

**Stonewall Golfers  
Annual Meeting Minutes  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom  
December 12, 2020**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Charlie Griffin, President; Mike Wilkinson, Secretary; Melissa Berninger, Treasurer; Karen Daniels, Director; and Stephen Eaton, Director, were in attendance.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Annual Meeting was held virtually via Zoom due to COVID-19. The Annual Meeting of Stonewall Golfers was called to order by Charlie Griffin at 4:00 PM. Approximately 20 members attended the meeting.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Charlie Griffin)**

**Annual Minutes.** The 2019 Annual Minutes were approved.

**Election Results.** Mike Wilkinson was elected Secretary and Karen Daniels was elected Director with 70 people voting unanimously. Both for a two-year term. Three slots will open next year. Thanks to John Buie for his four years of service. A roast of him will occur at a later date due to COVID.

**2020 Highlights**

- 13 Events were cancelled between mid-March & first week in May
- Rainbow Challenge was cancelled; Pride Tournament was cancelled
- Despite no social activities, no post-round socializing, members isolating alone one to a cart; the members persevered and still played golf
- Members ventured outside of the Valley
  - Successful San Diego adventure in the summer. We played Aviara, Coronado & Torrey Pines.
  - Discovered Oak Quarry in Riverside; rediscovered Oak Valley in Beaumont; and found that Morongo at Tukwet Canyon needs loving care
  - The best course for the members in Temecula is Pechanga (we tried Cross Creek and Temecula Creek and will probably not return)
- The best and most reliable golf for most of the year is in Palm Springs.
- Playing statistics: We played approximately the same number of rounds in 2020 vs. 2019 & 2018 despite not holding the Rainbow Challenge and accompanying events and cancelling the Pride Tournament in 2020. Note, the number of unique players dropped due to the cancelled events, but of those who played, they played a lot more golf. We could maintain play thanks to Barry Morgan's efforts to get us onto public and semi-public courses since many private courses banned outside groups. If golf as a sport is dying, then Stonewall golfers haven't gotten the word because the stats show the core group is playing more golf than in the past.

Year	Spending	Rounds	Events	Most Played Course	Highest Rounds Played	Unique Players
2018	\$53,441	924	54	Escena (a lot of 9 & dine events)	Charlie Griffin - 36	175
2019	\$64,896	1,041	61	Marriott Shadow Ridge	Charlie Griffin - 45	202
2020	\$57,606	960	55	Indian Canyon - South	Barry Morgan - 48	133

**New Website.** Check-out the new website at [www.stonewallgolfers.org](http://www.stonewallgolfers.org). Not to be confused with our existing website at [www.stonewallgolfers.com](http://www.stonewallgolfers.com). The new website might launch in March. There are still a few kinks that need to be fixed. The advantages of the new site are 1). It automates the sign-up, payment, cancellation and refund process and 2). It should work well with a tablet and phone. The new website has a shopping cart and enables members to sign-up for multiple events. It forces people to pay when they sign-up and refunds them when they cancel by the cut-off date. Thus, no need to collect money at the course before each event. It does require the user to pay a credit card fee if paying by credit card. Thanks to Rhet for donating \$5,000 for the development of the site. Members were encouraged to play with the site and send any comments to [info@stonewallgolfers.com](mailto:info@stonewallgolfers.com).

**Closest to The Pin Contest in 2020.** We had 98 closest to the pin winners. In addition to those below, 18 players won twice. Greg Baldwin is the overall winner. Kevin and Mike tied as the men's winners. Melissa and Cindy tied as the women's winners. Each winner will get a dozen golf balls of their choice.

Player	Wins
Baldwin, Greg	7
Krogsgaard, Kevin	5
Bonne, Mike	5
Lee, Bill	4
Buie, John	4
Mahoney, Dan	3
Berninger, Melissa	3
Carter, Jon	3
Price, Cindy	3
Griffin, Charlie	3

**Membership.** The mix of men vs. women is staying the same--~60% vs. 40%. Membership dropped in April after the cancellation of the Rainbow Challenge, but it shot back up by Dec to an all time high of 160. Either more people are retiring to PS and joining or more people are finding out about us.

	2017	2018	2019	2020 (April)	2020 (Dec)
Women	39 (39%)	54 (38%)	58 (38%)	54 (38%)	50 (37%)
Men	61 (61%)	88 (62%)	96 (62%)	87 (62%)	101 (63%)
Total	100	142	154	141	160

**Proposed Committees.**

- Event Planning Committee (chaired by Barry Morgan). This has been a big job for one person. It would be helpful if 3-4 people volunteer to help him by donating 3-4 hours of their time per year. Help with calendar. Help with making reservations. This would give us a bench of people who could learn the process and eventually become chairperson.
- Social Committee (chaired by Mike Wilkinson. Darryl Daniels has volunteered).
- Rainbow Challenge Committee (co-chaired by Greg Baldwin and Mike Wilkinson). Deb Knowles has volunteered.
- Website & Social Media Committee (chaired by Charlie Griffin). Please help!
- Legal Committee (unchaired). This can be short term, get us straightened out and qualified for 501(c)(3) status. It would be great if one of our 5 members who are lawyers could help us evolve from an informal structure set up in 2000 to that of a non-profit so we can take tax deductible contributions.

**EVENT COORDINATION (Barry Morgan)**

Green Fees/# of Courses. We averaged \$73 per round in 2020. That was skewed a little higher since a few of the courses we played, especially those in San Diego, approached \$200 per round. We played ~37 different courses. It was a challenging year since a lot of the private courses didn't allow outside play. They usually allow non-members to play in the summer, but not this year due to COVID. Barry had some help. Mike Wilkinson helped get us on Mission Hills and Indian Wells. Charlie Griffin helped with out-of-town courses. Both of them helped with the San Diego courses. Always great to have more help, especially help getting us on to new courses.

**TREASURER'S REPORT (Melissa Berninger)**

First, for Stonewall's Chase Account ending in -6894, Sean Peterson should be removed as a signer. Lee Ericson, Barry Morgan, and Michael Wilkinson should be added as signers. The following people are currently authorized as signers on the account: Charlie Griffin, Mike Wilkinson, Melissa Berninger, Karen Daniels, Stephen Eaton, John Buie, Barry Morgan, and Lee Ericson.

Second, the club remains solvent. Revenue and expenses are below.

ITEM (Jan – Nov, 2020)	\$000
REVENUE	
Green Fee Revenue	\$52
Membership Fee	\$5
TOTAL REVENUE	\$57
COGS	
Green Fees	\$48.8
GROSS PROFIT	\$8.2
OPERATING EXPENSES	
PS Pride Ctr Donation (from 2019 Pride Tournament)	\$3.5
Credit Card Fees	\$1.7
Other (Go Daddy web hosting, social media, etc)	\$2.6
NET INCOME	\$0.4

Per the balance sheet, we have \$7,300 of cash on hand. \$2,300 of that is left from the \$5,000 contribution from Rhet for the website. The club will spend \$3,500 tomorrow at the annual member golf event at Indian Canyon South. Members will essentially get their dues back with a free round of golf and lunch.

**TOURNAMENTS AND HANDICAPS (Greg Baldwin)**

**Handicaps**

Greg spent a few minutes talking about the GHIN App and new world handicap rules, which took effect on January 1, 2020.

- Greg stressed the importance of posting your scores using the GHIN App. The USGA came up with the Net double bogey score to unify handicaps internationally. It confuses a lot of people. Play out a hole; choose to stop or don't stop when you hit a net double bogey score. If you keep track of your gross score, in the GHIN app, you can post your gross score hole by hole, and the app will adjust your net score appropriately. You don't even have to think. To take advantage of day-of-play adjustments for weather conditions, you must post your score on the day of play. So it's a good habit to enter your gross score, hole-by-hole, at the end of the round using the app on your phone before you leave the course.
- Post your most accurate likely score for each hole – ignoring mulligans or hitting multiple balls – and you will produce the most accurate handicap. An accurate handicap helps to level the playing field among players of different levels.

**First Annual Member-Member Tournament**

Greg proposed mixing things up this year by holding tournaments within events this year. Mixing up the formats of those tournaments. Greg proposed the first annual Member-Member Tournament on April 10 & 11 at Indian Canyon. Men and women. Gross & net score. He talked about mixing up the format—alternate ball and best ball.

## **RUMBLE AT THE RIDGE**

There is a good sign-up for the three-day event—Jan 8, 9, & 10. Marriott has COVID protocols in place. We have 70 signed-up for Friday and 50 people for the other days. A concern is out-of-towners showing up given COVID.

## **Rainbow Challenge 2021**

The Rainbow Challenge 2021 save the date announcement should go out shortly. The main tournament will be held Sat & Sun, May 1 & 2 at Indian Canyon South & North. We've tentatively planned practice rounds on Thurs. & Fri., April 28 & 29, welcome party on Thurs., April 28, a Nine & Pairings Party on Fri., April 30, a Taco Party on Sat, May 1, and a Turing Cup event on Monday, May 3. Maybe a Canadian Cup event. Not sure about attendance from Canadians. Thanks to Deb Knowles for volunteering. Looking to firm up events at the end of Jan to see what happens with COVID. Charlie said the new website is geared to take sign-ups for the Rainbow Challenge.

## **Other Events**

Maybe hold a Member-Guest Tournament later in the year. Remember the SF Pride Tournament this June. A group of Stonewallers went last year and had a blast.

## **SOCIAL EVENTS (Mike Wilkinson)**

Mike talked about holding some social (non-golf) events later in 2021. Possibly going as a group to a cultural event (theatre) or athletic events (BNP, ANA, or football or baseball game in LA), have a cocktail party, BBQ, etc. Please submit ideas and volunteer if you want.

## **OTHER (Charlie Griffin/Greg Baldwin)**

It was stated that the ANA is scheduled to be held the first weekend in April. Coachella the second & third weekends in April. Stagecoach and the White Party the last weekend in April. Charlie is going to forward a request for volunteers for the ANA. The Member-Member event should only conflict with Coachella. The Rainbow Challenge should not conflict with other valley-wide events. It was also mentioned to look at having another summer event in either San Diego, LA or OC. Coronado Golf Course and Torrey Pines reserves spots for groups. Some locals found it easier to access those two courses via Stonewall.

Greg gave a shout-out to Charlie for all his hard work. Ditto!

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Charlie declared the meeting closed at 4:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Wilkinson