

Sudden Valley Golf Club Annual Meeting
Saturday, October 8, 2022, 2:00pm
El Agave Restaurant

Attendees:

Board Members: Guy Calb, Beth Johnston, Brian Kruhlak, Lorna Lane, Rick Larrabee, Jean Maixner, Dan Perrino, Shari Pfeil, Melissa Reece, Dave Strauss

Golf Club Members/Guests: RebeccaJo Andrews, MaryJo Case, Mike Kelly, Ron, Kenny, JoJean Kos, Kevin Leduc, Bill Pfeil, Helena Reynolds, Mike Wienkers.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by Club President, Jean Maixner.

A quorum of 70 was confirmed with 8 members present and 62 proxies received.

The minutes of the last Board Meeting held on August 1, 2022 were unanimously approved. (S. Pfeil/ G. Calb)

Reports:

Treasurer's Report (Dave Strauss): Copy of budget attached.

The majority of expenses were under budget. Tournaments were +\$200 mainly due to extra Monday Night Couples events. There was only one hole-in-one claimed this year – Dan Czarnecki although there were a few made and not claimed. Fall Wind-up Dinner was also under budget. Men's Club trophies have yet to be purchased but overall expenses were \$1,911.50 under budget.

Total income from carryover from last year (\$9,566.50) plus income from membership fees (\$15,845.00) totaled \$25,411.50. Minus expenses (\$23,288.50), Golf Club Balance is \$2,123.00

Balance of Beautification fund is \$3,170.57.

Checkbook balance is \$5,293.57. Note: There is expected income from October – December membership fees which will put us ~\$830 over projected income for the year.

Ladies Club Report (Shari Pfeil): Copy of report attached.

Going into the new year, the Ladies Club is going to try something new. While our weekday 9-hole and 18-hole Ladies Groups are well attended, our tournament participation is down so we are going to put more emphasis on the social aspects of golf and less on the formal organization. There will be no formal meetings planned and the tournament schedule will be revisited and perhaps reduced. Melissa Reece will be our new Club Captain assisted by Jody Erickson as Co-Captain. Our opening and closing day tournaments may be nine-hole only events in an effort to encourage more participation.

The Ladies Invitational was organized by Melissa Reece and was a huge success. There were 40 teams sharing a prize package worth \$5,800. From the proceeds, the Ladies Club contributed \$1,000 towards medical expenses for an associate of our Title Sponsor, Jess Perrino of NW Cohen Group NW.

Men's Club Report (Dan Perrino): Copy of report attached.

The Men's Club had good participation in their Championship Bracket. Sadly their weekly Men's Team League did not continue from last year as they had difficulty organizing team captains. However, the Wednesday Afternoon Skins Game filled the void and they averaged 15-20 guys each week.

In preparation for the Men's Invitational, the Men's Club held a One-Club-Nine-Hole Skins Challenge. All participants were allowed one club and were given a sand bottle to fill divots on the front nine. Many of the Ladies Club Members met them on the turn and the group continued through the back nine. It was great fun and a huge success with over 40 volunteers helping out.

Club Captain/Green's Chair Report (Bob Shannon presented by Jean Maixner in Bob's absence):

Copy of report attached.

For tournaments, Bob followed the same format as 2021. We had several weeding parties ahead of the Ladies Invitational and spread some bark but had issues with borrowing the front loader to get the bark up from the parking lot so that still needs to be completed. We also had a very successful sanding party in preparation for the Men's Invitational.

Handicap Chair Report (Rick Larrabee): No report but did want to remind everyone that we will continue to post scores on the GHIN website till November 15th.

Social Chair Report (Beth Johnston): No report.

Director of Golf Annual Report (Brian Kruhlak): Copy of report attached.

We are very happy to have our Canadian players back. We also have had some staffing challenges. Our Golf Superintendent, Jeremy Galvin left in June and we were fortunate to have Greg Wadden join the team. Like everyone else, COVID has presented us with difficulties hiring workers which has resulted in many of our special projects being postponed such as tree removal. Compounding these challenges is a new requirement; Whatcom County needs to approve all tree removals. Whatever the outcome of the tree removal requests, the Turf Team will be doing some significant limb trimming in November as soon as they are done with the aerification. Goal is to get mowers under the trees which will tidy up the course and help with pace of play. In addition, we plan to continue building formal "Gold" tee boxes, beginning with holes 7 and 12.

Course will be closed on Tuesday for sanding. They hope to have nine holes open by Wednesday.

In spite to the cold wet spring, the course has seen some positive revenues since June and it looks like we'll have a better year than 2021 and our 4th consecutive year of operational profitability. We have seen a significant increase in Social Memberships (208 new) which often lead to Full Memberships.

Brian wanted to acknowledge the efforts of his staff, Kevin, Andrew and Mike in the Pro Shop and of Greg in Golf Maintenance. He also wanted to thank the Membership for their continued support.

A question arose on which trees were slated for removal. On the 5th hole, the tree on the left side of the green by the creek. On the 9th, it's the tree about 45 yds from the creek on the right. Regarding the leak in the sprinkler system which has flooded the area just before the creek on No. 9, that will be tackled when they are done with aerification. It is a difficult problem as they don't know where the break is and may require some significant excavation. Brian also answered questions on the pond between holes 2 and 3. They have a valve broken in the open position so the pond won't hold water. Timing of that repair will depend on the cost estimate which is yet to be determined.

President's Report (Jean Maixner): Copy of report attached.

Jean was very pleased to hear that membership is growing. She also wanted to acknowledge the success of the new format introduced in the Ladies Invitational of combined Silver/Gold Tees. Brian is working on getting that combo option rated and formalized on the score cards for future play.

Jean thanked her predecessor, Marty Jeide for his leadership during those difficult COVID years and to thank Shari and Lorna for their work updating the Club By-laws. She welcomed the new Board Members Guy Calb - Vice-President, Kelly Devlin - Club Captain, and Beth Johnston - Social Chair and to remind everyone that we still need to find a Greens Chair.

She is soliciting ideas from Members on ways to improve the Club. If anyone has a suggestion, please contact Jean directly.

Jean has three goals for the Club this year:

- (1) Formalize the combo of Silver/Gold Tees. Brian is working on getting a temporary rating for this combo and will then get it formalized and printed on our scorecards.
- (2) Wants to enhance the areas around the Pro Shop and Restaurant. We have a wonderful facility here but the image is marred by overgrown vegetation. We need to look at ways to use Beautification Funds to maintain that area rather than rely on volunteers.
- (3) Improve the relationship between the SV Golf Course and the SV Community. We need to engage in communications, with our neighbors and other community members, finding out what is important to them without sacrificing the golf course. Solutions should not be an either-or, but a BOTH.

Guy Calb motioned to accept the reports as presented; second by Dan Perrino. Approved unanimously.

New Business:

Elections:

Guy Calb was voted in as Vice President. (S. Pfeil/D. Perrino) Unanimously approved.

Lorna Lane was voted in as Secretary. (G. Calb/S. Pfeil) Unanimously approved.

There were no nominations from the floor. We are still looking for a nomination for the Greens Chair.

By-laws:

The revised By-laws were unanimously approved. (B. Johnston/RJ Andrews)

Brian wanted to draw our attention to a change in the By-laws which now makes Members Dues payable by December 31st or by the first day of play in the new year. Previously there was a three-month grace period on dues but that proved to be an administrative nightmare. There will still be a 3% discount incentive for paying early. The cutoff date for that discount is to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm. (G. Calb/S. Pfeil).

Respectfully submitted,

Lorna Lane
Secretary

Sudden Valley Golf Club Treasurers Report for Annual Meeting 10/8/22

Actual Income & Expenses as of 10/6/22

Expenses over or under budget

Tournaments + \$200
Hole-in-one fund - \$400
Door Prizes from Wind-Up Dinner - \$232.56
✓ Fall Wind-Up Dinner - \$723.02
✓ Miscellaneous - \$300
✓ New Member Gathering - \$300
✓ Secretary - \$50
✓ Treasurer - \$50
✓ Trophies & Wall Plaques - \$585.92 (Men's Trophies not completed)
Men's Club Loan + \$730
Total Expenses under budget (Minus Men's Club loan) = +\$1,911.50

Carryover income from 2021 = \$9,566.50
Total income from membership fees = \$15,845
Total income with carryover and Income = \$25,411.50
Total Expenses = - \$23,288.50
Golf Club Balance = \$2,123.00

Beautification

Carryover from 2021 = \$3,436.44
Income 2022 = \$415 (from Wind-up dinner 50/50)
Total Expenses - \$680.87
Beautification Balance = \$3,170.57

Total Checkbook Balance = \$5,293.57

Income from checks expected in October = \$2,985 (This will be + \$830 over projected income for the year through October with November and December still due)

2022 Sudden Valley Golf Club Budget

Golf Club Tournaments

Description	Budget	Actual	Difference
4/16/2022 Opening Day	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
5/7/2022 Sudden Valley Cup	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
5/21/2022 Two Person Scramble	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -
2022 Socials	\$ 700.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 200.00
6/11/2022 Two Person 6-6-6	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
Jr Club Championship	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ (100.00)
7/16/2022 Mid-Summer Best Ball	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
8/7/2022 Bucks & Does	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -
9/24/2022 Fall Wind Up	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 100.00
Totals	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,200.00	\$ 200.00

Golf Club Expenses

Description	Budget	Actual	Difference
Die Hard	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -
Door Prizes - End of Year	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 767.44	\$ (232.56)
Fall Wind Up Dinner	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 976.98	\$ (723.02)
Hole-in-One Payouts	\$ 500.00	\$ 100.00	\$ (400.00)
Ladies Club	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ -
Mens Club	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,730.00	\$ (730.00)
Miscellaneous	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ (300.00)
New Member Gathering	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -
Pro Shop Junior Golf Camp	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ (300.00)
Secretary	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ (50.00)
Treasurer	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ (50.00)
Trophies and Wall Plaques	\$ 700.00	\$ 114.08	\$ (585.92)
WA Junior Golf Assn.	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -
Totals	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 11,088.50	\$ (1,911.50)

Budgeted Income less Budget expenses	Actual Income less Budget expenses
\$ 27,566.50	\$ 25,411.50
\$ 25,000.00	\$ 23,288.50
\$ 2,566.50	\$ 2,123.00

Budget Approved (Date)

Mens Club Loaned \$730.00 9-10-22

Checkbook Balance \$ 5,293.57

Golf Club Income			
Description	Budgeted Income	Actual Income	Difference
Prior Year Carryover	\$ 9,566.50	\$ 9,566.50	\$ -
Membership Fee Income	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 15,845.00	\$ (2,155.00)
Totals	\$ 27,566.50	\$ 25,411.50	\$ (2,155.00)

Golf Club Income vs Expenses Actual			
	Income	Actual Expenses	Difference
	\$ 25,411.50	\$ 23,288.50	\$ 2,123.00

Beautification Income (Separate from Golf Club Budget)			
Description	Budget	Actual Income	Difference
Prior Year Carryover	\$ 3,436.44	\$ 3,436.44	\$ -
Income 2022	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 415.00	\$ (1,585.00)
Totals	\$ 5,436.44	\$ 3,851.44	\$ (1,585.00)

Beautification Expenses (Separate from Golf Club Budget)			
	Income	Actual Expenses	Difference
	\$ 3,851.44	\$ 680.87	\$ 3,170.57

Employee Christmas Fund (Separate From Golf Club Budget)			
	Income	Actual Expenses	Difference
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Ladies' Club Report

By Shari Pfeil

The Ladies Club had a fantastic season in 2022. It was wonderful to be able to have our Canadian friends join us again. We had all six of our ladies club tournaments this year and you can see the results at the end of this article.

We made a concerted effort to get as many people involved in our tournaments as possible, especially beginning golfers and the 9 hole group. We had minimal success so we're trying a different strategy next year in hopes of attracting more players. We hope to focus on playing golf and socializing with each other and cutting back on the formality of our club. Hopefully that will entice more people to play with us.

Melissa Reece has volunteered to be our Ladies Club Captain next year and Jody Erickson will be her Co-Captain. We are all very thankful that these two capable women have stepped up to help our club continue. Bonnie Frank will continue her role as Treasurer. We benefit from her fountain of knowledge about our club. She sure helped me during my years as captain. I couldn't have done it without her!

I'd like to mention two ladies who have volunteered for the ladies club for many, many years and are finally stepping back and allowing others to help run our club. Mary Jo Case has had many roles, but in recent years she's been our secretary. Like Bonnie, she is a great source of knowledge about everything that has to do with our club. I'm hopeful that she'll still volunteer in some capacity. Kerri Larrabee is another member who has volunteered for years. She makes everything seem so effortless, but I know she puts a lot of time and effort into everything she does for our club. She's still going to be continuing with some of her roles, but is stepping back from others. Thank you Mary Jo and Kerri for your years of service to our club!!

Our Tuesday and Thursday 18 Hole Group continues to be very popular. Thankfully Jo Jean Kos, Lorna Lane, and Coleen Thompson have taken over the leadership of this group after Jean Georg "retired". It takes quite a bit of dedication to run this group.

Our Tuesday 9 Hole Group also continues to be popular with the ladies in our club. Judy Meade ran it this year and did a fantastic job. She's also a great liaison between the 9 hole group and the rest of the ladies club. I know she'll continue to help her group feel comfortable playing with more members.

We'd like to thank the Pro Shop and Maintenance staff for their hard work and dedication to making the Sudden Valley Golf Course the best place to play in Washington!!

Tournament Winners:

Opening Day: Laura Haggard, Jo Jean Kos, Peggy Yake, and Amy Guess

Koeniger Cup: Jean Maixner after 3 way playoff

4-Person Better Ball: Lorna Lane, Mary Jo Case, Jo Jean Kos

Invitational: Gross — Kristin Fuchs and Maureen Christman

Net — Laura Haggard and Kathi Kruhlak

Ladies Club Championship: Catherine Allen

Fall Windup: Toni Clough, Elaine Maki, Bonnie Frank, and Jody Erickson

Men's Club 2022 Annual Report:

2022 was another great year for the Men's Club! A big shout out to the Pro Shop and Turf teams for their hard work and support throughout the season! Also, thank you to all the members who volunteered to help run the Men's Club events!

We again elected to not require a qualifying round for the Club Championship match play brackets. For the 3rd year in a row, we instead seeded the Championship flight via handicaps. We've received positive feedback regarding the removal of the qualifying round and will likely continue to seed the brackets by handicap going forward. Feedback from membership is always encouraged and welcomed!

A big congratulations to our 2022 Men's Club Champions:

Championship Flight - Steve Kaestner
Flight 1 - Ried Bennett
Flight 2 - Tony Louzao
Senior Flight - John Maurer
Best Ball - Craig James, Brad James

The Sudden Valley 2022 Cohen Group NW Men's Invitational was a big success this year. 124 golfers participated and the tournament had its largest prize fund ever recorded. Stay tuned for new and exciting updates regarding the 2023 Men's Invitational as work to continue to improve and build upon previous years' success. The tentative dates for the 2022 Men's Invitational are August 11th – 13th (sign in locker room has been updated accordingly).

Congratulations to our Sudden Valley 2022 Cohen Group NW Men's Invitational Champions:

Overall Low Gross - Joe Walton & Ron Killmer
Overall Low Net - David Dunham & Doug Bennett
1st Division Gross - Steve Kaestner & Mike Wienkers
1st Division Net - Kelly Devlin & Darren Wood
2nd Division Gross - Michael Killmer & Brad Killmer
2nd Division Net - Steve Teske & Wyatt Albertson

In 2021 we launched a 9-Hole Wednesday afternoon summer Men's League which had a successful inaugural season. Unfortunately, we did not have enough sign-ups to continue the league in 2022. We instead reverted back to a 9-Hole Wednesday afternoon Skins game for summer 2022. No advanced sign-ups were required for the 9-Hole Wednesday afternoon Skins games, and guests were welcome to join as well. The less formal 9-Hole Skins games were successful with an average of 15-20 golfers participating each week. The current plan is to continue with the same 9-Hole Skins game format for the 2023 season.

One other adjustment we made this year was to the annual volunteer fairway Sanding Party/Event held the week before the Men's Invitational. The event was held during the weekly Wednesday 9-Hole Skins game time slot, and was integrated with a 1-Club 9-hole Skins challenge. All participants were allowed 1 club for all 9 holes and were given sand bottles to help sand the fairways along the way. Following the 1-Club Challenge on the front 9, additional volunteers (many from the Ladies Club - thank you!!) then met us on the back 9 to assist with sanding the remaining fairways. The event was successful with over 40 volunteers participating at various points throughout the afternoon/evening.

Thanks,
Dan Perrino
Men's Club

Club Captain's Report & Greens Committee Chair

I will give you a summary of what went on for the club captain which quite honestly was just going with the recommendations for the seasons schedules and verifying how much to contribute to the men's tournaments.

As for the greens chair, we had weeding parties on the hill below the shop, driving range, and a couple smaller areas in front of the 19th hole and the wagon. We spread a bit of the bark we had delivered but ran into an issue with the golf course using the loader on Mondays and Tuesdays for sand topdressing. I have not rescheduled using the loader later in the week since that time. We had a large divot filling party one evening before the men's invite with great participation. We also had a couple nights of a couple of us doing some weed/brush clearing.

If I think of anything else I'll pass it along.

Bob Shannon

Sudden Valley Golf Club – Golf Director's Annual Report

October 8, 2022

2022 will be the year remembered as the year that we returned to a fairly normal routine with respect to the pandemic. The border finally opened in late April and most other restrictions were either lifted or significantly reduced allowing us to get back to business as usual for the most part at the golf course.

While somewhat pandemic related to be sure, our biggest challenge this past year had to do with staffing. In late April our relatively new Superintendent, Jeremy Galvin let us know that he would be leaving in mid-June. Fortunately, we were able to find an outstanding replacement in Greg Wadden. Both the turfcare and the golf shop experienced challenges in filling seasonal positions. These shortages made it difficult to complete projects and prevented us from having starters and marshals on duty as often as we would like. We appreciate the patience that our membership showed as we experienced these issues.

To date, 2022 has been another year of limited progress on the project front due to the Superintendent transition and to limited staffing. However, we are planning the following projects for this fall and spring, 2023.

Tree Removal – We have applications pending with the county for several trees to be removed to improve playability, aesthetics and turf health. Regardless of whether or not we are successful in securing the permits for tree removal, we will be limbing up several trees throughout the course. We hope to begin this work in early November and there will be several volunteer opportunities to help with clean up!

Gold Tee Construction – Per the request from the Ladies Club, the next Gold Tees to be installed will be on the 7th and 12th holes. We hope to have them built and open for play by Spring 2023.

Fairway Sanding- Thanks to continued strong budgetary positions, we will be able to complete a full-scale fairway application this fall. As many of you know, creating a layer of sand between the turf and the soil is critical to improve drainage and is a big reason why the course drains so much better than it did several years ago.

On the positive side, despite a brutally cold and wet spring, and barring any unforeseen circumstances, we will record our 5th year in a row of record revenue and our 4th consecutive year of operational profitability!

2022 was another year of strong membership growth.

Membership by Category for last six years:

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Social	131	135	142	133	173	208
Associate	56	45	46	74	78	76
Single	48	86	79	62	61	64
Sr. Limited	41	37	45	39	48	49
Intermediate	6	4	3	18	18	13
Couple	66	88	86	70	86	74
Family 3+	21	33	27	24	18	30
Young Family	24	24	30	36	30	39
Junior	14	10	10	14	21	36
Total	419	462	468	470	533	589

On behalf of the golf shop and turfcare staff, I thank you all for your exceptional support and commitment to our golf course.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Kruhlak
Director of Golf

Sudden Valley Golf Club President's Report:

It was nice to get back to a normal golf season. The course was busy with member play, member tournament play and other contracted tournament play. This was quite a change from my first year, 2021, when there were few Canadians and people were still social distancing. The COVID concerns impacted the course and club participation. However, this year it seemed so different. It was great to see more folks interacting and playing golf. I have met many wonderful people golfing, people who are dedicated to golf and the Sudden Valley Golf Course. Membership continues to increase, the men's club had a wildly successful invitational, the Women's Club was innovated as it tried a new gold and silver format, and the golf club started a newsletter to inform members of events. Thanks to Lorna Lane and Shari Pfeil, the golf club bylaws were brought up to date.

Due to the pandemic and board member attrition, there were board seats to be filled. Over the past several months we have found good candidates to fill all but one position. I want to thank all who have stepped up in 2022 into a board role including, Lorna Lane (Secretary), Dan Perrino (Men's Club Captain), Shari Pfeil (Women's Club Captain), Dave Strauss (Treasurer), Bob Shannon (Club Captain and Greens Chair), Brian Kruhlak (Director of Golf) and Rick Larrabee (Handicap and Rules Chair). Looking to 2023 we expect to have just one spot open, the Greens Chair. I'd like to welcome new board members, Guy Calb (Vice President and Members Chair), Beth Johnston (Social Chair), Melissa Reece (Ladies Club Captian) and Kelly Devlin (Club Captain). I would also like to thank Marty Jeide for filling the president's seat during the difficult COVID times.

As we move forward into 2023, I would like to find ways to continually improve our club and the golf course. To that end, I encourage you to contact me on how we can improve upon an already nice product. I would like to hear from you. I would like to work with Brian Kruhlak and the golf team to create a permanent set of mixed silver and gold tees. These mixed tees would offer players an option between the silvers at 5549 yards and the golds at 4567 yards. I would also like to find a way to enhance the area around the pro shop and restaurant. Perhaps a fun tournament to bring in funds for beautification. These objectives would increase the playability and beauty of the golf course and attract more golfers and golf events.

Lastly, I would like to improve relations with the Sudden Valley residents who do not understand the importance of golf to our community. Find ways to support their interests while maintaining the golf course. This is a wonderful community that, due to differing interest, has lost some of its charm over the last years. We need to listen to our neighbors no matter what their concerns are. Find out what is important to them without sacrificing the golf course. Solutions should not be an either-or, but a BOTH. It is not either a nice golf course or reasonable dues but BOTH a nice golf course and reasonable dues. In the next Sudden Valley Election, I encourage you to vote for those who want to listen and bring the community together. To elect folks who see it is better to build relationships by helping people get what is important to them without taking away what others want.

Thank you,

Jean M Maixner, SVGC President