



# Diamond Hills Men's Association

## Minutes of Meeting April 11, 2019

The meeting was called to order by DHMA President Jim Varner at 7:02 PM.

### Minutes:

Minutes of the March meeting were read and approved.

### Treasurer's Report as of March 31, 2019:

General Fund Net:	\$ 2334.50	(It was \$ 3443.50 as of March 31, 2018)
Classic Fund:	\$ 724.00	(It was \$ 807.00 as of March 31, 2018)
Hole in One Fund:	\$ 530.00	(It was \$ 1310.00 as of March 31, 2018)

As of the end of March 2019 there were 114 men members and 8 women associate members. There were 146 men members and 13 women associate members at the end of March 2018.

The Treasurer's Report was approved.

### Meeting Between DHMA and DHGC on April 11. Topics included:

- DHGC's appreciation for the DHMA members and the obvious care they take to help maintain the course.
- Summer green fees:
  - Will begin May 1<sup>st</sup>:
  - Weekdays \$28 plus tax. Weekends: \$32 plus tax.
  - Discounts for DHGC members TBA.
- Next month soil samples will be taken on the #14 and #16 fairways to determine the best plan to get them in shape.
- There are plans to repair the water system for the #16 fairway.
- Continued work on greens: #15 and the top area of #17.
- Clarification on when a DHMA member gets the DHMA rate for golf.
  - The rate is good for all DHMA regular games and tournaments.
  - When playing as a single or with non-DHMA members; i.e., not in a DHMA regular game or tournament, the DHMA rate is good until 11 AM. After that other DHGC discounts come into play.
- The cut-down brush along the left side of #9 fairway before the water. Looks good!
- Sand traps. DHMA pointed out that sand trap repairs have been on the agenda for a while. DHGC responded that sand traps repairs are very expensive and not currently the highest priority. DHMA suggested trying a basic French Drain on one sand trap as a reasonably simple and inexpensive possible solution.
- Bump and run shots. The areas in front of some greens need soil and sod so this shot becomes an option. Holes such as #11 and #17 could use some work in this regard.

- Food for tournaments and special events: DHMA is willing to work with DHGC so that members get an inexpensive meal at a fair price where DHGC does make a reasonable profit. (DHGC noted that for this weekend the course will be offering the *Masters Special*: a pimento cheese sandwich for just \$2.65 plus tax, same price as at Augusta.)
- DHMA Away Games: DHGC understands that DHMA occasionally enjoy away games. The problem is when DHGC is not notified at all or notified late so that now-available tee times go unused. A week's notice is desired. Monday before a Saturday away game can work but more notice is better.
- Other organizations coming in for one day and getting a better rate than DHMA that puts 6,000 rounds on the course a year. We all know that organizations shop rates and that if a golf course can get new golfers on its course they may come back and bring their friends. DHMA suggested that if DHGC gives a \$30 Saturday rate to a tournament, that maybe it should identify some other Saturday where DHMA members get that same rate. DHGC has that under advisement.

### Old Business

- DHMA is still seeking a VP to replace Jim Varner, who was elected to President.
- During the February meeting it was noted that the By-Laws should be amended to indicate the duties and responsibilities of these three committees:
  - Handicap Committee
  - Rules Committee
  - Tournament Committee

There has been no action on these matters since the February meeting.
- Committee status:
  - Handicap Committee  
Chair: Gary Cates. Committee members are needed. Nothing to report.
  - Rules Committee:  
Chair: George Waller. Member: Eddie Sims. One other committee member desired.
- George Waller responded to a rules question submitted by a DHMA member concerning the penalty for having more than 14 clubs in one's bag. If the error is caught on the first hole; two stroke penalty. If the error is caught after that; four stroke penalty. The excess club(s) need to come out of the bag. *(Reminder that members who have a rules question should write out the question, put it in an envelope {envelopes are in a box near the computer}, address the envelope to DHMA Rules Committee, and ask the Pro Shop counter attendant to place the envelope in the blue vinyl DHMA zippered case.)*
  - Tournament Committee:  
Chair: DHMA VP Jim Varner according to the By-Laws. Members: Dan Gildea and Butch Matos. Nothing to report. Other committee members are needed.
- Awaiting a date for FSGA to come out to establish the course rating for the Blue Tees.
- Results of the March 16 Two-Man Best ball – Pick your own team:

Place	Team	Net	Notes
1 <sup>st</sup>	Don Lucas/ Todd Patterson	58	Won on match of cards with a 3 on hole#18
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gary Cates/ Bill Bell	58	
T-3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup>	Tom McBride/ Steve Voisine	61	
T-3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup>	Rod Franklin/ Papa Wiggins	61	
T-3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup>	Colin Sumner/ John Bartelt	61	

Had 20 teams, weather was good and there was some good golf

- Other upcoming events:
  - Apr 13-14 DHMA Masters for those who qualified. Thanks to Dan Gildea who volunteered to collect and payout skins and KP money.
  - April 18 Match Play begins
  - June 22-23 President's Cup Team Competition

**New Business:**

- Diamond Hill Golf Club Tournaments Booked for April

Date	Time	Organization	Impact on DHMA
04/13 (Sat)	11 AM	Merry Makers (80 players)	This is our Masters Saturday, but DHGC expects no impact on our tournament. Tee times will close after 8:30 AM.
04/20 (Sat)	8 AM	Hillsborough County Schools (120 players)	Course will be closed until 1 PM. <b>A good day for a DHMA Away Game.</b>
04/27 (Sat)	8 AM	Surveyor (128 players)	Course will be closed until 1 PM. <b>Another good day for a DHMA Away Game.</b>

- Greens will be punched on May 13 (Monday). This is a change from the "Proposed Agenda" e-mail. Rates for that week will be announced by DHGC in early May.
- Our association will be going into the DHMA Masters on Saturday without having all players paid up before the tournament. Therefore payout money has been determined assuming all who paid will show; no shows put a burden on the Tournament Director to recalculate payoffs "on the fly" which adds to the work. In the future all tournament money will be collected at least a week in advance; members not paying by the specified time will not be allowed to play.
- The appeal time for posted Classic points status and Player of the Year points is 30 days after the posting. After 30 days the postings are final.
- New golf carts should be in by November and they will have a rainy-day cover for clubs. Members noted that many of the current carts have brake problems. One member suggested – *and the following is provided for information only and not endorsed by DHMA nor its Board* – that finding a spot to back up quickly and then braking (something that may require three iterations to get results) may help self-adjust a cart's brakes.
- A member noted that the tee off area for yellow tee players on hole #9 is uneven. The tee box should be repaired in this area (best solution) or the tees should be set back to a flat ground – with a corresponding move back of the white tees.

**50-50 Pot**

- DHMA \$ 28
- Happy Member \$ 27

**Attendance**

- 17 members present.
- Signed attendance sheets are the *only* proof of one's attendance at a meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jay Braden  
Secretary

**E-mail to the Diamond Hill address is not regularly monitored. To contact a Board Member, ask a question, or submit a comment or suggestion: Contact Jay Braden at BradenClan@gmail.com.**

**Next Meeting: Thursday, April 11, at 7 PM  
at the Diamond Hill Golf Club**

www.diamondhillmen.com – DHMA Website  
Diamond Hill Men's Association Facebook: *Diamond Hill Men's Golf Association*  
www.diamondhillclub.com – Diamond Hill Golf Club Website  
Diamond Hill Golf Club Facebook: *DiamondHillGolfCourse*

**Please adhere to our dress code of collared shirts – thanks.  
Stay friendly with the DHGC staff; if you have issues address them to David Britt  
or to a member of the DHMA Board.**

***Stay on cart paths. Fill divots and repair ball marks.  
Keep carts at least 10 yards off the tee boxes and greens (unless you are on a cart path).  
(This also applies to carts with handicap flags.)***