



Minutes of 4th Quarter Meeting held on December 9, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 1:25 PM by Association President James Kasch. The meeting was held at the Bloomingdale Golfers Club.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

President	James Kasch
Vice-President	Rich Aman
Secretary	Tom O'Connor
Treasurer	Don Lucas

MINUTES: Minutes of the 2023 3rd Quarter meeting approved as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT (as of November 30, 2023):

General Fund:	\$ 3,094
Classic Fund:	\$ 1,845
Hole in One Fund:	\$ 235
Cash Balance:	\$ 951

The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

BGA Championship: 16 players participated in the Senior Flight. Only 7 players signed up for the Open Flight. It was pointed out to the membership by President Kasch that the low participation was extremely disappointing.

Ryder Cup: 16 players competed in the Ryder Cup this year. The tournament ended in a tie. As a result, the winnings were split between the two teams.

The opinion of this years' participants is to have future Ryder Cup's remain as a one-day event.

Jim Varner Memorial: 32 players participated, including 6 guests. Any previous BGA or DHMA members are welcome to play in future Memorial events.

Christmas Tournament/Toy Collection: 25 members played in the tournament this year. Additionally, another outstanding toy collection by the membership. These toys will be going to Patrick J. Sullivan school which is one of the beneficiaries of the Metropolitan Ministries.

NEW BUSINESS:

Elections

Elections for the 2024 Board of Directors was held during this meeting. All current board members stated they would serve another year. As each board member ran unopposed, a unanimous vote from the members in attendance confirmed the 2024 Board.

Committee Reports

Rules Committee: President Kasch advised the membership that Winter Rules do not allow golfers to improve your line sight when adjusting your ball.

Handicap Committee: President Kasch reminded the membership that they are obligated to post their rounds on GHIN within 24 hours upon completion of play. For example, Tuesday morning rounds must be posted by Wednesday night.

Going forward into 2024, some handicap rules are changing, please read below...

- 1) A lower minimum length for a golf course to obtain a Course Rating™ and Slope Rating™. Under the current system, an 18-hole course must be at least 3,000 yards to receive a Course Rating and Slope Rating (or 1,500 yards for 9 holes). Starting in 2024, the yardage requirements will be cut in half, to 1,500 and 750 yards, respectively. This is good news for golfers who regularly play par-3 and shorter-length courses and have wanted those scores to count toward their Handicap Index®
- 2) A new treatment of 9-hole scores. Today, 9-hole scores are combined in the order posted to create an 18-hole Score Differential™. This means that a 9-hole score shot today could be combined with a 9-hole score from days, weeks, or even months before – which can lead to volatile results. Beginning in 2024, when a player posts a 9-hole score, it will be combined with their expected Score Differential over 9 holes to create an 18-hole Score Differential for immediate use – with expected score based on the player's Handicap Index at the time the round is played as well as a course of standard difficulty.
- 3) An updated approach for holes not played. At present when a hole isn't played (due to darkness, for example), the score recorded is a net par. When the 2024 revision goes into effect, when 10-17 holes are played, an 18-hole Score Differential will be determined by adding the player's Score Differential from

the holes played to an expected Score Differential for the number of holes not played. Since a player's expected score is not specific to a course or reliant upon the course's stroke index allocation (as net par is today), this will lead to more consistency.

Tournament Committee (Chaired by James Kasch):

The Classic: The Weekday Classic will be held on January 11th at BGC and the Weekend Classic on the 13th. The location for the event on the 13th is TBD. You can play in both for pins and skins, but must clarify by January 9th which day you plan to play for the Classic payout. In the unfortunate event that a member qualifies but is unable to play due to a medical issue, the board will allow a member to receive a Classic payout equivalent to the lowest payout amount.

1-2-3 Team Tournament: To be held in February

Masters Tournament: Will be held in April.

OTHER BUSINESS:

President Kasch strongly suggested members who play 3 rounds a month at Bloomingdale should join the Player Development Program (PDP). If you plan to play 6 or more rounds a month it is highly suggested to join either the monthly or annual membership program at Bloomingdale. Another savings opportunity... members should consider purchasing the Bloomingdale Gift Card. You spend \$170.00; the course loads \$200 on the card. \$30 bucks for free.

Membership: We currently have **48** members. All current members should be on the lookout for new members. As a reminder, sponsoring a new member earns 5 Classic points.

Dues for 2024 have been adjusted to \$45.00. The hole in one prize fund remains at \$5.00.

Don Lucas has begun collecting dues for 2024. To remain active next year, dues must be paid by January 15th. Any member not current after the 15th will be treated as a guest and not have a handicap for BGA events.

2024 Schedule: The 2024 schedule will be published by the end of December.

50-50 Pot:

Association \$65
Lucky Member \$65
Winner Colin Sumner

Attendance:

- **25** members were in attendance.
- Signed attendance sheets are the *only* proof of one's attendance at a meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom O'Connor
Association Secretary

E-mail questions or concerns to the Bloomingdale Golfers Association (BGA) address. In case of an emergency or need of a quick answer contact a Board Member directly.

Next Meeting: TBD

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BGA Facebook Page: [Bloomingdale Golfers Association](#)
Bloomingdale Golfers Club website: <https://bloomingdalegolf.com/>

**Please adhere to our dress code of collared shirts – thanks.
Stay friendly with the staff of any course we play; if you have issues address them to a member of the BGA Board.**