

# VGA MINUTES FOR Q. 3 2024

Members present include: Rusty Silverman, Jim Cox, Tom Hebert, Brian Dempster, George Kowalchik, Lloyd Snively, Doug Walsh, Bob Froelich, Dan Christiansen, Ben Hughes and Eric Neiland. Members not in attendance: Warren Meehan.

Meeting start time @ 7:00 PM, July 24, 2024, Ajo Al's on N. 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Phoenix, AZ.

## On-Going Business Items:

1. Treasury Report – Tom Hebert:

Balances - As of 7/23/2024				
7/23/2024	12/31/2023	3/31/2024	6/30/2024	7/23/2024
Account	Balance	Balance	Balance	Balance
<b>ASSETS</b>				
<b>Cash and Bank Accounts</b>				
Desert Financial Checking -0400	6,855.56	7,024.51	5,996.75	6,291.75
Savings 14008567320000	0.00	0.00	25.00	25.00
Hebert Holding Cash	0.00	-23.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts</b>	<b>6,855.56</b>	<b>7,001.51</b>	<b>6,021.75</b>	<b>6,316.75</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>6,855.56</b>	<b>7,001.51</b>	<b>6,021.75</b>	<b>6,316.75</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
<b>Other Liabilities</b>				
HoleInOneFund	0.00	0.00	515.00	515.00
Winnings Held for Players	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL Other Liabilities</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>565.00</b>	<b>515.00</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>565.00</b>	<b>515.00</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>6,855.56</b>	<b>6,951.51</b>	<b>5,456.75</b>	<b>5,801.75</b>

*All board members approved the Treasurer's report. Tom Hebert 2024 annual budget:*

### VGA 2024 Summary Budget

Category	2023		2024 (Est)		Change
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	NA		\$6,880.56		NA
AGA Dues	\$	4,980.00	\$	4,800.00	\$ (180.00) <i>Q3 and Q4 weakest quarters</i>
To Club	\$	976.66	\$	2,436.00	\$ 1,459.34 <i>taking Q2 \$812 * 3</i>
<b>Total Income</b>	\$	5,956.66	\$	7,236.00	\$ 1,279.34
<b>Expenditures</b>					
2023 Expenditures	\$	(3,344.41)	\$	(3,344.41)	\$ - <i>2025 replaced by 0 based budget</i>
TPO Memorial	\$	-	\$	(2,000.00)	\$ (2,000.00)
Info Tech	\$	-	\$	(300.00)	\$ (300.00)
Ringers (new for 2024)	\$	-	\$	(500.00)	\$ (500.00) <i>??? \$500 is just a placeholder</i>
Other new spending	\$	-	\$	-	\$ - <i>??? Championship Purses &gt; 2023?</i>
<b>Total Spend</b>	\$	(3,344.41)	\$	(6,144.41)	\$ (2,800.00)
<b>Ending Balance</b>	\$	6,880.56	\$	7,972.15	\$ 1,091.59
<b>Target Balance</b>	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00	\$ -
<b>Excess</b>	\$	3,880.56	\$	4,972.15	\$ 1,091.59

All members approved the Budget.

2. George and Larry Q. 3 2024 Schedules are:

## VGA 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Wednesday (distribution) - 2024

Date	Course	Booked thru	Course Contact
7/03	Eagle Mountain – 6:40 \$69+ (32)	Mike Friend -	
7/10	Lookout Mountain – 6:40, \$65+ (32)	Greg Lehman-Lyng – 602 704-3007 / 602 870-8111	<a href="mailto:Greg.Lehman-Lyng@hilton.com">Greg.Lehman-Lyng@hilton.com</a>
7/17	Aguila 6:32 (36)	Michael Owens – 602 534-4653	<a href="mailto:michael.owens@phoenix.gov">michael.owens@phoenix.gov</a>
7/24	Talking Stick – 7:30 \$64.83 (36) O'Dodham course	Nic van Vuren – 480 850-7303 Nate Harris – 480 850-7304	<a href="mailto:nvanvuren@talkingstickgolfclub.com">nvanvuren@talkingstickgolfclub.com</a> <a href="mailto:nharris@talkingstickgolfclub.com">nharris@talkingstickgolfclub.com</a>
7/31	Rancho Manana – 7:06, \$46 (28)	Carolyn – 480 488-0398	<a href="mailto:cmac7601@hotmail.com">cmac7601@hotmail.com</a>
8/07	Champions – 7:06 \$69+ (36)	Andrew Yoder – 480 585-4334	<a href="mailto:andrewyoder@pgatourtpc.com">andrewyoder@pgatourtpc.com</a>
8/14	Troon North – 8:30 \$89+ (36)	Mike Friend -	
8/21	McDowell Mtn – 7:05 \$63+ (32)	Jon Harris – 480 502-8200	<a href="mailto:jharris@mcdowellmountaingc.com">jharris@mcdowellmountaingc.com</a>
8/28	Aguila 6:32 (36)	Michael Owens – 602 534-4653	<a href="mailto:michael.owens@phoenix.gov">michael.owens@phoenix.gov</a>
9/04	Ocotillo – 7:05 \$63+ (32)	Sean Paul – 480 732-1125	<a href="mailto:spaul@arcisgolf.com">spaul@arcisgolf.com</a>
9/11	Victory – 7:30 SG \$69+ (36)	Nick Kondos 623 388-3003	<a href="mailto:nkondos@verradogolfclub.com">nkondos@verradogolfclub.com</a>
9/18	Aguila 6:32 (36)	Michael Owens – 602 534-4653	<a href="mailto:michael.owens@phoenix.gov">michael.owens@phoenix.gov</a>
9/25	Palmbrook – 8:00 SG \$47 incl (32)	Josh - 623 977-8383	<a href="mailto:golf@palmbrookgolf.com">golf@palmbrookgolf.com</a>
	Central - 11111	East - 111	West - 11 North - 111

## VGA Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Schedule- 2024

Date	Course	Contact	Email
7/6/2024	C Champions 7:06 (36) \$79 + Tax Range included	Andrew Yoder 480-585-4334 x250	<a href="mailto:andrewyoder@pgatpc.com">andrewyoder@pgatpc.com</a>
7/13/2024	Wigwam Red 7:00 Shotgun (40) +Tax Range Included \$55	Tyler Morse 623-856-1018	<a href="mailto:tyler@wigwamgolf.com">tyler@wigwamgolf.com</a>
7/20/2024	Encanto 6:32 (40) City Rate +\$10	Tim Dixon 602-534-4653	<a href="mailto:Timothy.Dixon@Phoenix.gov">Timothy.Dixon@Phoenix.gov</a>
7/27/2024	Aguila 8:32 (40) Rate +\$10 City	Michael Owens 602-534-4653	<a href="mailto:michael.owens@phoenix.gov">michael.owens@phoenix.gov</a>
8/3/2024	Talking Stick 7:09 (36) \$75.64	Nathan Harris 480-850-8612	<a href="mailto:nharris@talkingstickgolfclub.com">nharris@talkingstickgolfclub.com</a>
8/10/2024	Los Caballeros 8:00am Shotgun (40) \$60 + Tax	Greg Nelson 928-684-5484 x 3	<a href="mailto:gnelson@ranchodeloscaballeros.com">gnelson@ranchodeloscaballeros.com</a>
8/17/2024	Wigwam Gold 7:00am Shotgun (40) Range included \$59 + Tax	Tyler Morse 623-856-1018	<a href="mailto:tyler@wigwamgolf.com">tyler@wigwamgolf.com</a>
8/24/2024	Copper Canyon 7:30 Shotgun (40) Tax Range Included \$55 +	Jimmy Pullano 928-252-6783	<a href="mailto:jpullano@troon.com">jpullano@troon.com</a>
8/31/2024	Wigwam Red 7:00 Shotgun (40) +Tax Range Included \$55	Tyler Morse 623-856-1018	<a href="mailto:tyler@wigwamgolf.com">tyler@wigwamgolf.com</a>
9/7/2024	Souther Dunes 7:04 (40) Tax Range Included \$85 +	Ryan Graham 520-426-6830	<a href="mailto:RGraham@troon.com">RGraham@troon.com</a>
9/14/2024	Aguila 6:32 (40) Rate +\$10 City	Michael Owens 602-534-4653	<a href="mailto:michael.owens@phoenix.gov">michael.owens@phoenix.gov</a>
9/21/2024	Sun City CC 8:00 Reverse Shotgun (40) Tax and Range Balls \$67 Includes	Jamey Lewis 623-933-1353	<a href="mailto:jameylewis@pga.com">jameylewis@pga.com</a>
9/28/2024	VGA Club Championship Resort \$74 Tax Incuded Tubac Golf	Kristie Fowler 520-398-3526	<a href="mailto:kfowler@tubacgolfresort.com">kfowler@tubacgolfresort.com</a>
9/29/2024	VGA Club Championship Resort \$74 Tax Incuded Tubac Golf	Kristie Fowler 520-398-3526	<a href="mailto:kfowler@tubacgolfresort.com">kfowler@tubacgolfresort.com</a>

3. Board approved the following weekend date for the Club Championship to be held at Tubac. See Flyer submitted to the board.

# VGA

## Club Championship

**Dates: Saturday, 9/28 & Sunday, 9/29/2024**

**Location: Tubac, AZ (Green Valley, AZ)**

**Event:** Annual VGA Club Championship

**Courses/Rates:** Tubac Golf Resort & Spa - **\$74.00/ea. round**  
\* \* includes tax, range balls

**SHOTGUN Saturday & Sunday @ 8:00 AM**

**More course details:** <https://www.tubacgolfresort.com/arizona-golf-course>.

**Format:** 2-Day Net, **Open to Qualified VGA Members** (See Rules below)

**Main Event Payout:** \$2,000 to 10 places (Top 5 in each 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Net flights.)

**\*\*Additional:** \$50 paid to Low-Gross for 2-day event.

**MORE INFO:** **Saturday** is our normal day-money event awarding Big Dog points.

**Sunday** will also be a separate net event (no Big Dog points)

**Entry Fees:** \$15/ea. Saturday & Sunday

**PLEASE NOTE:** There is **NO** separate entry fee for 2-day CC event.

### Available Hotel Accommodations:

**Canoa Ranch Resort @** [www.canoaranchgolfresort.com](http://www.canoaranchgolfresort.com)

**Phone:** 520-382-0450 - ask for Danielle or mention "Valley Golfers" rate

VGA board recommends Canoa Ranch based on below special, discounted room rates.

#### **September 2024 Discounted Rates, Friday Night:**

Standard Room with 1 or 2 Queen Beds - \$109.60 +tax

Standard Room with 1 King Bed - \$117.60 +tax

**1 Bedroom Suite** - \$139.20 +tax

**2 Bedroom Suite** - \$215.20 +tax

#### **September 2024 Discounted Rates, Saturday Night:**

Standard Room w/ 1 or 2 Queen Beds - \$109.60 +tax

Standard Room w/ 1 King Bed - \$117.60 +tax

**1 Bedroom Suite** - \$163.20 +tax

**2 Bedroom Suite** - \$239.20 +tax



## Dear VGA Members,

Our annual Club Championship (CC) is a 2-Day Total Net Tournament located @ Tubac Golf Resort and Spa on Saturday, 9/28 & Sunday, 9/29/2024.

**Event limited to eligible members who played a minimum of 10 rounds over previous 12 months.**

**All VGA members and guests are welcome.**

Prize money for main 2-day event will not be awarded to any member that has not played required 10 rounds in previous 12 months. However, any member can participate in regular single-day money events on Saturday or Sunday.

### **MORE INFORMATION:**

Club Championship is **Net** 2-day total score event.

**Event Structure: VGA Treasury Provides \$2050** paid to 10 places in each Net flight (20 places paid). \$50 additionally paid to low-Gross for combined 2-days.

**PLEASE NOTE: There is NO ENTRY FEE into the CC 2-day event.**

**Saturday will be normal day-money event w/ Big Dog Points.**

**Entry fee: Standard \$15.00** paying top 3 spots in both flights, skins & CTPs.

**Sunday event follows same format w/o Big Dog Points.**

**Entry Fee: \$15.00**

**\*\*Optional side pots offered both days.**

*The allure of Tubac is the beauty & tranquility of the area. Accommodations are available within resort if preferred at higher cost.*

*Our hope is as many members as possible can attend. We look forward to a fantastic & challenging competition.*

Best Regards,  
VGA Board



4. Current Membership stands @ 166.
5. Dial in dates for Two-Man Best Ball, Four-Man Best Ball and Ringers tournaments.

*Motion by Doug Walsh: Eliminate two-man best and four-man best ball tournaments. Seconded by Jim Cox. In Favor – 8. Not in Favor – 4. Motion passed. Reason: Too many member disputes how the tournament operates and member disagreements regarding pairings and partners during the event.*

6. Rusty revised/updated VGA Rules and made them more current on April 8, 2024. I didn't change any rules just edited items that were not grammatically correct and per the Q. 2 2024 Minutes, Item 12, Rusty deleted former/old Rule 20 (dealt with tournament entry fees) as requested by the board.
7. Rusty has worked with Harley updating the Home Page and a few of the tabs therein. Any thoughts from the board on updating the website. Website: Can the website be utilized as a link for the members to also access the tee sheet bypassing Golf Genius? Brian to discuss. *Board plans to work the tee sheet into the website in addition to Golf Genius.*
8. Discuss the success of the TPO held at Gold Canyon. *Board deemed the event a success and will carry it forward to Memorial Day weekend 2025.*
9. Tournaments are running very well with added volunteers including Doug Walsh, Brian Dempster and Doris Page. *Board agrees and thanks these individuals for their time and effort.*
10. Club Championship prize money. See Flyer above. Discussion. *Board approved a \$2,000 prize fund payable similarly as the TPO and a \$50 additional prize for the low gross player over the day-two event. Total prize money is \$2,050.*
11. Not finishing the hole by putting the ball out is an automatic DQ. *No exceptions.*
12. Confirm if prize money held in the bag is over 30 days old. We passed a motion years ago that money was to be deposited into the treasury if could not be distributed in 30 days. Discussion. *Secretary added Rule 23 to the VGA Local Rules, Policies and Clarifications document stating the following: If prize money is not claimed by the player in 30 days and after all attempts to contact the player have been met within a reasonable timeframe by the VGA, then the prize money will be deposited into the VGA Treasury.*

## **New Business Items:**

1. Air-Pods and their use during a round. According to the USGA: Gary,

Thank you for your interest in the Rules of Golf, which can be found on the USGA's website at [www.usga.org/RulesOfGolf](http://www.usga.org/RulesOfGolf) or with the [Rules of Golf Mobile App](#) for iOS and Android. We invite you to learn more about the new 2023 Rules of Golf, at [www.usga.org/2023Rules](http://www.usga.org/2023Rules).

[Rule 4.3a\(4\)](#) indicates that audio equipment such as EarPods may be used during a round provided they are not used to eliminate distractions or help with swing tempo.

Please be aware that the Committee in charge of a competition may adopt [Model Local Rule G-8](#) to prohibit or restrict the use of audio and video devices.

This response is for your personal information and may not be posted or disclosed by email or internet posting.

Regards, **Michael Weeks**

Motion by Lloyd Snively – Airpods or ear buds are not permitted during a VGA event. Seconded by Tom Hebert. In Favor – 11. Not In Favor – 0. Abstained – 1. Motion passes but will be re-evaluated over the next quarter.

2. Ask for a volunteer to be a welcoming person for new members. Reach-out and call the new member and explain to them how the club works. Rusty will volunteer. I also would like Harley to defer the welcome note to my form letter or should we just leave well-enough alone? *No discussion.*
3. Danny Clark is asking that the board consider to have one flight versus an A & B flight. Discussion. *Board denied the recommendation in favor of the current two-flight system.*
4. Handicap miscommunications. Example in early May, Superstition Springs GC, a player played an unrated tee and was disqualified. Banter ensued. Neal Fisel manually changed the score to match the tees played. Do we want to establish policy here?
5. Do we want to penalize players for not showing up at a reasonable timeframe in advance of the coordinator's tee time? Discussion
6. How does the board want to handle players that do not show-up with cash for an event? *Board recommends that if a player does not show-up with cash, the player is not entered into the event. Board recommended this be a VGA Rule. See New Rule 24.*
7. Cash is paid-out for all tournaments, but the VGA coordinators can pay-out electronically with proper contact information from the membership. *Board agrees. No action taken.*
8. Revisit Hole in One Policy. Tom Hebert. *No action taken.*
9. Double Dipping in two tournaments. How do we want to handle this rare situation? Do we want to pass a motion regarding how this will be handled in the future? Discussion. *Motion by Tom Hebert: A player must be on the VGA tee sheet and play in the VGA event if there are two simultaneous tournaments occurring. Seconded by Doug Walsh. All members voted in favor. Motion passed.*
10. Revisit the Desert Rule. How to handle a lost ball in the desert. Discussion. *Board recommends that when there is a dispute, the foursome unanimously determines the ruling in order to protect the tournament field.*
11. Rules posted on tee sheets prior to posting. A. Should the event coordinator designate if the desert rule is in effect? If a golf course is a resort course (Examples – Oakwood, Orange Tree, Wigwam, etc.), the desert rule is not in effect. We can designate the determination by code in Golf Genius. Say DR for Desert Rule or NDR for No Desert Rule applicable to a resort course. We can post our conclusions to the membership. B. Tournament Coordinators: Designating unacceptable tees to the membership. *Board recommends tournament coordinators designate if the course is applicable for the Desert Rule or not. The VGA plays several courses throughout the Valley where the Desert Rule is not applicable. Common examples where the Desert Rule does not apply are: San Marcos, Orange Tree, Palmbrook, Wigwam. As a reminder to the membership, the local rules of the golf course take priority over the VGA local rules.*
12. Designation of a volunteer or two responsible for promoting special events. Brian to discuss. *No action taken.*
13. Any additional items? *Bob Froehlich volunteered to assist Neal Fisel on the Handicap Committee. He also volunteered to produce Congratulatory Certificates for the both Net and Gross Club Champions. These players will be honored on our website.*
14. Meeting to adjourn at 9:00 PM. *Motion to adjourn by Jim Cox. Seconded by George Kowalchik. All members voted in favor.*