may be appended, repealed or supplemented by the Committee after approval of a majority vote of the membership at a meeting held in accordance with the provisions contained herein.