

SIR STATE GOLF COMMITTEE  
MANTECA GOLF COURSE  
305 N Union Rd  
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Meeting Agenda  
Tuesday February 10, 2015  
8:30 am

**8:28 am Call to Order**

**Verify Quorum Present – Participants SSGC Members**

Bill Hockenson, Don Andrews, Dave Betts, Bill Wilhelm, Richard Seyler, Bill Ikerd, Steve Johnson, John Boyer, Ron Witort, Jim Lynch, Jerry Strain

**Introduce Guest**

Don Dill, VP SIRs Inc.

**Treasurer's Report**

Balance sheet, Profit & Loss sheet, as of Feb 5, 2015 distributed. Was moved by Ron Witort and seconded by John Boyer to approve treasurers report, motion passed.

1. Vote to accept
  - a) Resolution for bank signatures. It was moved by Don Andrews and seconded by Rich Seyler to approve resolution for bank signatures. This motion was passed by a majority of voting members.
  - b) 2015 proposed budget was distributed by Treasurer David Betts. It was moved by Rich Seyler and seconded by John Boyer that we approved the proposed budget. Motion passed.

**Secretary Report**

1. Verification Division email information was received
  - a) Divisions 1-5 accounted for.
2. Approval of December 9, 2015 minutes. Moved by Dave Betts and seconded by Richard Seyler that the December 9, 2015 minutes be accepted. Motion passed.

**Chairman's Statement**

State meeting went well. Couldn't present our tournaments but will when we finish setting those today. In running the meeting I will be eliminating the breakout sessions, as all should hear what is happening. Next meeting in April will be used to set up 2016 so we can publish the info on the web site. I'm interested in getting more participation in the state tournaments am calling for SSGC help.

**Division Reports**

1. Division #1 Jim Lynch – Members withholding their emails. Annual Meeting had a decent turnout. The NCGA President, Lee Gidney spoke in this meeting. Dates set for division & team Tournaments
2. Division #2 John Boyer – Annual Meeting held and we discussed audits as a topic. Also discussed the SSGC Survey. State tournaments cost was discussed and it was felt they were too costly. Went over the golf manual and covered the website.
3. Division #3 Bill Ikerd –Annual Meeting was discouraging as I could only discuss our division tournaments, not state tournament. Only 15 people present. Discussed the SSGC Survey. My division does not participate in state tournaments. It would be useful to know why.
4. Division #4 Steve Johnson-Annual Meeting held with each Area separately, which makes better meeting. Talked about NCGA membership, will be same as last year, maybe slightly down. State information not being available was a small frustration. Discussed state tournaments. I use

recruitment flyers for distribution by Area Chairs. Steve will send a copy of this flyer to the other members of the SSGC. I invited Area Governors, two showed up.

5. Division #5 Ron Witort -Annual Meeting not held yet. Waiting for SSGC dates. Trying to fill vacant Area Chair positions. The meeting to be held within a week or two.

### **Break**

#### **Policy Report**

1. 2016 Host assignments - Poppy Hills and State Championship hosting needs changing.
2. Rich Seyler: Web report and 2015 manual update report – Web is not seeing much activity. Survey came out OK but participation was stifled as you had to sign up for Gmail to participate. The manual update is a work in progress and moving along nicely. There will be no changes for 2015. Any suggestions about “The Blast” please send ideas to Rich, monthly. He requests your ideas to be sent the week before the end of the month.

#### **Napa Report**

1. Bill Wilhelm – Currently we have 120 men and 34 women. Goal is to have 1-2 players more from last year (159 total in 2014), thus shooting for 161 for 2015. Currently there is room for 6 more foursomes, 24 people. Discussion held about using this venue for 2016, all agreed this is a good one to continue.

#### **Reno Report**

1. Sample Flier – the Reno flier has not been seen it yet. Tony (Atlantis point person) was contacted and she said it will be out in a day or two, which may make it late to make changes.
2. Jerry Strain – discussion – dinner or 2 cocktail parties, scramble format? The group had a split interest, some want to keep the dinner, some want to go to cocktail party. Scramble format is the most popular with higher handicap golfers. Other formats that require individual play seem to interest lower handicap golfers. Survey was 80% for scramble, 20% non-scramble. It was decided we will use the scramble format for 2015.

#### **Team Event**

##### **Discussion**

It went well at Rancho Solano in 2014. Steve did a great job. We can do Poppy Ridge for \$42.00 for cart and green fees. The cost per player would be \$50.00, this rate would allow the team event to help subsidize the individual event. (We’d like to keep Poppy Ridge as our team spot, and have Poppy Hills as our individual event. We have Poppy Hills down from \$95.00 to \$80.00. I think we can tie this price in for two years). Moved that we play team event at Poppy Ridge for 2015 & 2016 by John Boyer and seconded by Rich Seyler. Motion passed. Team event will be held on August 10, 2015. 2016 date TBA.

#### **Solvang Substitution**

Reports: Jerry Strain, Ron Witort, John Boyer and Bill Ikerd

1. John Boyer is suggesting Whitney Oaks. John provided a handout with costs. Bill H is playing Whitney Oaks on Thursday 2/12/15 and will email Bill W & John B about his assessment of the course.
2. Bill Ikerd – Black Lake. This is in Nipomo, south of Pismo Beach. \$44.00 for 18 holes including cart. His SIRs used to go there but left because the lodging (Santa Maria Inn) was too old. There are several hotels around Santa Maria. The golf GM has contacts for all hotels around.
3. Jerry Strain – Rancho Canada area. Woodbridge is another area.
4. Overall comments. No host lodging is popular. Two or three day tournament. Time is short & we need to make a decision soon. Moved by Jerry Strain, seconded by Ron Witort that we go with Whitney Oaks venue as a two day event for the Fall Classic, September 14 & 15, 2015 at a price of \$120.00. Motion passed.

**Lunch 11:58**

**Individual Tournament**

Discussion-Poppy Hills down to \$80.00. Jerry & Bill W are trying to get a two year contract at this price. It was moved by Dave Betts that Jerry Strain be approved to sign a contract for the Individual Championship for a cost \$80.00 per player at Poppy Hills on October 27 & 28, 2015 and possibly 2016. Seconded by John Boyer.

Report:

- a. Bill Wilhelm, Jerry Strain and Ron Witort

**Old Business** None

**New Business**

Don Dill-I did a survey of all branches. 135 Branches in SIRs. 22 of them had an increase in membership last year. He is advocating each branch participate in a membership drive. Don is challenging each Division Chairman to view this issue with seriousness and begin a membership drive to increase the numbers of members in their branches. No mention of Guest Tournaments was mentioned during this SSGC meeting. Recruitment brochures are a good tool for this recruitment process. Numbers are dropping and is reaching a critical stage. Don is suggesting SSGC entertain 4 Man 2 Best Ball State Tournaments. Also, what about Guest Tournaments?

Bill Wilhelm-couples golf could be pushed and has asked Steve Johnson to give us a sample of the flyer he uses.

Rich Seyler-suggest we make the Fall Classic be a guest tournament. It was moved by Rich Seyler and seconded by Dave Betts that we open the 2015 Fall Classic as a Member Guest Tournament. The Format will be 4 Man 2 Best Ball first day and second day scramble. Motion passed

Jerry Strain-email concerned about winning money in SIRs and still being eligible for amateur NCGA tournaments. There is a cap which if not exceeded your eligibility is not threatened.

**Next meeting:** April 14, 2015

**Adjourn** 1:07 PM.