

Ladies Cup Captains Meeting
Allamanda Rec Center
May 14, 2026

Attendees: Debbie Harlan (President/Evans Prairie), Suzie Phillips (Evans Prairie), Pat Golen (Evans Prairie), Seay Anne Sheley (Southern Oaks), Cindy Globush (Havana), Susan Byrne (Treasurer), Carol Smith (Palmer), Delia Treffer (Bonifay), Sherri Kent (Bonifay), Connie Quellette (Shallow Creek), Kyle Maday (Shallow Creek), Peggy Pruitt (Orange Blossom), Paula Boulette (Tierra Del Sol), Kerri Wildgruber (Glenview), Diane Martino (Cane), Judy Mowrey (Orange Blossom), Judi Andrews (Hacienda Hills), Lissa Degnan (Southern Oaks), Beth Sholar (Belle Glade), Sally Dees (Belle Glade), Dorine LeBlanc (Mallory), Terry Zimmerman (Lopez)

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm. The meeting started with introductions from everyone, since there are new captains and co-captains. Terry Zimmerman represented Mary Hewitt (Lopez). It was noted that Glenview is still in search for a Captain.

Approval of the minutes from the April 23, 2026, meeting - motion to approve the minutes from Peggy Pruitt and seconded by Suzie Philips.

Treasurers Report - Susan Byrne noted there are some new expenses that were not in the budget. The GoDaddy bi-annual website expense increased from \$252 to \$552. The winning team expense of \$700 is included. The capital reserve fund includes the cost to replace the computer. It was noted we spent \$1000 less than the budget for the tee gifts. There is \$500 available to give to a charity.

Charitable Donation Vote - The amount of the charitable donation is determined at the end of the season due to potential expenses that may arise outside of the budget. If this process is going to change, a vote will be required. When collecting raffle money, players would like to know which charity the proceeds will benefit. For those asking about the charity, we should also be sharing information about the overall tournament expenses.

There is \$500 available with the current budget. The charities that were provided to Debbie Harlan are Wildwood Food Pantry, Advocates for Adult Children with Intellectual Disabilities in The Villages and Haven which is an organization in The Villages that focuses on domestic violence. Cindy Globush motioned to approve Haven as the charitable organization and Seay Anne Sheley seconded. All in favor. Debbie Harlan will work with Susan Byren and Paula Boulette to get the newspaper involved to publish the donation.

New Business

- **Elections** - The President and Secretary positions terms expire on alternate years. Pat Golen was nominated for the position last year which replaced Jeanne Cooper due to her resigning prior to completing her term. There was one nomination for President; Gayle Hazelwood. Suzie Phillips motioned to approve the nomination and Carol Smith seconded. For the secretary position Pat Golen was nominated and Seay Anne Sheley motioned to approve, and Delia Treffer seconded.
- **Tournament Committee** - Debbie Harlan reviewed the purpose of the proposed Tournament Committee explaining that its role would be to oversee and guide the tournament, while the Competition Committee would remain responsible for tournament implementation.

Debbie stated that she had already spoken with three individuals who are willing to serve on the committee and who have prior Village Cup and tournament experience. Discussion followed regarding the composition of the committee, including whether past presidents, officers, and team captains should serve as members and how those individuals would be selected. Questions were also raised concerning the proposal for two captains to serve as liaisons for all captains. Specifically, members discussed whether the captains themselves should nominate these representatives or whether the Tournament Committee should appoint them.

It was noted that implementing the new committee structure for the 2027 tournament would be difficult due to time constraints, and that 2028 would be a more realistic target date. The committee was initially expected to meet once per month, which would add another monthly meeting responsibility for the captain liaisons.

Additional discussion clarified that new country clubs do not need to be added to the LVC, as the country club designation is in name only. The committee's primary responsibility will be to ensure that tournament decisions are equitable for all teams and for the field.

It was also stated that once Gayle Hazelwood returns from vacation, the details regarding team components will be addressed.

Cindy Globush moved to approve the creation of the new Tournament Committee, and Suzie Phillips seconded the motion. Considerable discussion followed regarding the amount of work required to establish the teams in time for the 2027 tournament.

Seay Anne then moved to amend the motion by removing the language specifying that the committee would take effect beginning with the 2028 tournament. Kyle Maday seconded the amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

As incoming President, Gayle Hazelwood will work to establish the committee membership. The Tournament Committee will also be tasked with addressing the issues identified in the survey.

Committee Reports

- Competition Committee - Seay Anne Sheley reviewed the survey results. There were 141 responses received, representing 63% of the players, which exceeded participation levels from previous years.

The survey identified several key concerns. One of the biggest issues was the registration period occurring during the holiday season. Players also expressed dissatisfaction with captains selecting their own teams, with many preferring a system that favors lower 16-handicap players. Concerns regarding handicap compliance were also noted and will be reviewed at future committee meetings.

The overall conclusion from the survey was that registration should be moved to a later date and that team selection fairness should be revisited.

Feedback regarding the Pro-Am event was very divided. Additional suggestions included implementing a team-focused scramble or a Captains Challenge. These ideas will be discussed further at future meetings.

The Tee-Off Party received an 85% positive response. The primary concern was that the venue was too small. Overall, the event was well received and should continue. It was also noted that next year marks the tournament's 25th anniversary, which is expected to bring additional excitement and celebration.

Overall competition ratings were reported as good or excellent. Participants indicated that minimizing strokes remains one of the most important aspects of the competition. Pace of play also received good to excellent ratings, while sportsmanship was generally rated high to medium.

The primary concerns identified throughout the survey centered on pace of play, weather, tournament size and structure, and handicap fairness. A suggestion was made to begin the tournament with an Alternate Shot format, which will be reviewed at future meetings.

Rules education for match play will be added to the 2027 tournament planning. Additional focus on spectator involvement will also be reviewed in future meetings.

Overall, survey responses indicated that the tournament was well run, players appreciated the tee gifts, and the volunteers were highly regarded. Social media communication was considered useful, although some participants preferred the website over Facebook since not all players maintain Facebook accounts.

Most respondents indicated they are likely to register for the 2027 tournament. It was also noted that volunteers across the tournament contributed more than 3,000 hours collectively to support the event.

Weather was identified as the biggest uncontrollable issue impacting the tournament. Positive feedback was also received regarding food and beverage service. Scoring procedures were noted as an area needing improvement; however, overall players felt the tournament provided strong value. It was further acknowledged that new player training should be incorporated into the 2027 tournament.

- Communication Committee - Pat Golen reviewed the Player and Raffle Committee descriptions. The descriptions will be included on the website.

No other committee reports currently.

Other Business - Debbie Harlan stated it's time to think of changing leads on the committees and soliciting volunteers to help. We should all help find a captain for Glenview.

Next Meeting - The original date of Aug 20 was moved (Summer Series) to August 27, 2026. Deb Harlan will confirm the SeaBreeze rec center will be available. She will also share the change with Gayle Hazelwood.

In lieu of having a volunteer committee Seay Anne suggested the tournament committee could assign volunteers and split the responsibilities between the captains.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:51 was made by Suzie Phillips and seconded by Paula Boullette.