

**SANDS RV WOMEN'S GOLF CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
FEB 25, 2025**

Call to order: 11:30 am.

Executive present:

Kat Huggins (President)
Sharron Bradley (Vice President)
Donna Sylvestre (Treasurer)
Julie McFarlane-Smith – absent
Chris Beauchamp (Acting Secretary)

Members present = 43

Welcome (Kat Huggins):

Motion to Adopt Minutes of Last Meeting:

Moved by Deb Warner, Seconded by Kathy Little
Motion passed unanimously

Good and Welfare of Members (Sharron Bradley):

- Tim Williams Celebration of Life scheduled for Saturday, March 1 will include a potluck meal
- Sharron Bradley thanked members for their kindness during Connie's recent illness and also thanked Kat Huggins and Nancy Thom for pet care.

Treasurer's Report (Donna Sylvestre):

- Current bank balance of \$3679, less \$1495 forecast remaining expenses should leave \$2184 as a closing balance for the season
- Final membership number for the season is 93, compared to the budget of 90. This represents a decrease in 10 members from last season.
- Based on forecast cash position, a preliminary amount of \$30 for 2025/26 membership dues has been set but will be confirmed in the fall.
- 37 phone books remain to be sold and are available at \$3 per book.
 - An email address has been set up to submit changes to the book. Address is sandsrvphonebook@gmail.com.
- There was a question from the floor about charitable donations and an informal vote was taken as to whether club donations should be increased next season. The vote was split roughly 50/50.

Most improved for February (Aileen Fletcher):

- 3rd place 15 to 14 Ginny Kuper
- 2nd place 14 to 13 Eileen Davies
- 1st place 8 to 7 Donna Sylvestre

Scramble (Aileen Fletcher):

- One date in December is still vacant for Collectors/Distributors and Aileen encouraged members to volunteer.

Chipins/Birdies (Dena Grasdahl):

- Pins were distributed and honourable mentions were announced.

Rules (Roberta Burroughs):

- A document was distributed with FAQ (attached to these minutes)
- There will be a starter for the Championship tournament (Roberta Burroughs with assistance from Bev Whitehead)
- Questions were taken from the floor to clarify a few points.

Ladies Invitational Banquet Feedback (Cindy Hansen):

- A meeting was held with volunteer leads to debrief after the event. The notes from that meeting were tabled and are attached to these minutes.

Can Am Tournament (Bev Whitehead):

- Bev thanked everyone for a very successful tournament

Club Championship (Denyse Larouche):

- To date, 42 golfers have signed up to play. Last season there were 48.
- In order to be eligible to play, a golfer must have submitted cards for 20 games but previous seasons count toward that number of games
- The tournament takes place over three days and all three days are mandatory.
- Fee for the tournament is \$6
- The captains should verify at each hole that the player cards agree with the master score card. The master score card will be the final authority for the scores.

Awards Banquet (Deb Harrison):

- A sign-up sheet was passed around the meeting
- Only members and their spouses/domestic partners are able to attend the banquet. Non-members pay \$20.
- A volunteer sign-up sheet for the event will be posted

Nominations for Board Positions (Deb Harrison):

- The current board was thanked for their volunteer service.
- After calling for nominations from the floor for each position the required three times, there were no further nominations and the following board members were elected by acclamation:
 - President – Kat Huggins
 - Vice President – Sharron Bradley
 - Treasurer – Donna Sylvestre
 - Secretary – Becky Brown

New Business:

- Kat Huggins spoke about the four elected board positions and said that the current four appointed positions will be expanded to six appointed positions next season. The six appointed positions will be:
 - Rules Chair
 - Tournament Chair
 - Ladies Day Coordinator
 - Handicap Chair
 - Social Chair
 - Chipins/Birdies/Ringers
- Motion to increase ladies' day game fee from \$2 to \$3 effective 2025/2026 season
 - Moved by Dena Grasdahl
 - Seconded by Bonnie Maxam
 - Voted and passed
- 2025-2026 calendar is being prepared and will include important dates for all three leagues (men, ladies, scramble).
- There was a question from floor regarding golf course conditions and communication to management from golf leagues. Answer was that Scott Perry and Lorne Willison meet regularly with Stacey regarding this matter.

Next meeting – November 11, 2025 at 11:30 Oasis Hall.

Championship there will be a starter at hole 1.

You must be at the tee box with your clubs at your exact tee time.

.01 to 5 minutes late – 2 stroke penalty

Early tee off – 2 stroke penalty

After 5 minutes – disqualification

Unplayable Ball – i.e. Under the oleanders

Relief Options for Unplayable Ball

Q. I don't think I can play my ball as it lies (unplayable) – what are my options?

A. If you don't want to or decide you cannot play your ball as it lies, you have the option to decide that it is unplayable for one penalty stroke (see Rule 19.2).

This will give you three options on where you may drop your ball away from the spot where it came to rest.

(1) You may play a ball at the spot of your previous stroke (see Rule 19.2a).

(2) Take back-on-the-line relief (see Rule 19.2b).

(3) Drop within two club-lengths and not nearer the hole than where your ball came to rest (see Rule 19.2c).

How much relief do you get??

Penalty - you get **2 club lengths relief**.

No Penalty you get **1 club length relief**. (ie bench, sprinkler, yardage marker)

b. Ball Must Be Dropped in Right Way

You must *drop* a ball in the right way, which means all three of these things:

- You must *drop* the ball (neither your *caddie* nor anyone else may do so).
- You must let go of your ball from a location at knee height so that the ball:
 - Falls straight down, without you throwing, spinning or rolling it or using any other motion that might affect where your ball will come to rest, and
 - Does not touch any part of your body or *equipment* before it hits the ground.

“Knee height” means the height of your knee when in a standing position.

- The ball must be *dropped* in the *relief area*. You may stand either inside or outside the *relief area* when *dropping* your ball.

If your ball is *dropped* in a wrong way in breach of one or more of these three requirements, you must *drop* your ball again in the right way, and there is no limit t

Restrictions on Items Used as Ball-Markers

Q.What am I allowed to use to mark the spot of my ball?

A.The spot of your ball must be marked with a ball-marker or with your club. A ball-marker is an artificial object such as a tee, coin, or other object made to be a ball-marker, or another small piece of equipment (see Definition of Ball-Marker and Mark). **Do Not use** natural item, such as clump of grass or a leaf.

c. Ball-Marker Helping or Interfering with Play Rule 15.3

If a *ball-marker* might help or interfere with play, you may:

- Move the *ball-marker* out of the way if it is your own, or
- If the *ball-marker* belongs to another player, require that player to move the *ball-marker* out of the way, for the same reasons as you may require a ball to be lifted.

The *ball-marker* must be moved out of the way to a new spot measured from its original spot, such as by using **one or more clubhead-lengths or putter length**.

- a) Mark your ball in the original position
- b) Decide which direction and how far your opponent wants you to move the marker.
- c) Identify a reference point (tree), put your putter in line with the reference point and the ball marker.
- d) Move the ball marker
- e) Reverse steps to put the ball marker back to original position. (penalty if you do not do this)
- f) Place your ball by the ball marker.
- g) Remove the ball marker and play ball.

Penalty for Breach of Rule 15.3: General Penalty.

Penalty for Playing Incorrectly *Substituted* Ball or Playing Ball from a *Wrong Place* in Breach of Rule 15.3: General Penalty. (not returning the ball to the original position)

LADIES INVITATIONAL NOTES -2025

1. “Benefits of Being a Member” document provided to all new members, made available at all meetings and placed on Facebook and website. This lets new members know- and reminds old ones- of the benefits.
2. Social Committee Events Chair creates a group text of all Leads, Pairings Chair and Emcee (usually this is the Ladies Golf President).
3. IMPORTANT RULE: Only paying members and their partner/spouse can attend the dinner.
4. After Tourn.signup sheets are taken down, about 5-7 days before the event, Pairings shares total # of attendees with Head Cook and Decorations Chair. Cook can add 10 extra servings as a buffer.
5. Increase budget of Putting Contest (currently only .50 pp). Materials are stored with Sharon Mcauliffe.
6. Food Lead may choose to pick her own crew or use the volunteer sign up list.
7. Clean up crew needs to know their job includes washing dishes and cleaning kitchen after the meal.
8. Set up and Decorating Chairs meet with Special Events Chair to review table plans a few days before the tournament.
9. Emcee begins speaking after the kitchen crew has almost finished eating their meal. This allows them to participate in the dinner and awards. They should get to stand up and be applauded.
10. Emcee has an agenda which includes communicating with the kitchen about when they will serve and when the program begins.
11. Allow for plenty of time for Happy Hour. Do not cut this short.
12. Emcee receives a description of the meal to include with their pre- dinner introduction, this includes special dietary meals.
13. The seating plan should have even number of settings so couple can sit together (example, if there are seven people at a table, add an additional setting for a total of eight). Do not squeeze 18 people onto two tables when an additional table can be used.
14. Reserve each of the main table settings with names to ensure the Ladies Golf President, Sands Manager and their partners are seated together by the stage.
15. Anniversary celebrations may be done by a close friend of each couple, for a personal result.